Notes: June 8, 2019

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

- 1. Meet and Greet
- 2. Introduction (if new people)
- 3. Ma Tovu
- 4. Open in Prayer for service
- 5. Liturgy Sh'ma +
- 6. Announcements
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- 8. 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 Week That Transcends Time

What do I mean by a week that transcends time. To transcend means to go beyond the range or limits.

A week that goes beyond the limits and constraints of the time by which it occurred. In other words we won't be looking at a week in time, consisting of seven consecutive days, but rather a week in time where prominent historical events occurred within this week, yet at different times in history.

Just as last week when I shared with you a message "In the Midst of the Omer" where I shared with you events in Israel's Biblical history that occurred during the 50 days beginning after the Passover, on Ha Bikkurim (First Fruits) and commencing with Shavuot 50 days later.

We went from Sinai and Moshe to Yeshua after His resurrection. The conduit that connected these two periods in time, separated by approximately 1400 years was Shavuot and the promises associated with periods in time.

Shavuot is a time based moad – appointed time. It's occurrence does not fall on a specific date, but we are instructed to count, in this case seven Shabbats, or as is typically stated seven weeks.

Lev 23:10 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the cohen.

- Lev 23:11 He is to wave the sheaf before Adonai, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat.
- Lev 23:12 On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for Adonai.
- Lev 23:13 Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to Adonai as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart.

Lev 23:14 You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your God; this

is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

Lev 23:15 " 'From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks,

Lev 23:16 until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to Adonai.

Lev 23:17 You must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits for Adonai.

It is associated with the second seasonal harvest of the land, wheat. The offering made with fine flour is to be brought from your homes, having been made there and presented to Adonai as the first fruits of the wheat harvest.

The week we are going to explore is this week, on our calendar June 5th through June 11th Not a Sunday through Shabbat week, but a seven day period where at times will begin on Sunday and end on Shabbat, yet not this year.

June 5th and 6th

This week, we just concluded the 75th anniversary of D-Day – June 6, 1944:

Planning for the operation began in 1943. In the months leading up to the invasion, the <u>Allies</u> conducted a substantial <u>military deception</u>, codenamed <u>Operation Bodyguard</u>, to mislead the Germans as to the date and location of the main Allied landings. The weather on D-Day was far from ideal, and the operation had to be delayed 24 hours; a further postponement would have meant a delay of at least two weeks, as the invasion planners had requirements for the phase of the moon, the tides, and the time of day that meant only a few days each month were deemed suitable. Adolf Hitler placed German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in command of German forces and of developing fortifications along the Atlantic Wall in anticipation of an Allied invasion.

The amphibious landings were preceded by extensive aerial and naval bombardment and an airborne assault—the landing of 24,000 US, British, and Canadian airborne troops shortly after midnight. Allied infantry and armoured divisions began landing on the coast of France at 06:30. The target 50-mile (80 km) stretch of the Normandy coast was divided into five sectors: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. Strong winds blew the landing craft east of their intended positions, particularly at Utah and Omaha. The men landed under heavy fire from gun emplacements overlooking the beaches, and the shore was mined and covered with obstacles such as wooden stakes, metal tripods, and barbed wire, making the work of the beach-clearing teams difficult and dangerous. Casualties were heaviest at Omaha, with its high cliffs. At Gold, Juno, and Sword, several fortified towns were cleared in house-to-house fighting, and two major gun emplacements at Gold were disabled using specialised tanks.

The Allies failed to achieve any of their goals on the first day. <u>Carentan</u>, <u>St. Lô</u>, and <u>Bayeux</u> remained in German hands, and <u>Caen</u>, a major objective, was not captured until 21 July. Only two of the beaches (Juno and Gold) were linked on the first day, and all five <u>beachheads</u> were not connected until 12 June; however, the operation gained a foothold that the Allies gradually expanded over the coming months. German casualties on D-Day have been estimated at 4,000 to 9,000 men. Allied casualties were at least 10,000, with 4,414 confirmed dead. Museums, memorials, and war cemeteries in the area now host many visitors each year. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normandy_landings</u>

Intended to begin on June 5th, D-Day was June 6th.

What else occurred on this date in history, 23 years later? On the very day, D-Day was planned...

