

## 每周一妥拉 (2009/6/21-6/27)

从古时起，在全世界的犹太会堂会一周一次在安息日读经，从摩西五经（妥拉）到先知的书（先知书）。本周的内容被给予一个希伯来名，出自于经文内容起头的字。每周惯例读经的实例刚好记载在路加福音四章 16 节，耶稣来到拿撒勒的会堂，读了一段先知书（以赛亚书 61 章）。我们发现每周一次阅读这些内容，不仅提供我们机会，与世界成千上万的犹太人来确认神话语的内容，在我们为以色列与犹太人的代祷上，圣灵更时常贴切的启发具体的内容祷告。

## 从六月廿一日到六月廿七日的阅读被称为「律例」——律法中的「律例」

**注意：**我们发现住在以色列之外的读者，他们的妥拉阅读进度通常比我们这里列的进度慢一周。这是因为以色列的五旬节活动只有一天，在他们遭驱散的日子（以色列之外的犹太小区）则是有两天的庆祝活动，以确保不因世界各地不同的时差而弄错时间。今年的五旬节在星期五，所以接下来的那一天（安息日/星期六）以色列持续按照他们的妥拉进度。但在其它地方，由于安息日仍被认为是五旬节，就有别于一般阅读的不同阅读。他们决定在七月四日那周，住在以色列之外的人会有『双份阅读』以赶上进度。

**妥 拉:**民数记 19:1-22:1（外地：民数记 16:1-18:32）

**先知书:**士师记 11:1-33（外地：塞缪尔记上 11:14-12:22）

因着死亡不断在他们中间发生，民数记十九章以一种特别的『消毒』来处理那些触摸死尸的人。于是三十八年悄悄度过，到了二十章提到米利暗的死，他们已经靠近应许之地了。在这一章摩西与亚伦受肉体背叛而悖逆神，使他们无法进入应许之地；接着余留下来爱发怨言的世代有许多人被蛇咬死，至少新一世代开始起来争战，战胜挡住他们进入应许之路的巨人。

\*民数记 19 章：红母牛条例。除了可拉背叛献香的人死去外，没多久还有一万四千七百人死于瘟疫——神宣告还有成千上万的人会死在旷野里。『死亡』持续充斥的营中，所以需要特别的洁净。一只宝血颜色、没有残疾、未曾负轭的『母牛』在营外焚烧，再把香柏木、牛膝草与朱红色线都丢在火中一块烧。母牛的灰被收存在营外的器皿里，需要的人将其与『活水』（17 节）混在一起，用来除去那些触摸死尸的污秽（实质上就是除罪的水，9 节）。

**请祷告：**这周当以色列读到这段经文，求 神赐下神圣的启示，引导他们从第一世纪犹太人所写的书卷中发现真理：『若山羊和公牛的血，并母牛犊的灰，洒在不洁的人身上，尚且叫人成圣，身体洁净，何况基督借着永远的灵，将自己无瑕无疵献给神，祂的血岂不更能洗净你们的心，除去你们的死行，使你们事奉那永生神吗？』（希伯来书 9: 13-14）。

\*民数记 20:10, 24：摩西说：『你们这些背叛的人听我说：我为你们使水从这盘石中流出来吗？』神说：『因为在米利巴水，你们（摩西和亚伦）违背了我的命。』

摩西是一个充满勇气、怜悯与谦卑的伟大领袖，却仍有在怒气方面的『盲点』。怒气常在摩西生命中被提到或影射（出 2:12、11:8、32:19，利 10:16，民 11:10、16:15）。虽然怒气有存在的必要性，但当其出于肉体或不在 神的时间被释放出来，就无法『成就神的义』（雅各布书

1:19-20)。最后，怒气引发摩西违背神的命令，使他指责人们的罪恶，对他们说而非对盘石说。提多书一章7节说神的管家必须『不暴躁』。

**请祷告：**在以色列弥赛亚肢体的领袖能持续被圣灵训练得以自制。祷告我们将处理圣灵所显明的问题，否则在重大决定的关键时刻可能会用我们的情绪或创伤来响应，而没有在人面前尊主为圣。

\*民数记 21:9:『摩西便制造一条铜蛇，挂在杆子上；凡被蛇咬的，一望这铜蛇就活了。』『摩西在旷野怎样举蛇，人子也必照样被举起来，叫一切信祂的都得永生。神使那无罪（无罪：原文是不知罪）的，替我们成为罪，好叫我们在祂里面成为神的义。』（约翰福音 3:14-15/哥林多后书 5:21）。

\*民数记 21:34-35/申命记 3:11『耶和华对摩西说：不要怕他（巴珊王噩）！因我已将他和他的众民，并他的地，都交在你手中；于是他们杀了他和他的众子，并他的众民，没有留下一个，就得了他的地。』『利乏音人所剩下的只有巴珊王噩。』

