Notes: September 12, 2020

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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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, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah.

Introduction: His Faith Endures Forever

This summer we have toured the lives as recorded in Scripture of Avraham, Moshe, Noach, Y'hoshua, Kalev, Shlomo, Hizkiyahu, Gid'on and Sha'ul and even Y'hudah from K'riot. Each one offered us a unique perspective of their trust (or lack) of trust in Adonai. Imperfect in many ways, yet chosen by Adonai, intricately woven into His plan for His creation. We have gleaned much this summer, yet this is a season, a time where we needed to take a step back from all the upheavel in our lives and the world today and remember those that have come before us. A time to reafirm our faith, strengthen our trust in Adonai.

What about the one we have I have been encouraging you to place your faith, your trust in? What about Him?

Does Adonai's Faith Endure Forever?

David proclaims the following:

Psa 145:3 Great is Adonai and greatly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.

Psa 145:4 Each generation will praise your works to the next and proclaim your mighty acts.

David talks of Adonai's greatness and that each generation will praise His mighty acts.

Is Adonai great and thus greatly to be praise?

We have seen the actions of Adonai as recorded by Moshe, a direct witness not only to Adonai's Word, but to the action that would follow those Words.

We read of Moshe's encounter in the desert by the bush that would not be consumed where Adonai literally had to convince Moshe to go to Pharaoh. Adonai would convey to Moshe...

- Exo 3:19 I know that the king of Egypt will not let you leave unless he is forced to do so.
- Exo 3:20 But I will reach out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will do there. After that, he will let you go.
- Exo 3:21 Moreover, I will make the Egyptians so well-disposed toward this people that when you go, you won't go empty-handed.
- Exo 3:22 Rather, all the women will ask their neighbors and house guests for silver and gold jewelry and clothing, with which you will dress your own sons and daughters. In this way you will plunder the Egyptians."
- **Exo 6:1** Adonai said to Moshe, "Now you will see what I am going to do to Pharaoh. With a mighty hand he will send them off; with force he will drive them from the land!"
- Exo 6:2 God spoke to Moshe; he said to him, "I am Adonai.
- Exo 6:3 I appeared to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov as El Shaddai, although I did not make myself known to them by my name, Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [Adonai].
- Exo 6:4 Also with them I established my covenant to give them the land of Kena`an, the land where they wandered about and lived as foreigners.
- Exo 6:5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Isra'el, whom the Egyptians are keeping in slavery; and I have remembered my covenant.
- Exo 6:6 "Therefore, say to the people of Isra'el: 'I am Adonai. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.
- Exo 6:7 I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am Adonai your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians.

What would transpire upon these words being uttered by Adonai? Ten plagues, that is ten judgments executed by the God of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov...the God of their fathers, who conveyed to Moshe, I have seen what Egypt has been doing to you and I have heard your cries. Adonai, who saw and heard would respond based solely on the promise He made, first to Avraham...

- Gen 12:2 I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing.
- Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

To paraphrase, this is the glue that binds. It is this promise (the glue) that led to (bound) Adonai's action in response to His people's cries.

He promises Avraham that He would make Him a great nation a goy gadol. Gadol, translated as great ultimately does not necessarily mean great in size but rather great in nobility, power and might. What this nation lacks in as by the world's definition of greatness – size, is to be made up by influence and prominence. We must remember that there is a timetable here and we are not the keepers of time nor the manner by which events are to occur.

We see what Adonai had done to Egypt, thus keeping His Word to His people...

Exo 12:33 The Egyptians pressed to send the people out of the land quickly, because they said, "Otherwise we'll all be dead!"

Exo 12:35 The people of Isra'el had done what Moshe had said—they had asked the Egyptians to give them silver

and gold jewelry and clothing;

Exo 12:36 and Adonai had made the Egyptians so favorably disposed toward the people that they had let them have whatever they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

Even upon Egypt's pursuit of Isra'el they would once again succumb to the outstretched arm of Adonai...

Exo 14:30 On that day, Adonai saved Isra'el from the Egyptians; Isra'el saw the Egyptians dead on the shore.

Exo 14:31 When Isra'el saw the mighty deed that Adonai had performed against the Egyptians, the people feared Adonai, and they believed in Adonai and in his servant Moshe.

