

Notes: June 9, 2018

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Shabbat Shalom – Service Begins
2. Prayer for America and it's Leadership
3. Children's Song:
4. Children's Lesson:
5. Children's Blessing and Dismissal to Class
6. Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer
7. Matovu
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9. Name of God For the Week:
10. Liturgy
11. Prayer
12. Worship in Music and Dance
13. Rabbi Stephen's Message: *Beit Yeshua vs. Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai*
14. Kiddush

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: Miracles

Video Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8i3uIz7hoYs>

Additional Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDLuvJUww2Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NJEiTNGUKw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gL-AWtJ5tFU>

Definition:

- A surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.
- A highly improbable or extraordinary event, development, or accomplishment that brings very welcome consequences.

What this video conveys is Adonai performing miracles, surprising and welcomed events that led to the unification of Jerusalem for the first time in approximately 1900 years and now controlled by the Jewish people. Thus establishing the fulfillment of another prophecy, this time from the New Covenant...

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.

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 [Sirach 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 28:64 Adonai will scatter you among all peoples from one end of the earth to the other, and there you will serve other gods, made of wood and stone, which neither you nor your ancestors have known.

Deu 28:65 Among these nations you will not find repose, and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot; rather Adonai will give you there anguish of heart, dimness of eyes and apathy of spirit.

Deu 28:66 Your life will hang in doubt before you; you will be afraid night and day and have no assurance that you will stay alive.

...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 Psalm 79:

Psa 79:1 *[A psalm of Asaf:]* God, the pagans have entered your heritage. They have defiled your holy temple and turned Yerushalayim into rubble.

Psa 79:2 They have given the corpses of your servants as food for the birds in the air, yes, the flesh of those faithful to you for the wild animals of the earth.

Psa 79:3 All around Yerushalayim they have shed their blood like water, and no one is left to bury them.

Psa 79:4 We suffer the taunts of our neighbors, we are mocked and scorned by those around us.

And Isaiah 63:

Isa 63:17 Adonai, why do you let us wander from your ways and harden our hearts, so that we do not fear you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes who are your possession.

Isa 63:18 Your holy people held your sanctuary such a short time, before our adversaries trampled it down.

Isa 63:19 For so long we have been like those you never ruled, like those who were not called by your name!

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, Tzipori, 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.)

Yet, even though a small remnant remained in the land, it was most certainly not in the hands of the Jewish people. Another expulsion from the land, this time for lack of faith concluding approximately 40 years after the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua, leading to atonement, forgiveness of sin.

This time, it wasn't hundreds of years of warning and Adonai's patience in waiting for His people to repent and return to Him. It was 40 years and then came judgment.

In their exile from the land...

- 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.

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";

Does this not epitomize the very definition of a miracle...

- A surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.

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.

Yet how can one truly deny what occurred during 6 days in June in 1967 as anything other than Adonai's providence.

Those who adhere to Replacement theology-also called Covenant theology, Dominion theology, Kingdom Now theology, Christian Reconstructionism, 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 relating to Israel and the Jewish people 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)

What can be said about such miraculous occurrences during these six days in 1967...

After nearly 1800 years of silence Adonai moves by reestablishing Israel's presence on the map through the words of 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.

And less than 20 years later would reunite her capital, thus bring to life the words of Yeshua...

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.

Such profound occurrences, they in themselves are miracles. It was a foregone conclusion that Israel was of the past, with no prospect of returning to the map, at least by those in the church. Yet, Adonai as during the first time the Jewish people were removed from the land made this promise through Jeremiah...

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.

Those plans haven't changed but are a continuation of Adonai's Plan whereby Israel is to be a light to the nations.

Isa 49:5 So now Adonai says — he formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Ya`akov back to him, to have Isra'el gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the sight of Adonai, my God having become my strength —

Isa 49:6 he has said, "It is not enough that you are merely my servant to raise up the tribes of Ya`akov and restore the offspring of Isra'el. I will also make you a light to the nations, so my salvation can spread to the ends of the earth."

