

Notes: Yom T'ruah – September 4, 2013

Start: 6:00 pm

Order of service:

1. Meet and greet
2. Introduction
3. Announcements
4. Ma Tovv
5. Candles
6. Liturgy
7. Praise and worship songs – Adonai, Shouts of Joy, Days of Elijah
8. Sh'ma
9. Message
10. Time of prayer
11. Aaronic Blessing
12. Oneg

Introduction: Yom T'rooah, Adonai Always Keeps His Promises

Our faith is constantly being challenged.

Do we trust Adonai?

Even when the promise hasn't happened?

How long do we wait?

When we put all of this in to context and look at Avraham, we can ultimately relate to him and his faith to trust in Adonai...

When we look at Genesis 21, we see the fulfillment of a promise that was made 24 years prior.

Gen 21:1 Adonai remembered Sarah as he had said, and Adonai did for Sarah what he had promised.

Gen 21:2 Sarah conceived and bore Avraham a son in his old age, at the very time God had said to him.

Gen 21:3 Avraham called his son, born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Yitz'chak.

Gen 21:4 Avraham circumcised his son Yitz'chak when he was eight days old, as God had ordered him to do.

Gen 21:5 Avraham was one hundred years old when his son Yitz'chak [*laughter*] was born to him.

Avraham and Sarah would have a son. Not Avraham and Hagar, but Avraham and Sarah. Let's go back a bit...

When Adonai first appeared to Avram, He spoke this to him...

Gen 12:7 Adonai appeared to Avram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to Adonai, who had appeared to him.

A promise of land being passed down to Avram's decedents.

Some years later...

Gen 15:1 Some time later the word of Adonai came to Avram in a vision: "Don't be afraid, Avram. I am your protector; your reward will be very great."

Gen 15:2 Avram replied, "Adonai, God, what good will your gifts be to me if I continue childless; and Eli'ezer from Dammeseq inherits my possessions?"

Gen 15:3 You haven't given me a child," Avram continued, "so someone born in my house will be my heir."

Gen 15:4 But the word of Adonai came to him: "This man will not be your heir. No, your heir will be a child from your own body."

Gen 15:5 Then he brought him outside and said, "Look up at the sky, and count the stars — if you can count them! Your descendants will be that many!"

Gen 15:6 He believed in Adonai, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

The path for Avram was not easy. He had his doubts as did his wife.

We see this in Genesis 16...

It had been 10 years since Adonai made this promise and not too long after He spoke to Avram in Genesis 15.

So there was renewed expectations.

However, when we get to Genesis 22, Avraham's faith is restored because a promise 25 years in the making became a reality.

Adonai made a promise and it happened. How long it took is irrelevant, but that it did happen.

So, when Adonai makes the statement...

Gen 22:1 After these things, God tested Avraham. He said to him, "Avraham!" and he answered, "Here I am."

Gen 22:2 He said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love, Yitz'chak; and go to the land of Moriyah. There you are to offer him as a burnt offering on a mountain that I will point out to you."

Genesis 22 is the Torah portion for Yom T'ruah. Needless to say, there have been thousands of sermons on the Akedah of Yitzchak...the binding of Issac.

Sermons have delved into the mind of Avraham. What was he thinking, what was he feeling...ranging from such dynamics as...

- The God who tests to the man who is tested
- The nature of faith and the demands it makes

When we look at the literary structure of Genesis 22, it resembles Genesis 12:

- A divine command is issued, asking Avraham to set out to an as yet unannounced place.

We ultimately don't know the time frame between the end of Genesis 21 and the beginning of Genesis 22 even though it has been speculated.

Regardless of time, Avraham had experienced a promise fulfilled by Adonai and saw this fulfillment every day in his son Yitzchak.

Throughout scripture there are promises made and kept or promises that have been made by Adonai and are as of now still promises.

1 Samuel 1

Hannah cried out to Adonai for a child and in her plea, promised to dedicate his life for Adonai. Hannah's son is Shmuel (Samuel)

So, when we look at promises that have been made...

Joh 14:26 But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

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!"

And see them come to fruition...

Acts 2

Act 2:2 Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them.

Act 2:4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

The biggest and most paradigm promise yet to come to fruition is His Return

Our challenge is that we were created within the realm of time by a creator who existed before time existed.

We have an appointed time to live and an appointed time to die. Whereas, our creator doesn't.

Meaning that we have a limited life in this world.

In looking back at the promises that Adonai made and kept or has yet to keep, we must realize that He was not created within the realm of time, yet it is His creation.

- We live in a world now that doesn't want to wait for anything. Microwaves cook food in minutes and seconds, not hours.
- We obtain our information instantaneously, rather than waiting to see the evening news or having the paper delivered to us.

Time didn't exist in Eternity Past and will not exist when Eternity resumes in Eternity future, when time is finished.

So, when Yeshua makes the following statement:

Joh 14:1 "Don't let yourselves be disturbed. Trust in God and trust in me.

We should rest assured that He always keeps His promises.

Last Shabbat I shared with you the promise of Deuteronomy 30 and Adonai's promise to regather the Jewish people from the outer parts of the earth, and return them to erez Israel.

Yossi Aloni – Israel Today

A majority of Jews living in Europe today avoid outward demonstrations of their faith and nearly half actively hide their ethnic identity, even as assimilation rates on the continent are skyrocketing.

That according to figures released by Rabbinical Centre of Europe. The study revealed that only about 500,000 Jews will attend Rosh Hashanah services this week in Europe, and that a mere 30 percent will participate in Yom Kippur at local synagogues next week.

Rabbi Menachem Margolin, director of the European Jewish Association, said those numbers corresponded to an earlier study that showed about 40 percent of European Jews choose to actively hide their Jewishness, most notably by refusing to enroll their children in Jewish schools.

There have been more attacks, more harassment of individual Jews and Jewish communities, more demonstrations, and more politicians issuing fiery speeches against Israel and the Jewish people.

I believe we will be experiencing another Exodus, this time from Europe that will further emphasize Adonai's promise.

It will be through this rise in anti-semitism that will prompt Jews in Europe to make Aliyah and return to the land.

It will be the rise in anti-semitism that will be an element in ushering in the return of Messiah.

It is only a matter of time for this plague to reach epidemic proportions in North America.

We have much to do, and a short time to do it.

Yeshua said...