

Notes: February 2, 2019

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: *“We Need To Pay Attention To Adonai's Warning To Israel”*

After presenting you with several sermons about the Kingdom of Adonai, my next focus was to be on The Joy of the Lord. Unfortunately, that focus has been delayed by what has transpired over the last week and a half. I promise to share this with you, as Adonai guides.

The redirection started this week with Andrew Cuomo, governor of the state of New York signing a bill legalizing abortion in the third term, other wise known as late term abortion into law. It wasn't just the signing of this bill but the reaction that ensued within the New York house:

<https://www.news10.com/news/ny-capitol-news/ny-lawmakers-set-to-pass-bill-codifying-abortion-rights/1716323376>

Notice the words of New York's Governor...

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/indiana-attorney-general-curtis-hill-new-yorks-extreme-pro-abortion-law-is-backward-and-barbaric>

Then during the week, I believe it was Wednesday, the state of Virginia was in the process of passing a similar bill on late term abortion. Virginia governor Ralph Northam – a pediatric neurologist by profession prior to his political career explains, or should I say justifies the position. Listen to his words closely...

<https://www.wavy.com/news/politics/virginia-politics/gov-northam-defends-abortion-bill-comments-after-backlash/1744170385>

After the governor's comments aired nationally, there was significant backlash to the point where it was made that he was supporting infanticide - the crime of killing a child within a year of birth. He would later clarify his comments, but really did little to do so.

Virginia, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont's state legislatures have introduced similar bills that would eliminate old laws limiting abortion access, Many of these bills are still under consideration.

I have included a link to an excerpt from the third presidential debate where this very matter was addressed back in 2016.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trumps-late-term-abortion-warning-in-2016-debate-against-clinton-goes-viral>

Other countries where late term abortions are legal beyond 20 weeks, or what is known as the time when a “fetus” is considered to be viable outside the womb:

- North Korea
- China
- Singapore
- Netherlands
- Canada

China uses abortion as a means of population control and gender selection. Whether this is still the law in China I am not certain. Each family was only permitted one child. The consensus desire was for a male child. I will let you draw your own conclusion towards this practice.. Keep in mind this example is more complex than what I have shared.

Three weeks ago when we began our congregations annual support of ABBA crisis pregnancy center this isn't even in the purview. The focus was on the national level and the Supreme Court. Yet the speculation is that with a change in the complexion of the Justices, the states are taking matters into their own hands to make certain that whatever happens with Roe v Wade at the federal level they have secured their rights. In reality they are actually doubling down and expanding on Roe v. Wade. The Virginia bill would require only one doctor's consent, down from three currently, while New York has legislated that you don't need a doctor's consent to proceed with a late term abortion, but merely the practitioner.

From America Magazine...

...the exception for health, which is not restricted to a physical definition and can be interpreted to cover psychological and emotional health, subject only to the medical judgment of the abortion provider, is broad enough to cover basically any possible late-term abortion. Insofar as the goal of the law was to guarantee access to abortion and remove restrictions on it, this is part and parcel of that goal. The new law does not contain any meaningful restriction that is likely to ever prevent an abortion.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/rha2019>

<https://www.abbapregnancychoice.org/>

What is going on here?

On the surface it looks like a political battle and yet when you look past the bluster, it is a Spiritual battle and attack against our Creator. This is not the first time where children have been the pawn in this battle. And as I conveyed three weeks ago, this battle for life has claimed over 60 million children in the United States alone. I have not looked at other countries.

This battle lies at the very heart of the matter of good vs. evil, Adonai vs. the Adversary. This is one prong of many.

The first thing to remember is how we are created...

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth."

This very aspect makes us a target, considering the animus the Adversary has towards Adonai. Everytime he sees us, he sees Adonai and ultimately recalls his expulsion and pending fate for his transgression.

Rev 20:1 Next I saw an angel coming down from heaven, who had the key to the Abyss and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan [*the Adversary*], and chained him up for a thousand years.

