

Notes: October 15, 2016

Start: 10 AM

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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: Our Ten Week Journey

Ten weeks ago, we began a journey that interestingly began on a very significant day in Israel's history. Our journey began with Deuteronomy 1:1, the very parasha that is read for Tisha B'av, Israel's worst day in History. On this day the destruction of the Temple, Israel's focal point, occurred not once but twice. If that were not enough, throughout the history of the Jewish people, this day, Tisha B'av would be associated with their expulsion, as a people from entire countries and their fate through very heinous actions that resulted in millions of Jewish lives lost. Tragedy after tragedy, the Jewish people would be impacted by this one date over and over.

Yet it was on this very date when I shared with you something so significant it would lead to this day's transformation. A transformation that is mentioned by the Prophet Zechariah...

Zec 8:19 "Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'The fast days of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months are to become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Y'hudah. Therefore, love truth and peace.'

A fast day is typically a day of introspection and in some cases grief. In the case of Tisha B'av, the 9th day of Av, the fifth month on the Jewish calendar, it is a day of extreme and intense mourning for the events that have transpired on this day.

With its most significant events being the destruction of the first and second temple. The place that was the very center of Israel's existence. The very center of the sacrificial system that enabled Israel to function properly in relation to Torah. A place where over 20% of Torah is performed. A place where Adonai would reside. All gone.

So, hopefully you can understand to a small degree why this day is so dire.

Yet, in Zechariah we are told that the fast days would become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Judah.

I would say, in order for this day to be transformed from the worst day on the Jewish calendar to a day where it

would become a day of joy and gladness, something significant would have to occur.

Yet, this day has no significance on the Jewish calendar. According to Torah there is no mention of it. Even looking at the Historical writings, such as Maccabees where we get the festival of Hanukkah, there is no significance to this date.

This date became significant due to the unwarranted grief experienced by Israel after having spied out the land Adonai had promised them, while they were in the desert. The report of 10 of the people returning after 40 days in the land was a negative report, not of the land, but of the people living in the land.

Num 13:27 What they told him was this: "We entered the land where you sent us, and indeed it does flow with milk and honey — here is its fruit!

Num 13:28 However the people living in the land are fierce, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the `Anakim there.

Num 13:29 `Amalek lives in the area of the Negev; the Hitti, the Y'vusi and the Emori live in the hills; and the Kena`ani live by the sea and alongside the Yarden."

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Num 13:31 But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people, because they are stronger than we are";

Num 13:32 and they spread a negative report about the land they had reconnoitered for the people of Isra'el by saying, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw there were giant!

Num 13:33 We saw the N'filim, the descendants of `Anak, who was from the N'filim; to ourselves we looked like grasshoppers by comparison, and we looked that way to them too!"

which led to this response by the people hearing these reports...

Num 14:1 At this all the people of Isra'el cried out in dismay and wept all night long.

Num 14:2 Moreover, all the people of Isra'el began grumbling against Moshe and Aharon; the whole community told them, "We wish we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we had died here in the desert!

Num 14:3 Why is Adonai bringing us to this land, where we will die by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be taken as booty! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Num 14:4 And they said to each other, "Let's appoint a leader and return to Egypt!"

After everything that transpired, everything Adonai had done, the people stumbled when it came to receiving what had already been promised to them, it was their faith in Adonai that stumbled. Ultimately leading to

Num 14:34 It will be a year for every day you spent reconnoitering the land that you will bear the consequences of your offenses — forty days, forty years. Then you will know what it means to oppose me!

So, this day would become significant.

Ten weeks ago was Shabbat Chazon, whereby the Haftarah for Deuteronomy 1 was Isaiah 1

Isa 1:1 This is the vision of Yesha`yahu the son of Amotz, which he saw concerning Y'hudah and Yerushalayim during the days of `Uziyahu, Yotam, Achaz and Y'chizkiyahu, kings of Y'hudah:

Isa 1:2 "Hear, heaven! Listen, earth! For Adonai is speaking. "I raised and brought up children, but they rebelled against me.

Chazon, Vision.

A vision was being cast by Adonai and would ultimately play out for 7 weeks after the vision was cast. A period of time that would bring us to an appointed time on Adonai's calendar.

From Tisha B'av we would go 7 weeks, 49 days, and on the 50th day was Rosh Hashanah. The second of two 50 day periods on the Jewish calendar that are enormously significant.