当以色列在三十八年后抵达迦南边界时，只剩下当初他们父亲所惧怕的虚构『巨人』。神给他们的指示与他们父亲的完全一样，这次他们听了神的话并毁灭了巴珊王噩。打败巴珊王噩的意义非凡，在申命记、乔舒亚记、列王记上、尼赫迈亚记与诗篇多次提到他。

这一段经文神所提到**『交在以色列手中』**的土地，就是1967年六日战争从叙利亚夺回的土地——戈兰高地，这区域当时是分给玛拿西支派作为部分领土。领土的南边到达亚嫩河，是从亚摩利人的王西宏得来的，最后成为流便与迦得支派的领土。这地方目前位在约旦西北边为约旦所占据。

**请祷告：**在迦勒与乔舒亚身上**『不一样的心志』**，能激励以色列年轻的世代再次苏醒过来；他们不会听从冷嘲热讽的声音，哀叹以色列现今的土地吞没其上的居民——乃是我们会信靠和迦勒与乔舒亚一样的神，以击败再次在这块土地所兴起的巨人。

祷告以色列的领袖会领悟是神将戈兰高地交在以色列手中（在古时与1967年都是如此！归还戈兰高地或任何部分给叙利亚，不过是**『用土地换和平』**中可怜尝试，因为以色列目前全然掌管这块土地，其上也没像犹大与撒玛利亚一样充满敌意的居民。我们没有理由相信和平会藉此来到——叙利亚多年来不停的骚扰要将以色列带回原来的地方——她持续与伊朗合作提供武器给我们在黎巴嫩边界的敌人。

**请祷告** 神的国降临，祂的旨意可以行在所有这些土地上。**『地的一切疆界是你所立的；夏天和冬天是你所定的。』（诗篇 47:17）；『因为祂坚固了你的门闼，赐福给你中间的儿女。祂使你境内平安，用上好的麦子使你满足。』（诗篇 147:13-14）**

\*士师记 11:23-24:『耶和华——以色列的神在祂百姓以色列面前赶出亚摩利人，你竟要得他们的地吗？你的神基抹所赐你的地你不是得为业吗？耶和华——我们的神在我们面前所赶出的

人，我们就得他的地。』

许多人对耶弗他有着负面的想法，因为他曾许了一个不幸的愿，但事实不总是如此。这个人为妓女所生并被赶逐，却以大能英勇战士之姿兴起，他要求朋友与敌人的敬重，并信靠主得胜（9 节），他将自己所说的话与协议陈明在主面前（11 节）。他也熟悉土地的历史（14-29 节），高举主的手，藉此来劝说他的敌人避免不必要的冲突。对他而言，审判在于 神，所以这个人在 神与人面前备受敬重，他甚至被列在希伯来书十一章的信心英雄榜中。

**请祷告：像耶弗他般的战士在末日可以在以色列被兴起。**

**祷告 神看顾那些来自破碎家庭的人（这样的人太多了）—恩典与信心的种子会被撒在其中，好在好土中发芽。**

**祷告 神的国度临到那区块的土地（目前在约旦西部），也就是在这一章采取行动的地方—基列。伊莱贾先知就是从这地方出来的：『伊莱贾固然先来，并要复兴万事』（玛拉基书 4:5；马太福音 17:11），也是他被接到天上的地方。撒迦利亚在撒迦利亚书十章 10 节预言那块地有一天会成为犹太家与约瑟家返回之处。**

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### **This week's Torah Portion:**

From ancient times there has been a weekly portion from the first five books of Moses (The Torah) and from the prophets (Haftarah) read on the Sabbath in synagogues around the world. This portion is given a Hebrew name taken from the opening words of the 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. All texts are those of English translations of the Scriptures.

The readings in Israel for 21-27 JUNE 2009 are called "Chukat" -"Ordinance" of the Law.

NOTICE: It has been brought to our attention that readers living outside of Israel are finding references to the Torah Portion in their area to be one week behind those listed here. This is because in Israel (and the Hebrew Bible) the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost) lasts for only one day, while in the Diaspora (Communities of Jews living outside of Israel) it is celebrated for two days-an old custom to insure that the day falls within the correct time frame all over the world. Shavuot this year fell on a Friday, so the following day (Shabbat/Saturday) Israel continued with the next Torah Portion as usual. But in the Diaspora, because that Shabbat was considered still to be Shavuot, a different reading was used-putting the regular readings a week off from Jerusalem. All will be resolved the week of July 4th when those

living outside Israel will have a "double reading" to catch up.

