

Notes: Shabbat – January 21 2017

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and greet
2. Introduction
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4. Liturgy – Ma to vu, Sh'ma, Avenu
5. Music
6. Message
7. Time of prayer
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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.*

Title: Israel, Where Are Your Accusers?

Last week I talked about Israel on trial, as a nation and its present day right to exist in the land, eretz Israel. Yet, there is so much animosity throughout the world towards this one little nation, comprising six million Jewish people, less than 1/10 of one percent of the world population. You would think the noise generated by the nations would indicate an enormous world threat, yet Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. They are most certainly an exception rather than the rule of the Middle East. Yet given the oxygen consumed over Israel and its right to exist, you would think them to be a world threat.

This people have been in a position of prominence and been persecuted. They have been revered and reviled, yet throughout the millennia they not only still exist, but are thriving. All in spite of the target on their backs.

This tiny nation today, is doing all it can do to defend itself from the threat of terror all around and has not once promoted an expansionist agenda.

So, where is the threat?

The threat is not of this world, yet is being waged in this world.

Eph 6:12 For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.

Our adversary is deeply threatened by the reemergence of Israel's place on the map and the Jewish people, because of Adonai's covenants and the promises associated with them. So, long as the Jewish people are on the face of the earth, the adversary's days are numbered.

Jer 31:35 (31:34) This is what Adonai says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar — Adonai-Tzva'ot is his name:

Jer 31:36 (31:35) "If these laws leave my presence," says Adonai, "then the offspring of Isra'el will stop being a nation in my presence forever."

Jer 31:37 (31:36) This is what Adonai says: "If the sky above can be measured and the foundations of the earth be fathomed, then I will reject all the offspring of Isra'el for all that they have done," says Adonai.

So, rather, than harp on this reality, for which I have talked about many times before, I want to focus on

Where are your accusers?

Where are your adversaries?

This small nation has existed since their exodus from the land of Egypt and their first accuser, their first adversary, Pharaoh

Exo 1:10 Come, let's use wisdom in dealing with them. Otherwise, they'll continue to multiply; and in the event of war they might ally themselves with our enemies, fight against us and leave the land altogether."

Exo 1:11 So they put slavemasters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built for Pharaoh the storage cities of Pitom and Ra`amses.

Exo 1:12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, until the Egyptians came to dread the people of Isra'el

Exo 1:13 and worked them relentlessly,

Exo 1:14 making their lives bitter with hard labor — digging clay, making bricks, all kinds of field work; and in all this toil they were shown no mercy.

It would be that Adonai would hear the cries of His people...

Exo 2:23 Sometime during those many years the king of Egypt died, but the people of Isra'el still groaned under the yoke of slavery, and they cried out, and their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God.

Exo 2:24 God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov.

Exo 2:25 God saw the people of Isra'el, and God acknowledged them.

After 9 plagues of judgment against Egypt and Pharaoh, In this week's Parashah, Bo, Adonai says this...

Exo 11:1 Adonai said to Moshe, "I'm going to bring still one more plague on Pharaoh and Egypt, and after that he will let you leave here. When he does let you go, he will throw you out completely!

Exo 11:2 Now tell the people that every man is to ask his neighbor and every woman her neighbor for gold and silver jewelry."

Exo 11:3 Adonai made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people. Moreover, Moshe was regarded by Pharaoh's servants and the people as a very great man in the land of Egypt.

Exo 11:4 Moshe said, "Here is what Adonai says: 'About midnight I will go out into Egypt,

Exo 11:5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the slave-girl at the handmill, and all the firstborn of the livestock.

Exo 11:6 There will be a horrendous wailing throughout all the land of Egypt — there has never been another like it, and there never will be again.

And in chapter 12 we will see this executed to the point that Israel is told to leave...

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.

It was this final plague, this final judgment that brought Egypt to its knees and to this day has never truly been the world power it once was.

Israel, where is your accuser, where is your adversary, where is your oppressor?

Daniel, in two chapters (2 & 7) talks of four kingdoms...

The following interpretation represents a traditional view of [Jewish](#) and Christian [Historicists](#), [Futurists](#), [Dispensationalists](#), [Partial Preterists](#), and other futuristic Jewish and Christian hybrids, as well as certain [Messianic Jews](#), who typically identify the kingdoms in Daniel (with variations) as:

1. the [Babylonian Empire](#)
2. the [Medo-Persian Empire](#), becoming the Assyrian Empire
3. the [Greek Empire](#) of Alexander
4. the [Roman Empire](#), with other implications to come later

Dan 2:37 Your majesty, king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory;

Dan 2:38 so that wherever people, wild animals or birds in the air live, he has handed them over to you and enabled you to rule them all — you are the head of gold.

Dan 2:39 But after you another kingdom will rise, inferior to you; then a third kingdom, of bronze, which will rule the whole world.