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

The beginning of the Six day war between Israel and its 5 Arab neighbors – Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon. There were three fronts to this war:

- Gasa and the Sinai Peninsula
- Judea and Samaria (commonly known as the West Bank and comprising Jerusalem)
- The Golan Heights

Rather than go into detail for which I have provided you the links so you can go into detail, I have shared this video with you previously and consider it a means to further emphasise the outstretched arm of Adonai...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJU_GZxkkB0

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

June 7 1967

On the Jewish calendar this date was Iyar 28 and today is known as Yom Yerushalayim Jerusalem Day. It is the day when during this six day war,

June 9 2019 Shavuot

This year Shavuot happens to occur on June 9th, within the week I am currently focusing. Yet, regardless of the year, Shavuot has always been 50 days after Ha-Bikkurim (First Fruits during the time of Passover) as I had shared with you from Leviticus 23:10 - 17

The dates seem to change on the calendars, yet they really don't. The apparent discrepancy has to do with two different calendars. The Jewish calendar is lunar based while this current calendar, the Gregorian calendar is sun based. The annual lunar cycle is 354 days while the annual sun cycle is 365.25 days. An 11 day difference. So the calendars are different, yet it was the Rabbis who created a system that would substantially reconcile the difference,

In the fourth century, Hillel II established a fixed calendar based on mathematical and astronomical calculations.

Although not 100% reconciled, it is accurate to a loss of 1 day over 300 years.

This is before Galileo, Capernicus and the Semiconductor

This calendar, still in use, standardized the length of months and the addition of months over the course of a 19 year cycle, so that the lunar calendar realigns with the solar years. Adar I is added in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years of the cycle.

http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm

http://www.jewfaq.org/calendr2.htm

And yet you would think counting 50 days would not be complicated or controversial, and yet it is not the counting that is controversial but rather the when you begin counting.

It all depends on how you define what Shabbat means...

- 1. Is it the Shabbat identified for Unleavened Bread on the 15th day?
- 2. Is it the weekly Shabbat

The first will always be on the same day of the calendar, yet a different day of the week, while the second will always be on the same day of the week, yet not the same date on the calendar.

This is one of the many conflicting views between the P'rushim (Pharisees) and the Tzedukim (Sadducees). The P'rushim held to position 1, it would be the day after the 15th day, the first day of Unleavened bread, while the Tzedukim adhered to position 2, to begin counting after the weekly Shabbat.

Interestingly enough, this debate still continues today. Rabbinic Judaism adheres to the same position as the P'rushim. Not really a surprise since Rabbinic Judaism originated from the P'rushim. Karaite Judaism, which rejects many of the tenants of Rabbinic Judaism adhere to the second position garnered by the Tzedukim of beginning the Omer count on the day after the weekly Shabbat, the first day of the week. And as I have shared with you in the past, and as recently as last Shabbat, the day of Yeshua's resurrection.

In keeping with the theme of a date that transcends time...

Shavuot is one of those days, that transcends time...Shavuot connects two moments in time, separated by some 1,400 years

The parallels between what transpired at Sinai and what occurred during Shavuot after Yeshua's resurrection are numerous.

1. At both the *Torah* was delivered to God's people. At Sinai the Ten Commandments were written on tables of stone by the "finger of God" (<u>Exo_31:18</u>), while at Pentecost the *Torah* was written on tables of the heart (<u>2Co_3:6-18</u>), in fulfillment of the prophecies of <u>Jer_31:32</u> (<u>Jer_31:31</u>) and <u>Eze_36:26</u>.

Exo 31:18 When he had finished speaking with Moshe on Mount Sinai, Adonai gave him the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

Jer 31:33 (31:32) "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.

Far from replacing, canceling, or contradicting the *Torah* of Moses, the Holy Spirit confirms it for Messianic believers:

Rom 3:31 Does it follow that we abolish Torah by this trusting? Heaven forbid! On the contrary, we confirm Torah.

- 2. Both took place on the same day *Shavu'ot*.
- 3. Both were accompanied by many languages (voices, tongues) see <u>Act</u> 2:4-13.

Exo 19:19 As the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moshe spoke; and God answered him with a voice.

Exo 20:1 Then God said all these words:

Act 2:4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

4. Both were accompanied by fire. The fire at Sinai was one fire visible by all; the fire at Yerushalayim divided itself and rested on each one individually. Thus at Sinai the *Torah* was given externally to the people as a whole, while at Yerushalayim the *Torah* was put within each individual believer.

Exo 19:18 Mount Sinai was enveloped in smoke, because Adonai descended onto it in fire — its smoke went up like the smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain shook violently.

Act 2:3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each one of them.

5. At Sinai a mixed multitude (*erev rav*, <u>Exo_12:38</u>) accompanied the people, just as people from many

countries were present at Shavuot in Acts 2.

