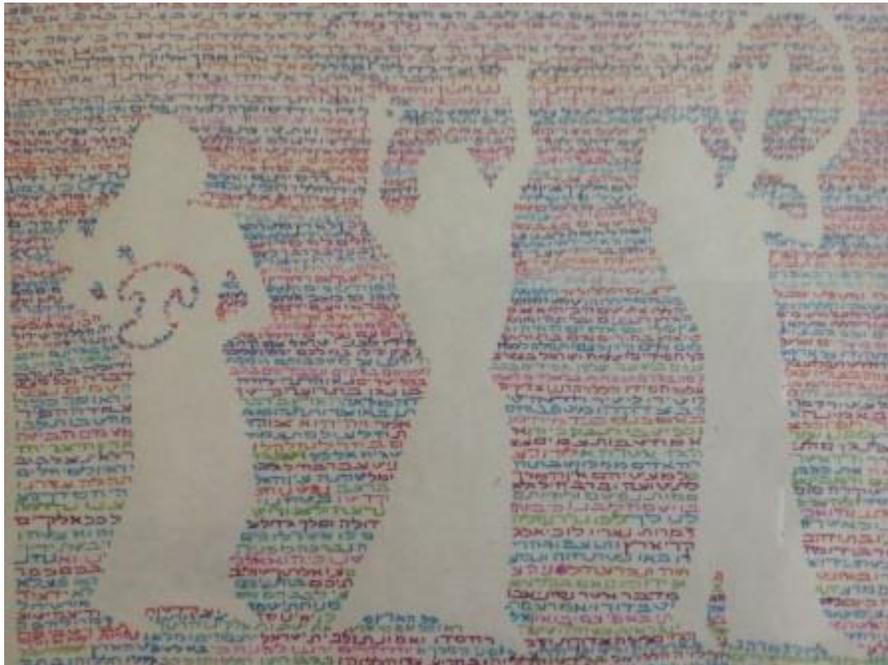


ISRAEL PRAYER UPDATE

Glory of Zion International Ministries



From "Dance of Miriam" by Arye Dov

Watch for Signs!

Isaiah 31:5 says, *"Like birds hovering, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; He will protect and deliver it. He will pass over and spare and preserve it."* (AMP) These geese in the Israel Prayer Garden this morning are not just hovering – they have chosen to visit and stay. That is what we want the LORD to do. I decree that for your life.



Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

1. DOR HA'BA...TRAINING THE COMING GENERATION TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP SKILLFULLY, IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH!

“And You, the Holy One, enthroned in the praises of Israel...I will tell of Your Name to my brothers, in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.”
(Psalm 22:3, 22)

Sunday was Rosh Hodesh, the beginning of the 4th month in the Hebrew Calendar. As we hold this new month before the God of Israel in prayer, immediate in our priorities rises the ***Dor HaBa youth worship camp***, beginning to take place, even as we write, at a Messianic kibbutz west of Jerusalem. Beginning Monday and extending through Friday morning, over 100 Israeli Jewish, Israeli Arab and Palestinian Arab young people are gathering together from across Israel and the territories to worship and praise God together, and to receive corporate and individual instruction and experience in honoring Him in their hearts, with their voices, and with musical instruments! Organized by *Succat Hallel* (a 24/7 worship and prayer center in Jerusalem), the speakers, teachers and facilitators consist of young adult leaders from *Succat Hallel*, leaders from many different congregations in the land, and a visiting team of leaders from abroad. According to *Succat Hallel* Director Rick Ridings, the week's program will include,

teachings on living a life of worship, Biblical foundations for night and day prayer, and worshipping and serving God in spirit and in truth. There will be morning music lessons on various instruments and vocals, with the goal of teaching the youth how to use their gifts and talents for God, how to be led by the Spirit, how to flow in unity on a worship team, etc. Some of the afternoon workshop topics are: teamwork, song-writing, recording, incorporating prayer and Scripture into worship times, Middle Eastern sounds in worship, finding healing in the presence of God and gazing on the beauty of Yeshua, being a servant/leader as you lead worship, and more...

