

Notes: June 15, 2019

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tov
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
11. Oneg

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: *Are You Equipped To Speak To Jewish People?*

Last week, Jeri was considering the following Jewish joke for the week in her thoughts for the week...

Jews Please Leave...

Avram went into Church, took out his tallis, yarmulke, and proceeded to pray. The clergyman entered to start services: "Will all non-Christians please leave." Avram continued davening."

Again the clergyman said, "Will all non-Christians please leave."

And again, Avram prayed.

Finally, the distraught clergyman moved to Avram. "Will ALL JEWS please leave."

At this, Avram removed his yarmulke, packed up his tallis, then went to the altar, picked up a statue of Jesus and said, "Come bubbela they don't want us here anymore."

Our ultimate joke about Jesus as a Jew. Could there be a better “them” and “us?” Some 50 years ago we Jews were often accused of Christ’s death until the Pope absolved us in the 1950s. Could there be a funnier or sharper way to respond?

When we see how the message of the Gospel and those who convey it has transpired over the centuries, we see a distinct contrast,

Throughout the Gospels and the other New Covenant writings what is the one distinction that differentiates then, the time the New Covenant was written and the time it accounts for, and now, the time we are living in?

I never really thought about this until a conversation earlier this week.

A conversation that confronted me with a stark reality, an assumption that I had thoroughly equipped you for the task at hand. This was not just a blind assumption, but as I was confronted with this reality, I noticed something rather eye opening...

In the New Covenant writings we see:

- Jewish people conveying the message of the Gospel to other Jewish people
- Jewish people conveying the message of the Gospel to non-jewish people

And yet the one thing we do not see mentioned prominently as an example in the New Covenant writings...

- Non-Jewish people conveying the message of the Gospel to Jewish people.

Throughout the New Covenant writings, we are told about the Jewishness of the Message of Messiah, the Gospel, yet we don't really see any examples of Gentiles sharing this message with Jewish people. In essence it is the other way around.

We read of a Gentile, under the authority of Sha'ul...

Gal 2:1 Then after fourteen years I again went up to Yerushalayim, this time with Bar-Nabba; and I took with me Titus.

Gal 2:2 I went up in obedience to a revelation, and I explained to them the Good News as I proclaim it among the Gentiles — but privately, to the acknowledged leaders. I did this out of concern that my current or previous work might have been in vain.

Gal 2:3 But they didn't force my Gentile companion Titus to undergo b'rit-milah.

Gal 2:4 Indeed, the question came up only because some men who pretended to be brothers had been sneaked in — they came in surreptitiously to spy out the freedom we have in the Messiah Yeshua, so that they might enslave us.

Gal 2:5 Not even for a minute did we give in to them, so that the truth of the Good News might be preserved for you.

Gal 2:6 Moreover, those who were the acknowledged leaders — what they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by outward appearances — these leaders added nothing to me.

Gal 2:7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the Good News for the Uncircumcised, just as Kefa had been for the Circumcised;

Gal 2:8 since the One working in Kefa to make him an emissary to the Circumcised had worked in me to make me an emissary to the Gentiles.

Sha'ul would write Titus a letter, instructing him...

Tit 1:4 To: Titus, a true son in the faith we share: Grace and shalom from God the Father and from the Messiah Yeshua, our Deliverer.

Tit 1:5 The reason I left you in Crete was so that you might attend to the matters still not in order and appoint congregation leaders in each city — those were my instructions.

The emissary to the Gentiles, Sha'ul instructs Titus to establish congregation leaders in the congregations planted by him.

The initial instruction given by Yeshua regarding the Gospel was to His Jewish Talmidim...

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

And on Shavuot, just prior to Yeshua ascension, He conveyed the following...

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

His Jewish talmidim were instructed to spread the message...that it would start in Yerushalayim and would extend into the nations.

We see Kefa on Shavuot, conveying one of the most powerful messages in Scripture (Acts 2:15 – 38)

We see Kefa going to the house of Cornelius, a Roman soldier and a Gentile...