Torah: Numbers 19:1-22:1 (Outside of Israel: Numbers 16:1-18:32)

Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33 (Outside of Israel: I Samuel 11:14-12:22)

Because of the dead who would be constantly in their midst as an entire generation passed away, Chapter 19 deals with a special 'decontamination' for those coming in contact with death. Then 38 years pass silently and in Chapter 20, with the death of Miriam, they are already drawing near their close. In this reading Moses and Aaron themselves are betrayed by their flesh into a rebellion which will bar them from entering the Promised Land; then a further remnant of the complaining generation are killed by serpents, and at last the new generation begins to rise to a warfare from which their parents had shrunk back--and to prevail over the giants barring the way into 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 pronouncement of God that hundreds of thousands would be dying in the wilderness wanderings ahead, "Death" hung over the camp continuously. There was need for an especial cleansing from death. A 'cow' the color of blood was, perfect and never yoked, was burned in its totality outside the camp; cedar wood, hyssop and scarlet (all related by color or ritual usage to blood) were fed into the burning. Then the ashes were stored in a receptacle outside the camp. When needed, they were mixed with "living water" (vs17, Hebrew: mayim haim) and used as a decontaminant (literally, "water kept apart, for sin", vs 9) for those who had come into contact with death .

PLEASE PRAY: For divine revelation when this is read in Israel this weekend (and around the world, next)--which will lead to discovery of the Truth written in a special letter written to First Century Jews: "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?" (Hebrews 9:13-14).

\*Numbers 20:10, 24: Moses: 'Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?'  
Elohim: "Because you (both: Moses and Aaron) rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah."

A great leader filled with courage, compassion and humility, Moses nevertheless appears to have had a 'blind spot' regarding anger. One finds it quietly mentioned or alluded to throughout his life (Exodus 2:12, 11:8, 32:19, Lev 10:16, Numbers 11:10, 16:15). Although there is a place for anger, when 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 triggered within Moses the very rebellion against God's command which he accused the people of committing when he spoke to them rather than to the Rock. Titus 1:7 speaks of the necessity that God's stewards be "not quick-tempered".

PLEASE PRAY: For leaders in the Body of Messiah in Israel to always continue being trained by the Holy Spirit in self control. Pray that we will deal with issues which the Spirit discloses, which otherwise in critical moments of decision might result in our responding out of our emotions or woundings-and not hallowing God in the eyes of those who are looking up to us.

\*Numbers 21:9: "So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived."

"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. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (John 3:14-15/II Corinthians 5:21).

\*Numbers 21:34-35/Deuteronomy 3:11 "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." "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants." (Emphases ours).

When Israel arrives 38 years late 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 and this time they take Him at His word and destroy him. The significance of defeating this Og was huge-and he is 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" is that area taken from Syria in the 1967 War-the present-day Golan Heights. That area became part of the territory allotted to the tribe of Manasseh. 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 not listen to the cynical voices which lament that the Land of modern-day Israel devours its inhabitants-but that we would believe in the SAME GOD as did Caleb and Joshua to defeat the giants which have arisen again in the land to which we have returned. Pray that Israel's leaders will realize it was God who delivered the Golan Heights into Israel's hands-both in ancient times (see Scripture heading this prayer point)-and also in 1967! Returning the Heights or any part of them to Syria would indeed be a pitiful attempt at "land for peace", since Israel is presently in total control of this territory-nor is it filled with hostile inhabitants as is the case in Judea and Samaria. There is no reason to believe that peace would come-it was years of continual harassment from Syria which brought about Israel's driving her out in the first place-and she has been continually co-operating with Iran in arming our enemies on the Lebanon Border. Pray that God's Kingdom come and His Will be done in all of these territories. "You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter" (Psalm 75:17); "He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your

children within you. He makes peace in your borders, and fills you with the finest wheat" (Psalm 147:13-14).

\*Judges 11:23-24: "And now YHVH Elohei-Yisrael (The LORD, 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 LORD our God takes possession of before us, we will possess!"

Jephthah (Hebrew: Yiphtakh) has come amongst many to be remembered negatively because of an unfortunate vow he made-but this has not always been so. This man, who was born of a harlot and dispossessed, rose nevertheless to be a mighty heroic warrior (gibor-hayil) who commanded the respect of both friends and enemies and who trusted in the LORD for victory (vs 9)-and who made his agreements and pacts in the Presence of the LORD (vs 12). He was also intimately acquainted with the history of his land (vss. 14-29), acknowledged the LORD's hand in that history, and brought it to bear in reasoning with his enemies to avoid conflict if possible. To him, 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)-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 that section of land (A western portion of the present-day Kingdom of Jordan) where the action in this chapter took place-the land of Gilead. 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 where he was taken up into Heaven. And Zechariah prophesied in Zech. 10:10 that that territory would someday be one of the areas in which the houses of Judah and Joseph would be returned.

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