Rev 20:3 He threw him into the Abyss, locked it and sealed it over him; so that he could not deceive the nations any more until the thousand years were over. After that, he has to be set free for a little while.

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, the Adversary will be set free from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for the battle. Their number is countless as the sand on the seashore;

Rev 20:9 and they came up over the breadth of the Land and surrounded the camp of God's people and the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and consumed them.

Rev 20:10 The Adversary who had deceived them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

We are in the battle regardless. When we choose Adonai we are marked. When we don't choose Adonai, the Adversary does not have to do anything, because if you are not for Adonai, you are against Him, thus making you part of the Adversary.

Rom 8:28 Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose;

Rom 8:29 because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers;

Rom 8:30 and those whom he thus determined in advance, he also called; and those whom he called, he also caused to be considered righteous; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!

Rom 8:31 What, then, are we to say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

First consider this from today's Parsha...

Exo 21:14 But if someone willfully kills another after deliberate planning, you are to take him even from my altar and put him to death.

In other words...premeditated.

The innocent have always been a target of the Adversary. Consider this warnings given to Israel prior to entering the land, the land of Canaan.

Lev 18:21 "You are not to let any of your children be sacrificed to Molekh, thereby profaning the name of your God; I am Adonai.

Lev 20:2 "Say to the people of Isra'el, 'If someone from the people of Isra'el or one of the foreigners living in Isra'el

sacrifices one of his children to Molekh, he must be put to death; the people of the land are to stone him to death.

Lev 20:3 I too will set myself against him and cut him off from his people, because he has sacrificed his child to Molekh, defiling my sanctuary and profaning my holy name.

Lev 20:4 If the people of the land look the other way when that man sacrifices his child to Molekh and fail to put him to death,

Lev 20:5 then I will set myself against him, his family and everyone who follows him to go fornicating after Molekh, and cut them off from their people.

These are the people of the land you are going to encounter...

Deu 18:9 "When you enter the land Adonai your God is giving you, you are not to learn how to follow the abominable practices of those nations.

Deu 18:10 There must not be found among you **anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through fire**, a diviner, a soothsayer, an enchanter, a sorcerer,

Deu 18:11 a spell-caster, a consulter of ghosts or spirits, or a necromancer.

Deu 18:12 For whoever does these things is detestable to Adonai, and because of these abominations Adonai your God is driving them out ahead of you.

Deu 18:13 You must be wholehearted with Adonai your God.

Deu 18:14 For these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to soothsayers and diviners; but you, Adonai your God does not allow you to do this.

*Biblical Hebrew מֶלֶךְ (mlk) usually stands for מֶלֶךְ **melek** "king" (Akkadian **malku**), but when vocalized as מֹלֶךְ **mōlek** in the Masoretic text, it has been traditionally understood as a proper name. While the received Masoretic text is medieval, the existence of the form Μολοχ (Molokh, whence Vulgate Moloch) in the Septuagint establishes that the distinction dates to the Second Temple period.*

Moloch has been traditionally interpreted as the name of a god, possibly a god surnamed "the king" (cf. adon "lord", ba'al "master"),

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moloch>

hmmm...A King. I want you to remember the words of Sha'ul...

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is no longer any condemnation awaiting those who are in union with the Messiah Yeshua.

Rom 8:2 Why? Because the Torah of the Spirit, which produces this life in union with Messiah Yeshua, has set me free from the "Torah" of sin and death.

Just as there is a Torah of sin and death, there is a king associated with that Torah as well.

The first time this transgression occurs within Israel is during the reign of Solomon. The one who sought and received the wisdom of Adonai.

1Ki 11:6 Thus Shlomo did what was evil in Adonai's view and did not fully follow Adonai, as David his father had done.

1Ki 11:7 Shlomo built a high place for K'mosh the abomination of Mo'av on the hill in front of Yerushalayim, and another for Molekh the abomination of the people of `Amon.

1Ki 11:8 This is what he did for all his foreign wives, who then offered and sacrificed to their gods.

