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# Counting the Omer

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and with  
all My soul."

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## Heart and Soul

“See, I will gather them out of all the countries, where I have driven them in My anger, My fury, and great wrath, and I will bring them back to this place and cause them to dwell securely. They will be My people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, so they may fear Me forever; for their good and for their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never turn away from doing good for them. I will put My fear in their hearts, so that they will not depart from Me. “Yes, I will delight in doing good for them, *and with all My heart and all My soul I will in truth plant them in this land.*”  
(Jeremiah 32:37-41)

In recent history we've been amazed to see the fulfillment of a number of Scriptures with regard to Israel's restoration and salvation. We serve a God whose promises are “yes and amen” in Messiah Yeshua. He's fulfilling His promises because He is a God who keeps His word. In Jeremiah 32 God makes a commitment to plant Israel in her own Land. He declares that He will do it with all of His “heart and soul”. It's the only place in Scripture where He says this. What an amazing promise! With this promise in mind, Congregation Baruch HaShem and Mission Discipleship have teamed up to create the Aliyah Fund. This fund will raise money to support our people in making Aliyah “return or go up” to the Promised Land. How does it work?

Pray about your role in sending our people back to the land of our forefathers. Consider God's timing for you and your family to go as well. Make a commitment to pray daily for the fulfillment of the Scriptural promises. Also, make a financial faith commitment of an amount to sow into the annual Aliyah Fund. During the counting of the Omer you will set aside funds to be given during the annual Shavuot service. These funds will then be delivered to an individual or family who have committed to make aliyah. We play an important role in supporting a promise that God has made with *all of His heart and soul*. If it's that important to Him shouldn't it be to us as well?



## DAY 1



Hebrew: ספירת העומר

**Sefirat HaOmer, sometimes abbreviated as Sefira or “the Omer” is an important verbal counting of each of the forty-nine days between the Jewish holidays of Passover/Unleavened Bread and Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) as instructed in Leviticus 23:15–16.**

ADONAI spoke to Moses saying: “Speak to Bnei-Yisrael and tell them: When you have come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you are to bring the omer of the firstfruits of your harvest to the kohen. He is to wave the omer before ADONAI, to be accepted for you. On the morrow after the Shabbat, the kohen is to wave it. On the day when you wave the omer you are to offer a male lamb without blemish, one year old, as a burnt offering to ADONAI. The grain offering with it should be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil—an offering made by fire to ADONAI for a soothing aroma. Its drink offering with it should be a quarter of a gallon of wine. You are not to eat bread, roasted grain, or fresh grain until this same day—until you have brought the offering of your God. It is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. “Then you are to count from the morrow after the Shabbat, from the day that you brought the omer of the wave offering, seven complete Shabbatot. Until the morrow after the seventh Shabbat you are to count fifty days, and then present a new grain offering to ADONAI. (Leviticus 23:9-16)

**The tradition of counting the omer comes from the Torah commandment to count forty-nine days beginning from the day on which the Omer (a sacrifice containing an omer-measure of barley) was offered in the Temple in Jerusalem, up until the day before an offering of wheat was brought to the Temple on Shavuot.**



## DAY 2



As you set your heart to allow yourself to be prepared by the Lord during this time of the counting of the Omer, remember this is a time between Passover (a picture of our physical redemption) and Shavuot (representing our spiritual redemption). Through His death, burial, and resurrection Messiah Yeshua has redeemed us both physically and spiritually. He's paid the price necessary to clear us of our debt, and has regained us as His prized possession.



"They are set right as a gift of His grace, through the redemption that is in Messiah Yeshua. God set forth Yeshua as an atonement, through faith in His blood, to show His righteousness in passing over sins already committed. Through God's forbearance, He demonstrates His righteousness at the present time—that He Himself is just and also the justifier of the one who puts his trust in Yeshua." (Rom. 3:24-26)



## DAY 3



As we count the Omer, we're not doing it out of some dead, religious tradition. We're seeking to follow Yeshua and draw nearer to God in the process.

Each day, we want to follow Yeshua in order to be more like Him. That's how we truly become His disciples. This isn't something to be taken lightly. Discipleship involves walking closely with the Lord, and is to be the pattern for our entire life. It's to be done with wholehearted devotion. Let's commit our time over these next weeks to God and the process He has for us in counting the Omer and becoming more like Yeshua.