Act 10:27 As he talked with him, Kefa went inside and found many people gathered.

Act 10:28 He said to them, "You are well aware that for a man who is a Jew to have close association with someone who belongs to another people, or to come and visit him, is something that just isn't done. But God has shown me not to call any person common or unclean;

We see Sha'ul conveying the Gospel message to the Jew first and also the ones he is called to, Gentiles. Throughout the book of Acts, starting in Acts 13.

Act 13:2 One time when they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Ruach HaKodesh said to them, "Set aside for me Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul for the work to which I have called them."

Act 13:3 After fasting and praying, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Act 13:4 So these two, after they had been sent out by the Ruach HaKodesh, went down to Seleucia and from there sailed to Cyprus.

Act 13:5 After landing in Salamis, they began proclaiming the word of God in the synagogues, with Yochanan (Mark) as an assistant;

Jews going into the synagogue to share the message of Messiah to those who were in attendance, Jews, God-fearers and anyone else who may have been there.

A Jewish message conveyed by Jewish talmidim to both Jewish and non-Jewish people.

Throughout Scripture we see Gentiles gravitating towards Jewish people when it comes to Adonai...

Zec 8:20 "Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'In the future, peoples and inhabitants of many cities will come;

Zec 8:21 the inhabitants of one city will travel to another and say, "We must go to ask Adonai's favor and consult Adonai-Tzva'ot. I'll go too."

Zec 8:22 Yes, many peoples and powerful nations will come to consult Adonai-Tzva'ot in Yerushalayim and to ask Adonai's favor.'

Zec 8:23 Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'When that time comes, ten men will take hold — speaking all the languages of the nations — will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you." ' ' "

The message of Messiah is Jewish centered, and yet He has made a way for the nations, for Gentiles to be part of His Kingdom. Yeshua is also the Savior of the World. (John 3:16)

Isa 11:10 On that day the root of Yishai, which stands as a banner for the peoples — the Goyim will seek him out, and the place where he rests will be glorious.

Isa 11:11 On that day Adonai will raise his hand again, a second time, to reclaim the remnant of his people who remain from Ashur, Egypt, Patros, Ethiopia, `Eilam, Shin`ar, Hamat and the islands in the sea.

Isa 11:12 He will hoist a banner for the Goyim, assemble the dispersed of Isra'el, and gather the scattered of Y'hudah from the four corners of the earth.

You have heard the saying “if it was easy, everyone would be doing it”

Yet, because it is hard, because it can be intimidating, we tend to let others do it.

In the first century, the Jewish objections were based on Yeshua being a threat to the order facilitated by the P'rushim. He was a threat to their well being, to their status quo. It was working for them, why fix it? Yet it wasn't working for everyone else. They had supplanted Adonai and instilled their own view of what honoring Adonai, living for Adonai and ultimately, worshiping Adonai was to be.

And yet, this isn't what Adonai wanted. We have seen Him throughout Scripture, including the New Covenant writings where Adonai rebukes His people and their practices. Ultimately, it is their violation of His mitzvot that draws His attention and through His people's persistence, leads to His anger. We have even see Yeshua get angry at the practices of His people – Matthew 23 anyone, the turning of the tables in the Temple (Matthew 21:12 – 13).

So, today, what are the objections to Yeshua...

- I'm a Jew
- He is the Christian God
- Who are you – you don't know Hebrew, what makes you think you can talk to me about the Hebrew Scriptures?
- If Yeshua is the Messiah and has come...”Where's the peace”, based on Isaiah 2:3 - 4

Isa 2:3 Many peoples will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of Adonai, to the house of the God of Ya`akov! He will teach us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For out of Tziyon will go forth Torah, the word of Adonai from Yerushalayim.

Isa 2:4 He will judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples. Then they will hammer their swords into plow-blades and their spears into pruning-knives; nations will not raise swords at each other, and they will no longer learn war.

Believe it or not, many of you here today, likely know the Scriptures better than they do. Approximately 70% of the Jewish population in North America is either secular or Reform. Secular in that they are what we call “non-practicing”

What is the worst that can happen?