The teenagers will be assigned into groups according to their levels, to be trained in sensitive and spontaneous worship on instruments such as guitars, keyboards, drums, and vocals. There will also be instruction in song-writing. The young people will then be formed into worship teams, coached in workshops, and given a time and place to rehearse what they are learning. Each team will be given opportunity to lead in one of the meetings, with worship being in both Hebrew and Arabic. Each evening, after ministry of the Word, there will be extended times in the Presence of the Lord, during which time we trust that many will have strong encounters with the Holy Spirit.

Of course, there will also be recreational events, time for relaxing together, forming and strengthening friendships bound together across racial and age lines.

PLEASE PRAY:

*** For God's Spirit to brood over the camp—bringing forth in the youth delight in yielding themselves up as worshippers to the Lord.**

*** That the hearts of these young worshippers will be filled with grace, purified from motives based on performance or gaining approval, freed from fear, insecurity or envy—filled with confidence in who each one is and God's goodness in making them that way.**

*** That supernatural sensitivity and wisdom rest on the teachers—that they have insight and discernment into each situation, that they will be instruments of the Lord's instruction!**

*** (From Rick) Protection over all of the teachers, speakers, admin people, sound people, other areas of serving—and for protection over their health, time, spouses, children, relationships, etc.—and continue to pray for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit upon the camp, especially as the young people lead worship.**

2. SOME SCRIPTURES TO ENCOURAGE US IN OUR PRAYERS FOR *DOR HA'BA*.

In the following passages we see something of the importance the Lord places on the training up in excellence of praisers and worshippers who will honour Him with their gifts! We can think of no more effective intercession over the young worshippers at *Dor Ha'ba* than to pray that the truths in these scriptures be released over them and become a deep part of their experience.

Psalm 33:1-5

“Sing with gladness in the LORD, you righteous ones; Praise from the upright is beautiful. Release thanksgiving to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the loving kindness of the LORD!”

*** For a worshipper, a righteous walk is crucial, and will provide a well-spring for glad song.**

- * The praise of one who's walk is not compromised, will be a pleasant and lovely thing.
- * Musical instruments are themselves a means of releasing thanksgiving and praise to God. There is a tendency to consider them as merely a means of "accompanying" singing—but they may also be an avenue of praise in their own right, changing atmospheres, providing the Holy Spirit a special avenue into people's hearts.
- * Some are especially gifted in composition—to write new songs, or melodies to the Lord.
- * God calls those He has granted a talent in a particular area of music, to be faithful in developing that gift into a *skill*, one which can be counted on.

I Chronicles 25:1, 6-7

“David and the commanders of the army set apart for the service some of the sons of Asaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who were *to prophesy with lyres, harps and cymbals....* All these were under the direction of their father *to sing* in the house of YHVH. Their number who were *trained in singing to the LORD*, with all their relatives, *all who were skillful, was 288.*”

- * It is notable that it was “David and the commanders of the army” who set apart the musicians! Warfare is one (although, not the only) way in which the Holy Spirit releases the sounds of His minstrels.
- * And from this passage, it is clear that at times the very sounds of the instruments carry a message which may be interpreted to reveal “what the Spirit is saying to the congregations.”
- * It is a gift for all to be able to *sing* audibly and in our hearts—but as implied here, for some, there is a place for training and becoming skilled in the use of the voice.

John 4:23-24

“The hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Ephesians 5:18-21

“And do not get drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord in your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Messiah Yeshua, submitting to one another out of reverence for Messiah.”

Col. 3:16

“Let the word of Messiah dwell in you erichly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Psalm 22:3, 22

“And You, the Holy One, enthroned in the praises of Israel...I will tell of Your Name to my brothers, in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.”

