

Notes: October 11, 2016

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

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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: The Sign of Yonah Seen Every Yom Kippur

Last year I focused on who Yeshua is in relation to Yom Kippur. I had revealed that Yeshua is not only the goat whose blood would be used for making atonement on behalf of the nation of Israel, but He was also the scape goat who would stand before Adonai alive, bearing all of the transgressions of the nation of Israel.

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.

Yeshua went off into the desert prior to this time, confronting not Az'azel, but the one who was above Az'azel, putting to rest his deceptions, the one who brought death and sin into this world. Thus Yeshua would stand before Adonai bearing our sin as rabbi Sha'ul wrote:

2Co 5:21 God made this sinless man be a sin offering on our behalf, so that in union with him we might fully share in God's righteousness."

And that He was the Cohen who would reside in the place of His Father and make atonement for Israel...

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;

Whereby we read in the book of Hebrews, chapter 9 how these moments played out. Ultimately how Yeshua entered the Holy of Holies, not made by human hands and standing alive, before Adonai's altar, His father, made atonement...

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!

That was last year.

This year, I want to focus on another aspect of Yom Kippur that is equally as dynamic as what you heard last year. For centuries, Yonah has been one of the Haftarah readings on Yom Kippur. Every year the book/scroll of Yonah would be read on Yom Kippur. So when we have this piece of evidence from Matthew's Gospel...

Mat 12:39 He replied, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign? No! None will be given to it but the sign of the prophet Yonah.

Mat 12:40 For just as Yonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea-monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the depths of the earth.

Mat 12:41 The people of Ninveh will stand up at the Judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they turned from their sins to God when Yonah preached, but what is here now is greater than Yonah.

There is more than meets the eye. The surface of the understanding of these words tells us about Yeshua's time frame regarding His death, burial and resurrection as being a sign.

Secondly, the message of repentance preached to a nation so removed from Adonai, ultimately embracing His message speaks volumes when conveyed back to the Jewish leadership and the people in Yeshua's time.

Yet there is still more to Yonah.

It would be similar to Yeshua's words on the stake...

Mat 27:46 At about three, Yeshua uttered a loud cry, "Eli! Eli! L'mah sh'vaktani? (My God! My God! Why have you deserted me?)"

Ultimately quoting Psalm 22...

Psa 22:1 *[For the leader. Set to "Sunrise." A psalm of David:]* My God! My God! Why have you abandoned me? Why so far from helping me, so far from my anguished cries?

And indicating to those who were present, pay attention to what is written in Psalm 22. This very Jewish tactic in conveying a message based on referencing a specific verse with the intent of directing that person to focus on the entire passage can be applied here as well. Using this understanding, let us look at the entirety of Yonah's 4 chapters.

Jon 1:1 The word of Adonai came to Yonah the son of Amitai:

Jon 1:2 "Set out for the great city of Ninveh, and proclaim to it that their wickedness has come to my attention."

Jon 1:3 But Yonah, in order to get away from Adonai, prepared to escape to Tarshish. He went down to Yafo, found a ship headed for Tarshish, paid the fare and went aboard, intending to travel with them to Tarshish and get away from Adonai.

Jon 1:17 (2:1) Adonai prepared a huge fish to swallow Yonah; and Yonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

So, we spend time in the great fish where Adonai conveys His message to Yonah:

Jon 2:1 (2:2) From the belly of the fish Yonah prayed to Adonai his God;

Jon 2:2 (2:3) he said, "Out of my distress I called to Adonai, and he answered me; from the belly of Sh'ol I cried, and you heard my voice.

Jon 2:3 (2:4) For you threw me into the deep, into the heart of the seas; and the flood enveloped me; all your surging waves passed over me.

Jon 2:4 (2:5) I thought, 'I have been banished from your sight.' But I will again look at your holy temple.

Jon 2:5 (2:6) The water surrounded me, threatened my life; the deep closed over me, seaweed twined around my head.

Jon 2:6 (2:7) I was going down to the bottoms of the mountains, to a land whose bars would close me in forever; but you brought me up alive from the pit, Adonai, my God!

Jon 2:7 (2:8) As my life was ebbing away, I remembered Adonai; and my prayer came in to you, into your holy temple.

Jon 2:8 (2:9) "Those who worship vain idols give up their source of mercy;

Jon 2:9 (2:10) but I, speaking my thanks aloud, will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed, I will pay. Salvation comes from Adonai!"

Jon 2:10 (2:11) Then Adonai spoke to the fish, and it vomited Yonah out onto dry land.

I want to focus on verse 9 for a few minutes.

In many instances throughout Scripture there is a often used method Adonai incorporates that has become a recognized Jewish concept. That concept is identified as "a play on words" This is a [literary technique](#) and a form of [wit](#) in which the words that are used become the main subject of the work, primarily for the purpose of intended effect.