For them it is rejection of Yeshua and therefore rejection of Adonai...

For you what is the worst that they can do to you?

If there is fear in witnessing to Jewish people because you don't feel equipped, that is a lie.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;

2Ti 3:17 thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work.

Sometimes Jewish people have been placed on a pedestal by Christians, where they are cherished when they “convert” to Christianity, taking on the mantle of the “token Jew” of the congregation.

and sometimes the roots of Replacement Theology rear their ugly head and deceive believers into thinking such false teachings as...

- The Jews have their own covenant (Dual Covenant Theology)
- God will deal with the Jewish people later, we don't need to do anything now.

Next week we will go into more detail, looking at Sha'ul's first recorded message in the synagogue.

Regardless of any scenario I have shared with you, you have the same authority to share the Good News of Messiah, to the Jewish person especially. No where in Scripture does it say Gentiles don't have to share the Good News with the Jewish people, considering Sha'ul conveys that it is because of your faith in the Jewish Messiah and how you live according to your faith that you will provoke the Jewish people to jealousy...

Rom 11:7 What follows is that Isra'el has not attained the goal for which she is striving. The ones chosen have obtained it, but the rest have been made stonelike,

Rom 11:8 just as the Tanakh says, "God has given them a spirit of dullness — eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear, right down to the present day."

Rom 11:9 And David says, "Let their dining table become for them a snare and a trap, a pitfall and a punishment.

Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they can't see, with their backs bent continually."

Rom 11:11 "In that case, I say, isn't it that they have stumbled with the result that they have permanently fallen away?" Heaven forbid! Quite the contrary, it is by means of their stumbling that the deliverance has come to the Gentiles, in order to provoke them to jealousy.

The power of the Ruach Ha Kodesh resides in you and is teaching you everything you need to know. Part of that teaching is directing you where to go to get that teaching you need for every good work. There is no greater good work than sharing the Jewish Messiah with the Jewish people. For the impact is enormous...

Rom 11:12 Moreover, if their stumbling is bringing riches to the world — that is, if Isra'el's being placed temporarily in a condition less favored than that of the Gentiles is bringing riches to the latter — how much greater riches will Isra'el in its fullness bring them!

Rom 11:13 However, to those of you who are Gentiles I say this: since I myself am an emissary sent to the Gentiles, I make known the importance of my work

Rom 11:14 in the hope that somehow I may provoke some of my own people to jealousy and save some of them!

Rom 11:15 For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

You are fully equipped, including receiving the power to do so.

All this means you have not been given a spirit of fear – this is not one of the fruits of the Spirit but is a tool of the adversary.

2Ti 1:1 From: Sha'ul, an emissary of the Messiah Yeshua by God's will, which holds forth a promise of life through being united with Messiah Yeshua

2Ti 1:2 To: Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and shalom from God the Father and the Messiah Yeshua, our Lord.

2Ti 1:3 I give thanks to God, whom, like my forbears, I worship with a clean conscience, as I regularly remember you in my prayers night and day.

2Ti 1:4 I am reminded of your tears, and I long to see you, so that I might be filled with joy.

2Ti 1:5 I recall your sincere trust, the same trust that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice had first; and I am convinced that you too now have this trust.

2Ti 1:6 For this reason, I am reminding you to fan the flame of God's gift, which you received through s'mikhah from me.

2Ti 1:7 For God gave us a Spirit who produces not timidity, but power, love and self-discipline.

When Adonai opens a door, a divine appointment, don't look to cancel or reschedule because of fear or uncertainty, but be bold and confident because you are not ashamed...

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

Rom 1:17 For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in his sight; and from beginning to end it is through trust — as the Tanakh puts it, "But the person who is righteous will live his life by trust."

It is a Jewish message for Jewish people that you have been commissioned to give. Gentiles sharing the Message of Messiah to the Jewish people. Don't pay attention to what everyone else does or says, but what Adonai has commissioned you to do.

There is a response to every objection. May the Ruach Ha Kodesh guide you with that response.