

Notes: June 27, 2015

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: Judgment is Coming to America

A nation that has turned its back on Adonai will not listen to those that follow after Adonai.

We are instructed to be the light in times of darkness, yet the darkness wants no part of the light.

What about Avram and S'odm? He was able to convince Adonai that if there were only 10 righteous in the city, (a mere glimmer of light) He would not destroy it. So, there is an importance that Adonai recognizes for those who are righteous, according to Adonai's definition of righteousness.

However, America is not S'odm, in that S'odm never committed themselves to Adonai whereas the formation of America was based on Biblical principles.

For many years, the 10 commandments were central to America's foundation, yet over the years, they have been reduced in stature and importance, to the point of becoming irrelevant.

S'odm is not an accurate comparison to America, because of intent and the basis of its founding.

A better comparison would be to Israel.

A nation Adonai established, gave His mitzvot and identified them as His.

First let me state, that America is not Israel, so attempting to apply any of the promises revealed in Scripture is bad hermeneutics.

Yet as a country that modeled itself after Israel, based on Torah, and the blessings associated with them, can we not expect to experience the curses for our transgression?

So, what happens when a nation turns away?

The Tanakh documents Israel's history as a nation. This includes the judgment Adonai passes upon Israel's pursuit of other gods.

She was called a harlot, an adulteress.

Yet her transgressions began long before this. Throughout her history, Israel, has always been a challenge for Adonai. From the moment He led them by the hand out of Egypt. Israel, heart and faith seemed to be attached to Egypt and their worldly, pagan culture, because even as slaves, they felt secure.

Num 14:11 Adonai said to Moshe, "How much longer is this people going to treat me with contempt? How much longer will they not trust me, especially considering all the signs I have performed among them?"

Numbers 14 is only one incident in a slew of incidents whereby "the people" complained. Not much later, it would be some of the leaders who were attempting to in essence stage a revolt against Moshe and Aahron.

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.

To where Adonai responded,

Num 16:20 Adonai said to Moshe and Aharon,

Num 16:21 "Separate yourselves from this assembly; I'm going to destroy them right now!"

It is defiance that leads to judgment.

I believe we as a country have crossed the point of no return.

In 1973, Roe v Wade was framed as a decision regarding the woman's right to choose and therefore end her pregnancy in a safe manner. Ultimately it was a decision against the Creator of life.

Friday's (June 26th) decision in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges was not only about the legalization of same sex marriage by the highest court in the land, making it legal throughout the land, it is a decision against the Creator of marriage.

In both cases it is ultimately Adonai who has been placed on trial by the people, seeking a decision by people against His ways.

In each case humans have redefined what Adonai created.

These are not small issues when it comes to Adonai.

Roe v. Wade gave people the right to choose who would live. We now have the legal power of choosing life, in essence replacing Adonai.

Redefining when life begins, therefore making it more palatable to stomach the outcome. Yet Adonai says, through David...

Psa 139:13 For you fashioned my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I thank you because I am awesomely made, wonderfully; your works are wonders - I know this very well.

To where I was listening to an excerpt of President Obama's response to the Obergefell decision and was completely floored by his statement.

“Every child is entitled to life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

When in reality, not every child has these entitlements, because of what was decided in 1973 – 42 years ago.

What does judgment against a nation that has received Adonai's favor look like?

Let me emphasize that I am not using the following Scriptures and saying this is what is going to happen to America. That would be extremely bad hermeneutics. Rather I want to paint a picture through Scripture, as conveyed by Jeremiah of what was happening to Israel as they were being led into exile and the potential scenario that could play out for America.

Here are some glimpses of what transpired with Israel, through the eyes of Jeremiah...

Lam 1:8 Yerushalayim sinned grievously; therefore she has become unclean. All who honored her now despise her, because they have seen her naked. She herself also moans and turns her face away.

Unfortunately, our pride as a nation has not permitted us from seeing the nakedness that Jeremiah alludes to regarding Adam and Eve. We as a nation have not seen our nakedness and realized we have sinned against Adonai.

A remnant have realized this but those that are in charge have not. Yesterday was a victory for liberty and equality of individuals who desire to be recognized as married couples. They may be recognized by the government but they will never be recognized by Adonai.

This decision redefines marriage and ultimately redefines the image of Adonai by his creation.

Lam 1:18 "Adonai is in the right, for I rebelled against his word. Listen, please, all you peoples; and see how I am in pain! My young women and my young men have gone into captivity.

