

Notes: Shabbat – August 27, 2011

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and greet
2. Introduction
3. Announcements
4. Praise and worship songs
5. Liturgy
6. Message
7. Time of prayer
8. Aaronic Blessing
9. Kiddush
10. Oneg

Torah and T'shuvah – Adonai's Blueprint

Introduction:

What is T'Shuvah?

Known as repentance, it is when we turn from our sin and turn / returns to Adonai. Notice, there are two actions involved.

The blue print has remained the same. Without Torah, how do you know what to turn from?

We are convicted of our sin and transgression by Adonai through His Ruach ha Kodesh, when we read Torah.

Conviction leads to remorse that causes T'shuvah.

We can't do this without Adonai, for it is He who is involved in our journey.

Example: Romans 7:7 – 12

In writing to a primarily gentile audience, Sha'ul states:

Rom 7:7 Therefore, what are we to say? That the Torah is sinful? Heaven forbid! Rather, the function of the Torah was that without it, I would not have known what sin is. For example, I would not have become conscious of what greed is if the Torah had not said, "Thou shalt not covet."

Rom 7:8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, worked in me all kinds of evil desires — for apart from Torah, sin is dead.

Rom 7:9 I was once alive outside the framework of Torah. But when the commandment really encountered me, sin sprang to life,

Rom 7:10 and I died. The commandment that was intended to bring me life was found to be bringing me death!

Rom 7:11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me; and through the commandment, sin killed me.

Rom 7:12 So the Torah is holy; that is, the commandment is holy, just and good.

Sha'ul, knows the importance of Torah in terms of it being the source that identifies our sin.

There are many examples of Israel's struggles in keeping in covenant with Adonai. From the time they left Egypt, to the time they entered the land, many things happened within those 40 years. Even after they had entered the land they encountered many challenges and influences that would lead them away from Adonai.

Today, I am not focusing on how we got there, but rather how we left.

Example: 2 Kings 22:10 – 20 King Yoshiyahu

2Ki 22:8 Hilkiyahu the cohen hagadol said to Shafan the secretary, "I have found the scroll of the Torah in the house of Adonai." Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shafan, who read it.

Israel was without Torah for quite some time. Not that it was lost, but that it was put away and ignored. Many Kings before Yoshiyahu went their own way, away from Adonai.

We read many times,

2Ki 21:2 He did what was evil from Adonai's perspective, following the disgusting practices of the nations whom Adonai had expelled ahead of the people of Isra'el.

But when you have a King that is convicted upon hearing the words of Torah, change will happen.

2Ki 22:10 Shafan the secretary also told the king, "Hilkiyah the cohen hagadol gave me a scroll." Then Shafan read it aloud before the king.

2Ki 22:11 After the king had heard what was written in the scroll of the Torah, he tore his clothes.

2Ki 22:12 Then the king issued this order to Hilkiyah the cohen, Achikam the son of Shafan, `Akhbor the son of Mikhayah, Shafan the secretary and `Asayah the king's servant:

2Ki 22:13 "Go; and consult Adonai for me, for the people and for all Y'hudah in regard to what is written in this scroll which has been found. For Adonai must be furious at us, since our ancestors did not listen to the words written in this scroll and didn't do everything written there that concerns us."

2Ki 22:15 She told them, "Adonai the God of Isra'el says to tell the man who sent you to me

2Ki 22:16 that Adonai says this: 'I am going to bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants, every word in the scroll the king of Y'hudah has read;

2Ki 22:17 because they have abandoned me and offered to other gods, in order to provoke me with everything they do. Therefore my anger will burn against this place and will not be quenched.'

2Ki 22:18 But you are to tell the king of Y'hudah, who sent you to consult Adonai, that Adonai the God of Isra'el also says this: 'In regard to the words you have heard,

2Ki 22:19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Adonai when you heard

what I said against this place and its inhabitants — that they would become an object of astonishment and cursing — and have torn your clothes and cried before me, I have also heard you, says Adonai.

2Ki 22:20 Therefore I will gather you to your ancestors, you will go to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the calamity I am going to bring on this place.' " So they brought word back to the king.

Through Torah, the transgressions of the people, present and past became known.

One's heart must be tender towards Adonai if they are to return to Him

The actions of one person can affect many.

Even though there was change for a period of time, didn't eradicate the transgressions of the past, but merely delayed Adonai's judgment.

Example: Nehemiah 8

(8:1) When the seventh month arrived, after the people of Isra'el had resettled in their towns, **Neh 8:1** all the people gathered with one accord in the open space in front of the Water Gate and asked `Ezra the Torah-teacher to bring the scroll of the Torah of Moshe, which Adonai had commanded Isra'el.

What is the first day of the seventh month – its purpose

Yom T'ruah – Feast of Trumpets (a call to repentance) Leviticus 23:23

Neh 8:5 `Ezra opened the scroll where all the people could see him, because he was higher than all the people; when he opened it, all the people rose to their feet.

Neh 8:6 `Ezra blessed Adonai, the great God; and all the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted up their hands, bowed their heads and fell prostrate before Adonai with their faces to the ground.

Neh 8:8 They read clearly from the scroll, in the Torah of God, translated it, and enabled them to understand the sense of what was being read.

Neh 8:9 Nechemyah the Tirshata, `Ezra the cohen and Torah-teacher and the L'vi'im who taught the people said to all the people, "Today is consecrated to Adonai your God; don't be mournful, don't weep." For all the people had been weeping when they heard the words of the Torah.

Another example of when Torah is present, we are made known of what our sin is.

Some might say, that is "old covenant" we are under the new covenant, we are saved by grace through faith.

This is true, however, Messiah's death, burial and resurrection didn't change what sin is...

Example: Matthew 3:1 – 3; 3:11

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!"

Mat 3:3 This is the man Yesha`yahu was talking about when he said, "The voice of someone crying out: 'In the desert prepare the way of Adonai! Make straight paths for him!' "

Mat 3:11 It's true that I am immersing you in water so that you might turn from sin to God; but the one coming after me is more powerful than I — I'm not worthy even to carry his sandals — and he will immerse you in the Ruach HaKodesh and in fire.

Turn from your transgressions to Adonai – T'shuvah

Example: Acts 2:37 – 39 Where is Messiah in all of this?

You have identified what sin is through Torah.

You have turned from our sin to Adonai.

What about forgiveness of our sin?

Act 2:36 Therefore, let the whole house of Isra'el know beyond doubt that God has made him both Lord and Messiah — this Yeshua, whom you executed on a stake!"

Act 2:37 On hearing this, they were stung in their hearts; and they said to Kefa and the other emissaries, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Act 2:38 Kefa answered them, "Turn from sin, return to God, and each of you be immersed on the authority of Yeshua the Messiah into forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh!

Act 2:39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for those far away — as many as Adonai our God may call!"

Authority is given to Yeshua as Lord and Messiah regarding forgiveness of sin.