Exo 15:1 Then Moshe and the people of Isra'el sang this song to Adonai: "I will sing to Adonai, for he is highly exalted: the horse and its rider he threw in the sea.

Adonai was faithful to His promise to His people here. But, Rabbi, what is it you always tell us...follow Scripture and Scripture conveys...

Deu 19:15 "One witness alone will not be sufficient to convict a person of any offense or sin of any kind; the matter will be established only if there are two or three witnesses testifying against him.

We have read over the last two week's in Torah study and will see this week the result of what would happen to the nation upon defying Adonai's instructions, that is the Mitzah, the commandment, the chukim (laws) and mishpatim (rulings), Moshe conveys these Words of Adonai to the generation about to enter and take possession of the land originally promised to Avraham...

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;

We see these words come true through the Prophet Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) when Adonai speaks through him...

Jer 29:1 Following is the text of the letter Yirmeyahu the prophet sent from Yerushalayim to the leaders remaining in exile, as well as to the cohanim, the prophets and all the people N'vukhadnetzar had carried off captive from Yerushalayim to Bavel.

Carried off captive, to another land...did I just now share with you the result of what would transpire when the nation would experience the curse leading to exile...

Here is what was said by Adonai regarding His people's disobedience towards Him...

Lev 26:40 Then they will confess their misdeeds and those of their ancestors which they committed against me in their rebellion; they will admit that they went against me.

Lev 26:41 At that time I will be going against them, bringing them into the lands of their enemies. But if their uncircumcised hearts will grow humble, and they are paid the punishment for their misdeeds;

Lev 26:42 then I will remember my covenant with Ya`akov, also my covenant with Yitz'chak and my covenant with Avraham; and I will remember the land.

Lev 26:43 For the land will lie abandoned without them, and it will be paid its Shabbats while it lies desolate without them; and they will be paid the punishment for their misdeeds, because they rejected my rulings and loathed my regulations.

Lev 26:44 Yet, in spite of all that, I will not reject them when they are in the lands of their enemies, nor will I loathe them to the point of utterly destroying them and thus break my covenant with them, because I am Adonai their God.

Lev 26:45 Rather, for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt—with the nations watching—so that I might be their God; I am Adonai.' "

Lev 26:46 These are the laws, rulings and teachings that Adonai himself gave to the people of Isra'el on Mount Sinai through Moshe.

So, now we are at this point. Yirmeyahu is writing to those who reside in a foreign land. In other words, Adonai has executed judgment upon His people and removed them from the land because of their transgression.

Again, remember our Torah study and the thematics, To live by Torah brings life and the ability to live in the land, whereas to not live by Torah brings forth death and separation from the land.

Here are the contents of Adonai's letter through Yirmeyahu's (Jeremiah's) to the people:

Jer 29:4 "Here is what Adonai-Tzva'ot, the God of Isra'el, says to all those in exile, whom I have caused to be carried off captive from Yerushalayim to Bavel:

Jer 29:5 'Build yourselves houses, and live in them. Plant gardens, and eat what they produce.

Jer 29:6 Choose women to marry, and have sons and daughters. Choose wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage to men, so that they can have sons and daughters—increase your numbers there, don't decrease.

Jer 29:7 Seek the welfare of the city to which I have caused you to go in exile, and pray to Adonai on its behalf; for your welfare is bound up in its welfare.'

Jer 29:8 For this is what Adonai-Tzva'ot, the God of Isra'el, says: 'Don't let your prophets who are living among you and your diviners deceive you, and don't pay attention to the dreams you urge them to dream.

Jer 29:9 For they are prophesying falsely in my name; I have not sent them,' says Adonai.

Jer 29:10 "For here is what Adonai says: 'After Bavel's seventy years are over, I will remember you and fulfill my good promise to you by bringing you back to this place.

Jer 29:11 For I know what plans I have in mind for you,' says Adonai,'plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future.

Jer 29:12 When you call to me and pray to me, I will listen to you.

Jer 29:13 When you seek me, you will find me, provided you seek for me wholeheartedly;

Jer 29:14 and I will let you find me,' says Adonai. 'Then I will reverse your exile. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have driven you,' says Adonai, 'and bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.'