Lam 2:2 Without pity Adonai swallowed up all the dwellings of Ya`akov. In his wrath he broke down the strongholds of the daughter of Y'hudah, brought them down to the ground, thus profaning the kingdom and its rulers.

Lam 2:3 In his fierce anger he cut off all the power of Isra'el, withdrew his protecting right hand at the approach of the enemy, and blazed up in Ya`akov like a flaming fire devouring everything around it.

How we are judged is not yet clear. Keep in mind Israel's status with Adonai included the land that was promised to them. Should they transgress, they would be removed from the land.

America has no covenant promise like that so our judgment will likely not take on the same scope, but rather I believe we as a country go from relevant world leader to irrelevant in that the favor Adonai has granted this nation will be taken away.

As Jonathan Cahn has conveyed in his writings, America's greatest attribute has been its financial standing in the world that have led it to become a world power.

In the same manner that America saw favor and was blessed, it will have that favor removed.

I believe our judgment will come in the form of economics.

I believe our currency will cease to be the world currency, thus making the demand for dollars decline significantly and because of the last 7 years of “loose money” whereby the Federal Reserve has been expanding the money supply the value of the dollar will decline.

What does this mean for us?

It means hyper inflation.

Lam 2:13 What can be said to you, what can be compared with you, daughter of Yerushalayim? What example can I give to comfort you, virgin daughter of Tziyon? For your downfall is as vast as the sea; who can heal you?

Lam 2:14 The visions your prophets saw for you were futile, just a whitewash. They did not expose your guilt, so as to reverse your fortunes — no, the visions they saw for you were alluring, but futile.

The country is not listening to the warnings, yet continuing to pursue a path that will lead to destruction.

If Adonai would not spare the only people He made covenants with, why would He spare a country founded on the same principles?

Lam 2:17 Adonai has done what he planned, he has fulfilled his promise, which he decreed in ancient times. He has destroyed without pity, he has let the enemy gloat over you and filled your foes with pride.

Lam 2:18 Their hearts cried out to Adonai, "Wall of the daughter of Tziyon! Let your tears stream down like a torrent, day and night! Give yourself no respite, give your eyes no rest!

We have people who are constantly in prayer for our nation, leaders and citizens. Praying that they will collectively turn their hearts back to Adonai and repent of the pride we have displayed as a nation. A pride that would come against Adonai in a defiant, in your face way...

To the point where...

- This weeks decision regarding the legalization of gay marriage was celebrated across the country, including the White House being displayed in lights conveying the rainbow banner representing the gay rights movement.
- A transgender person is applauded for their courage in publicly stating who they are on a reality TV show
- A network is cashing in on this wave self empowerment by airing a show about a transgender teenager

There is no remorse.

There is no grief.

Lam 4:12 The kings of the earth could not believe, neither could anyone living in the world, that enemy or foe would ever enter the gates of Yerushalayim.

Lam 4:13 It happened because of the sins of her prophets and the offenses of her cohanim, who, within her walls, shed the blood of the righteous.

We have already seen the hedge of protection that America had experienced removed on 9/11, just as protection was promised to Israel, so long as they followed the mitzvot of Adonai.

We first saw this on September 11, 2001.

There was disbelief that America could be attacked on its own soil, yet it happened.

As Jonathan Cahn conveys, the hedge of protection was the first thing removed. That was 14 years ago. You had a brief wake up call, but then it was business as usual.

The business as usual is continuing in the path away from Adonai, leading to a once prominent nations imminent judgment.

What did this hedge of protection look like to Israel?

Deu 28:1 "If you listen closely to what Adonai your God says, observing and obeying all his mitzvot which I am giving you today, Adonai your God will raise you high above all the nations on earth;

Deu 28:2 and all the following blessings will be yours in abundance - if you will do what Adonai your God says:

Deu 28:7 "Adonai will cause your enemies attacking you to be defeated before you; they will advance on you one way and flee before you seven ways.

Deu 28:11 "Adonai will give you great abundance of good things - of the fruit of your body, the fruit of your livestock and the fruit of your land in the land Adonai swore to your ancestors to give you.

Deu 28:12 Adonai will open for you his good treasure, the sky, to give your land its rain at the right seasons and to bless everything you undertake. You will lend to many nations and not borrow;

Deu 28:13 Adonai will make you the head and not the tail; and you will be only above, never below - if you will listen to, observe and obey the mitzvot of Adonai your God

Deu 28:14 and not turn away from any of the words I am ordering you today, neither to the right nor to the left, to follow after other gods and serve them.