Dan 2:40 The fourth kingdom will be as strong as iron. Iron can break anything into pieces, pulverize it and crush it. So just as iron can crush anything, this kingdom will break the other kingdoms into pieces and crush them.

Dan 2:41 Finally, you saw the feet and toes made partly of pottery clay and partly of iron; this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the firmness of iron, since you saw the iron mixed with clay from the ground.

Dan 2:42 Just as the toes of the feet were part iron and part clay, this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

See also Daniel chapter 7

To where the Babylonian empire, would be used by Adonai to invoke judgment upon His people...

Jer 51:9 "We tried to heal Bavel, but she cannot be healed. So leave her alone, and each of us will return to his own country." For the judgment against her rises to the skies and reaches even the clouds.

Jer 51:10 Adonai has brought forth our victory. Come, let us proclaim in Tziyon the work of Adonai our God!

But, they went too far...

Jer 51:20 "[Bavel] you are my war club and weapons of war — with you I shatter nations; with you I destroy kingdoms;

Jer 51:21 with you I shatter horses and their riders; with you I shatter chariots and their drivers;

Jer 51:22 with you I shatter husbands and wives; with you I shatter old and young; with you I shatter young men and virgins;

Jer 51:23 with you I shatter shepherds and their flocks; with you I shatter farmers and their teams; with you I shatter governors and deputies.

Jer 51:24 "But I will repay Bavel and all living in the land of the Kasdim for all the evil they did in Tziyon," says Adonai, "before your eyes [Y'hudah]."

Jer 51:25 "I am against you, destructive mountain, destroying all the earth," says Adonai. "I will stretch out my hand against you, to send you tumbling down from the crags and make you a burned-out mountain.

Jer 51:37 Bavel will become a heap of ruins, a place for jackals to live, an object of horror and hissing, with no one living there.

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To where Bavel is absorbed by the Assyrian empire, who too will be judged...

Isa 10:1 Woe to those who enact unjust decrees and draft oppressive legislation

Isa 10:2 to deprive the impoverished of justice and rob my people's poor of their rights, looting widows and preying on orphans!

Isa 10:3 What will you do on the day of punishment, when calamity comes from afar? To whom will you flee for

help? Where will you leave your wealth,
Isa 10:4 so as not to squat among the prisoners or fall among the slain? Even after all this, his anger remains, his upraised hand still threatens.
Isa 10:5 "Oh Ashur, the rod expressing my anger! The club in their hands is my fury!"

To where the Assyrian empire would be consumed by the Greek Empire, whose influence is still felt today, yet yields no power.

The Greeks, who introduced their language to the world, for which The Hebrew Scripture were translated and the New Covenant writings were composed. To which the structure of our government and judicial system originated. This empire is still remembered for its many contributions to the world and remains a lasting influences, yet we are reminded every year during Hanukkah of the oppression, mocking and suppression we experienced as a people.

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The fall of the Greek Empire would give rise to the Roman Empire...the "iron" in Daniel's vision. The impact of this Empire is seen through the New Covenant writings and their dominance over the Jewish people...

Luk 2:1 Around this time, Emperor Augustus issued an order for a census to be taken throughout the Empire.

Mat 22:17 So tell us your opinion: does Torah permit paying taxes to the Roman Emperor or not?"

We see throughout the New Covenant writings that Israel is not sovereign, in and of itself, but is subjected to Roman authority.

Act 1:6 When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?"

Even though Rome would be the ones who would expel Israel and the Jewish people from their land, this empire exists no more, to where we can ask...

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From the Crusades to the Inquisitions...

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Czarist Russia:

For much of the 19th century, Imperial [Russia](#), which included much of Poland, contained the world's largest Jewish population. From [Alexander III's](#) reign until the end of [Tsarist](#) rule in [Russia](#), many Jews were often restricted to the Jewish [Pale of Settlement](#), and banned from many jobs and locations. They were subject to racist laws, like the [May Laws](#), and were targeted in hundreds of violent anti-Jewish riots, called [pogroms](#), that had unofficial state support. It was during this period that a hoax document alleging a global Jewish [conspiracy](#), "[The Protocols of the Elders of Zion](#)", was created.

The Czarist government implemented programs that ensured the Jews remained isolated. However, the government tolerated their religious and national institutions and right to emigrate. The restrictions and discriminatory laws drove many Russian Jews to embrace liberal and [socialist](#) causes. However, following the [Russian Revolution](#) many politically active Jews forfeited their Jewish identity.^[29] According to [Leon Trotsky](#),

Soviet Union:

Even though many of the [Old Bolsheviks](#) were ethnically Jewish, they sought to uproot [Judaism](#) and [Zionism](#) and established the [Yevsektsiya](#) to achieve this goal. By the end of the 1940s the [Communist](#) leadership of the former [USSR](#) had liquidated almost all Jewish organizations, with the exception of a few [token synagogues](#).