In many instances these word plays don't translate from Hebrew to English. Yet, in the case of Yonah 2:9 and others we can see them, even in English.

Exo 3:13 Moshe said to God, "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

Exo 3:14 God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh [*I am/will be what I am/will be*]," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh [*I Am or I Will Be*] has sent me to you.' "

Gen 31:13 I am the God of Beit-El, where you anointed a standing-stone with oil, where you vowed your vow to me. Now get up, get out of this land, and return to the land where you were born.' "

Exo 6:6 "Therefore, say to the people of Isra'el: 'I am Adonai. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

Exo 6:7 I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am Adonai your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians.

Lev 18:2 "Speak to the people of Isra'el; tell them, 'I am Adonai your God.

Joh 8:28 So Yeshua said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM [*who I say I am*], and that

of myself I do nothing, but say only what the Father has taught me.

Joh 6:35 Yeshua answered, "I am the bread which is life! Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty.

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."

So, when we look at verse 9 again...

Jon 2:9 (2:10) but I, speaking my thanks aloud, will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed, I will pay. Salvation comes from Adonai!"

Salvation comes from Adonai...

Yeshua comes from Adonai.

This is in essence comparable to the examples of Yeshua relating to Adonai as I AM.

So, each year on Yom Kippur when Yonah is read, Just as with the 7 messages of Isaiah being read every year during the Parshah reading via the Haftarah, a remez wrapped in a sod, a hint wrapped in a mystery is there, waiting to be identified and embraced.

So, when in the course of time as identified by Adonai, when...

Deu 29:29 (29:28) "Things which are hidden belong to Adonai our God. But the things that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever, so that we can observe all the words of this Torah.

Would be revealed and Yeshua would further convey the connection as I referenced earlier in Matthew 12...

Mat 12:39 He replied, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign? No! None will be given to it but the sign of the prophet Yonah.

Now...the message that Adonai would convey to Ninveh through Yonah...

Jon 3:1 The word of Adonai came to Yonah a second time:

Jon 3:2 "Set out for the great city of Ninveh, and proclaim to it the message I will give you."

Jon 3:4 Yonah began his entry into the city and had finished only his first day of proclaiming, 'In forty days Ninveh will be overthrown,'

Jon 3:5 when the people of Ninveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

Jon 3:6 When the news reached the king of Ninveh, he got up from his throne, took off his robe, put on sackcloth and sat in ashes.

Jon 3:7 He then had this proclamation made throughout Ninveh: "By decree of the king and his nobles, no person or animal, herd or flock, is to put anything in his mouth; they are neither to eat nor drink water.

Jon 3:8 They must be covered with sackcloth, both people and animals; and they are to cry out to God with all their might — let each of them turn from his evil way and from the violence they practice.

Jon 3:9 Who knows? Maybe God will change his mind, relent and turn from his fierce anger; and then we won't perish."

Jon 3:10 When God saw by their deeds that they had turned from their evil way, he relented and did not bring on them the punishment he had threatened.

The people of Ninveh heard the message of Adonai through the Prophet of Yonah and turned from their evil ways. So, on Yom Kippur when this same message is conveyed through the reading of Yonah, it is meant to cause the Jewish people to return to Adonai.

So, when Yeshua says to a people that are pressing Him for a sign from Adonai, Yeshua conveys...

Mat 12:41 The people of Ninveh will stand up at the Judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they turned from their sins to God when Yonah preached, but what is here now is greater than Yonah.

The people of Ninveh heard Adonai's message – they are a witness to you. So, much so, that they will be in judgment of you because you have not listened to the messenger sent by Adonai, one who is greater than Yonah.

Ninveh is a witness to the mercy of Adonai.

Yet, what should be an encouraging message was not received by Yonah in the same manner.

Jon 4:1 But this was very displeasing to Yonah, and he became angry.

Why was Yonah displeased and angry?

Adonai saved Israel's gravest enemy.

Aren't you the God of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov? Why would you do such a terrible thing. Why would you harm your people in such a way, that they could easily turn against us.

Yonah prayed to Adonai...

Jon 4:2 He prayed to Adonai, "Now, Adonai, didn't I say this would happen, when I was still in my own country? That's why I tried to get away to Tarshish ahead of time! I knew you were a God who is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in grace, and that you relent from inflicting punishment.

Jon 4:3 Therefore, Adonai, please, just take my life away from me; it's better for me to be dead than alive!"

Jon 4:4 Adonai asked, "Is it right for you to be so angry?"

Jon 4:5 Yonah left the city and found a place east of the city, where he made himself a shelter and sat down under it, in its shade, to see what would happen to the city.

What I am about to read you next sounds like a parable. This would be the parable of the castor bean plant...