Then they offered sacrifices to their gods. When you consider the context of Leviticus 18 and 20 the sacrifices are children, not animals.

And Adonai's response...

1Ki 11:9 So Adonai grew angry with Shlomo, because his heart had turned away from Adonai the God of Isra'el, who had appeared to him twice

1Ki 11:10 and given him orders concerning this matter that he should not follow other gods. But he didn't obey Adonai's orders.

Unfortunately, this practice became systemic within Israel.

Jer 7:30 "For the people of Y'hudah have done what is evil from my perspective," says Adonai; "they have set up their detestable things in the house which bears my name, to defile it.

Jer 7:31 They have built the high places of Tofet in the Ben-Hinnom Valley, to burn their sons and daughters in the fire, something I never ordered; in fact, such a thing never even entered my mind!

Jer 7:32 Therefore, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when it will no longer be called either Tofet or the Ben-Hinnom Valley, but the Valley of Slaughter — they will put the dead in Tofet, because there will be no space left *[anywhere else]*.

Stephen related their denial of Yeshua to their past actions as a nation against Adonai...

Act 7:42 So God turned away from them and gave them over to worship the stars — as has been written in the book of the prophets, 'People of Isra'el, it was not to me that you offered slaughtered animals and sacrifices for forty years in the wilderness!

Act 7:43 No, you carried the tent of Molekh and the star of your god Reifan, the idols you made so that you could worship them. Therefore, I will send you into exile beyond Bavel.'

It wasn't good when Israel acted like all the other nations. Because when they did so, Adonai responded.

This country is acting like all the other nations, not a nation that modeled itself as a nation for Adonai. And yet my concern is that as we act like all the other nations, we will ultimately experience the same fate. Has anyone recently seen a Canaanite?

Consider today's abortion, a practice, accepted by many, not to mention legal, today's fire of Molekh.

Many times in Scripture it is written...

Jdg 6:1 But the people of Isra'el did what was evil from Adonai's perspective...

I can only surmise that we as a nation are doing what is evil from Adonai's perspective. There is no other option.

Yet, as a nation we are not acting as a nation that is to follow after Adonai, but as the nations following after other gods.

Consider Psalm 106...

Psa 106:34 They failed to destroy the peoples, as Adonai had ordered them to do,

Psa 106:35 but mingled with the nations and learned to follow their ways.

Psa 106:36 They went on to serve their idols, which became a snare for them.

You are probably saying we don't serve Molekh. We aren't idol worshippers.

Yet, what is being served today is the idol of self. Of the abortions performed, approximately 1% are at risk pregnancies, while the vast majority, approximately 95% are by choice.

Psa 106:37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.

Psa 106:38 Yes, they shed innocent blood, the blood of their own sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to Kena'an's false gods, polluting the land with blood.

The blood of over 60 million have stained this country alone.

Psa 106:39 Thus they were defiled by their deeds; they prostituted themselves by their actions.

Psa 106:40 For this Adonai's fury blazed up against his people, and he detested his heritage.

If these were Adonai's own feelings towards His own people, whom He established His Covenant, what is He feeling towards this nation, who by choice, chose to follow after Him.

You freely chose me, yet you are rejecting Me and my Word.

Psa 106:41 He handed them over to the power of the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them.

If He did not spare His firstborn as Adonai conveys in Exodus 4:22, what does this mean for this nation.

Psa 106:42 Their enemies oppressed them and kept them in subjection to their power.

Psa 106:43 Many times [*God*] rescued them, but they kept making plans to rebel. Thus they were brought low by their own wrongdoing.

Psa 106:44 Still he took pity on their distress whenever he heard their cry.

When will Adonai stop His mercy towards this nation? I ask this because the next verse is what distinguishes America from Israel...

Psa 106:45 For their sakes he kept in mind his covenant and in his limitless grace relented,

Psa 106:46 causing them to be treated with compassion by all who had taken them captive.