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. "For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and figure out the cost, to see if he has enough to finish it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and isn't able to finish everything, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and wasn't able to finish!'" (Luke 14:27-30)



## DAY 4



### DELIVERANCE FROM SLAVERY



As our Passover Lamb, Yeshua has set us free from the yoke of slavery. Take time today to ask the Ruakh HaKodesh (the Holy Spirit) to reveal anything ungodly in your life that you're still a slave to. If He shows you something, cry out to God for total deliverance. The price has already been paid for your freedom. Grasp hold of it and declare God's truths today!

"So if the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed!"  
(John 8:36)





## DAY 5



### EXPERIENCING GOD'S PROVISION IN THE WILDERNESS

God provides everything we need if we seek first  
His Kingdom and His righteousness (see Matthew 6:33).  
Put your focus on God first and watch Him do great  
and mighty things in your life!



“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For the pagans eagerly pursue all these things; yet your Father in heaven knows that you need all these. But seek first the kingdom of God and His

righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matthew 6:31-34)

Thank God for His provision in your life!



## DAY 6



### EXPERIENCING THE BEAUTY OF HIS PRESENCE

**“You make known to me the path of life.  
Abundance of joys are in Your presence,  
eternal pleasures at Your right hand.”  
(Psalm 16:11)**



Spend time cultivating the Presence of the Lord today! Just like the Lord led the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, you too require His wondrous Presence to lead and guide your way.



## DAY 7



### FIRE BY NIGHT - CLOUD BY DAY



“ADONAI went before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead the way and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light. So they could travel both day and night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never departed from the people.”

(Exodus 13:21-22)

Look for God's protective covering  
in your life today. He leads your way  
and shines His light in the darkness.



## DAY 8



### THE PILGRIMAGE FESTIVALS

Within the Feasts of the Lord are three pilgrimage festivals. These agricultural festivals and historical events were times when the people in biblical times traveled to the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. The three holidays known as “The Pilgrimage Festivals” are Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

According to the Torah, God commanded the Israelites:

“Three times a year all your males are to appear before ADONAI your God in the place He chooses—at the Feast of Matzot, the Feast of Shavuot, and the Feast of Sukkot. No one should appear before ADONAI empty-handed—the gift of each man’s hand according to the blessing ADONAI your God has given you.”  
(Deuteronomy 16:16-17)







## DAY 9



### YOUR JOURNEY TO MEET THE LORD

In biblical times the Lord called His people out of their normal lives in order to meet with Him. They left routines, comforts, their families, and their normal work in order to be with Adonai. Their willingness to do this demonstrated that God was indeed their Master and Lord, which is the definition of Adonai. God is calling you to meet with Him during this season. Don't be surprised if He calls you out of your normal routines or comfort zones. Your obedience to His still small voice will demonstrate your love for Him.

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”  
(John 14:15)





## DAY 10



### THE JOURNEY FROM PASSOVER TO SHAVUOT

Passover prophetically points to the death of our Messiah, Yeshua as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Yeshua was without sin (leaven) and God calls us to be holy as He is holy.

Shavuot is a picture of Yeshua's resurrection and the birth of His Community or Body, made of Jews and Gentiles who place their faith in the grace of God and Messiah's sacrificial atonement.

As a child of God, on your journey from Passover to Shavuot, God is calling you to be like His Son. Yeshua is your example and God's Ruakh HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) is your guide.



“You are to be holy to Me,  
for I, *ADONAI*, am holy,  
and have set you apart  
from the peoples,  
so that you  
would be Mine.”  
(Lev. 20:26, 1 Pet. 1:16)



## DAY 11



### WALKING OUT YOUR DEATH AND RESURRECTION

Like Yeshua, you have to die to the things of the flesh in order to live to the things of the Ruakh/Spirit. As you continue to walk out this season of preparation, ask God for His supernatural help to enable you to put to death the deeds of the flesh, so you will live.



“For the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yeshua has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what was impossible for the Torah — since it was weakened on account of the flesh — God has done. Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as a sin offering, He condemned sin in the flesh — so that the requirement of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Ruakh. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Ruakh set their minds on the things of the Ruakh. For the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Ruakh is life and shalom.” (Romans 8:2-6)

“For if you live according to the flesh, you must die;  
but if by the Ruakh you put to death the deeds  
of the body, you shall live.”  
(Romans 8:13)



## DAY 12



God's instructions to the children of Israel in Leviticus 23:9 applied only when they came into the Land God had promised them.

