



# 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**

**Are we all to be wealthy?**

In this month of March we hear a question that arises much in our mist. The question asked is, should all Christians be prosperous or wealthy? The B'rit hadasha (NC) says this from Yohanan -john the sh'luchim (apostle) **3 John 1:2; Chaver (beloved), it is my tefillah (prayer) that all may be ha'tzlocha (successful) with you, and that you may be shalem b'guf (healthy), just as your nefesh (soul) is successful.** This letter of course was written to Gaius an elder of a congregation. Yohanan had loved this fellow brother and expresses this in the opening statement of (3John 1:1). And so as we read the letter in context we will understand that it is specifically to Gaius (3John 1:14). But what is it that we can learn from the letter written to Gaius? The letter tells us about Gaius faithfulness to be G-ds truthful witness to both the members of the congregation and to those not of the congregation by doing his mitzvah (good deeds) 3 John 1:5-6) NOT because he's got to have wealth or great health alone. But unfortunately some have mistakenly taken (3 John) verse 1:2 out of its context to justify a misleading prosperity message (everyone in the Messiah has to be rich or your not blessed by G-d). They proclaim that every Christian should be wealthy and healthy, after all Yohanan said we all should be right! WRONG! Yohanan-Johns message to Gaius shows us that he was successful only because HE had acted according to G-ds word and was a successful witness (Not wealthy man) in HIS ministry works for G-d. Yohanan never says for Gaius to only be preoccupied with getting wealth or even maintaining his health, he only prays for his continued ministry success! The Greek word used for prosperity in some bible versions reads (Yoo-od-oo) but its meaning is not specifically defined to material wealth, health or possessions. The definition really reads in whole as this: To grant a prosperous and expeditious journey, to lead by a direct and easy way, to grant a successful issue, and finally to prosper or be successful. The message here is one of encouragement and of commendation for Gaius good works. So much to the fact that it is brought up to the apostles' attention by others (3John 1:3). This was his witness! What can we say about ours? This is surly NOT a letter centered on wealth, health or worldly possessions is it? So I'll ask the question, does John say we all are to be wealthy and health? Or are we really to be truthful witnesses for the Messiah? Whether you are wealthy, healthy, poor or ill the standard for all is that we maintain a good witness for the Messiah. This is the meaning of true prosperity or success here. It's NOT about getting material wealth! It's about giving away spiritual wealth, the wealth and witness of G-ds precious words. The sooner we learn this the more at peace we will find ourselves.

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**Revealed Roots**

**Monthly Hebraic Study**



This Month's Hebrew word is:

יִתְרוֹן Yit'ron- (Profit)

Which definition means: Advantage, profit, or gain.

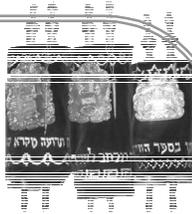
**(Mattiyahu-Matt 16:26) For what will a man Yitron (profit) if he gains the whole world and forfeits his ne'shamah (soul), or what will a man give in exchange for his ne'shamah (soul)?**

In (Mattiyahu-Matt) chapter 16 verse 23 Yeshua rebukes the evil spirit (sah'tan) from his talmid (disciple) kefa (Peter), because he tries to convince or tries to talk human sense to Yeshua so he will refuse to carry out his mission or go to the cross. Yeshua's words then follow with: "if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall will loose it: and whosoever will loose his life for my names sake shall find it." Then in verse 26 Yeshua's point is made clear. For what will a man **Yitron** (profit) if he gains the whole world and forfeits his ne'shamah (soul), or what will a man give in exchange for his ne'shamah (soul)? Most preachers often use this verse to explain away the chasing or holding on to worldly things instead of G-d. But the real meaning of Yeshua's teaching is not about the material things of the world, but is about self-denial and sacrifice, which are choices that lead to his eternal life. Giving up sinful life in order to follow the Messiah equals Eternal life, which equals **YITRON** -(profit)! But a life apart from the Messiah is considered to be worthless or loss. As Yeshua said, "For he who chooses to save his life will loose it. But he who looses his life for the Messiah sake shall have great gain or **Yitron** (profit)". For those of us who have sacrificed in order to follow our Messiah know that we too have eternal life and can also be reassured that the profit we long to see will be revealed to us when Messiah returns (Matt 16:27).

