

Notes: Shabbat – May 13, 2017

Start: 10 am

Order of Service:

Meet and Greet
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Announcements
Open in Prayer for service
Liturgy – Shema
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Message
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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: A Great Miracle Happened There

Tomorrow marks a significant day in history. It will be 69 years from tomorrow that Israel was established as a state by their declaration of independence at midnight on May 14, 1948, the day before the expiration of the British Mandate, [David Ben-Gurion](#), the head of the Jewish Agency, [declared](#) "the establishment of a Jewish state in [Eretz-Israel](#), to be known as the State of Israel."

The only reference in the text of the Declaration to the borders of the new state is the use of the term *Eretz-Israel* ("[Land of Israel](#)")

The following day, the armies of four Arab countries—[Egypt](#), [Syria](#), [Transjordan](#) and [Iraq](#)—entered what had been British Mandatory Palestine, launching the [1948 Arab–Israeli War](#); Contingents from Yemen, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Sudan joined the war.

The apparent purpose of the invasion was to prevent the establishment of the Jewish state at inception, and some Arab leaders talked about driving the Jews into the sea.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1948_Arab%E2%80%93Israeli_War

Even though the prophetic announcement of Israel as a state in one day, fulfilling a promise made by Adonai through the Prophet Isaiah...

Isa 66:8 Who ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Is a country born in one day? Is a nation brought forth all at once? For as soon as Tziyon went into labor, she brought forth her children.

At midnight on **May 14, 1948**, the Provisional Government of Israel proclaimed a new State of Israel.

On that same date, the United States, in the person of President Truman, recognized the provisional Jewish government as de facto authority of the Jewish state.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_recognition_of_Israel

Yet, this miraculous moment in time did not transpire overnight, but came forth with Adonai's hand guiding His people back as He had proclaimed...

Deu 30:1 "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

Deu 30:2 and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today - you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.

Deu 30:3 At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you.

Deu 30:4 If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

Deu 30:5 Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors.

The first wave of modern Jewish migration to [Ottoman-ruled Palestine](#), known as the [First Aliyah](#), began in 1881, as Jews fled [pogroms](#) in Eastern Europe

The [Second Aliyah](#) (1904–14), began after the [Kishinev pogrom](#); some 40,000 Jews settled in Palestine, although nearly half of them left eventually.^[106] Both the first and second waves of migrants were mainly [Orthodox Jews](#),^[110] although the Second Aliyah included [socialist](#) groups who established the [kibbutz](#) movement.[[]

During World War I, British Foreign Secretary [Arthur Balfour](#) sent the [Balfour Declaration of 1917](#) to [Baron Rothschild](#) (Walter Rothschild, 2nd Baron Rothschild), a leader of the British Jewish community, that stated that Britain intended for the creation of a Jewish "[national home](#)" within the Palestinian Mandate.

In 1918, the [Jewish Legion](#), a group primarily of Zionist volunteers, assisted in the British [conquest of Palestine](#).^[114] Arab opposition to British rule and Jewish immigration led to the [1920 Palestine riots](#) and the formation of a Jewish militia known as the [Haganah](#) (meaning "The Defense" in Hebrew), from which the [Irgun](#) and [Lehi](#), or the Stern Gang, paramilitary groups later split off.^[115]

In 1922, the [League of Nations](#) granted Britain a [mandate over Palestine](#) under terms which included the Balfour Declaration with its promise to the Jews, and with similar provisions regarding the Arab Palestinians.^[116] The [population of the area](#) at this time was predominantly Arab and Muslim, with Jews accounting for about 11%,^[117] and Arab Christians at about 9.5% of the population.

The [Third](#) (1919–23) and [Fourth Aliyahs](#) (1924–29) brought an additional 100,000 Jews to Palestine.^[106]

The [rise of Nazism](#) and the increasing persecution of Jews in 1930s Europe led to the [Fifth Aliyah](#), with an influx of a quarter of a million Jews.

http://www.shalommaine.com/sermon_notes_pdf/Israel_March_Message-Israel_On_Trial-September_7_2014.pdf

This was the start of something that would reach far greater levels.

Five aliyah totaling approximately 400,000 Jewish people. Ultimately, it was Adonai's hand in the gathering of His

people and other important moments such as the Balfour Declaration and the San Remo conference that would make way for May 14, 1948, yet this was only the start in that Adonai said...