Exo 12:37 The people of Isra'el traveled from Ra`amses to Sukkot, some six hundred thousand men on foot, not counting children.

Exo 12:38 A mixed crowd also went up with them, as well as livestock in large numbers, both flocks and herds.

Act 2:5 Now there were staying in Yerushalayim religious Jews from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused, because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language.

Act 2:7 Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil? Act 2:8 How is it that we hear them speaking in our native languages?

Act 2:9 We are Parthians, Medes, Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Y'hudah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome;

Act 2:11 Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews from Crete and from Arabia. . . !

And this would later include Gentiles...

- Act 15:7 After lengthy debate, Kefa got up and said to them, "Brothers, you yourselves know that a good while back, God chose me from among you to be the one by whose mouth the Goyim should hear the message of the Good News and come to trust.
- Act 15:8 And God, who knows the heart, bore them witness by giving the Ruach HaKodesh to them, just as he did to us;
 - 6. *Torah* means instruction/teaching, and the Holy Spirit is the Teacher (<u>Joh 14:26</u>, <u>Joh 15:26</u>, <u>Joh 16:13</u>).

Joh 14:26 But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Joh 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send you from the Father — the Spirit of Truth, who keeps going out from the Father — he will testify on my behalf.

7. It is customary in the Jewish celebration of *Shavuot* to eat dairy foods. The Holy Spirit provides the "milk of the Word" (<u>1Pe_2:2, Heb_5:12-13</u>).

1Pe 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, of all deceit, hypocrisy and envy, and of all the ways there are of speaking against people;

1Pe 2:2 and be like newborn babies, thirsty for the pure milk of the Word; so that by it you may grow up into deliverance.

June 10, 1967

By 10 June, Israel had completed its final offensive in the Golan Heights, and a <u>ceasefire</u> was signed the day after. Israel had seized the <u>Gaza Strip</u>, the <u>Sinai Peninsula</u>, the <u>West Bank</u> of the Jordan River (including East Jerusalem), and the <u>Golan Heights</u>.

Speaking three weeks after the war ended, as he accepted an honorary degree from Hebrew University, <u>Yitzhak</u> <u>Rabin</u> gave his reasoning behind the success of Israel:

Our airmen, who struck the enemies' planes so accurately that no one in the world understands how it was done and people seek technological explanations or secret weapons; our armoured troops who beat the enemy even when their equipment was inferior to his; our soldiers in all other branches ... who overcame our enemies everywhere, despite the latter's superior numbers and fortifications—all these revealed not only coolness and courage in the battle but ... an understanding that only their personal stand against the greatest dangers would achieve victory for their country and for their families, and that if victory was not theirs the alternative was annihilation.[132]

In recognition of contributions, Rabin was given the honour of naming the war for the Israelis. From the suggestions proposed, including the "War of Daring", "War of Salvation", and "War of the Sons of Light", he "chose the least ostentatious, the Six-Day War, evoking the days of creation".

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

These seven days, connected numerically in that they are sequential in nature and comprise a period of time that represents a seven day week. A period of time identified by Adonai at creation and has been followed first by Israel and today is foundational. We don't have 8 or 10 day weeks. I was listening to a program this past week where they were talking about the metric system, a system I am all too familiar with having grown up in Canada. One thing I did not know about its origins is because everything is based on a measure of 10, this byproduct of the French Revolution, its creators also supported a 10 day week.

And yet, these seven days June 5th through June 11th are connected in even greater ways. All of these moments I have shared with you are intimately connected. Had one of these events not transpired, then none of them would.

Had Adonai not appeared to Israel at Sinai, there would be no Israel, no New Covenant, no Shavuot, no nothing. This is obviously the first domino.

There would be no Yom Yerushalayim if there was no D-Day. If D-Day neither happened nor wasn't successful Europe would look entirely different. The treaty of the first world war would be set aside and the San Remo accord would be moot because Germany would have continued with what is called "The Final Solution" whereby there would be more than six million Jewish people were killed. Germany would in essence control all of Europe and in all likelihood portions of Africa, the Middle East and probably beyond.

Because of D-Day, a turning point in the war in Europe, this led to the defeat of the axis powers led by Germany, ultimately, leading to the Jewish people declaring their independence on May 14, 1948, which led to the recapture of Yerushalayim on June 7 1967 as part of the Six Day War.

Moments separated in time, yet intimately connected and part of Adonai's promise...

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.

Deu 30:6 Then Adonai your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJU_GZxkkB0