

Notes: March 11, 2017

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: Purim - The Same Yesterday, Today, But Not Forever

My title for this sermon uses a Jewish technique whereby a “play on words” both emphasizes and contrasts a point to be made.

Heb 13:8 Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever.

To where the title of my sermon is “The Same Yesterday, Today, But Not Forever”

In this case I am not referring to Yeshua, but rather the climate of the world today and its view of the Jewish people.

Don't get me wrong, there has been progress made in the church, yet there are still miles to travel.

Last week I gave you a number – 70%

70% of Christians don't know prophecy.

And as such, don't understand the bigger picture that Scripture conveys regarding the Jewish people and Yeshua.

However, today you have the World Council of Churches comprising various denominations that support the Palestinian originated BDS movement – Boycott, Divest and Sanction – of Israel

A narrative originated from the Radical Muslim world, whose ultimate goal is a total elimination of Israel and the Jewish people.

This is not a new mandate, but a rather old one.

Est 3:6 However, on learning what people Mordekhai belonged to, it seemed to him a waste to lay hands on

Mordekhai alone. Rather, he decided to destroy all of Mordekhai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole of Achashverosh's kingdom.

Est 1:2 It was in those days, when King Achashverosh sat on his royal throne in Shushan the capital,
Est 1:3 in the third year of his reign, that he gave a banquet for all his officials and courtiers. The army of Persia and Media, the nobles and the provincial officials were in attendance.

The Persian empire of then is today Iran, the leading state sponsor of terrorism.

The very nation who has launched test missiles reading “death to Israel” in Hebrew.

Where Israel is called the little satan – hence their adversary. The ultimate infidel.

Whereas the Koran conveys that infidels are to be put to death.

This contention ultimately stems from a family feud – Yitzchak v. Yishmael

This same hatred of Israel and the Jewish people today, that is housed in the same sentiment yesterday.

Yet, just as yesterday...

Est 9:20 Mordekhai recorded these events and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces of King Achashverosh, both near and far,

Est 9:21 instructing them to observe the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and the fifteenth day, every year,
Est 9:22 *[to commemorate]* the days on which the Jews obtained rest from their enemies and the month which for them was turned from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; they were to make them days of celebrating and rejoicing, sending portions *[of food]* to each other and giving gifts to the poor.

Today, a hatred of Jews is still being witnessed,

To where in Norway, the term Jew is derogatory.

Attacks on Synagogues in Europe are on the rise.

Recent threats throughout America towards Jewish Community Centers and Day Schools has proliferated.

Yet, what we are experiencing today, will not last forever.

So when the writer of Hebrews writes...

Heb 13:8 Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Yeshua is the same God yesterday, today and forever.

Yeshua is the same God of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov

Yeshua is the same Messiah, of the tribe of Judah, descended of David, yesterday, today and forever

Yeshua is the same King of Israel, yesterday, today and forever.

Yeshua is a Jew, yesterday, today and forever.

To ignore these very truths in essence denies who Yeshua is.

So on this day we celebrate Purim, the day after the decree was made on Adar 13 to where our termination was decreed, on the 14th we celebrate life.