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On 15 May 1948, one day after the declaration of its establishment, Israel applied for membership of the United Nations, but the application was not acted on by the [Security Council](#). Israel's second application was rejected by the Security Council on 17 December 1948 by a 5 to 1 vote, with 5 abstentions. Syria was the sole negative vote; the U.S., Argentina, Colombia, the Soviet Union and Ukraine voted in favor; and Belgium, Britain, Canada, China and France abstained.

Yet it was far from unanimous...as of today, only two Muslim nations, Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994 have recognized Israel as a state and therefore its right to exist.

An [influx of Holocaust survivors](#) and [Jews from Arab and Muslim countries](#) to Israel during the first three years increased the number of Jews from 700,000 to 1,400,000.[\[161\]](#)

By 1958, the population of Israel rose to two million.

Yet, from 1948 to 1967, Jerusalem was partitioned into East and West. Jordan controlled the East, while Israel was in control of the West.

After 1948, since the [old walled city](#) in its entirety was to the east of the armistice line, [Jordan](#) was able to take control of all the holy places therein. While Muslim holy sites were maintained and renovated,[\[198\]](#) contrary to the terms of the armistice agreement, Jews were denied access to Jewish holy sites, many of which were destroyed or desecrated. Jordan allowed only very limited access to Christian holy sites,[\[199\]](#) and restrictions were imposed on the [Christian population](#) that led many to leave the city.

Of the 58 synagogues in the Old City, half were either completely destroyed or converted to stables and hen-houses over the course of the next 19 years, including the [Hurva](#) and the [Tiferet Yisrael Synagogue](#).

The 3,000-year-old[\[200\]](#) [Mount of Olives Jewish Cemetery](#) was desecrated, with gravestones used to build roads, latrines and Jordanian army fortifications. 38,000 graves in the Jewish Cemetery were destroyed, and Jews were forbidden from being buried there.[\[201\]\[202\]](#) The [Western Wall](#) was transformed into an exclusively Muslim holy site associated with [al-Buraq](#)

The Six Day War, also known as the **June War**, **1967 Arab–Israeli War**, or **Third Arab–Israeli War**, was fought between June 5 and 10, 1967 by [Israel](#) and the neighboring states of [Egypt](#) (known at the time as the [United Arab Republic](#)), [Jordan](#), and [Syria](#).

Relations between Israel and its neighbors had never fully normalized following the [1948 Arab–Israeli War](#). In the period leading up to June 1967, [tensions became dangerously heightened](#). In reaction to the [mobilisation](#) of Egyptian forces along the Israeli border in the [Sinai Peninsula](#), Israel launched a series of [preemptive](#) airstrikes against Egyptian airfields.

The Egyptians were caught by surprise, and nearly the entire Egyptian air force was destroyed with few Israeli losses, giving the Israelis [air superiority](#). Simultaneously, the Israelis launched a ground offensive into the [Gaza Strip](#) and the Sinai, which again caught the Egyptians by surprise. After some initial resistance, Egyptian leader [Gamal Abdel Nasser](#) ordered the evacuation of the Sinai. Israeli forces rushed westward in pursuit of the Egyptians, inflicted heavy losses, and conquered the Sinai.

On June 11, a ceasefire was signed. Arab casualties were far heavier than those of Israel: fewer than a thousand

Israelis had been killed compared to over 20,000 from the Arab forces. Israel's military success was attributed to the element of surprise, an innovative and well-executed battle plan, and the poor quality and leadership of the Arab forces.

Israel seized control of the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria. Israeli morale and international prestige was greatly increased by the outcome of the war and the area under Israeli control tripled.

So when you hear talks of peace and a contingent of returning to the 1967 borders, this is what Israel would be required to give up with the primary jewel being East Jerusalem.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six-Day_War

May 14, 1948 had to happen before June 7, 1967 could.

On June 7th, the partitioned city of Jerusalem would be under Jewish control for the first time in nearly 1900 years.

During its long history, Jerusalem has been destroyed at least twice, besieged 23 times, attacked 52 times, and captured and recaptured 44 times.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem>

Psa 105:6 You descendants of Avraham his servant, you offspring of Ya`akov, his chosen ones,

Psa 105:7 he is Adonai our God! His rulings are everywhere on earth.