“Yes, I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, in order to be your God and your seed's God after you. I will give to you and to your seed after you the land where you are an outsider—the whole land of Canaan—as an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” (Gen. 17:7-8)

This promise was unconditional. God confirmed over 55 times with an oath, and stated at least 12 times that the covenant was everlasting. There are 170 references in Scripture to the Land that God gave to Abraham's descendants. This map shows the area that Israel controlled at that time. It almost matched the boundaries of the land that God had promised. Gaza was not taken from the Philistines in Solomon's day, and the land of the Canaanites promised to Abraham included the coastal strip all the way to Sidon – the city of Canaan's first born son. (1 Chronicles 1:13, Genesis 10:19) Areas of Moab, Ammon and Edom, east of the Dead Sea, were occupied by King Solomon but were not part of the Promised Land. This is part of modern-day Jordan.





## DAY 13



“The Lord appeared to Abram and said,  
‘To your offspring I will give this land.’”  
(Genesis 12:7)

God appeared to Abram and promised Him an inheritance.

What a beautiful foreshadow of the Messiah, Yeshua  
who brings us into our eternal inheritance.

“With joy we give thanks to the Father, who qualified you to share in  
the inheritance of the kedoshim (saints) in the light. He rescued us from  
the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son  
whom He loves. In Him we have redemption—the release of sins. He is  
the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

(Colossians 1:12-15)

How has the Lord appeared in your life?

What promises has He given you?

Praise Him today for His presence and His promises!



## DAY 14



“The land must not be permanently sold because the land is mine.  
You are just immigrants and foreign guests of mine.” (Lev. 25:23)

The Land of Israel belongs to God. The People of Israel are sojourners,  
as we all are. We must come to the realization that this world is not our  
home. That’s part of our necessary preparation coming from walking  
through this counting of the omer.

How does your life experience differ with the realization  
that you are God’s guest on earth?

“For here we have no lasting city,  
but we seek the one that is to come.”  
(Heb. 13:14)







## DAY 15



“ADONAI will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where ADONAI will drive you. There you will serve man-made gods of wood and stone, which do not see or hear or eat or smell. But from there you will seek ADONAI your God and you will find Him, when you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. “When you are in distress and all these things have come on you, in the latter days you will return to ADONAI your God and listen to His voice. For ADONAI your God is a merciful God. He will not abandon you or destroy you, or forget the covenant with your fathers that He swore to them.” (Deut. 4:27-31)

“Because He loved your forefathers and chose their descendants after them, He brought you out of Egypt by His Presence and His great strength, to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today.” (Deut. 4:37-38)

**There are consequences to our sin, but God’s mercies are new every morning. God’s love for you brings you out of Egypt, by His Presence and His strength! Embrace His righteousness today.**

**“Because of the mercies of *ADONAI* we will not be consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning!  
Great is Your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)**



## DAY 16



“Now if you listen obediently to the voice of ADONAI your God, taking care to do all His mitzvot that I am commanding you today, ADONAI your God will set you on high—above all the nations of the earth. Then all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you, if you listen to the voice of ADONAI your God: ADONAI will command the blessing on you in your barns and in every undertaking of your hand, and He will bless you in the land ADONAI your God is giving you.”

(Deut. 28:1-2, 8)



The children of Israel would be blessed in the Land God was giving them if they listened obediently to the voice of God. What must you do in your life to listen to God’s voice, and therefore be blessed?




## DAY 17



“He remembers His covenant forever, the word  
He commanded, for a thousand generations, the  
covenant He made with Abraham, the oath He  
swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a  
decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

“To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as the portion you will inherit.”

(1 Chron. 16:15-18)



“God is not a man who lies,  
or a son of man who **changes** his mind!  
Does He **speak** and then not do it,  
or **promise** and not fulfill it?”

(Num. 23:19)

Take time today to recount  
the promises God has made to you.



## DAY 18



God said He would re-gather Israel back in the Land. On May 14, 1948 God's prophetic clock started ticking very loudly. The prophecies of Scripture are important because we can now

watch the news, read about post World War II history, or look at a current world map and see there is now a nation called Israel. For almost 2,500 years - starting with the Jewish captivity by Babylon, then Persia, then Greece, then using the Roman army, God scattered the Jewish people into the nations around the world. The Jews have been dispersed. They've been a people without a nation. However, God said He would one day re-gather the children of Israel into the Land which He has given them as a nation. Through His prophets God warned He would then judge the children of Israel (*and* the whole world) for their unbelief. This prophetic re-gathering that this generation is now seeing take place serves as a sign and a warning to the world that the Apocalypse — the Day of the Lord — is drawing near.