The first 50 day period occurs from First Fruits during the season of Passover and commences seven Sabbaths whereby on the next day is the Feast of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. This period is prescribed in Leviticus 23.

Yet the second 50 day period is not prescribed, but is equally ordained by Adonai.

Within these 50 day periods are 40 day periods whereby significant events occurred in relation to Yeshua.

From First Fruits, Yeshua's resurrection and making atonement on the altar not made by human hands, He would reside with His Talmadim 40 days, teaching them everything the Scriptures say about Him.

Act 1:3 After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.

While during the second 40 day period occurring between Tisha B'av and Rosh Hashanah, Yeshua would begin His ministry, first by being immersed by Yochanah on Tisha B'av and then immediately proceeding into the desert where He would be tempted by the adversary, ultimately testing the Creator of all things who became human himself.

In learning of Yeshua's immersion on Tisha B'av, the very day the Temple was destroyed, it would be 40 years from His immersion, the Temple would again be destroyed.

Yet even though this day is still viewed as a day of tragedy, Adonai did not judge Israel in the same manner, leaving them without a way to the God of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov.

Joh 2:18 So the Judeans confronted him by asking him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove you have the right to do all this?"

Joh 2:19 Yeshua answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

Joh 2:20 The Judeans said, "It took 46 years to build this Temple, and you're going to raise it in three days?"

Joh 2:21 But the "temple" he had spoken of was his body.

A miraculous sign of redemption would occur on a day so stained with tears and grief. A day that would ultimately be transformed into a day of joy and gladness.

So, why am I reviewing all of this with you?

In today's Parshah, Moshe is in essence doing the same thing. Looking back on what He has already conveyed to Israel, through one of Moshe's three songs...

Deu 31:30 Then Moshe spoke in the hearing of the whole assembly of Isra'el the words of this song, from beginning to end:

Deu 32:2 May my teaching fall like rain. May my speech condense like dew, like light rain on blades of grass, or showers on growing plants.

Deu 32:3 "For I will proclaim the name of Adonai. Come, declare the greatness of our God!"

Over these past 10 weeks you have seen what Moshe has prayed for Israel.

The parshah each week and the haftarah associated with it have fallen like rain upon you. The living water who is Yeshua has watered you by opening your eyes to what has been read for thousands of years. He poured Himself out through His Word, appearing during one of those years and announcing...

Luk 4:21 He started to speak to them: "Today, as you heard it read, this passage of the Tanakh was fulfilled!"

What Adonai has promised has become real.

The vision has become a reality.

The path of the seven messages of comfort by Isaiah have led us directly to Yeshua.

The very words of Moshe convey what our trust in Adonai should be...

Deu 32:4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A trustworthy God who does no wrong, he is righteous and straight.

Deu 32:5 "He is not corrupt; the defect is in his children, a crooked and perverted generation.

Similar to something I say...it isn't the Scriptures that are the issue, it is the theology, man's understanding of the Scriptures.

So, let us not be confused, discouraged or offended by the very Scripture we read.

Deu 32:6 You foolish people, so lacking in wisdom, is this how you repay Adonai? He is your father, who made you his! It was he who formed and prepared you!

Ultimately, it is His wisdom the Scriptures reveal.

Deu 32:7 "Remember how the old days were; think of the years through all the ages. Ask your father — he will tell you; your leaders too — they will inform you.

Deu 32:8 "When `Elyon gave each nation its heritage, when he divided the human race, he assigned the boundaries of peoples according to Isra'el's population;

Deu 32:9 but Adonai's share was his own people, Ya `akov his allotted heritage.

Deu 32:10 "He found his people in desert country, in a howling, wasted wilderness. He protected him and cared for him, guarded him like the pupil of his eye,

Deu 32:11 like an eagle that stirs up her nest, hovers over her young, spreads out her wings, takes them and carries them as she flies.

Adonai chose Ya'akov and his descendants to be His own people, His own heritage. So when you read about Israel and the Jewish people, you are reading about Adonai's heritage. The very heritage that Messiah would be revealed to the world.

The sovereignty of Adonai towards His people is reflective of who He is...

Deu 32:12 "Adonai alone led his people; no alien god was with him.

