

Notes: October 26, 2024

Start: 10 AM

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Simchat Torah – Rejoicing in Adonai's Word

As we mark this day with the rolling back of Torah, signifying the conclusion of our Parsha readings, we do not move on to something else but rather commence with reading the Parsha again.

It was on this day, Simchat Torah, one year ago, as we were doing what we have done today, the nation of Israel was attacked, unprovoked. On a day where there is to be joyfulness and singing, there was terror and screams. Crying and distress over dancing and thanksgiving. We were hearing about the reports as we were going through service that very day. It was even more meaningful looking back at what had transpired.

Through every turn of the rollers as we wind our way back to Bresheet 1:1, we are reminded of all Adonai has revealed to us. Further, as a congregation we are reminded of the connections the Word of Adonai has established.

I have heard others share what I have shared. Ted Wright, Doug Hershey...

It is important to understand the first five books...TORAH, in order to make sense of the rest of Scripture. This includes the Covenants, the Promises, and yes Prophecy, even the prophecy that is happening today. Every writing both in the Tanakh and in the New Covenant writings is based on what is revealed in Torah. And I will show you.

Torah reveals to us the character of Adonai, precisely describing who He is...

Exo 34:6 Adonai passed before him and proclaimed: "YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [*Adonai*] is God, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace and truth;

Exo 34:7 showing grace to the thousandth generation, forgiving offenses, crimes and sins; yet not exonerating the guilty, but causing the negative effects of the parents' offenses to be experienced by their children and grandchildren, and even by the third and fourth generations."

He reveals His attributes to us. Throughout Torah, His character has been made known.

Num 23:19 "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

During this past year's Torah reading we did something different. We explored the themes of Torah and discovered the depth by which Adonai has revealed His Word to us. What appeared to be random musing of Adonai were proven to be intricately woven themes providing us, His reader with a deeper context that enabled us to draw the ultimate conclusion leading to Yeshua, Messiah, the anointed one who would ultimately redeem His people.

Whatever we read throughout the Prophets and the Writings, is connected to the foundation – Torah.

Each parsha has something in it that points to Yeshua, hence every study contained a section "Messiah in the Parsha" When He conveyed these words to His talmidim after the resurrection, we have truly experienced His Words to be true...

Luk 24:44 Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

In Bresheet 1:2 we read of the Spirit of Adonai hovering over the face of the deep, whereby the sages equate this very Spirit to be the Spirit of Messiah.

We read that there is to be a Prophet like Moshe who will come and...

Deu 18:15 "Adonai will raise up for you a prophet like me from among yourselves, from your own kinsmen. You are to pay attention to him,

Deu 18:16 just as when you were assembled at Horev and requested Adonai your God, 'Don't let me hear the voice of Adonai my God any more, or let me see this great fire ever again; if I do, I will die!'

Deu 18:17 On that occasion Adonai said to me, 'They are right in what they are saying.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I order him.

Through these Words, the people would be waiting for the Prophet. Is this the Prophet? they would ask starting with Yochanan the Immerser...

Joh 1:19 Here is Yochanan's testimony: when the Judeans sent cohanim and L'vi'im from Yerushalayim to ask him, "Who are you?"

Joh 1:20 he was very straightforward and stated clearly, "I am not the Messiah."

Joh 1:21 "Then who are you?" they asked him. "Are you Eliyahu?" "No, I am not," he said. "Are you 'the prophet,' the one we're expecting?" "No," he replied.

To say you know Adonai's Torah is to know His plan for our lives, for the world, for His Kingdom.

And later Yeshua...

Andrew proclaiming to his brother Kefa...

Joh 1:40 One of the two who had heard Yochanan and had followed Yeshua was Andrew the brother of Shim`on Kefa.

Joh 1:41 The first thing he did was to find his brother Shim`on and tell him, "We've found the Mashiach!" (The word means "one who has been anointed.")

