

Notes: June 13, 2020

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
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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: Enduring Till The End

Last Shabbat I shared with you the paths of two people, both believers. One who ended up questioning everything He believed and has now come to the conclusion that he does not believe in God. Does not believe what Yeshua has done. It wasn't a spur of the moment decision but was contemplated over time by assessing many of the experiences of his life.

The second person persevered until her race had been run to its conclusion. Ultimately trusting and taking Adonai at His Word.

Two people, two different outcomes. While there is still hope for the first person the challenge is even greater considering returning to the faith you once knew is not impossible for there is nothing impossible for Adonai to accomplish...

When telling Avraham after he doubted the Words of Adonai regarding them having a child, He said...

Gen 18:14 Is anything too hard for Adonai? At the time set for it, at this season next year, I will return to you; and Sarah will have a son."

Or when the Angel spoke to Miryam about her having a child...

Luk 1:35 The angel answered her, "The Ruach HaKodesh will come over you, the power of Ha`Elyon will cover you. Therefore the holy child born to you will be called the Son of God.

Luk 1:36 "You have a relative, Elisheva, who is an old woman; and everyone says she is barren. But she has conceived a son and is six months pregnant!

Luk 1:37 For with God, nothing is impossible."

Yet a greater challenge in that you already doubt that which you are required to believe in order to have faith in Adonai.

So, there still remains hope for this person and anyone who is still breathing in either turning or returning to Adonai.

I share this aspect from last week because the second person, Grace endured until the end. Conveying Matthew 24:13...

Mat 24:13 But whoever holds out till the end will be delivered.

Yet, there is more that precedes this verse, a greater context of this verse in relation to what one must endure. What must one experience while holding out till the end?

Mat 24:4 Yeshua replied: "Watch out! Don't let anyone fool you!

Mat 24:5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray.

Mat 24:6 You will hear the noise of wars nearby and the news of wars far off; see to it that you don't become frightened. Such things must happen, but the end is yet to come.

Mat 24:7 For peoples will fight each other, nations will fight each other, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various parts of the world;

Mat 24:8 all this is but the beginning of the 'birth-pains.'

Mat 24:9 At that time you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and put to death, and all peoples will hate you because of me.

Mat 24:10 At that time many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other,

Mat 24:11 many false prophets will appear and fool many people;

Mat 24:12 and many people's love will grow cold because of increased distance from Torah.

You are to endure, that is to overcome everything that is thrown at you intended to weaken and then undermine your faith in Adonai. To undermine your acceptance of what Yeshua did for Israel and for the nations. That is, His atoning sacrificial death, and ultimate resurrection.

You are to endure the lies of the adversary, the noise that if you allow it will consume you with doubt and fear. Believe it or not, his tactics are old and repetitive. Consider the words inspired from Solomon...

Ecc 1:8 Everything is wearisome, more than one can express; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, the ear not filled up with hearing.

Ecc 1:9 What has been is what will be, what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

Ecc 1:10 Is there something of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It existed already in the ages before us.

Ecc 1:11 No one remembers the people of long ago; and those to come will not be remembered by those who come after them.

There is nothing new under the sun, including his old and tired tactics. You would think once you know his playbook you can devise a counter to his tactics.

This week as I was preparing for today and reflecting on the events of the last two weeks, History doesn't repeat itself, but rather reoccurs. That is events having similar attributes occur again, yet the underlying circumstances are different. For instance, a repeat would be like watching the same episode of a TV show over again, whereas everything is exactly the same as the first time you watched the episode.

Case in point, the riots that transpired recently, resulting in vandalism and looting also presented the image of the night of broken glass throughout many cities. Something that occurred many years prior. I want to share an excerpt from a recent commentary by Frank Miele entitled "*The Week America Lost Its Way*"

That's what happened in America last week when mob violence replaced police as the standard of authority. When you saw white people taking a knee to prostrate themselves before looters and to renounce their "white privilege," you also saw parallels to Mao's Cultural Revolution and Hitler's Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass.

The Cultural Revolution began with an attack on the old order, the old "privilege" represented by shop owners and college professors. To avoid the mob's rage, the victims were forced to humiliate themselves publicly and to utter self-denunciations, to confess their "crimes" against the mob's ideology. But there was no escaping the demented wrath of the self-anointed protectors of virtue. Eventually millions of those intellectuals and entrepreneurs were put to death — sometimes buried up to their necks so that they could continue to abase themselves until their final breath.