These synagogues were then placed under police surveillance, both openly and through the use of informants. The campaign of 1948–1953 against so-called "[rootless cosmopolitans](#)," the alleged "[Doctors' plot](#)," the rise of "[Zionology](#)" and subsequent activities of official organizations such as the [Anti-Zionist committee of the Soviet public](#) were officially carried out under the banner of "[anti-Zionism](#)," and by the mid-1950s the state persecution of Soviet Jews emerged as a major [human rights](#) issue in the West as well as domestically.

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Nazi Germany:

Persecution of Jews reached its most destructive form in the policies of [Nazi Germany](#), which made the destruction of the Jews a priority, culminating in the killing of approximately 6,000,000 Jews during [the Holocaust](#) from 1941 to 1945.^[23] Originally, the Nazis used death squads, the [Einsatzgruppen](#), to conduct massive open-air killings of Jews in territory they conquered. By 1942, the Nazi leadership decided to implement the [Final Solution](#), the [genocide](#) of the Jews of [Europe](#), and to increase the pace of the Holocaust by establishing [extermination camps](#) specifically to kill Jews as well as other undesirables such as people who openly opposed Hitler.^{[24][25]}

This was an industrial method of genocide. Millions of Jews who had been confined to diseased and massively overcrowded [ghettos](#) were transported (often by train) to [death camps](#), where some were herded into a specific location (often a [gas chamber](#)), then killed with either gassing or shooting. Other prisoners simply committed suicide, unable to go on after witnessing the horrors of camp life. Afterwards, their bodies were often searched for any valuable or useful materials, such as [gold](#) fillings or [hair](#), and their remains were then buried in mass graves or burned. Others were interned in the camps where they were given little food and disease was common.^[26]

Escapes from the camps were few, but not unknown. The few [Auschwitz](#) escapes that succeeded were made possible by the Polish underground inside the camp and local people outside.^[27] In 1940, the Auschwitz commandant reported that "the local population is fanatically Polish and ... prepared to take any action against the hated [SS](#) camp personnel. Every prisoner who managed to escape can count on help the moment he reaches the wall of a first Polish farmstead.

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

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Where are they?

They are all gone. Their once prominent existence is either a memory recorded by history or an existence that pales in comparison to its once prominent position in the world.

With the rise of radical Islamic terrorism and the adversarial relationship with the United Nations, they too will lie by the wayside of all these accusers, adversaries and oppressors of Israel.

Joh 8:1 But Yeshua went to the Mount of Olives.

Joh 8:2 At daybreak, he appeared again in the Temple Court, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

Joh 8:3 The Torah-teachers and the P'rushim brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery and made her stand in the center of the group.

Joh 8:4 Then they said to him, "Rabbi, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.

Joh 8:5 Now in our Torah, Moshe commanded that such a woman be stoned to death. What do you say about it?"

Joh 8:6 They said this to trap him, so that they might have ground for bringing charges against him; but Yeshua bent down and began writing in the dust with his finger.

Joh 8:7 When they kept questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "The one of you who is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

Joh 8:8 Then he bent down and wrote in the dust again.

Joh 8:9 On hearing this, they began to leave, one by one, the older ones first, until he was left alone, with the woman still there.

Joh 8:10 Standing up, Yeshua said to her, "Where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

Joh 8:11 She said, "No one, sir." Yeshua said, "Neither do I condemn you. Now go, and don't sin any more."

Who is this woman?

A woman of harlotry...

Hos 1:2 Adonai's opening words in speaking to Hoshea were to instruct Hoshea, "Go, marry a whore, and have children with this whore; for the land is engaged in flagrant whoring, whoring away from Adonai."

to a woman restored...

Hos 1:10 (2:1) "Nevertheless, the people of Isra'el will number as many as the grains of sand by the sea, which cannot be measured or counted; so that the time will come when, instead of being told, 'You are not my people,' it will be said to them, 'You are the children of the living God.'

Hos 1:11 (2:2) Then the people of Y'hudah and the people of Isra'el will be gathered together; they will appoint for themselves one leader; and they will go up out of the land; for that will be a great day, *[the day]* of Yizre`el.

Hos 14:1 (14:2) Return, Isra'el, to Adonai your God, for your guilt has made you stumble.

Hos 14:2 (14:3) Take words with you, and return to Adonai; say to him, "Forgive all guilt, and accept what is good; we will pay instead of bulls *[the offerings of]* our lips.

Hos 14:3 (14:4) Ashur (Assyria) will not save us, we will not ride on horses, and we will no longer call what we made with our hands our gods. For it is only in you that the fatherless can find mercy."

Hos 14:4 (14:5) "I will heal their disloyalty, I will love them freely; for my anger has turned from him.

Hos 14:5 (14:6) I will be like dew to Isra'el; he will blossom like a lily and strike roots like the L'vanon.