# Torah, Brit Hadasha Portions

## MARCH

**MAR 1<sup>nd</sup>**, 2008 Sat,  
Torah reading: Ex 35:1-38:20  
Prophets: 1Kings 7:13-26  
B'rit ha Dasha: Heb 9:1-11



**MAR 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 Sat,  
Torah reading: Ex 38:21-40:38  
Prophets: 2Kings 12:1-7  
B'rit ha Dasha: Heb 8:1-12

**MAR 15<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 Sat,  
Torah reading: Lev 1:1-6:7  
Prophets: Is 43:21-44:23  
B'rit ha Dasha: Heb 10:1-18

Additional readings  
for the Holiday  
Dt. 25:17-19, 1 Sam.  
15:2-34

**MAR 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 2008 Sat,  
Torah reading: Lev 6:1-8-8:36  
Prophets: Jer 7:21-8:3, -9:23-24  
B'rit ha Dasha: Heb 9:11-28

**MAR 29<sup>nd</sup>**, 2008 Sat,  
Torah reading: Lev 9:1-11,-11:47  
Prophets: Ezek 36:16-38  
B'rit ha Dasha: Heb 7:1-19

Additional readings  
for the Holiday Num.  
19:1-22, Ez. 36:16-  
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## MIDRASH WITH THE RABBI

Monthly Encouragement



### Is the Church Israel?

There are some who have supposed that the New covenant congregation or body of the Messiah today is now the new or spiritual Israel of our generation. And so by looking at the scriptures in this way would really eliminate the present Natural or Nation of Israel. Because all the scriptures, which pertained to the natural Israel, are now transferred to the new spiritual Israel, which some interpret is the church or body of Messiah. How do they come out with this conclusion? Some base their ideas on (Gal 6:16) which says:

**And as many as walk according to this rule Shalom (peace) be on them and Chesed (mercy), and upon the Yisrael (Israel) of Elohim (G-d).**

By assuming that this portion of scripture justifies replacement of the natural nation of Israel is incorrect. This kind of interpretation is also called "replacement theology". One of its ideas suggest that the church is Israel and natural Israel is of no significance now because it no longer is in the will of G-d (for rejection of Messiah), therefore their place to the promises of G-d are forfeited, being handed over to the church (the new Israel). There are also some who believe that they are apart of the natural Israel and see no difference between the natural and the church, seeing the are one in the same thing and same people. Who by the way shall go through the 7-year tribulation, which is known as the post-trib view.

Dealing first with (Gal 6:16) Rav Sha'ul (Paul) is "NOT" calling the gentile congregation of Galatia the new spiritual replacement of the natural Israel as the letter of Galatians in whole deals with those who had been Judaizing the gentiles. But in Rav Sha'ul's dealing with the gentile congregation he also makes a point at the ending of his letter remembering his believing Jewish brethren the faithful remnant who had accepted Messiah and were now among the gentile congregation. He recognizes them by saying they are "Israel as in Israelites" or the Israel of G-d for this was an simple identification to say that they were of Jewish decent and were Jewish believers of G-d. He then says he especially wishes them peace and mercy of G-d. But in NO way does he ever say that even the believing Jewish members of the body of Messiah had then replaced the natural Israel. Next we deal with natural Israel. Surly Romans chapter 9-thu 11 deals quite clearly on what is the position of the natural (Click here for more  )

## NEWS ON ISRAEL



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### Israel minister warns Palestinians of "shoah" MARCH 2008

JERUSALEM - A senior Israeli defence official said on Friday that Palestinians firing rockets from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip would bring upon themselves what he termed a "shoah", the Hebrew word for holocaust or disaster. The word is rarely used in Israel outside discussions of the Nazi Holocaust of Jews. Many Israelis are loath to countenance its use to describe other contemporary events. Israeli air strikes have killed at least 33 Gazans, including five children, in the past two days. Israeli leaders said cross-border rocket fire may leave the Jewish state with no choice but to launch a broader military offensive. One Israeli was killed in a rocket attack on Wednesday in the southern border town of Sderot. Tensions increased further after longer-range rockets hit the city of Ashkelon. Visiting Ashkelon, Defence Minister Ehud Barak told Channel 10 television an Israeli response was "required" and that "Hamas bears responsibility for this deterioration and it will also bear the results". Deputy Defence Minister Matan Vilnai told Army Radio earlier that "the more Qassam (rocket) fire intensifies and the rockets reach a longer range, they (the Palestinians) will bring upon themselves a bigger 'shoah' because we will use all our might to defend ourselves." Vilnai's spokesman said: "Mr. Vilnai" Deputy Defence Minister Matan Vilnai used the Hebrew phrase that included the term 'shoah' in Hebrew in the sense of a (click for more  )

## Ministry Updates for

MARCH 2008

Passover season is coming in the month of April. If anyone is interested in attending a messianic Passover Seder with us please email us and we'll give you the details. Please keep this season in prayer.

Also new biblical teaching classes will be developing in the days ahead. If you are interested in that let us know and we'll respond with the info. Shalom to you all and have a blessed month in Yeshua name!