Psa 105:8 He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations,

Psa 105:9 the covenant he made with Avraham, the oath he swore to Yitz'chak,

Psa 105:10 and established as a law for Ya`akov, for Isra'el as an everlasting covenant:

Psa 105:11 "To you I will give the land of Kena`an as your allotted heritage."

Further evidence that the Land of Israel belongs forever to the Jewish people: **Psa 105:7-11** shows God using words and phrases of great certainty-"everlasting covenant," "swore," "oath," etc.-to speak of this promise.

At 47 places in the *Tanakh* God swears to give the Land to Israel. This promise includes Jerusalem. This is the kind of language Scripture uses to assure us that the promise of the Land to the Jews is eternal and irrevocable.

Jerusalem is found in 773 different verses of Scripture – 632 times in the Tanakh and 141 times in the Brith Hadoshah.

It is foundational within Adonai's plan and imperative for its completion...

Isa 62:1 For Tziyon's sake I will not be silent, for Yerushalayim's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out brightly and her salvation like a blazing torch.

Isa 62:2 The nations will see your vindication and all kings your glory. Then you will be called by a new name which Adonai himself will pronounce.

Isa 62:3 You will be a glorious crown in the hand of Adonai, a royal diadem held by your God.

Isa 62:4 You will no longer be spoken of as `Azuvah [*Abandoned*] or your land be spoken of as Sh'mamah [*Desolate*]; rather, you will be called Heftzi-Vah [*My-Delight-Is-In-Her*] and your land Be`ulah [*Married*]. For Adonai delights in you, and your land will be married –

Isa 62:5 as a young man marries a young woman, your sons will marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, your God will rejoice over you.

Isa 62:6 I have posted watchmen on your walls, Yerushalayim; they will never fall silent, neither by day nor by night. You who call on Adonai, give yourselves no rest;

Isa 62:7 and give him no rest till he restores Yerushalayim and makes it a praise on earth.

Isa 62:8 Adonai has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain to your enemies as food; nor will strangers drink your wine, for which you worked so hard;
Isa 62:9 but those who harvest the grain will eat it with praises to Adonai; those who gathered the wine will drink it in the courtyards of my sanctuary."
Isa 62:10 Go on through, go on through the gates, clear the way for the people! Build up a highway, build it up! Clear away the stones! Raise a banner for the peoples!
Isa 62:11 Adonai has proclaimed to the end of the earth, "Say to the daughter of Tziyon, 'Here, your Salvation is coming! Here, his reward is with him, and his recompense is before him.' "
Isa 62:12 They will call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of Adonai. You will be called D'rushah [*Sought-After*], `Ir Lo Ne`ezvah [*City-No-Longer-Abandoned*].

Jerusalem is a sign, conveying the power of Adonai's salvation. The center, the capital of the land. The place where He will reside as King of Israel.

Eze 40:1 In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month — this was the fourteenth year after the city [*of Yerushalayim*] was struck — it was on that very day that the hand of Adonai was on me, and he took me there.

And what would commence 8 chapters of revelation through Ezekiel pertaining to Adonai's reigning In Jerusalem

Eze 43:1 After this, he brought me to the gate facing east.
Eze 43:2 There I saw the glory of the God of Isra'el approaching from the east. His voice was like the sound of rushing water, and the earth shone with his glory.
Eze 43:3 The vision seemed like the vision I had seen when I came to destroy the city; also the visions were like the vision I had seen by the K'var River; and I fell on my face.
Eze 43:4 Adonai's glory entered the house through the gate facing east.
Eze 43:5 Next, a spirit took me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, and I saw Adonai's glory fill the house.
Eze 43:6 I heard someone speaking to me from the house, and a man was standing by me.
Eze 43:7 He said, "Human being, this is the place for my throne, the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Isra'el forever. The house of Isra'el, both they and their kings, will never again defile my holy name by their prostitution, by [*burying*] the corpses of their kings [*on*] their high places,
Eze 43:8 or by placing their threshold next to my threshold and their door-frames next to my door-frames, with only a common wall between me and them. Yes, they defiled my holy name by the disgusting practices they committed; which is why I destroyed them in my anger.