Deu 32:13 He made them ride on the heights of the earth. They ate the produce of the fields. He had them suck honey from the rocks and olive oil from the crags,

Deu 32:14 curds from the cows and milk from the sheep, with lamb fat, rams from Bashan and goats, with the finest wheat flour; and you drank sparkling wine from the blood of grapes.

And how He responds to His people.

Deu 32:15 "But Yeshurun (*the upright, a symbolic designation for Israel*) grew fat and kicked (you grew fat, thick, gross!). He abandoned God his Maker; he scorned the Rock, his salvation.

Deu 32:16 They roused him to jealousy with alien gods, provoked him with abominations.

Deu 32:17 They sacrificed to demons, non-gods, gods that they had never known, new gods that had come up lately, which your ancestors had not feared.

Deu 32:18 You ignored the Rock who fathered you, you forgot God, who gave you birth.

Yet, when His people would ignore and reject their God, Adonai would respond with love in order to correct His people. Sometimes punishment is required towards those whom one loves.

Deu 32:19 "Adonai saw and was filled with scorn at his sons' and daughters' provocation.

Deu 32:20 He said, 'I will hide my face from them and see what will become of them; for they are a perverse generation, untrustworthy children.

Deu 32:21 They aroused my jealousy with a non-god and provoked me with their vanities; I will arouse their jealousy with a non-people and provoke them with a vile nation.

Deu 32:22 " 'For my anger has been fired up. It burns to the depths of Sh'ol, devouring the earth and its crops, kindling the very roots of the hills.

Deu 32:23 I will heap disasters on them and use up all my arrows against them.

Deu 32:24 " 'Fatigued by hunger, they will be consumed by fever and bitter defeat; I will send them the fangs of wild beasts, and the poison of reptiles crawling in the dust.

Deu 32:25 Outside, the sword makes parents childless; inside, there is panic, as young men and girls alike are slain, sucklings and graybeards together.

Deu 32:26 " 'I considered putting an end to them, erasing their memory from the human race;

Deu 32:27 but I feared the insolence of their enemy, feared that their foes would mistakenly think, "We ourselves accomplished this; Adonai had nothing to do with it."

Deu 32:28 " 'They are a nation without common sense, utterly lacking in discernment.

The wisdom of Adonai is further reflected, reminding the people, ultimately reminding us, if they (we) were wise and paid attention...

Deu 32:29 If they were wise they could figure it out and understand their destiny.

Deu 32:30 After all, how can one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to rout, unless their Rock sells them to their enemies, unless Adonai hands them over?

No harm would ever come towards them by the hands of the nations.

Deu 32:31 For our enemies have no rock like our Rock - even they can see that!

Deu 32:32 " 'Rather, their vine is from the vine of S'dom, from the fields of `Amora - their grapes are poisonous, their clusters are bitter;

Deu 32:33 their wine is snake poison, the cruel venom of vipers.

Ultimately revealing Adonai's truth

Deu 32:34 " 'Isn't this hidden with me, sealed in my storehouses?

Deu 32:35 Vengeance and payback are mine for the time when their foot slips; for the day of their calamity is coming soon, their doom is rushing upon them.'

Deu 32:36 "Yes, Adonai will judge his people, taking pity on his servants, when he sees that their strength is gone, that no one is left, slave or free.

Deu 32:37 Then he will ask, 'Where are their gods, the rock in whom they trusted?'

Deu 32:38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let him get up and help you, let him protect you!

Deu 32:39 See now that I, yes, I, am he; and there is no god beside me. I put to death, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; no one saves anyone from my hand!

Deu 32:40 " 'For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, "As surely as I am alive forever,

Deu 32:41 if I sharpen my flashing sword and set my hand to judgment, I will render vengeance to my foes, repay those who hate me.

Deu 32:42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, my sword will devour flesh - the blood of the slain and the captives, flesh from the wild-haired heads of the enemy." '

Deu 32:43 "Sing out, you nations, about his people! For he will avenge the blood of his servants. He will render vengeance to his adversaries and make atonement for the land of his people."

All of these very things you have heard over the last 10 weeks connect dots, put puzzle pieces together.

The image of what this finished "connect the dot picture", this puzzle reveals is the mystery that was once concealed. The many rezeq, the many hints provided through the Prophets, including Moshe, at a designated moment in time, Adonai revealed.

Luk 24:44 Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

Luk 24:45 Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

Luk 24:46 telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

Luk 24:47 and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

Luk 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.