This hasn't changed because Adonai's connection to Israel, Adonai's people and Israel, Adonai's land for the people has not changed. Adonai has done some profound things when the Jewish people were in the land.

They were in the land when Adonai made David king. A king whose throne would be the point of origin for one whose Kingdom would never end:

2Sa 7:7 Everywhere I traveled with all the people of Isra'el, did I ever speak a word to any of the tribes of Isra'el, whom I ordered to shepherd my people Isra'el, asking, "Why haven't you built me a cedar-wood house?" '

2Sa 7:8 "Therefore say this to my servant David that this is what Adonai-Tzva'ot says: 'I took you from the sheep-yards, from following the sheep, to make you chief over my people, over Isra'el.

2Sa 7:9 I have been with you wherever you went; I have destroyed all your enemies ahead of you; and I am making your reputation great, like the reputations of the greatest people on earth.

2Sa 7:10 I will assign a place to my people Isra'el; I will plant them there, so that they can live in their own place without being disturbed any more. The wicked will no longer oppress them, as they did at the beginning,

2Sa 7:11 and as they did from the time I ordered judges to be over my people Isra'el; instead, I will give you rest from all your enemies. " Moreover, Adonai tells you that Adonai will make you a house.

2Sa 7:12 When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership.

2Sa 7:13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.

They were in the land when Yeshua was born. They were in the land when Yochanan first proclaimed to the people:

Mat 3:1 It was during those days that Yochanan the Immerser arrived in the desert of Y'hudah and began proclaiming the message,

Mat 3:2 "Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"

and later by Yeshua...

Mat 4:17 From that time on, Yeshua began proclaiming, "Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"

It was while Israel was in the land that Adonai would redeem His people for one last time...once and for all through the death, burial and resurrection of Messiah.

The message of the Gospel would originate while Israel was in the land, and be transmitted to the ends of the earth.

Further amplifying the words of Sha'ul...

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.

Luke 21:24 involves Israel and the land, not a condition for the "rapture to occur" This view is a product of replacement theology. When Israel was absent from the world's stage, a different understanding had to be established in order to reconcile this promise conveyed by Yeshua.

"Yeshua would return once the Gospel has gone throughout all the world and the last Gentile God had planned to save would bring an end to the age of the Gentiles, in other words, the Church age. Yet absent from this premise are Israel and the Jewish people for whom prophecy centers around.

A sign of Adonai can take the form of a miracle. Consider Yeshua's answer to Yochanan the Immerser:

Mat 11:2 Meanwhile, Yochanan the Immerser, who had been put in prison, heard what the Messiah had been doing; so he sent a message to him through his talmidim,

Mat 11:3 asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for someone else?"

Mat 11:4 Yeshua answered, "Go and tell Yochanan what you are hearing and seeing —

Mat 11:5 the blind are seeing again, the lame are walking, people with tzara`at are being cleansed, the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised, the Good News is being told to the poor —

Mat 11:6 and how blessed is anyone not offended by me!"

Yeshua's answer is also in code. He refers to prophecies in the book of Isaiah of six signs which the Messiah will give when he comes: he will make the blind see (Isa 29:18, Isa 35:5), make the lame walk (Isa 35:6, Isa 61:1), cleanse lepers (Isa 61:1), make the deaf hear (Isa 29:18, Isa 35:5), raise the dead (implied in Isa 11:1-2 but not made specific), and evangelize the poor (Isa 61:1-2 in the light of Mat 4:23 above). Since he has done all these things (chapters 8-9), the message should be clear: Yeshua is the one; Yochanan need not look for another.

From Miracle comes the word miraculous. These signs that Yeshua performed were nothing short of miraculous in relation to our own experience and understanding.

- Occurring through divine or supernatural intervention, or manifesting such power.
- Highly improbable and extraordinary and bringing very welcome consequences.