## DAY 19



In Ezekiel 36:24-28, God has promised to...

- Take the Jews out of the nations
- Gather them from all the countries where He scattered them
- Bring them back into their own land
- Sprinkle clean water on them and make them clean
- Cleanse them from all their impurities and from all their idols
- Give them a new heart and put a new Spirit in them
- Remove from them their heart of stone
- Give them a heart of flesh
- Put His Spirit in them
- Move them to follow His decrees and His laws
- Let them live in the land He gave their forefathers
- Make them His people

PRAY FOR JEWISH PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD  
TO WALK IN LINE WITH GOD'S PROMISES.





## DAY 20



“But the mountains of Israel  
will produce heavy crops of fruit  
for my people—for they will be  
coming home again soon!” (Ez. 36:8)

**Spend time reading Ezekiel 36 today and rejoice  
in what the Lord has promised the children of Israel.**





## DAY 21



Like Ezekiel 36, Jeremiah 31 is a prophetic passage where God shares His heart regarding the restoration of Israel through the voice of the prophets.

Spend time today reflecting on Jeremiah 31.

Ask God to show you what it reveals about Himself, and how it applies to your life.

“Only if this fixed order departs from before Me”—it is a declaration of *ADONAI*—“then also might Israel’s offspring cease from being a nation before Me—for all time.”

(Jer. 31: 35)





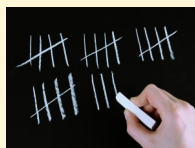
## DAY 22



“Listen to this message from the LORD,  
you nations of the world;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:  
The LORD, who scattered his people,  
will gather them and watch over them  
as a shepherd does his flock.”  
(Jer. 31:10)



## DAY 23



“Then it will happen”—it is a declaration of ADONAI—  
“that in the entire land two-thirds will be cut off and  
die, but a third will be left in it. This third I will bring  
through the fire. I will refine them as silver is  
refined, and will test them as gold is tested.  
They will call on My Name and I will answer them.  
I will say, ‘They are My people,’  
and they will answer, ‘ADONAI is my God.’”  
(Zech. 13:8-9)

**P**erilous times are ahead for Israel. God’s plans are always redemptive and we can be assured He will turn all things to good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. (Rom. 8:28) Part of the preparation we must undergo involves preparing our hearts and minds to withstand persecution and war, knowing for certain that Adonai is our God. Even under intense persecution we have nothing to fear. We must actively lead and help others to have that kind of steadfast faith in God.