What does the absence of the hedge of protection look like for Israel?

What could it look like for America?

Deu 28:15 "But if you refuse to pay attention to what Adonai your God says, and do not observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance:

Deu 28:20 "Adonai will send on you curses, disasters and frustration in everything you set out to do, until you are destroyed and quickly perish, because of your evil actions in abandoning me.

Deu 28:25 "Adonai your God will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will advance on them one way and flee before them seven. You will become an object of horror to every kingdom on earth.

Yeshua bore the burden of these curses for us, but not for a defiant people who have chosen not to accept who He is, and what He has done for us.

"The curses have been done away with under the New Covenant" people are taught. Yet if you have not accepted Yeshua and the Covenant He is Cohen gadol over, then you can not make that statement.

Yet what is happening within our nation...

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.

Justice Kennedy...

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No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right.

The judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is reversed.

It is so ordered.

This is what changing darkness into light looks like. This is what Isaiah was conveying as a warning to the nation.

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

Well educated, extremely intelligent individuals who offer the appearance of intellectual yet in the eyes of Adonai are viewed as fools.

Rom 1:18 What is revealed is God's anger from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who in their wickedness keep suppressing the truth;

Rom 1:19 because what is known about God is plain to them, since God has made it plain to them.

Rom 1:20 For ever since the creation of the universe his invisible qualities — both his eternal power and his divine nature — have been clearly seen, because they can be understood from what he has made. Therefore, they have no excuse;

Rom 1:21 because, although they know who God is, they do not glorify him as God or thank him. On the contrary, they have become futile in their thinking; and their undiscerning hearts have become darkened.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they have become fools!

Rom 1:23 In fact, they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for mere images, like a mortal human being, or like birds, animals or reptiles!

They are viewed as fools because they are rewriting the wisdom of Adonai and claiming liberty for all, regardless of one's beliefs. The constitution is silent regarding marriage for the simple reason that it was never an issue among the framers of the constitution. As a nation founded on Biblical principles, marriage was already defined. The intent of the constitution was to protect the rights of individuals from an overstepping government. Unfortunately, government has become our "conscience" and feels the need to create and legislate rights that were never part of the constitution from the beginning. Likewise, the Supreme Court is creating new rights through an extremely loose understanding and reach in applying the 14th amendment in supporting their decision.

What is America's sin?

Redefining God.

As a nation we have have gone from one nation under God to one nation above God.

We have moved away from being a nation defined by God to a nation redefining God's ways.

The decisions being legislated and decided through the judicial system have redefined Adonai's instructions.

As a nation founded on the premise of one nation under God, we have lost our way. So much so, that just as Israel lost her way there came judgment, so to, there is judgment coming for America.

For America, there is no promise of reversal of judgment upon its execution as there was for Israel.

Israel was judged, penalized and restored, only to go through it all over again, yet is being restored for a final time that will bring forth Yeshua as King of Israel.

America has no such guarantee

Justice Clarence Thomas on Friday wrote a fiery dissent in response to the [Supreme Court's 5-4 decision](#) that gay couples have a constitutional right to marry.

In it, he took issue with the concepts of "liberty" and "dignity." He argued that the petitioners in this case were not deprived of their liberty, as they have been allowed to travel and settle freely without government intervention.

This is why, Thomas wrote, the majority led by Justice Anthony Kennedy focused its opinion on the petitioners' "dignity."

Clarence Thomas went on to write that one's liberty and dignity should be shielded from the government — not provided by it.

"Today's decision casts that truth aside. In its haste to reach a desired result, the majority misapplies a clause focused on 'due process' to afford substantive rights, disregards the most plausible understanding of the 'liberty' protected by that clause, and distorts the principles on which this Nation was founded. Its decision will have inestimable consequences for our Constitution and our society," Thomas wrote in conclusion.

With what transpired on Friday and my meeting with the JCA on Thursday, my heart has been extremely heavy for the last two days.

Rom 9:1 I am speaking the truth — as one who belongs to the Messiah, I do not lie; and also bearing witness is my conscience, governed by the Ruach Ha Kodesh:

Rom 9:2 my grief is so great, the pain in my heart so constant,

Rom 9:3 that I could wish myself actually under God's curse and separated from the Messiah, if it would help my brothers, my own flesh and blood,

Rom 9:4 the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

Rom 9:5 the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

Yet their position was fixed and in their eyes had been resolved 5 years ago.