Joh 1:42 He took him to Yeshua. Looking at him, Yeshua said, "You are Shim`on Bar-Yochanan; you will be known as Kefa." (The name means "rock.")

having likely put all the prophecies together including that of the Prophet whereby the Spirit of Adonai revealed to him who Yeshua is.

Or the people in general...

Joh 6:14 When the people saw the miracle he had performed, they said, "This has to be 'the prophet' who is supposed to come into the world."

Joh 6:15 Yeshua knew that they were on the point of coming and seizing him, in order to make him king; so he went back to the hills again. This time he went by himself.

And at Sukkot on Hoshana Rabbah...

Joh 7:40 On hearing his words, some people in the crowd said, "Surely this man is 'the prophet' ";

Joh 7:41 others said, "This is the Messiah." But others said, "How can the Messiah come from the Galil?"

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All based on this one passage in Torah that everyone knew because this was their curriculum. This was their text book growing up. Torah was their teacher.

There has been a clear line drawn through Torah...

Psa 1:1 How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit!

Psa 1:2 Their delight is in Adonai's Torah; on his Torah they meditate day and night.

An entire Psalm is written about the Word of Adonai...His Torah...

Here are just a few aspects of Torah the Psalmist reveals...

Psa 119:1 א (Alef) How happy are those whose way of life is blameless, who live by the Torah of Adonai!

The very first verse is a testimony to what one can expect should they choose to live by Adonai's Word.

Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, so that I will see wonders from your Torah.

We have had a glimpse into the wonders of Torah through our study of it. Each year brings greater understanding thus producing greater intimacy with our Lord and God.

Psa 119:29 Keep deceitful ways far from me, and favor me with your Torah.

Once we have tasted the sweetness of Torah, we desire the bitterness of the world's way be kept far from us.

I could go on...176 verses amplifying the magnitude of Adonai's Word make a strong case for following Him.

Without Torah, there is nothing, for Torah is the foundation for the world because it is Adonai's Word that established everything. This will be our focus in studying Torah this year, this Parsha cycle.

Torah is so foundational for our lives, not only does He make it possible for us to do...

Deu 30:11 For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach.

Deu 30:12 It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?'

Deu 30:13 Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?'

Deu 30:14 On the contrary, the word is very close to you—in your mouth, even in your heart; therefore, you can do it!

Everything I have shared with you has been affirmed by the Prophets Adonai has chosen, including The Prophet – Yeshua.

Joh 10:7 So Yeshua said to them again, "Yes, indeed! I tell you that I am the gate for the sheep.

Joh 10:8 All those who have come before me have been thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them.

Joh 10:9 I am the gate; if someone enters through me, he will be safe and will go in and out and find pasture.

Joh 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

Through Torah Adonai reveals His will. He conveys the very dynamic first to the nation He established by His Word...

Deu 30:19 "I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, so that you will live, you and your descendants,

Deu 30:20 loving Adonai your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him—for that is the purpose of your life! On this depends the length of time you will live in the land Adonai swore he would give to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov."

For all that I shared with you, I pray that these Words ring true...

Psa 40:8 Doing your will, my God, is my joy; your Torah is in my inmost being.

Psa 40:9 I have proclaimed what is right in the great assembly; I did not restrain my lips, Adonai, as you know.

Psa 40:10 I did not hide your righteousness in my heart but declared your faithfulness and salvation; I did not conceal your grace and truth from the great assembly."

1Jn 5:1 Everyone who believes that Yeshua is the Messiah has God as his father, and everyone who loves a father loves his offspring too.

1Jn 5:2 Here is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God, we also do what he commands.

1Jn 5:3 For loving God means obeying his commands. Moreover, his commands are not burdensome,

1Jn 5:4 because everything which has God as its Father overcomes the world. And this is what victoriously overcomes the world: our trust.

1Jn 5:5 Who does overcome the world if not the person who believes that Yeshua is the Son of God?