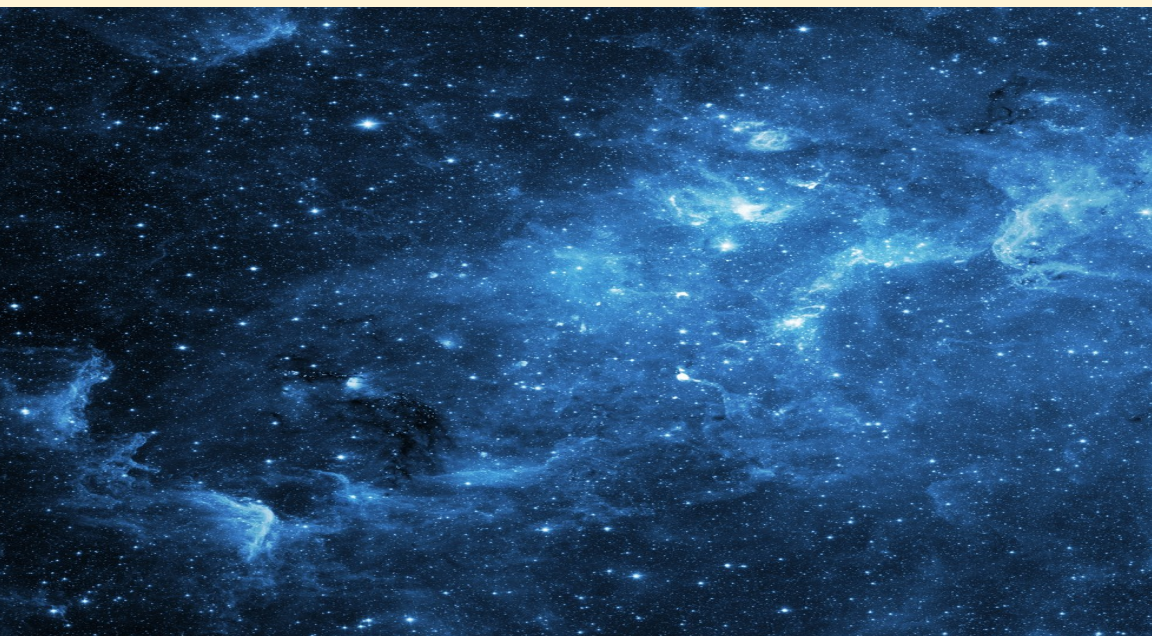


## DAY 24



“At that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has never occurred since the beginning of the nation until then. But at that time your people—everyone who is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake—some to everlasting life, and others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse. And those who turn many to righteousness will be like the stars forever and ever. But you, Daniel, close up the words and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will run back and forth and knowledge will increase.”

(Dan. 12:1-4)



## DAY 25

“I tell the truth in Messiah—I do not lie, my conscience assuring me in the Ruakh HaKodesh—that my sorrow is great and the anguish in my heart unending. For I would pray that I myself were cursed, banished from Messiah for the sake of my people—my own flesh and blood, who are Israelites. To them belong the adoption and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Torah and the Temple service and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs—and from them, according to the flesh, the Messiah, who is over all, God, blessed forever. Amen.”

(Romans 9:1-5)

Let Paul’s heart for the Jewish People echo in your spirit.







## DAY 26



“Even us He called—not only from the Jewish people, but also from the Gentiles—as He says also in Hosea, “I will call those who were not My people, ‘My people,’ and her who was not loved, ‘Beloved.’ And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there they shall be called sons of the living God.” (Rom. 9:24-26)

How does it make you feel to be called  
‘Beloved’ and God’s people?

How does that influence the way you walk through your life?







## DAY 27



“Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have zeal for God—but not based on knowledge. For being ignorant of God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God. For Messiah is the goal of the Torah as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.”

(Romans 10:1-4)

It’s essential that we learn to submit ourselves to the righteousness of God by placing all our faith and trust in Messiah as we cling to and depend on Him for everything.





## DAY 28



“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming: For if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart it is believed for righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever trusts in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all—richly generous to all who call on Him. For everyone who calls upon the name of ADONAI shall be saved.” (Romans 10:8-13)

Believe with your heart and confess with your mouth today!



## DAY 29

“How then shall they call on the One in whom they have not trusted? And how shall they trust in the One they have not heard of? And how shall they hear without someone proclaiming? And how shall they proclaim unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim good news of good things!” But not all heeded the Good News. For Isaiah says, “*ADONAI*, who has believed our report?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah.” (Romans 10:14-17)



It's essential that we share the Good News about Messiah with everyone we meet, Jewish and non-Jewish. In this season of preparation ask God to begin to use you to effectively proclaim the good news of good things!

## DAY 30

“I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be!  
For I too am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of  
Benjamin. God has not rejected His people  
whom He knew beforehand.”

(Romans 11:1-2)



Messiah is the key that unlocks the door for people to know  
the Love of the Father. Embrace your heavenly Father's love  
and help Jewish People do the same.



## DAY 31



“What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained; but the elect obtained it, and the rest were hardened— just as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes not to see and ears not to hear, until this very day.” And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. Let their eyes be darkened so they do not see, and bend their back continually.””  
(Romans 11:7-10)



We must be sure that our “table” doesn’t become a snare and a trap for us. Our comfort in the North American Body of Messiah, and our abundance, can easily become our focus, instead of Yeshua being our first Love. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you, and repent of any idolatry in your life relative to food or drink. For the kingdom of God is not about eating and drinking, but righteousness and shalom and joy in the Ruakh HaKodesh. (Holy Spirit) (Romans 14:17)



## DAY 32



“Now if their transgression leads to riches for the world, and their loss riches for the Gentiles, then how much more their fullness! But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Insofar as I am an emissary to the Gentiles, I spotlight my ministry if somehow I might provoke to jealousy my own flesh and blood and save some of them. For if their rejection leads to the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?” (Romans 11:12-15)

God caused the Jewish People to have a veil over their hearts with regard to the Gospel because God loved the whole world and wanted Gentiles to be part of His family as well. It's now the Gentile's job to love the Jewish People, helping them understand the truth about the Messiah, and God's wondrous plans for the restoration of the entire world back to the Kingdom of God. You're either working with God toward that end, or against Him. The Jewish People's acknowledgement of Yeshua as Messiah is a key to His second coming (see Matthew 23:37-39).