* These praisers at *Dor Ha’ba* will actually be preparing a place for the presence of God to rest in Israel...and Yeshua their Brother will Himself actually be among them as they Praise!

THIS WEEK’S TORAH PORTION:

From ancient times there has been a weekly portion (Parashah) from the first five books of Moses (The Torah) and an ending (Haftarah) from the Prophets read on the Sabbath in synagogues around the world. This portion is given a Hebrew name drawn from the opening words of the Torah passage. An illustration of this practice appears to have been recorded in Luke 4:16 where Yeshua (Jesus) arrived in the synagogue in Nazareth and was asked to read the portion (Isaiah 61) from the Prophets. We have found that in perusing these weekly readings, not only are we provided opportunity to identify in the context of God’s Word with millions of Jewish people around the world, but very often the Holy Spirit will illumine specific passages pertinent that week in our intercession for the Land and people of Israel. The Haftarah, unless otherwise noted, will be that read in Ashkenazy synagogues around the world. The references for all texts are those found in English translations of the Scriptures.

The *Parashah* for this week 25 June—1 July 2017 is called *Chukat*— “Ordinance Of...”

TORAH: Numbers 19:1—22:1

HAFTARAH: Judges 11:1-33

40 YEARS IN THE DESERT

Because of the dead who would be constantly in Israel's midst as an entire generation passed away, Chapter 19 deals with a special 'decontamination' procedure with which to cleanse away the defilement released into the camp by death. Then 38 years pass silently by—there is very little that the Holy Spirit chose to pass on to us regarding that rebellious generation "with whom He was angry for 40 years, whose corpses fell in the desert" (Hebrews 3:17). With the death of Miriam at the beginning of Chapter 20, those years are already drawing near to their close. In this week's reading Moses and Aaron themselves enter into a rebellion which will bar them from entering the Land, and, after the passing of his mantle to his son Eleazar, Aaron dies on Mount Hor. Shortly thereafter a further remnant from the "complaining generation" are slain by serpents—but the younger, second generation begins to move into warfare and to prevail against those giants still barring the pathway towards their inheritance.

***Numbers 19: Ordinance of the Red Heifer.** With the death of those offering incense in Korah's rebellion, the 14,700 who died by plague in the uprising shortly thereafter, and the prospect of hundreds of thousands more passing away in the desert wanderings ahead, the stigma and defilement of *Death* hung over the camp continuously. There was need for an especial cleansing for those who came in contact with one who had died. *"The wages of sin is death."* In Hebrew the very word for "purification" or "decontamination" (vs. 12) bears within itself the word for sin *chet*. A red cow (there is actually nothing in the Hebrew to denote "heifer" or young female), perfect and never yoked, was burned in totality outside the camp, with cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet fed into the burning. Then the ashes were stored, also outside the camp. When needed, these were to be mixed with "living water" (vs17, Hebrew: *mayim haim*) and used as a decontaminant (literally, "water kept apart to expel, serving as a sin offering", vs 9b) for those who had come into contact with death.

PLEASE PRAY: from Hebrews 9:13-14, a letter in the New Covenant written specifically to Messianic Jews of the First century: *"For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the Living God?"*

***Numbers 20:10, 24: MOSES:** *"Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"* **YHVH:** *"...because you both (i.e. Moses and Aaron) rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah."* A great leader of courage, compassion and humility, Moses nevertheless appears to have had a 'blind spot' regarding anger. One sees it quietly mentioned or alluded to in the Scriptures throughout his life (Exodus 2:12, 11:8, 32:19, Lev 10:16, Numbers 11:10, 16:15). Titus 1:7 speaks of the necessity that God's stewards be "not quick-tempered". Although there is a place for anger, if it is released "in the flesh" or outside of God's timing, it will *"not produce the righteousness of God"* (James 1:19). In the end, it betrayed Moses into the very rebellion against God's command which he accused the people of when he shouted at *them* (20:10) rather than speaking to the Rock.

