

Notes: September 18, 2018

Start: 7 PM

Order of service: Yom Kippur

Introduction: Promises Forfeited

On Rosh Hashanah I shared with you the promises associated with this unique moad, appointed time of Adonai. I shared with you two promises associated with this day in relation to Yeshua.

1. His Return

Based on Yeshua's own words as conveyed in Mattityahu Gospel...

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.

Incorporating the uniqueness of this moad, whereby this time is a Rosh Chodesh, the beginning of the month as determined by the new moon...a dark sky, the perfect backdrop for getting everyone's attention. And with that backdrop, you have the sound of the shofar, the manner by which everyone's attention will be garnered...that is not to mention the stars falling from the sky.

2. The Second Resurrection

1Th 4:13 Now, brothers, we want you to know the truth about those who have died; otherwise, you might become sad the way other people

1Th 4:14 do who have nothing to hope for. For since we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, we also believe that in the same way God, through Yeshua, will take with him those who have died.

1Th 4:15 When we say this, we base it on the Lord's own word: we who remain alive when the Lord comes will certainly not take precedence over those who have died.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a rousing cry, with a call from one of the ruling angels, and with God's shofar; those who died united with the Messiah will be the first to rise;

1Th 4:17 then we who are left still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we will always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 So encourage each other with these words.

This is something Yeshua has expressed to those who followed Him and trusted...

Joh 11:23 Yeshua said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Joh 11:24 Marta said, "I know that he will rise again at the Resurrection on the Last Day."

Joh 11:25 Yeshua said to her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life! Whoever puts his trust in me will live, even if he dies;

Joh 11:26 and everyone living and trusting in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Joh 11:27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Here, in Beit-Anyah we would witness the possibility and the power of the resurrection, even though this was not the first resurrection...

Joh 11:14 So Yeshua told them in plain language, "El`azar has died.

Joh 11:17 On arrival, Yeshua found that El`azar had already been in the tomb for four days.

Joh 11:39 Yeshua said, "Take the stone away!" Marta, the sister of the dead man, said to Yeshua, "By now his body must smell, for it has been four days since he died!"

Joh 11:40 Yeshua said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you keep trusting, you will see the glory of God?"

Joh 11:41 So they removed the stone. Yeshua looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

Joh 11:42 I myself know that you always hear me, but I say this because of the crowd standing around, so that they may believe that you have sent me."

Joh 11:43 Having said this, he shouted, "El`azar! Come out!"

Joh 11:44 The man who had been dead came out, his hands and feet wrapped in strips of linen and his face covered with a cloth. Yeshua said to them, "Unwrap him, and let him go!"

Joh 11:45 At this, many of the Judeans who had come to visit Miryam, and had seen what Yeshua had done, trusted in him.

Having trusted in Him, they even witnessed the first resurrection...

Mat 27:50 But Yeshua, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

Mat 27:51 At that moment the parokhet in the Temple was ripped in two from top to bottom; and there was an earthquake, with rocks splitting apart.

Mat 27:52 Also the graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life;

Mat 27:53 and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.

And Sha'ul conveys another witness to Yeshua's resurrection, the 1st Resurrection.

1Co 15:3 For among the first things I passed on to you was what I also received, namely this: the Messiah died for our sins, in accordance with what the Tanakh says;

1Co 15:4 and he was buried; and he was raised on the third day, in accordance with what the Tanakh says;

1Co 15:5 and he was seen by Kefa, then by the Twelve;

1Co 15:6 and afterwards he was seen by more than five hundred brothers at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, though some have died.

1Co 15:7 Later he was seen by Ya`akov, then by all the emissaries;

1Co 15:8 and last of all he was seen by me, even though I was born at the wrong time.

This is the resurrection that Avraham was believing in.

Heb 11:17 By trusting, Avraham, when he was put to the test, offered up Yitz'chak as a sacrifice. Yes, he offered up his only son, he who had received the promises,

Heb 11:18 to whom it had been said, "What is called your 'seed' will be in Yitz'chak."

Heb 11:19 For he had concluded that God could even raise people from the dead! And, figuratively speaking, he did so receive him.

This is the resurrection David was believing in.

2Sa 12:18 On the seventh day, the child died. The servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, because they said, "While the child was still alive, we spoke to him, and he didn't listen to us; if we tell him now that the child is dead, he may do himself some harm."

2Sa 12:19 But when David saw his servants whispering to each other, he suspected that the child was dead. David asked his servants, "Is the child dead?" and they answered, "He is dead."

2Sa 12:20 Then David got up off the ground, washed, anointed himself and changed his clothes. He went into the house of Adonai and worshipped; then he went to his own palace; and when he asked for food, they served it to

him; and he ate.

2Sa 12:21 His servants asked him, "What are you doing? You fasted and wept for the child while it was alive; but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat food!"

2Sa 12:22 He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; because I thought, 'Maybe Adonai will show his grace to me and let the child live.'

2Sa 12:23 But now that he's dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

Life after death = resurrection.

So, with these two rather significant promises, why would anyone knowingly forfeit them?

I would say, no one would willingly or even knowingly want to forfeit them. Many believers are aware of these promises in that believers are taught about eternal life and the resurrection. Yet, many are unaware that they can forfeit the right to these promises.

This flies in the face of such doctrines as once saved always saved. Typically supported by this verse...

Joh 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me,

Joh 10:28 and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands.

No one can take it away from you. Yet, you can walk away from it...

Yeshua's parable of the sower and the seeds conveys a message involving four different types of people. I encourage you to read Matthew 13 on your own. Three of the four people as represented by the different types of ground seed was sown into did not remain. They did not flourish, but for various reasons they shrivelled.

What is forfeiture?

To lose or give up (something) as a necessary consequence of something else.