And the place where nations will come and honor Him.

Zec 14:16 Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, Adonai-Tzva'ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot.

Yeshua has gone to prepare a place for His bride, but, He is also in preparation here as well.

The absence of the Jewish people from the land for centuries led many theologians to wonder about the many promises of Adonai that were linked to them.

How would they come to pass?

How would God fulfill these promises if Israel did not exist?

Unfortunately, the underestimation of what Adonai could do led to the surmising of alternatives. In essence man was doing God's thinking for Him.

In the 25th year of Exile, Ezekiel would be shown the future where Israel as a nation existed and its King would reside in Jerusalem on His throne.

Yet, it is not the promises of God that have failed, but the impatience of His creation that has led to "fake news"

On June 7, 1967, the time of the Gentiles in relation to control of Jerusalem came to an end...

Luk 21:24 Some will fall by the edge of the sword, others will be carried into all the countries of the Goyim, and Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Goyim until the age of the Goyim has run its course.

Excerpt from Jewish New Testament Commentary by David Stern, pertaining to Luke 21:24:

Many believe the prophetic message in the final part of this verse has been fulfilled in our own days, after nearly two thousand years. If so, it constitutes a powerful argument for believing in Yeshua.

The verse's opening passage, "**Some will fall by the edge of the sword**," was initially fulfilled in the rebellion of 66-70, when over a million Jews may have perished (see below). Moreover, its fulfillment was grievously repeated throughout history, often by those who called themselves Christians and claimed to be acting in the name of the Jewish Messiah. The phrase, "the edge of the sword." is found also in [Jer 21:7](#) and [Sir 28:18](#) (in the Apocrypha).

The second clause, "**Others will be carried into all the countries of the Goyim**," could stand as a heading for a history of the Jewish Diaspora. Josephus (Wars of the Jews 6:9:1, 3) states that 1,100,000 Jews were slain and 97,000 carried away captive as slaves by the Romans in the war of 66-70. The Diaspora is predicted as early as in the words of Moses ([Deu 28:63-68](#)) and dates at least to the Assyrian conquest of Israel (722 B.C.E.) and the Babylonian Captivity (586 B.C.E.; see [Ezr 9:7](#)). But the Roman slaughter and destruction brought the Jewish nation to an end: the Diaspora, in a national sense, had previously been partial; now and in the Second Rebellion (132-135 C.E.) it became all but total.

And Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Goyim until the age (literally, "seasons") **of the Goyim has run its course**. Consider this prophecy in the light of [Psa 79:1](#) ("O God, Goyim have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy Temple; they have laid Yerushalayim in heaps"), [Isa 63:18](#) ("... our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary") and [Dan 9:26](#) ("After sixty-two sevens Messiah will be cut off, with nothing left to him; and the people of a prince yet to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary....").

The Romans permitted Jews to continue living in Jerusalem after 70 C.E., but in the wake of the Second Rebellion under the false messiah Shim'on Bar-Kosiba all Jews were expelled, and the city, now entirely Gentile, was renamed Aelia Capitolina. (However, Jews continued to live in B'nei-B'rak, Yavneh, Tzippori, Tiberias and other locations throughout the Land of Israel. In fact, there has been a Jewish presence in Eretz-Israel continuously since the time of King David.)

Roman rule continued until 324, the Byzantine Empire controlled Jerusalem until 614 and the Persians governed briefly until 629. In 638 Muslim Arabs conquered the Holy City; and the Ummayyads, ruling from Damascus, built the Dome of the Rock mosque on what was believed to be the site of the Jewish Temple, completing it in 691. The Abbasid Arabs took over in 750; their capital was Baghdad. The Egyptians imposed their rule in 878. The Crusaders, thinking they were acting in the name of Yeshua, came to the Holy Land in 1096 "to reclaim it from the infidels." In 1099 they not only defeated the Muslims but massacred all the Jews they could find. The Crusaders in turn were driven out in 1187 by the Kurdish Ayyubid leader Salach-ed-Din (Saladin).