Kristallnacht is the name given to a pogrom carried out against Jewish shops, homes, cemeteries and synagogues in November 1938 by Nazi paramilitaries known as Brownshirts. They were an exact parallel of the black-garbed stormtroopers that ravaged neighborhoods in dozens of U.S. cities the last 10 days or so. Don't let the name Antifa fool you. These "anti-fascists" have adopted the tactics of the fascists as their own (and even the uniform of the Italian Blackshirts). Just as Kristallnacht was intended to send a message to Jews, so too were the riots last week intended to send a signal to law-abiding whites. The words that journalist Hugh Greene wrote about Kristallnacht in 1938 could just as easily have been written today about the riots that followed the murder of George Floyd:

"Mob law ruled ... throughout this afternoon and evening, and hordes of hooligans indulged in an orgy of destruction. ... Racial hatred and hysteria seemed to have taken complete hold of otherwise decent people."

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2020/06/08/the_week_america_lost_its_way_143395.html

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

The imagery is most certainly parallel to what has transpired today. History is reoccurring. Unfortunately, we are living in what has been deemed "Cancel Culture". We are seeing the removal of reminders of our nation's history that are unpleasant for some, yet occurred and there is nothing one can do today to undo that. There is talk of burning books, cancelling shows, removing movies that don't align with a certain narrative. This too was done in 1938 and the years surrounding it. The burning of books by the Nazis, attempted to purge their thoughts and ideas from German society. This included over 1000 Torah scrolls, so Adonai was also on the heap of ashes, attempting to be silenced from the superior arian super human race. Adonai's own rebellious creation attempting to remove Him. This is nothing new either.

What has changed since 1938?

We have seen a greatly improved standard of living, technological advancements no one could have even dreamed of 82 years ago, including a world connected in real time to where events in America have influenced events in other countries. We have seen major advancements in healthcare and medicine.

With all these advancements there is one thing that has not changed. That being the human nature we acquired through the adversary's own transgression. What I called Acquired Sin Disorder. Something we were not created with yet something we have acquired, inherited from previous generations ultimately originating through Adam. It is this nature by which the adversary peddles his wares. Temptation, doubt, fear, all meant to undermine God's creation...YOU.

As the adversary uses the same tactics on different generations his intention is still the same, stoking chaos amongst God's creation, ultimately leading to his ascension among God's creation.

There will come a time when the adversary will be revealed and we will see the events of Revelation 13 play out to where the outcome of verse 8 will become very real.

Rev 13:8 Everyone living on earth will worship it except those whose names are written in the Book of Life

belonging to the Lamb slaughtered before the world was founded.

However, pay attention to all of verse 8.

“Everyone...except”

Rev 13:9 Those who have ears, let them hear!

Rev 13:10 "If anyone is meant for captivity, into captivity he goes! If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed!" This is when God's holy people must persevere and trust!

So when you witness the events of today playing out and you witness the decay continuing, know that you are to persevere, not on your own accord or your own strength, but through that which has been given you.

If you have come to trust in Yeshua, you have been sealed.

What does Sha'ul say about this gift you have been given?

Eph 2:8 For you have been delivered by grace through trusting, and even this is not your accomplishment but God's gift.

Eph 2:9 You were not delivered by your own actions; therefore no one should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are of God's making, created in union with the Messiah Yeshua for a life of good actions already prepared by God for us to do.

Adonai requires you as his witness to persevere.

I have a question for you...Do YOU take Adonai at HIS WORD?

Joh 16:33 "I have said these things to you so that, united with me, you may have shalom. In the world, you have tsuris. But be brave! I have conquered the world!"

Though chaos may ensue, though apostasy may befall many, we, who have been called, according to His name are to remain resolute, firm, immovable.

Heb 13:20 The God of shalom brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Yeshua, by the blood of an eternal covenant.

Heb 13:21 May God equip you with every good thing you need to do his will; and may he do in us whatever pleases him, through Yeshua the Messiah. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lean on His Word, Trust in His Word, Consume His Word so that you may be strengthened for the time that is here and is to come.

I had made this promise on Tuesday evening and reiterate it on this Shabbat, “to do my best to help you guide through this maze of troubled times, helping you understand them within the framework and context of Scripture”.