Similar to the definition for miracle.

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Here are a few other miracles as described by Scripture...

Exo 7:8 Adonai said to Moshe and Aharon,

Exo 7:9 "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' tell Aharon to take his staff and throw it down in front of Pharaoh, so that it can become a snake."

Exo 7:10 Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and did this, as Adonai had ordered — Aharon threw down his staff in front of Pharaoh and his servants, and it turned into a snake.

Exo 7:11 But Pharaoh in turn called for the sages and sorcerers; and they too, the magicians of Egypt, did the same thing, making use of their secret arts.

Exo 7:12 Each one threw his staff down, and they turned into snakes. But Aharon's staff swallowed up theirs.

Exo 7:13 Nevertheless, Pharaoh was made hardhearted; and he didn't listen to them, as Adonai had said would happen.

Jer 21:1 This is the word that came to Yirmeyahu from Adonai when King Tzidkiyahu sent to him Pash'chur the son of Malkiyah and Tz'fanyah the son of Ma`aseiyah with this message:

Jer 21:2 "Please consult Adonai for us, because N'vukhadretzar king of Bavel is making war on us. Maybe Adonai will perform a miracle for us and cause him to withdraw."

Jer 21:3 Yirmeyahu answered them, "Here is what you are to tell Tzidkiyahu:

Jer 21:4 'This is what Adonai, the God of Isra'el, says: "I will make the weapons of war that you have in your hands ineffectual in your fight against the king of Bavel and the Kasdim who are outside the walls besieging you. Instead, I will gather them inside this city;

Jer 21:5 and I myself will fight against you with my hand stretched out and with a strong arm, in anger, rage and great fury.

Mar 9:38 Yochanan said to him, "Rabbi, we saw a man expelling demons in your name; and because he wasn't one of us, we told him to stop."

Mar 9:39 But Yeshua said, "Don't stop him, because no one who works a miracle in my name will soon after be able to say something bad about me.

Mar 9:40 For whoever is not against us is for us.

A sign

Joh 6:10 Yeshua said, "Have the people sit down." There was a lot of grass there, so they sat down. The number of men was about five thousand.

Joh 6:11 Then Yeshua took the loaves of bread, and, after making a b'rakhah, gave to all who were sitting there, and likewise with the fish, as much as they wanted.

Joh 6:12 After they had eaten their fill, he told his talmidim, "Gather the leftover pieces, so that nothing gets wasted."

Joh 6:13 They gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

Joh 6:14 When the people saw the miracle he had performed, they said, "This has to be 'the prophet' who is supposed to come into the world."

Joh 12:15 "Daughter of Tziyon, don't be afraid! Look! your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

Joh 12:16 His talmidim did not understand this at first; but after Yeshua had been glorified, then they remembered that the Tanakh said this about him, and that they had done this for him.

Joh 12:17 The group that had been with him when he called El`azar out of the tomb and raised him from the dead had been telling about it.

Joh 12:18 It was because of this too that the crowd came out to meet him — they had heard that he had performed this miracle.

Act 4:13 When they saw how bold Kefa and Yochanan were, even though they were untrained `am-ha'aretz, they were amazed; also they recognized them as having been with Yeshua.

Act 4:14 Moreover, since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there beside them, there was nothing they could say to discredit the healing.

Act 4:15 So they told them to step away from the Sanhedrin while they discussed the matter privately.

Act 4:16 "What can we do with these men?" they asked each other. "Why, anyone in Yerushalayim can see that a remarkable miracle has come about through them — we can't possibly deny that.

Act 4:17 But to prevent it from spreading any further among the people, let's warn them not to speak any more to anyone in this name."

Act 4:18 So they called them in again and ordered them under no circumstances to speak or teach in the name of Yeshua.

Act 4:19 But Kefa and Yochanan answered, "You must judge whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than God.

Act 4:20 As for us, we can't help talking about what we have actually seen and heard."