每周一妥拉 (2009/8/9-8/15)

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。

从八月九日到八月十五日的阅读被称为:**看哪!【我今日将祝福与咒诅的话都陈明在你们面前。】**

妥 拉: 申命记 11:26-16:17 先知书: 以賽亚书 54:11-55:5

*申命记 12:2, 5. 『你们要将所赶出的国民事奉神的各地方(places),无论是在高山,在小山,在各青翠树下,都毁坏了。但耶和华—你们的神从你们各支派中选择何处为立祂名的居所(place),你们就当往那里去求问。』

在这周的妥拉进度(12:5, 11, 18, 21; 14:23, 24, 25; 16:2, 6, 11, 15, 16),十二次提到『地方/居所』(单数),就是以色列的神选择立祂名与居住之地—此与事奉迦南众神的各地方(复数)成为对比。当然,神所选择居住的『地方』是耶路撒冷,早在四十年前摩西过红海后先知性歌颂神时就提到过(出埃及 15:17)。

请祷告:为着耶路撒冷的平安,神的荣耀会回到那里,信主的弥赛亚肢体会在成熟与合一中被建造。神会兴起有智慧与恩膏的弥赛亚领袖成为锡安众城门的长老;正如在出埃及后神一回到以色列就【选择】耶路撒冷,现在祂也会与世界各地祂的子民一同回来,【收回犹大作祂圣地的分,也必再拣选耶路撒冷。】(撒迦利亚书2:12)

*申命记 14:2. 『因为你归耶和华—你神为圣洁的民,耶和华从地上的万民中拣选你特作自己的子民。』

以赛亚书 54:11: 『你这受困苦、被风飘荡不得安慰的人哪,我必以彩色安置你的石头,以蓝宝石立定你的根基。』

请祷告:以色列的身分可以被恢复,不是恢复她遭拒绝、受苦、逼迫与大屠杀的身分,而是她蒙创造宇宙万物之神的拣选,被分别出来如同特别珍宝的身分。

*以赛亚书 54:13. 『你的儿女都要受耶和华的教训; 你的儿女必大享平安。』

请祷告:神会对以色列儿女目前的世代感到忌邪,断开在以色列许多家庭、学校所教导的邪恶价值,苏醒他们对真理的热情;好让他们响应圣灵、寻访古道,行在其间使他们心里得安息(杰里迈亚书 6:16)。

*以赛亚书 54:14. 『你必因公义得坚立,必远离欺压,不致害怕;你必远离惊吓,惊吓必不临近你。』以色列要脱离恐怖主义,她首先要因公义得坚立。『神使那无罪(无罪:原文是不知罪)的,替我们成为罪,好叫我们在他里面成为神的义。』(林后 5:21)

请祷告:因着神的怜悯,叫世人为罪、为义、为审判,自己责备自己的圣灵(约翰福音 16:8)被差来,会大大运行在以色列全地。

*以赛亚书 54:17. 『凡为攻击你造成的器械必不利用;凡在审判时兴起用舌攻击你的,你必定他为有罪。这是耶和华仆人的产业,是他们从我所得的义。这是耶和华说的。』

*以赛亚书 55:3. 『你们当就近我来;侧耳而听,就必得活。我必与你们立永约,就是应许戴维那可靠的恩典。』

请祷告:以色列百姓的耳朵能被打开,侧耳来听神的话。现在有许多【风】在以色列境内吹起(希伯来文的【风】和【灵】为同一个字)。请祷告在以色列的信徒会【侧耳听圣灵对会众所说的话】。

*以赛亚书 55:5b. 『因为祂已经荣耀你。』在这里『荣耀』的希伯来文可能用『荣美』来表达会更好,相同的动词也被使用在以赛亚书 61:3,圣灵恩膏弥赛亚,赐『荣美代替灰尘』给锡安悲哀的人。

请祷告: 以色列能领悟到她拒绝二千年的耶稣基督渴望并会使她荣美。

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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 reading for 9-15 August 2009 is entitled: R'eh-See! "See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse".

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11-55:5

*Deuteronomy 12:2, 5. "You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods." "But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go."

Twelve times in this Torah portion (12:5, 11, 18, 21; 14:23, 24, 25; 16:2, 6, 11, 15, 16) this 'place' (singular) is mentioned, where Israel's One God YHVH would choose to put His name and to dwell. -this,

as compared to the "places" where the multiple gods of Canaan were worshipped. The "place" God would choose to dwell was, of course, Jerusalem. It had first been mentioned prophetically by Moses 40 years before in his Song, just after the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 15:17).

PLEASE PRAY: For the peace of Jerusalem.that God's glory would return there that the believing Body of Messiah would be established in maturity and unity there that God would raise up wise and anointed Messianic leaders to be Elders in the Gates of Zion. That as God would "choose" Jerusalem when He first returned Israel to the land following the Exodus, He would now, with the return of His people from around the world, "take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem" (Zechariah 2:12).

*Deuteronomy 14:2. "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be for Him a specially treasured people of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." Isaiah 54:11: "O you afflicted one, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, and lay your foundations with sapphires."

PLEASE PRAY: That Israel's sense of identity be restored-not an identity related to her rejection, suffering, persecution and the Holocaust, but rather an identity of a people chosen to be set apart as a special treasure of the God Who created the Universe.

*Isaiah 54:13-14. "All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children."

PLEASE PRAY: For the present generation of Israeli children.that God would be jealous over them.cut through the evil values being taught in so many homes and schools in Israel, awakening a zeal for Truth; that they would respond to the Holy Spirit and ask for the ancient paths where they will find rest for their souls (Jeremiah 6:16).

*Isaiah 54:14. "In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you." For Israel to be delivered from terrorism she must first become established in righteousness. "He made Him who knew no sing to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (II Corinthians 5:21 NASB).

PLEASE PRAY: That in God's mercy the Spirit which was sent to convict the world concerning Sin and Righteousness and Judgment (John 16:8) will move strongly across all of Israel.

*Isaiah 54:17. "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," says the LORD."

*Isaiah 55:3. "Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live."

PLEASE PRAY: "That Israeli ears will be opened to hear the living Word. There are many "winds" blowing in Israel right now (In Hebrew "wind" and "spirit" are the same word). Pray that believers in Israel will "have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the congregations."

*Isaiah 55:5b. ".For He has glorified you." The Hebrew word for "glorified" here might better be rendered "beautified you." It is the verb form of the same word used in Isaiah 61:3, where the Spirit anoints the Messiah to give those who mourn in Zion "beauty for ashes."

PLEASE PRAY: For Israel to come to realize that the one she has been resisting for 2000 years is the very One who longs to make her beautiful.and will!

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