Hos 14:6 (14:7) His branches will spread out, his beauty be like an olive tree and his fragrance like the L'vanon.

Hos 14:7 (14:8) Again they will live in his shade and raise grain; they will blossom like a vine, and its aroma will be like the wine of the L'vanon.

Hos 14:8 (14:9) Efrayim *[will say]*, 'What have I to do any more with idols?' And I, I answer and affirm him; I am like a fresh, green cypress tree; your fruitfulness comes from me."

Hos 14:9 (14:10) Let the wise understand these things, and let the discerning know them. For the ways of Adonai are straight, And the righteous walk in them, but in them sinners stumble.

Isa 49:13 Sing, heaven! Rejoice, earth! Break out in song, you mountains! For Adonai is comforting his people, having mercy on his own who have suffered.

Isa 49:14 "But Tziyon says, 'Adonai has abandoned me, Adonai has forgotten me.'

Isa 49:15 Can a woman forget her child at the breast, not show pity on the child from her womb? Even if these were to forget, I would not forget you.

Isa 49:16 I have engraved you on the palms of my hands, your walls are always before me."

Isa 49:17 Your children are coming quickly, your destroyers and plunderers are leaving and going.

Isa 49:18 Raise your eyes, and look around: they are all gathering and coming to you. Adonai swears: "As surely as I am alive, you will wear them all like jewels, adorn yourself with them like a bride."

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of Adonai Elohim is upon me, because Adonai has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound in the dark;

Isa 61:2 to proclaim the year of the favor of Adonai and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,

Isa 61:3 yes, provide for those in Tziyon who mourn, giving them garlands instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a heavy spirit, so that they will be called oaks of

righteousness planted by Adonai, in which he takes pride.

Isa 61:4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins, restore sites long destroyed; they will renew the ruined cities, destroyed many generations ago.

Isa 61:5 Strangers will stand and feed your flocks, foreigners plow your land and tend your vines;

Isa 61:6 but you will be called cohanim of Adonai, spoken of as ministers to our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and revel in their riches.

Isa 61:7 Because of your shame, which was doubled, and because they cried, "They deserve disgrace," therefore in their land what they own will be doubled, and joy forever will be theirs.

Isa 61:8 "For I, Adonai, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offerings. So I will be faithful to reward them and make an eternal covenant with them."

Isa 61:9 Their descendants will be known among the nations, their offspring among the peoples; all who see them will acknowledge that they are the seed Adonai has blessed.

Isa 61:10 I am so joyful in Adonai! My soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in salvation, dressed me with a robe of triumph, like a bridegroom wearing a festive turban, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

Isa 61:11 For just as the earth brings forth its plants, or a garden makes its plants spring up, so Adonai, God, will cause victory and glory to spring up before all nations.

Rev 12:1 Now a great sign was seen in heaven — a woman clothed with the sun, under her feet the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

*The **woman** is not Miryam, Yeshua's mother, but Israel, in its normal sense, the Jewish people, because the imagery is from [Isa 66:7-10](#) (compare also [Isa 26:17](#), [Mic 4:10](#)). Because of [Rev 12:17](#) this cannot be the "extended Israel" concept which includes Gentile Christians (see [Rev 7:4](#) on "from every tribe of the sons of Israel").*

*Although Israel is on earth, Yochanan sees her **in heaven**, symbolizing the fact that God protects and preserves the Jews; this is made more explicit at [Rev 12:6](#), [Rev 12:13-16](#). Moreover, Mikha'el is Israel's angelic protector ([Rev 12:7](#)). There is an obvious resemblance between the woman and "heavenly Jerusalem" ([Gal 4:26](#), [Heb 12:22-24](#)).*

Twelve stars. *Some think this means the twelve signs of the zodiac. While writers draw on materials from their own culture, and Judaism became embroiled with astrology well before Yochanan lived, it is clear that his purposes have nothing to do with astrology. At 21:12-14 the number twelve refers to the tribes of Israel and the emissaries of Yeshua, and this understanding is adequate to the context here too.*

Source – David Stern's New Covenant Commentary

Mat 13:10 Then the talmidim came and asked Yeshua, "Why are you speaking to them in parables?"

Mat 13:11 He answered, "Because it has been given to you to know the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but it has not been given to them.

This woman in Revelation 12, although not a parable is a representation of Israel and her relationship with Adonai. There have been many false teachings regarding Israel and her place in the Kingdom of Adonai. It is important that you understand these secrets of the Kingdom, because they have been given to you.

Yet, this woman, similar to the woman whom Yeshua encountered in Yochanan chapter 8 during Sukkot is a representation of Israel and the Jewish people. The same question Yeshua asked this woman "where are your accusers?" will be asked of Israel when they return to Adonai, having accepted Yeshua as King and Redeemer.