Seventy years they were to remain in captivity, under the authority of another king and another nation. This all permitted by Adonai in response to the nation's transgression towards Him.

Get comfortable, your going to be here for awhile. Have children; have your children marry and they have children. Keeping in mind they were to marry within their own nation, not the nation they were residing in.

Chronicles conveys the duration of time Isra'el will spend in exile and ultimately reveals the reason for the time spent in exile...

2Ch 36:17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Kasdim, who put their young men to the sword in the house of their sanctuary. They had no compassion on either young men or young women, old men or gray-haired; God handed all of them over to him.

2Ch 36:18 All the articles in the house of God, great and small; the supplies in the house of Adonai; and the supplies of the king and his leading men—all these he brought to Bavel.

2Ch 36:19 Then they burned down the house of God, broke down the wall of Yerushalayim, put to flames all its palaces and destroyed everything in it of worth.

2Ch 36:20 Those who had escaped the sword he carried off to Bavel, and they became slaves to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia.

2Ch 36:21 Thus was fulfilled the word of Adonai spoken by Yirmeyahu, "until the land has been paid her Shabbats"—for as long as it lay desolate, it kept Shabbat, until seventy years had passed.

Isra'el's sentence is 70 years.

Was Adonai faithful?

Ezr 1:1 In the first year of Koresh king of Persia, in order for the word of Adonai prophesied by Yirmeyahu to be fulfilled, Adonai stirred up the spirit of Koresh king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his whole kingdom, which he also put in writing, as follows:

Adonai stirred the spirit of Koresh (Cyrus) king of Persia to make a proclamation. The king did not do it on his own accord, but through Adonai as identified by Ezra when the prophesy of Yirmeyahu had been fulfilled.

Here is what the king was inspired to write...

Ezr 1:2 "Here is what Koresh king of Persia says: Adonai, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms on earth; and he has charged me to build him a house in Yerushalayim, in Y'hudah.

Ezr 1:3 Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! He may go up to Yerushalayim, in Y'hudah, and build the house of Adonai the God of Isra'el, the God who is in Yerushalayim.

Ezr 1:4 Let every survivor, no matter where he lives, be helped by his neighbors with silver, gold, goods and animals, in addition to the voluntary offering for the house of God in Yerushalayim."

Ezr 1:5 The heads of fathers' clans in Y'hudah and Binyamin, along with the cohanim, the L'vi'im, and indeed all whose spirit God had stirred, set out to go up and rebuild the house of Adonai in Yerushalayim.

Ezr 1:6 All their neighbors supported them by giving them articles of silver, gold, goods, animals, and valuables, besides all their voluntary offerings.

Ezr 1:7 In addition, Koresh the king brought out the vessels from the house of Adonai which N'vukhadnetzar had taken from Yerushalayim and put in the house of his god.

Two instances whereby Adonai has been faithful to His people, even though they were not truly diserving. In other words Adonai's favor was unmerited by His people.

Unmerited favor, I seem to have heard this before. Is this not how grace is defined?

Are we not seeing Adonai's faithfulness to His promise continue today?

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.

Are we not seeing prophecy in the process of being fulfilled by Adonai?

Is He not in the process of regathering His people back to the land promised by Him to Avraham? More Jewish people reside in the land today than at any time in history. Yet, He is not done yet, because there still remains a remnant scattered. A remnant that remains in the diaspora, the dispersion.

You are living in a time where Adonai is active in preparing the way for Yeshua's return. I will share more about that on Rosh Hashanah because these verses are prevalent.

So, I return to my questions...

Does Adonai's Faith Endure Forever?

Is Adonai great and thus greatly to be praise?