What are you doing to work with God and help provoke  
Jewish People to jealousy, to see some saved?

You have an important role to play  
to help move us closer to Messiah's return!





## DAY 33



“If the first fruit is holy, so is the whole batch of dough; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off and you—being a wild olive—were grafted in among them and became a partaker of the root of the olive tree with its richness, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you who support the root but the root supports you.” (Romans 11:16-18)

**Pray for the Lord to do a work  
of total cleansing and healing  
in the entire Body of Messiah  
world-wide on these issues.**



Sadly, there are two cancers within the Body of Messiah, and both are equally as deadly. They are working to undermine God’s perfect will regarding Israel’s salvation and the return of Messiah. The first is the teaching of replacement theology, which says God is done with Israel as a nation and His plans and promises are now only directed toward the Body of Messiah. The other is a spirit of anti-semitism. Pray today and ask the Lord to shine His loving search light into your heart and bring you total deliverance in both of these areas.

## DAY 34

“For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be ignorant of this mystery—lest you be wise in your own eyes—that a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, the Deliverer shall come out of Zion. He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.” (Romans 11:25-27)



Let's rejoice together in God's plan for Israel to be saved!  
Direct your prayers to God in expectation that today more Jewish  
People's hearts will open up to the truth that  
Yeshua is their Messiah!

## DAY 35



In 586 BCE, on the 9th of Av, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, destroyed the city of Jerusalem and the First Temple. 2,553 years later, on June 7, 1967 (28 Iyar 5727), during the Six-Day

War, Israel regained control of biblical east Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount. For the first time in more than 2,500 years Israel was in control of the city. Within a few days, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan gave control of the Temple Mount back to the Muslims, while maintaining Israeli sovereignty over it. Thirteen years later, Israel adopted its "Basic Law: Jerusalem", declaring, "Jerusalem, complete and united, is the capital of Israel". If this had happened in any other nation, it wouldn't have gained much attention. Because it happened in Israel though, the entire world was in an uproar. Why would the world be so concerned with this ancient city? It's located approximately 27 miles inland from the coast. It has no natural resources. Most of it is built on ruins of previous structures. What makes it so important? The importance of Jerusalem lies in its spiritual aspect, not its physical makeup. It's a city that lives and responds to the Holy One of Israel. God declared to Ezekiel how He had mercy on Jerusalem; how He blessed her and made a covenant with her (Ezekiel 16:3-14). Jeremiah lamented of her misery and suffering after God judged her (Lamentations 1:1-22). Yet God declared that He would not forget Jerusalem; He would establish an everlasting covenant with her (Ezekiel 16:60-63). Jerusalem is the center of the nations according to God (Ezekiel 5:5). Its very existence continually proves that there is a God and that He will judge every man, and hold him accountable for his deeds.

## DAY 36

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem  
“May those who love you be at peace!  
May there be shalom within your walls  
quietness within your palaces.”  
For the sake of my brothers and friends, I now say:  
“Shalom be within you.”  
For the sake of the House of ADONAI our God,  
I will seek your good.”  
(Psalm 122:6-9)





## DAY 37



The scriptural history of Jerusalem begins around 2110 BC, after Abram defeated King Chedorlaomer of Elam and the kings with him, rescuing his nephew Lot. The king of Sodom went to meet Abram in the Valley of Shaveh (the Valley of the King). There, King Melchizedek of Salem brought bread and wine to Abram and blessed him (Genesis 14:17-20). This King of Righteousness was a prophetic foreshadow of Messiah Yeshua's return to Jerusalem, and His blessing of Abraham's descendants after the war of the nations, in the end of days.





## DAY 38

References to the city of Jerusalem appear throughout the entire Tanakh" ("the Old Testament").