Psa 106:47 Save us, Adonai our God! Gather us from among the nations, so that we can thank your holy name and glory in praising you.

Psa 106:48 Blessed be Adonai, the God of Isra'el, from eternity past to eternity future. Now let all the people say, "Amen! Halleluyah!"

We are a small group of people among a vast nation of people, what can we do?

For starters, let us follow the example of King Yoshiyahu...

2Ki 23:1 Then the king summoned all the leaders of Y'hudah and Yerushalayim, and they assembled with him.

2Ki 23:2 The king went up to the house of Adonai with all the men of Y'hudah, all those living in Yerushalayim, the cohanim, the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing everything written in the scroll of the covenant that had been found in the house of Adonai.

2Ki 23:3 The king stood on the platform and made a covenant in the presence of Adonai to live following Adonai, observing his mitzvot, instructions and regulations wholeheartedly and with all his being, so as to confirm the words of the covenant written in this scroll. All the people stood, pledging themselves to keep the covenant.

And what did King Yoshiyahu do after that...

2Ki 23:5 He deposed the idolatrous priests the kings of Y'hudah had ordained to offer on the high places by the cities of Y'hudah and in the places surrounding Yerushalayim; he also deposed those who offered to Ba'al, the sun, the moon, the constellations and the whole army of heaven.

2Ki 23:6 He took the asherah from the house of Adonai to Vadi Kidron outside Yerushalayim and burned it in Vadi Kidron, stamped the ashes to powder and threw the powder onto the burial-ground for the common people.

2Ki 23:7 He smashed the houses of the cult prostitutes that were in the house of Adonai, where the women also wove garments for the asherah.

2Ki 23:8 He removed the cohanim from the cities of Y'hudah; then, from Geva to Be'er-Sheva, he desecrated the high places where the cohanim had been making offerings. He also smashed the High Places of the Gates that were at the entrance of the Gate of Y'hoshua the governor of the city, on the left as one enters the city.

2Ki 23:9 But although the cohanim who had been at the high places did not come up to the altar of Adonai in Yerushalayim, nevertheless they did share matzah with their kinsmen.

2Ki 23:10 He desecrated the Tofet fire pit in the Ben-Hinnom Valley, so that no one could cause his son or daughter to pass through fire [*as a sacrifice*] to Molekh.

Tofet - a location in [Jerusalem](#) in the [Gehinnom](#) where worshipers influenced by the [ancient Canaanite religion](#) engaged in the [human sacrifice](#) of children to the gods [Moloch](#) and [Baal](#) by [burning them alive](#).

We are to be a reflection of the light that has been given to us.

Let us be committed to keeping His mitzvot, while supporting those on the front line of this battle. Organizations like ABBA. Praying for them and for those who are confronted with the decision.

Let us speak His truth to the Adversary's lies.

Let us comfort those who may have chosen to proceed because the results of their decision will become their prison. Let us not condemn them, but counsel them in the love and forgiveness of Yeshua. Ultimately, even though the wages of sin is death, and this falls into that category, let us be reminded of the Words of Yeshua

Luk 23:34 Yeshua said, "Father, forgive them; they don't understand what they are doing." They divided up his clothes by throwing dice.

In this matter those dividing His clothes by throwing dice did not know what they were part of.

Likewise, those who choose to terminate a pregnancy don't fully know what they are doing. They may have thought about it and chose to do it. Received counsel from the practitioner, yet they may not have received a comprehensive understanding, only one sided.

Yet, if they do pursue a comprehensive understanding, once confronted by the image of today's high definition ultrasounds and the image of a very small child growing inside them, in combination with the amplified heart beat, many choose life.

87% of America does not support late term abortions. Yet just like with Israel, the leadership of the nation is leading them away from Adonai. This is happening today. A Catholic governor signed this expanded abortion bill in New York.

I can go on, needless to say, we have been given a voice to support what is right. Just because something is legal does not mean it is moral. Our morality is not subjective but is based on a standard. The standard is not based on man, but on our Creator.