Jon 4:6 Adonai, God, prepared a castor-bean plant and made it grow up over Yonah to shade his head and relieve his discomfort. So Yonah was delighted with the castor-bean plant.

Jon 4:7 But at dawn the next day God prepared a worm, which attacked the castor-bean plant, so that it dried up.

Jon 4:8 Then, when the sun rose, God prepared a scorching east wind; and the sun beat down on Yonah's head so hard that he grew faint and begged that he could die, saying, "I would be better off dead than alive."

Jon 4:9 God asked Yonah, "Is it right for you to be so angry about the castor-bean plant?" He answered, "Yes, it's right for me to be so angry that I could die!"

Jon 4:10 Adonai said, "You're concerned over the castor-bean plant, which cost you no effort; you didn't make it grow; it came up in a night and perished in a night.

Jon 4:11 So shouldn't I be concerned about the great city of Ninveh, in which there are more than 120,000 people who don't know their right hand from their left — not to mention all the animals?"

Yonah was the messenger, yet He was not aware of the “bigger picture” as a Jew was to be a light to the nations, even Assyria, Israel's gravest enemy and its capital – Ninveh. Salvation would be preached to the nations.

Yeshua conveyed further conveys this very message:

Joh 3:14 Just as Moshe lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

Joh 3:15 so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life.

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only and unique Son, so that everyone who trusts in him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed.

Joh 3:17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but rather so that through him, the world might be saved.

Joh 3:18 Those who trust in him are not judged; those who do not trust have been judged already, in that they have not trusted in the one who is God's only and unique Son.

Joh 3:19 "Now this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, but people loved the darkness rather than the light. Why? Because their actions were wicked.

Joh 3:20 For everyone who does evil things hates the light and avoids it, so that his actions won't be exposed.

Joh 3:21 But everyone who does what is true comes to the light, so that all may see that his actions are accomplished through God."

Yom Kippur is that very message and Yeshua is that very messenger, Just as Yonah still conveys this message year after year on Yom Kippur...

Jon 2:8 (2:9) "Those who worship vain idols give up their source of mercy;

Jon 2:9 (2:10) but I, speaking my thanks aloud, will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed, I will pay. Salvation comes from Adonai!"

Salvation comes from Adonai...

Yeshua comes from Adonai.

Every year on Yom Kippur when Yonah is read as part of the liturgy, this verse is spoken to every Jew in every synagogue throughout the world.

I have included the other Haftarah reading on Yom Kippur – Isaiah 57:14 – 58:7

Isa 57:14 Then he will say, "Keep building! Keep building! Clear the way! Remove everything blocking my people's path!"

Isa 57:15 For thus says the High, Exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy: "I live in the high and holy place but also with the broken and humble, in order to revive the spirit of the humble and revive the hearts of the broken ones.

Isa 57:16 For I will not fight them forever or always nurse my anger; otherwise their spirits would faint before me, the creatures I myself have made.

Isa 57:17 It was because of their flagrant greed that I was angry and struck them; I hid myself and was angry, but they continued on their own rebellious way.

Isa 57:18 I have seen their ways, and I will heal them; I will lead them and give comfort to them and to those who mourn for them —

Isa 57:19 I will create the right words: 'Shalom shalom to those far off and to those nearby!' says Adonai; 'I will heal them!' "

Isa 57:20 But the wicked are like the restless sea — unable to be still, its waters toss up mud and dirt.

Isa 57:21 There is no shalom, says my God, for the wicked.

Isa 58:1 Shout out loud! Don't hold back! Raise your voice like a shofar! Proclaim to my people what rebels they are, to the house of Ya`akov their sins.

Isa 58:2 "Oh yes, they seek me day after day and [*claim to*] delight in knowing my ways. As if they were an upright nation that had not abandoned the rulings of their God, they ask me for just rulings and [*claim*] to take pleasure in closeness to God,

Isa 58:3 [*asking,*] 'Why should we fast, if you don't see? Why mortify ourselves, if you don't notice?' "Here is my answer: when you fast, you go about doing whatever you like, while keeping your laborers hard at work.

Isa 58:4 Your fasts lead to quarreling and fighting, to lashing out with violent blows. On a day like today, fasting like yours will not make your voice heard on high.

Isa 58:5 "Is this the sort of fast I want, a day when a person mortifies himself? Is the object to hang your head like a reed and spread sackcloth and ashes under yourself? Is this what you call a fast, a day that pleases Adonai?

Isa 58:6 "Here is the sort of fast I want — releasing those unjustly bound, untying the thongs of the yoke, letting the oppressed go free, breaking every yoke,

Isa 58:7 sharing your food with the hungry, taking the homeless poor into your house, clothing the naked when you see them, fulfilling your duty to your kinsmen!"