Through the ages it has been called by many names: Salem, Mount Moriah, Adonai Urah, Jebus, Jerusalem, Zion, the City of David, and Ariel (Lion of God). God has declared that this is the place where He will establish His Name and dwell forever. (1 Kings 9:3)





## DAY 39



God has declared that Jerusalem is the place from which He will reign: "At that time, they shall call Jerusalem 'Throne of the Lord.'" (Jeremiah 3:17a) God said He was "very jealous for Jerusalem." (Zechariah 1:14) Many of the prophets spoke of the Lord's return to Jerusalem: "'I graciously return to Jerusalem. My House shall be built in her'—declares the Lord of Hosts" (Zechariah 1:16a; see also Zechariah 2:12; 8:3). More than 4,000 years ago, Abraham understood the importance of the city when he prophetically declared concerning Mount Moriah, in the midst of Jerusalem, "On the mount of the Lord it will be provided." (Genesis 22:14) This was not only where the Lord provided the ram to be sacrificed instead of Isaac; it was also where Yeshua was sacrificed in our place.

Spend time today thinking about God sitting on His  
earthly throne in Jerusalem  
and thank Him for His rulership in your life.



## DAY 40



God gave warning of His judgment against those who come against Jerusalem: "In that day I will all but annihilate all the nations that came up against Jerusalem." (Zechariah 12:9); "As for those peoples that warred against Jerusalem, the Lord will smite them with this plague: Their flesh shall rot away while they stand on their feet; their eyes shall rot away in their sockets; and their tongues shall rot away in their mouths." (Zechariah 14:12) Jerusalem is important to God, the Mighty One of Israel. It's the place that He has chosen to dwell in the midst of His creation. It is also the place from which He will judge the nations.





## DAY 41



A line has been drawn in the sand.

On one side are the people of the God of Israel standing  
against all the nations of the world.

Whose side will you be on? This is not the time to be  
straddling the fence. Now is the time to make a stand.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for through her peace will  
come the peace of the entire world. Enter into the battle, and  
stand and see the salvation of the Lord.



## DAY 42



Jerusalem is the city built on a hill. This is alluded to in the Tanakh (Old Testament) by Isaiah (10:32) and Joel (3:17). To get to Jerusalem, one had to “go up” or “ascend” to the Holy Hill. The Bible tells us that the Jewish people were commanded to “go up” (make aliyah) to Jerusalem three

times a year to appear before the “Sovereign Lord,” the “Lord (their) God.” (Deuteronomy 16:16, Exodus 23:17, Exodus 34:24)

As the Jews “went up” to meet with their God in the Jerusalem Temple, their aliyah was not only a physical “going up”, but also a spiritual ascension. It was a glorious experience whereby they would go up and worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Creator of the Universe, the Almighty God.

The aliyah of biblical times brought glory to the God of Israel. Today many Jewish People are being called to make “aliyah” and move to Israel. Pray for these people today and let the Lord lead your prayers, as you sow into their lives spiritually.

## DAY 43

Today the word aliyah refers not only to a “going up” to Jerusalem, but also to the “return of the Jewish people to Eretz Yisrael, (the Land of Israel). Today's regathering of Jews back to their biblical homeland, Israel, is called aliyah because it's not only a physical return to Israel, but also the sign of the Jews' spiritual return to their God, through their Messiah, Yeshua.



The Word of God tells us in both the Tanakh and the New Covenant (The Old and the New Testaments) that "all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26), and "... they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest." (Jeremiah 31:34)

It is prophesied that God will open the Jewish People's eyes (Isaiah 35:5), and Jerusalem will say, "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord." (Matthew 23:39; Psalms 118:26)

Pray for the Jewish People's eyes to be opened to God as He calls them back to the Land and to Himself, spiritually and relationally, through Messiah Yeshua.





## DAY 44



For those who make ‘aliyah’ to Israel, it takes great dedication, courage and wholehearted obedience to the Lord. When God calls people to move to Israel they must be willing to leave their homes, friends, family members and a lifestyle in which they’ve become familiar and comfortable.

It’s much the same for every true disciple and follower of Yeshua. We must be willing to surrender all to our Master and Lord. And, truly that’s how we’ll know if He really is our Lord.

Commit your heart and life to Him afresh today and be willing to go where He says to go; to do what He says to do, and to be who He died for you to be.







