

Notes: Shabbat – April 22, 2023 (January 2, 2021)

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and greet
2. Introduction
3. Announcements
4. Liturgy – Ma to vu, Sh'ma, Avenu
5. Music
6. Message
7. Time of prayer
8. Aaronic Blessing
9. Kiddush
10. Oneg

Title: Two Lions

We are in the midst of a battle between two lions.

There are two prides of lions for which one lion seeks to gain control.

Pride can be a character trait or a group of lions. Here I am referring to a group of lions.

What happens when another lion infiltrates a pride and attempts to overtake, overthrow its head?

[Wildlife: Two Lions Fight to See Who's King! - YouTube](#)

A battle ensues where you have an aggressor and a defender.

The battle will rage until one is triumphant.

What have these last three years revealed to us? I had expressed the origins of the disease were not of Adonai but had the fingerprints of the Adversary all over this chaos. The truth has a way of rearing its ugly head for those who are trying to suppress it. And this chaos has only continued under the guise of Covid and are reaching well into the core of our culture. That which was unthinkable just three years ago is actually a reality today.

Scripture reveals these two lions for us.

1Pe 5:8 Stay sober, stay alert! Your enemy, the Adversary, stalks about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

The first lion is our enemy, the one who seeks to infiltrate our pride, our congregation and separate us from the one who leads and protects us from adversarial aggression.

The head of our pride is...

Rev 5:5 One of the elders said to me, "Don't cry. Look, the Lion of the tribe of Y'hudah, the Root of David, has won the right to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Prophecied long ago, as the Lion of the tribe of Y'hudah, He would be our strength and our shield.

Gen 49:9 Y'hudah is a lion's cub; my son, you stand over the prey. He crouches down and stretches like a lion; like a lioness, who dares to provoke him?

He is set only to attack if provoked.

Just as a male lion who is head of a pride only attacks when provoked by another lion, so to our LION attacks when provoked.

The attack of the Adversary are not blatant and direct but subtle and covert. He looks to infiltrate the pride, the community of Adonai and attack from within. Yet, know the fierceness displayed in the video understates the true intensity of this battle. For there will be a time when Adonai, our lion, our protector will truly demonstrate his power and authority for all to see. When His fury is revealed our Adversarial lion will experience a final and permanent defeat.

Our Lion's response will not only be against this Adversarial Lion but that of his pride, the one's who follow him will experience the wrath of a Lion provoked.

Rev 16:2 So the first one went and poured his bowl onto the earth, and disgusting and painful sores appeared on all the people who had the mark of the beast and worshipped its image.

Rev 16:3 The second one poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

Rev 16:4 The third one poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they turned to blood.

Rev 16:5 Then I heard the angel of the waters say, "O HaKadosh, the One who is and was, you are just in these judgments of yours.

A response like none other for all the attempts to infiltrate Adonai's pride of lions. Adonai's response does not end here, but continues...

Rev 16:7 Then I heard the altar say, "Yes, Adonai, God of heaven's armies, your judgments are true and just!"

Rev 16:8 The fourth one poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was permitted to burn people with fire.

Rev 16:9 People were burned by the intense heat; yet they cursed the name of God, who had the authority over these plagues, instead of turning from their sins to give him glory.

Rev 16:10 The fifth one poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom grew dark. People gnawed on their tongues from the pain,

Rev 16:11 yet they cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and did not turn from their sinful deeds.

Rev 16:12 The sixth one poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water dried up, in order to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits that looked like frogs; they came from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are miracle-working demonic spirits which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited world to assemble them for the War of the Great Day of Adonai-Tzva'ot.

Thus the fury of a Lion of Y'hudah provoked by its Adversary rages until only one LION remains standing.

Rev 16:17 The seventh one poured out his bowl on the air, and a loud voice came out of the Temple from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Rev 16:18 There were flashes of lightning, voices and peals of thunder; and there was a massive earthquake, such as has never occurred since mankind has been on earth, so violent was the earthquake.

Rev 16:19 The great city was split into three parts, the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babel the Great and made her drink the wine from the cup of his raging fury.

Rev 16:20 Every island fled, and no mountains were to be found.

Rev 16:21 And huge seventy-pound hailstones fell on people from the sky. But the people cursed God for the plague of hail, that it was such a terrible plague.

This is how our King, our Lion will respond to the stealth like attack that ensues upon His people. Attacks from within provoked by the Adversary...

Deu 9:7 Remember, don't forget, how you made Adonai your God angry in the desert. From the day you left the land of Egypt till you arrived at this place, you have been rebelling against Adonai.

Deu 9:8 Also in Horev you made Adonai angry—Adonai was angry enough with you to destroy you!

Provoking Adonai to anger because rebellion and disobedience, hallmarks of the lion who seeks to kill and destroy. This barrage became persistent among Adonai's people.

Num 16:1 Now Korach the son of Yitz'har, the son of K'hat, the son of Levi, along with Datan and Aviram, the sons of Eli'av, and On, the son of Pelet, descendants of Re'uven, took men and

Num 16:2 rebelled against Moshe. Siding with them were 250 men of Isra'el, leaders of the community, key members of the council, men of reputation.

From Generation to Generation the battle within would rage...