Battles between Crusaders and Muslim Arabs continued until 1244, with dominion being established by the Egyptian Mamluks in 1250; formerly military slaves of the Ayyubids, they had overthrown their masters. Suleiman (= Solomon) the Great displaced them in 1517, and his Ottoman Turks held sway in the Holy Land for 400 years until they were defeated by Britain's General Allenby in World War I. The British Mandate given by the League of Nations lasted until 1948, when, in the wake of the Nazi Holocaust, the world's conscience was momentarily pricked enough to permit the State of Israel to be established by a just-over-two-thirds vote of the United Nations General Assembly. By the U. N. plan of 1947 Jerusalem was to have been an internationalized city, but when five Arab countries attacked Israel within hours of her independence she fought back and conquered the western, more modern part of Jerusalem. Nevertheless the Old City of Jerusalem, the portion the present verse speaks about, which includes the Temple site, was occupied by Jordan until the Six-Day War. On June 8, 1967, the Israeli army entered the Old City and converged on the Western ("Wailing") Wall, liberating Yerushalayim at last.

Many regard that as the moment when Yeshua's prophecy was fulfilled-1,897 years of Gentile rule over Yerushalayim came to an end, and she is no longer "trampled down by the Goyim," because "the age of the Goyim has run its course"; at last Yeshua's words have come true. Others date the fulfillment from Israel's 1980 proclamation that Jerusalem is a united city under Israeli sovereignty. Still others will not consider it fulfilled until Muslims no longer control the Temple Mount.

Those who adhere to Replacement theology-also called Covenant theology, Dominion theology, Kingdom Now theology, Christian Reconstructionism, and (in England) Restorationism-hold that the Church is the "new" or "spiritual" Israel, having replaced the "old" Israel, the Jews, as God's people. According to this view the Jewish people no longer have promises from God, only curses; therefore they deny any significance after 70 C.E. to the "times of the Gentiles." The falseness of this interpretation follows logically if Replacement theology itself is refuted-for which see references in [Mat 5:5](#).

In the Talmud a lengthy series of speculations on when the Messiah will come includes the following paragraph, which resembles Yeshua's prediction in the present verse:

"Rabbi Chama bar-Chanina said, 'The Son of David will not come until even the pettiest [hazola] kingdom stops having power over Israel, for it is written, "He will cut off the shoots [hazalzalim, a related word, understood here as a metaphor for "petty kingdoms"] with pruning hooks, and he will hew down and remove the branches.'" And this is followed by, "In that time shall Adonai of heaven's armies be presented with the gift of a people scattered and peeled" ([Isa 18:5](#), [Isa 18:7](#)).'" (Sanhedrin 98a)

What follows may seem a digression, but it is tied to the present verse by the concept of waiting two thousand years to see something happen. Messianic Jews hold that Messianic Judaism is the modern continuation of a Jewish stream which began in the first century with the Jewish followers of Yeshua. Opponents claim we ignore the intervening centuries of historical conflict between the Church and the Jewish people-as Israel High Court Justice Meir Shamgar wrote in the Esther Dorflinger verdict:

"For this purpose [to convince the Court she was a Jew entitled to make aliyah (immigrate) under Israel's Law of Return] she made exaggerations with long and tortuous arguments concerning the possibilities of her being a Jew who believes in Jesus' being the Messiah, as if we are still living in the beginning of the first century of the Christian Era, as if since then nothing had occurred in all that relates to the crystallization of the religious frameworks and the separation from Judaism of all those who chose another path." (Israel High Court of Justice Case #563/77)

I have two comments. First, the entire Zionist enterprise has had a virtually identical premise. For two thousand years the Jews had no home in Eretz-Israel. Those who opposed Zionism criticized its "long and tortuous arguments concerning the possibilities of" recreating a Jewish state, "as if we were still living in the first century of the Christian Era, as if since then nothing had occurred in all that relates to the crystallization of" political, social and "religious frameworks." Fortunately, the anti-Zionists were wrong-as is Justice Shamgar. (My thanks to Israeli Messianic Jews Menahem Benhayim and Ari Sorko-Ram, who both suggested this parallel.)

Second, if "religious frameworks" have "crystallized" in a way that separates "from Judaism all who chose another path," then it is a task of Messianic Judaism to persuade Christians and Jews alike to decrystallize the frameworks so as to bring them into line with reality. Jews who honor Yeshua remain Jewish. It is God who made us Jewish; and neither the rabbis, the Jewish people nor Israel's High Court of Justice can overrule God's reality and de-Jew us.