



Orah Shel Yeshua

"Reaching Out to You with Messiah's Good News"

ברוך ה' בא בשם אדוני Baruch Ha'ba B'shem Adonai

Blessed is HE who comes in the name of the Lord Matt 23:39



Yishayahu-Is 60:1-2

Monthly Inspirational Reading

Coming attractions

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In this month of April we celebrate the important memorial of our Messiah. Who came, died for our sins, and resurrected unto the almighty. We call this memorial season the Pe'sach or Passover for some who still need to learn Hebrew (hint, hint). Some have also wondered why Passover falls in April while good Friday ended up in March this year. One answer to that is that this years calendar is a leap year which pushed Passover a month later, and this is why we celebrate it now and not last month. However Pesach for some today takes place at the communion time during a church service. Some take the wafer and grape juice and that's Passover for them, while some of us sit down and reenact the Messiahs last moments recalling his words "when you do this (speaking of not just the cup and bread but partaking of a Passover seder) do it in remembrance of me." The Greek word here for "remembrance" really means and tells us to "Memorialize" something or in this case someone. So it is with this understanding that we memorialize what our Messiah has done for us. You really cant experience this unless you actually do it this way. Some people also unfortunately lose sight from our Messiahs sacrifice and count the body and blood of our savior as a common thing by carelessly having communion with no reverence nor sincere thought in heart or mind. It has just become the weekly snack for the church service (SAD!). But for some the Memorial of our Messiahs sacrifice is a reality that lives on in us all who believe. Pesach has so many wonderful themes and highlights that teach us about our Lords, life, love, holiness, goodness, and faith etc. There really is NO substitution for the Messiahs Passover, in fact he himself said that he would not eat, nor drink of the Passover celebration until the time of his Messianic kingdom reign begins. Whether we celebrate a Passover or not is a choice, but it's a good choice for all partake in! And did you know that you will eventually celebrate it at the Lords table in the future? Why not get a piece of coming attractions? Now is the time to experience all that Messiah has given to us. As Passover teaches and reminds us that we are free from sin and death only because of what he has done for us. As we celebrate Passover we also proclaim the message of the gospel that our Messiah has come and will come again. This month we'd like to encourage you all to be motivated and to seek out a Passover service near you. And as you experience the Messiahs Passover may you see the true joy of remembering what he has done for us all. Hag Pesach (have a happy Passover!)



Revealed Roots

Monthly Hebraic Study

This Month's Hebrew word is:

מועד Mo'ed- (appointed feast)

Which definition means: *Appointed place, meeting, an appointed time or signal, set time of the feast.*

(Lev 23:1-2) And YHVH spoke unto Moshe (Moses), saying, 2 Speak unto the B'nei Yisrael (sons of Israel), and say unto them, concerning the Mo'adim (feasts) of YHVH, which ye shall proclaim to be mikra'ei kodesh (Holy convocations), even these are MY Mo'adim (Feasts).

An important word here found in (V'yikrah –Lev 23:2) is the word **Mo'ed** or Mo'adim. It tells us that the appointed feast times or days were created by G-d and NOT by man. They not only belong to G-d but they are passed on to his children (us). Another point to understand about the **Mo'ed** is that they are spiritual in nature and teach us about G-ds salvation. Starting with the cycle of the spring feast (Pesach-Passover, Matzot- Unleavened bread, Yom bikkurim- Firstfruits), which tells us all about, G-ds salvational plan for us (Lev 23:5-14). In these seasons we are to realize that Yeshua (Jesus) our Messiah had fulfilled these feast or appointed times of G-d as Yeshua was appointed by G-d to become our Passover sacrifice (Passover), was appointed to live a holy life (unleavened bread) for us and was to die in our place, and was appointed to be resurrected on the third day (first fruits). Thus did Yeshua (Jesus) complete all the spring appointed times of G-d. But the cycle of appointed feast didn't just end here as 50 days later (Lev 23:15-16) the Messiah would send us the gift of his Ruach ha kodesh (Holy Spirit). This is what sealed or finalizes the salvational deal for the body of believers. So then what is left to G-ds salvational program? We are still left with the fall feast, which deal with (Rosh ha Shanah-Trumpets, Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, and Sukkot –tabernacles). We will share the relevancy of this appointed feast in September's newsletter. So stay posted. (click here for more)



Torah, Brit Hadasha Portions

MARCH

APR 5nd, 2008 Sat,

Torah reading: Lev. 12:1-13:59-Ex 12:1-13
 Prophets: Ez. 45:16-46:15,
 B'rit ha Dasha: Lk. 7:18-35