Their view, “you are outside of the broad tent of Judaism because you believe in Jesus”. That was their position then and remains their position as an Alliance today.

To the point when I asked about the “interfaith” dynamic, they had indicated to me. “if you call yourself a church, then there would be no problem in doing things with the JCA.” Yet they had also indicated that our symbol / log was troubling because it comprised both a fish and star of David, to which they indicated it would be confusing.

Are we done?

No.

We are still going to demonstrate who Yeshua is and it will be Adonai who opens their eyes. We must remain steadfast and faithful in all things we do. Whether it is a nation going astray at warp speed or a community that continues to deny the truth that is so clear to many, yet hidden until Adonai reveals it to them.

It is unfortunate that they (Jewish community) doesn't recognize Yeshua as He has proclaimed and that the plurality of a nation has either ignored or rejected Him – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!!!

Joh 8:12 Yeshua spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life."

As others have witnessed to and provided their testimony for our benefit.

1Jn 1:1 The Word, which gives life! He existed from the beginning. We have heard him, we have seen him with our eyes, we have contemplated him, we have touched him with our hands!

1Jn 1:2 The life appeared, and we have seen it. We are testifying to it and announcing it to you — eternal life! He was with the Father, and he appeared to us.

1Jn 1:3 What we have seen and heard, we are proclaiming to you; so that you too may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Yeshua the Messiah.

1Jn 1:4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1Jn 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him — none!

1Jn 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with him while we are walking in the darkness, we are lying and not living out the truth.

1Jn 1:7 But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing.

1Jn 1:10 If we claim we have not been sinning, we are making him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

Whether the Jewish community or the nation, we are living amongst the darkness, but what does Scripture say...

Psa 139:11 If I say, "Let darkness surround me, let the light around me be night,"

Psa 139:12 even darkness like this is not too dark for you; rather, night is as clear as day, darkness and light are the same.

2Co 4:6 For it is 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.

Not a literal quotation from the *Tanakh*, but referring to [Gen 1:3](#), "And God said, 'Let there be light.'" The "quotation" in this form calls attention to the darkness both in creation and in human hearts before God speaks.

We as believers have hope, even if we must endure the times we are living in and the judgment that is pending. Remember even the righteous remnant that has always existed went through these times...Jeremiah, Daniel.

Our hope is not in what I say but what Adonai says:

Isa 59:8 The way of shalom they do not know, their goings-about obey no law, they make devious paths for themselves; no one treading them will ever know shalom.

Isa 59:9 This is why justice is far from us, and righteousness doesn't catch up with us; we look for light, but see only darkness, for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Isa 59:10 We grope for the wall like the blind; like people without eyes we feel our way; we stumble at noonday as if it were dusk, we are in dark places like the dead.

Isa 59:11 We growl, all of us, like bears and moan pitifully like doves; we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.

Isa 59:12 For our crimes multiply before you, our sins testify against us; for our crimes are present with us; and our sins, we know them well:

Isa 59:13 rebelling and denying Adonai, turning away from following our God, talking about oppression and revolt, uttering lies which our hearts have conceived.

Isa 59:14 Thus justice is repelled, righteousness stands apart, at a distance; for truth stumbles in the public court, and uprightness cannot enter.

Isa 59:15 Honesty is lacking, he who leaves evil becomes a target. Adonai saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

Isa 59:16 He saw that there was no one, was amazed that no one interceded. Therefore his own arm brought him salvation, and his own righteousness sustained him.

Isa 59:17 He put on righteousness as his breastplate, salvation as a helmet on his head; he clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in a mantle of zeal.

Isa 59:18 He repays according to their deeds — fury to his foes, reprisal to his enemies; to the coastlands he will repay their due;

Isa 59:19 in the west they will fear the name of Adonai, and likewise, in the east, his glory. For he will come like a pent-up stream, impelled by the Spirit of Adonai.

Isa 59:20 "Then a Redeemer will come to Tziyon, to those in Ya`akov who turn from rebellion." So says Adonai.

Isa 59:21 "And as for me," says Adonai, "this is my covenant with them: my Spirit, who rests on you, and my words which I put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth or from the mouth of your children, or from the mouth of your children's children, now or ever," says Adonai.