Give Thanks to the Lord, for He Is Good

- Psa 106:1 Halleluyah! Give thanks to Adonai; for he is good, for his grace continues forever.
- Psa 106:2 Who can express Adonai's mighty doings or proclaim in full his praise?
- Psa 106:3 How happy are those who act justly, who always do what is right!
- Psa 106:4 Remember me, Adonai, when you show favor to your people, keep me in mind when you save them;
- Psa 106:5 so I can see how well things are going with those whom you have chosen, so that I can rejoice in your nation's joy, and glory in your heritage.
- Psa 106:6 Together with our ancestors, we have sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly.
- Psa 106:7 Our ancestors in Egypt failed to grasp the meaning of your wonders. They didn't keep in mind your great deeds of grace but rebelled at the sea, at the Sea of Suf.
- Psa 106:8 Yet he saved them for his own name's sake, to make known his mighty power.
- Psa 106:9 He rebuked the Sea of Suf, and it dried up; he led them through its depths as through a desert.
- Psa 106:10 He saved them from hostile hands, redeemed them from the power of the foe.
- Psa 106:11 The water closed over their adversaries; not one of them was left.
- Psa 106:12 Then they believed his words, and they sang his praise.
- Psa 106:13 But soon they forgot his deeds and wouldn't wait for his counsel.
- Psa 106:14 In the desert they gave way to insatiable greed; in the wastelands they put God to the test.
- Psa 106:15 He gave them what they wanted but sent meagerness into their souls.
- Psa 106:16 In the camp they were jealous of Moshe and Aharon, Adonai's holy one.
- Psa 106:17 The earth opened up and swallowed Datan and closed over Aviram's allies.
- Psa 106:18 A fire blazed out against that group, the flames consumed the wicked.
- Psa 106:19 In Horev they fashioned a calf, they worshipped a cast metal image.
- Psa 106:20 Thus they exchanged their Glory for the image of an ox that eats grass!
- Psa 106:21 They forgot God, who had saved them, who had done great things in Egypt,
- Psa 106:22 wonders in the land of Ham, fearsome deeds by the Sea of Suf.
- Psa 106:23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, [and he would have,] had not Moshe his chosen one stood before him in the breach to turn back his destroying fury.
- Psa 106:24 Next, they rejected the beautiful land, they didn't trust his promise;
- Psa 106:25 and they complained in their tents, they didn't obey Adonai.
- Psa 106:26 Therefore, raising his hand, he swore to them that he would strike them down in the desert

- Psa 106:27 and strike down their descendants among the nations, dispersing them in foreign lands.
- Psa 106:28 Now they joined themselves to Ba'al-P'or and ate meat sacrificed to dead things.
- Psa 106:29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their deeds, so that a plague broke out among them.
- Psa 106:30 Then Pinchas stood up and executed judgment; so the plague was checked.
- Psa 106:31 That was credited to him as righteousness, through all generations forever.
- Psa 106:32 They angered him at the M'rivah Spring, and Moshe suffered on their account;
- Psa 106:33 for when they embittered his spirit, [Moshe] spoke up without thinking.
- Psa 106:34 They failed to destroy the peoples, as Adonai had ordered them to do,
- Psa 106:35 but mingled with the nations and learned to follow their ways.
- Psa 106:36 They went on to serve their idols, which became a snare for them.
- Psa 106:37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.
- Psa 106:38 Yes, they shed innocent blood, the blood of their own sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to Kena'an's false gods, polluting the land with blood.
- Psa 106:39 Thus they were defiled by their deeds; they prostituted themselves by their actions.
- Psa 106:40 For this Adonai's fury blazed up against his people, and he detested his heritage.
- Psa 106:41 He handed them over to the power of the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them.
- Psa 106:42 Their enemies oppressed them and kept them in subjection to their power.
- Psa 106:43 Many times [God] rescued them, but they kept making plans to rebel. Thus they were brought low by their own wrongdoing.
- Psa 106:44 Still he took pity on their distress whenever he heard their cry.
- Psa 106:45 For their sakes he kept in mind his covenant and in his limitless grace relented,
- Psa 106:46 causing them to be treated with compassion by all who had taken them captive.
- Psa 106:47 Save us, Adonai our God! Gather us from among the nations, so that we can thank your holy name and glory in praising you.
- Psa 106:48 Blessed be Adonai, the God of Isra'el, from eternity past to eternity future. Now let all the people say, "Amen! Halleluyah!"
- Psa 117:1 Praise Adonai, all you nations! Worship him, all you peoples!
- Psa 117:2 For his grace has overcome us, and Adonai's truth continues forever. Halleluyah!

His Faith Endures Forever

His Mercy Endures Forever

His Word Endures Forever

For which we can all say with confidence...

Kiy l'olam chas'do – for His lovingkindness endures forever.