Adonai is a promise maker and a promise keeper. Yet, there is responsibility on our part as well.

Some consider the path laid out in the church as an easy path. Everything is grace, grace, grace. So, is all love and no discipline a reality, or even healthy?

Adonai breathed life into Adam, created in the image and likeness of Adonai. Yet, Adam, forfeited the promise made by Adonai...

Gen 2:16 Adonai, God, gave the person this order: "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden

Gen 2:17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You are not to eat from it, because on the day that you eat from it, it will become certain that you will die."

You will live with me in my garden, communing with me, freely eating of anything you want, with the exception of the fruit of one tree.

We all know the story and how it turns out. Adam and Havah would forfeit that promise.

Israel would forfeit at different times its rights given by Adonai to reside in the land promised them.

The first time was when they went to spy out the land and the majority came back with a negative report (Numbers 13 & 14)

The second time was a partial separation from the land through the divided Kingdom when the northern tribes were conquered by the Assyrians. (2 Kings 17 & 18, 1 Chronicles 5)

The third time was the southern tribes of Yudah falling at the hands of Bavel. (2 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36)

Promises made by Adonai – Promises forfeited as a consequence for their actions.

If this happened prior, and Adonai never changes, who is to say that it can't happen to believers in Yeshua under the New Covenant and its power with better promises.

Transgression is still transgression. Even for believers who are sealed by Yeshua's atoning death.

Just as Israel was sealed by the Covenant at Sinai, they were not exempt from transgression.

Remember, traditionally, on Rosh Hashanah the books are open and on Yom Kippur the books are closed with the outcome being sealed for another year.

As believers in Yeshua, your name is written in the Book of Life, but that doesn't mean it can't be removed. Moshe asked Adonai to remove his name from His book...

Exo 32:31 Moshe went back to Adonai and said, "Please! These people have committed a terrible sin: they have made themselves a god out of gold.

Exo 32:32 Now, if you will just forgive their sin! But if you won't, then, I beg you, blot me out of your book which you have written!"

Exo 32:33 Adonai answered Moshe, "Those who have sinned against me are the ones I will blot out of my book.

If the same was true then, the same is true now.

Sin is still sin...

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.

Yet, what many believers don't realize is that the power of the New Covenant equips us to be stronger in our faith, giving us His Ruach Ha Kodesh to actually reside in us. The power behind all creation is residing in us for Yeshua said...

Act 1:6 When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?"

Act 1:7 He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority.

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER!!!

Yet, most believers don't realize the power that resides within them and therefore don't live as Adonai has promised.

Many view the Book of Acts...the Actions of the Apostles as historical. "Those things happened then, but they don't happen now."

WHO SAYS THEY DON'T HAPPEN NOW!!!

Likewise, many Christians believe Israel and the Jewish people have forfeited their promises. Yet, today we are witnessing the power of Shavuot when the Ruach ha Kodesh fell on Jews in Jerusalem and the impact it is having today, nearly 2000 years later.

There is no secret here. The reality is rather clear and once pointed out should be extremely clear.

The Passover Lamb who would take away the sin of the world through His death, and the power of His resurrection, thus defeating the wages of sin, making it more powerful than any atoning sacrifice is even seen in Yom Kippur

Two Goats...1 for Azazel

Lev 16:8 Then Aharon is to cast lots for the two goats, one lot for Adonai and the other for `Az'azel.

Lev 16:9 Aharon is to present the goat whose lot fell to Adonai and offer it as a sin offering.

Lev 16:10 But the goat whose lot fell to `Az'azel is to be presented alive to Adonai to be used for making atonement over it by sending it away into the desert for `Az'azel.

Lev 16:21 Aharon is to lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the transgressions, crimes and sins of the people of Isra'el; he is to put them on the head of the goat and then send it away into the desert with a man appointed for the purpose.

Lev 16:22 The goat will bear all their transgressions away to some isolated place, and he is to let the goat go in the desert.

Yeshua bore our transgressions for us, alive before Adonai...as I have shared with you many times this passage from Hebrews...

Heb 9:11 But when the Messiah appeared as cohen gadol of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world),

Heb 9:12 he entered the Holiest Place once and for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever.

Heb 9:13 For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity;

Heb 9:14 then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God!

Lev 16:30 For on this day, atonement will be made for you to purify you; you will be clean before Adonai from all your sins.

Lev 16:31 It is a Shabbat of complete rest for you, and you are to deny yourselves. "This is a permanent regulation.

Lev 16:32 The cohen anointed and consecrated to be cohen in his father's place will make the atonement; he will put on the linen garments, the holy garments;

Lev 16:33 he will make atonement for the Especially Holy Place; he will make atonement for the tent of meeting and the altar; and he will make atonement for the cohanim and for all the people of the community.

Lev 16:34 This is a permanent regulation for you, to make atonement for the people of Isra'el because of all their sins once a year." Moshe did as Adonai had ordered him.

Yeshua, a better sacrifice, the Passover Lamb who like the Passover Lamb in Egypt, passed over death, not atoning for transgression but delivering us from the penalty of sin, death.

Compare Leviticus 16 with Hebrews 9

God's covenant with Noah includes many promises and is called eternal ([Gen 9:16](#)).

God promised Avraham and his seed the Land of Israel for ever ([Gen 13:15](#)), and the term "inherit" is first used in the Bible in connection with this promise ([Gen 15:7](#)).

God's promises to Avraham are confirmed in the covenant with Moses , but people's sins disqualified them from receiving what had been promised.

Learn from the past, so not to duplicate its mistakes.

Those who accept Yeshua's once-for-all dealing with sin atoning death and resurrection, as I have explained, **may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

For Sukkot, I will talk about "Promises Kept"