PLEASE PRAY: *For leaders in the Body of Messiah in Israel to be trained by the Holy Spirit in self-control. Pray that we will deal with personal issues which the Holy Spirit discloses, which might otherwise cause us, in critical moments of decision under pressure, to operate out of our emotions or woundings rather than in the integrity of the Spirit.*

***Numbers 21:9 (Alter):** *"And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a standard, and so then, if the serpent bit a man, he looked on the serpent of bronze and lived."* The word *ness* here translated "standard" or "flag pole" happens also to have evolved into a modern Hebrew word for "miracle". **John 3:14-15:** *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* **II Corinthians 5:21:** *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

***Numbers 21:34-35:** *"Do not fear him (i.e. Og, King of Bashan), for I have delivered him into your hand, with all his people and his land. So they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until there was no survivor left him; and they took possession of his land."* **Deuteronomy**

3:11: *"For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants."* As Israel arrives 38 years later at the border of Canaan, only one of the fabled "giants" which had terrified their fathers remains. God gives them exactly the same directive he'd given their fathers; this time they take Him at His word and destroy the giant. The significance of defeating this "Og" was huge—he will be mentioned many times in Deuteronomy, Joshua, I Kings, Nehemiah and the Psalms.

The territory which this text says God Himself "delivered into Israel's hand" would eventually become part of the territory allotted to the tribe of Manasseh. It is this same area, today known as the "Golan Heights", which modern Israel took from Syria in the 1967 War. The territory southward to the Arnon River was taken from King Sihon of the Amorites and eventually became territory of the tribes Reuben and Gad. This area is presently occupied by the north-western part of the Kingdom of Jordan. **PLEASE PRAY:** *That the "different spirit" of Caleb and Joshua which motivated this younger generation of Israelites would awaken again in Israel—that we would come to trust God for defeat of the many giants which have arisen again in the land to which we have returned.*

***Judges 11:23-24:** *"And now YHVH Elohei-Yisrael (Yehovah, the Israel God) has dispossessed the Amorites from before His people Israel; should you then possess it? Will you not possess whatever Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the YHVH our God takes possession of before us, we will possess!"*

Jephthah (Hebrew pronunciation: *Yiphtakh*) has come today to be often dismissed due to of an unfortunate vow he made regarding his daughter. This is regrettable, and has not always been the case. The Bible remembers Jephthah as a **heroic warrior** (*gibor-hayil*) who, although born of a harlot, despised and dispossessed by the rest of his family, rose nevertheless to command the respect of both friends and enemies. He was *a leader who trusted in the LORD for victory (vs 9)*; *a wise judge who made his agreements and pacts in the Presence of the LORD (vs 12)*. As with any skilled military strategist, *he was intimately acquainted with the history of his land (vss. 14-29)*, acknowledging the LORD's hand in that history, and bringing it to bear in reasoning with his enemies so as to avoid if possible conflict if. For Jephthah, *judgment rested with the LORD*. So highly respected was this man before both God and man, that he is included in the chapter of Heroes of Faith in Hebrews 11.

PLEASE PRAY: *For warriors like Jephthah to be raised up in Israel in the Last Days. Pray for God's oversight of those from broken families (there are so many), or no families at all—that seeds of grace and faith will be sown which will catch and germinate in fertile soil!*

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in Gilead, that section of land in which the action of this chapter took place and which today is a part of the western territory of the Kingdom of Jordan. It was from this land that the Prophet Elijah "who is coming first and will restore all things"(Malachi 4:5; Matthew 17:11) came forth-and to which he returned before being taken up into Heaven. Under the power of the Spirit of God, the prophet Zechariah foretold a day (Zech. 10:10) in which Gilead would be among the areas to which Jews from the houses of Judah and Joseph would be eventually returned. This has yet to be fulfilled.



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[The Parashah for next week 2-8 July 2017 is called *Balak*: TORAH: Numbers 22:2—25:9; HAFTARAH: Micah 5:7—6:8]

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