Deu 31:28 Assemble for me all the leaders of your tribes and your officials, so that I can say these things in their hearing, calling heaven and earth to witness against them—

Deu 31:29 because I know that after my death you will become very corrupt and turn aside from the way that I have ordered you, and that disaster will come upon you in the acharit-hayamim, because you will do what Adonai sees as evil and provoke him by your deeds."

These future deeds will lead to our Lion, provoked by His own and therefore must correct His own people.

- Division of the Kingdom
- Expulsion from the land
- Continued pursuit of other gods
- Constant rebellion towards Adonai's Word

The community of Adonai has been infiltrated by the lion by which it seeks to destroy by his tactics...

Gal 5:19 And it is perfectly evident what the old nature does. It expresses itself in sexual immorality, impurity and indecency;

Gal 5:20 involvement with the occult and with drugs; in feuding, fighting, becoming jealous and getting angry; in selfish ambition, factionalism, intrigue

Gal 5:21 and envy; in drunkenness, orgies and things like these. I warn you now as I have warned you before: those who do such things will have no share in the Kingdom of God!

Such are the methods employed by the Adversarial lion who comes to devour the Lion of Y'hudah's people.

Isa 5:8 Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field, until there's no room for anyone else, and you live in splendor alone on your land.

Isa 5:11 Woe to those who get up early to pursue intoxicating liquor; who stay up late at night, until wine inflames them.

Isa 5:18 Woe to those who begin by pulling at transgression with a thread, but end by dragging sin along as if with a cart rope.

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who change darkness into light and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter!

Isa 5:21 Woe to those seeing themselves as wise, esteeming themselves as clever.

Isa 5:22 Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, men whose power goes to mixing strong drinks,

Isa 5:23 who acquit the guilty for bribes but deny justice to the righteous!

The righteousness of Adonai has been reduced to treachery, self-indulgence and pride...all the hallmarks of the lion who seeks to destroy...from within. Undermind the authority of Adonai, defuse His standard of righteousness and His Kingdom will crumble.

Not just the community, but also the leaders of the community...

Mat 23:14 [*Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! For you swallow up widow's houses while making a show of davvening at great length. Because of this your punishment will be all the worse!*]

Mat 23:15 "Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You go about over land and sea to make one proselyte; and when you succeed, you make him twice as fit for Gei-Hinnom as you are!

Mat 23:16 "Woe to you, you blind guides! You say, 'If someone swears by the Temple, he is not bound by his oath; but if he swears by the gold in the Temple, he is bound.'

Mat 23:23 "Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You pay your tithes of mint, dill and cumin; but you have neglected the weightier matters of the Torah—justice, mercy, trust. These are the things you should have attended to—without neglecting the others!

Mat 23:25 "Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

Mat 23:27 "Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look fine on the outside but inside are full of dead people's bones and all kinds of rotteness.

Mat 23:29 "Woe to you hypocritical Torah-teachers and P'rushim! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the tzaddikim,

Mat 23:30 and you say, 'Had we lived when our fathers did, we would never have taken part in killing the prophets.'

Grandure and delusion have infiltrated the leaders of the community.

When Adonai calls us to Him it is not by weakness, but through strength.

2Co 4:1 God has shown us such mercy that we do not lose courage as we do the work he has given us.

2Co 4:2 Indeed, we refuse to make use of shameful underhanded methods, employing deception or distorting God's message. On the contrary, by making very clear what the truth is, we commend ourselves to everyone's

conscience in the sight of God.

2Co 4:3 So if indeed our Good News is veiled, it is veiled only to those in the process of being lost.

2Co 4:4 They do not come to trust because the god of the `olam hazeh has blinded their minds, in order to prevent them from seeing the light shining from the Good News about the glory of the Messiah, who is the image of God.

2Co 4:5 For what we are proclaiming is not ourselves, but the Messiah Yeshua as Lord, with ourselves as slaves for you because of Yeshua.

2Co 4:6 For it is the God who once said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has made his light shine in our hearts, the light of the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of the Messiah Yeshua.

Consider this prayer of David...

Psa 28:1 [*By David:*] Adonai, I am calling to you; my Rock, don't be deaf to my cry. For if you answer me with silence, I will be like those who fall in a pit.

Psa 28:2 Hear the sound of my prayers when I cry to you, when I lift my hands toward your holy sanctuary.

Psa 28:3 Don't drag me off with the wicked, with those whose deeds are evil; they speak words of peace to their fellowmen, but evil is in their hearts.

Psa 28:4 Pay them back for their deeds, as befits their evil acts; repay them for what they have done, give them what they deserve.

Psa 28:5 For they don't understand the deeds of Adonai or what he has done. He will break them down; he will not build them up.

Psa 28:6 Blessed be Adonai, for he heard my voice as I prayed for mercy.

Psa 28:7 Adonai is my strength and shield; in him my heart trusted, and I have been helped. Therefore my heart is filled with joy, and I will sing praises to him.

Psa 28:8 Adonai is strength for [*his people*], a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.

Psa 28:9 Save your people! Bless your heritage! Shepherd them, and carry them forever!

We have not been blinded, but our eyes have been opened.

The roar of the Adversary rings loud throughout this world, but we are not to be frightened by it, we are not to quiver from it and we are not to be weakened that we submit to it.

Pay attention and listen for His roar because all will ensue when He announces His return.

Mat 24:29 "But immediately following the trouble of those times, the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

Mat 24:30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory.

Mat 24:31 He will send out his angels with a great shofar; and they will gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Sound the shofar...