APR 12th, 2008 Sat,

Torah reading: Lev. 14:1-15:33
 Prophets: 2 Ki. 7:3-20
 B'rit ha Dasha: Mt. 23:16-24:2, 30-31

APR 19th, 2008 Sat, (Passover eve at sunset)

Torah reading: Lev. 16:1-18:30
 Prophets: Mal. 3:4-24
 B'rit ha Dasha: 1 Cor. 6:9-20

Shabbat
 ha Gadol

APR 26nd, 2008 Sat,

Torah reading: Ex. 13:17-15:26-Num 28:19-25
 Prophets: 2 Sam. 22:1-51
 B'rit ha Dasha: Rev. 15:1-4

*Passover eve falls on the 19th and is a high holiday. The feast of unleavened bread starts on the 20th for 7 days and proceeding this first fruits takes place the 21st and the spring cycle ends 50 days later which falls on Pentecost June 10th 2008

MIDRASH WITH THE RABBI

Monthly Encouragement



Why did Ya'akov (Jacob) struggle with the Angel?

The historic record here in the Torah of (Gen 32:1-32) explains to us that Ya'akov was told by G-d to go back to his kinsman and G-d would do him good (v.9). But along the way he would have to encounter his brother Esav, who as we remember was robbed out of his fathers blessing and vowed to kill his brother, which is why Ya'akov had fled from his family in the first place. Now he's told to go back, but is major afraid for fear of his brother's wrath (v. 11). This is what triggers the conflict in which he now feels he has to protect himself by sending bribes to pay off and make his brother happy so he will not take his life (v.13-20). He also divides his belongings and family to make sure they too will have a chance to survive Esav's wrath (v.22-23). At this point he now finds himself all alone and encounters an angel whom he wrestles with (v.24). During the struggle he refuses to let the angel go, so the angel is force to deal with him in a sensitive way, which leads Ya'akov to a dislocated hip socket (v.25). But the angel seeing his determination to demand a blessing from him gives in and changes his name from Ya'akov to Israel (v.26-32). Thus the story is at an end.

But what is the lesson that the torah teaches us? Firstly is that G-d made a promise to Ya'akov and his descendants (Ex 32:13). That promise was irrevocable, and in that promise G-d would also protect and would bless Ya'akov and his descendants.

But secondly Ya'akov in his struggling with fear and in his own way had not trusted in what G-d had said, but tried to save himself, his family and belongings by a bribe. However in his distress of great fear and human reasoning he turns to G-d in prayer and G-d was faithful to answer and keep his promise and sent the angel to Ya'akov. Thirdly at this point Ya'akov was determined in his stress to get comfort and blessing from the angel. He would not give up nor let go until the angel gave him what he had requested. When the request was granted then did he have comfort and reassurance of G-ds promise to him. The final lesson is that human reasoning or problem solving cannot solve or obtain the promises or faithfulness of G-d. The promises of G-d only come by trusting and turning to G-d alone. The torah also explains that G-d expects us to be persistence in faith and the result of trusting G-d leads to a blessing no matter what the confrontation may be, G-d is faithful to bless us. (Click here for more)

NEWS ON ISRAEL



Your monthly source for updates on G-ds land and people

Israel to take down West Bank barriers APRIL 2008

Prodded by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Israel said Sunday that it would remove about 50 roadblocks in the West Bank as it moves ahead with faltering negotiations aimed at reaching a peace deal with the Palestinians by the end of the year. The West Bank is segmented by 580 barriers, including roadblocks, checkpoints, barbed wire, concrete walls, dirt mounds and trenches, which Israel says are needed to guarantee security but that the Palestinians consider devastating to their economic well-being. Israel also agreed Sunday to upgrade checkpoints to allow Palestinians to pass through more quickly and to give Palestinian security forces greater responsibility in the West Bank city of Jenin. The Palestinians, in turn, agreed to improve their policing of Jenin, where anti-Israeli fighters are active. President Bush has said he wants a framework for peace between Israel and the Palestinian Authority in place by the time he leaves office in January 2009.

Ministry Updates for

APRIL 2008

Passover season –is here! If anyone is interested in attending our Messianic Passover Seder, please contact us and we'll give you all the details.

Also **NEW CLASS STARTING: MONDAY APRIL 7th 7pm-8:30pm- The Messianic significance of the feast of Israel.** We are in the city of elk grove if you are near stop on by (send email for info)

Thank you for all your prayers we are always in need. Blessings to you all, and have a special Passover season this month!