## DAY 45



There's a continuous battle going on in the hearts and minds of people making 'aliyah.' In fact, it's a universal struggle for all humanity. It's the fight of fear vs. faith. In life, fear leads to defeat, whereas faith, to victory. Fear looks to man (flesh), while faith, to God.



“For what was impossible for the *Torah*—since it was weakened on account of the flesh—God has done. Sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as a sin offering, He condemned sin in the flesh— so that the requirement of the *Torah* might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the *Ruach (Spirit)*. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the *Ruach (Spirit)* set their minds on the things of the *Ruach (Spirit)*. For the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the *Ruach (Spirit)* is life and *shalom*.” (Romans 8:3-6)

The fullness of the word *shalom* means peace, prosperity, safety, completeness, health, rest and wholeness. To fully experience faith and the resulting *shalom* in our lives, we, as God's children, need to know and continuously rest in the promises that our Heavenly Father has made to us.

This is important to all who make 'aliyah,' who are going up to enter into God's Kingdom and Holy City, whether physically or spiritually.



## DAY 46



There are more than 700 verses to help you understand aliyah ("coming up" to Israel). The following are just a few.

### **The Jews Were Scattered**

Deuteronomy 28:64 - God scattered His people from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth because they did not obey the Lord their God.

Jeremiah 31:8 - Great throngs will return from the north and from the remote parts of the earth - expectant mothers, the lame and the blind.

Isaiah 11:12 - The Jews will be gathered.

Ezekiel 11:17 - I will give you back the land of Israel again.

Ezekiel 20:34 - God will show His mighty hand in bringing them back.

Ezekiel 20:41,42 - God will accept them and show Himself holy when He gathers them back into the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:25-27 - God will restore their fortunes and forget their disgrace when they live securely on their own land.

Ezekiel 36:24-25 - God will bring them into their own land. Then He will sprinkle clean water on them to cleanse them.

Jeremiah 31:10 - He who scattered will gather.

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Ezekiel 37:11-14 - God will bring the "dry bones" up out of their graves and back to Israel. Then He will put His Spirit in them and they will come to life.



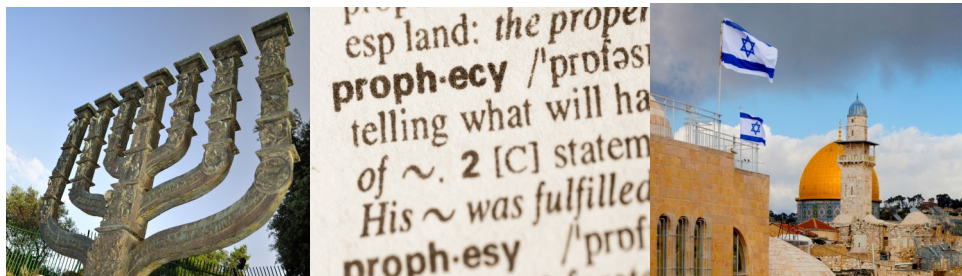
Isaiah 35:10 - The ransomed of the Lord will return with joyful shouting!

Isaiah 51:11 - The Jews will return to Zion with singing and everlasting joy!



Ezekiel 39:28 - "They will know I am the LORD their God." All Jews will know Messiah upon His return.

## DAY 48



“Thus says *ADONAI Elohim*: “Look, I will lift My hand to the nations, and raise My banner to the peoples!  
They will bring your sons on their chest, and carry your daughters on their shoulders.” (Isaiah 49:22)

God will use Gentiles to bring the Jews home!

Whether you’re Jewish or not,  
thank you for being part of God’s plans  
in these end times!



## DAY 49



Lord, as the counting of the Omer draws to a close I thank You for continuing to draw me closer to You. Thank You for giving me greater understanding of Your sovereign plans for Israel and the Jewish People, and for my life as well. You've called us all to Yourself for "such a time as this." Continue to lead and guide us, bless us and strengthen us for the days ahead. I pray this in Yeshua's Name. Amen.

So teach us to number our days,  
so that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
Relent, *ADONAI!* How long?  
Have compassion on Your servants.  
Satisfy us in the morning with Your love,  
so we may sing for joy  
and be glad all our days.  
Gladden us for as many days  
as You have humbled us,  
as many years as we have seen misery.  
Let Your work appear to Your servants,  
and Your splendor on their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon  
us. Establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.  
(Psalm 90:12-17)





## DAY 50



### SHAVUOT

“From the day after the Sabbath—the day you bring the bundle of grain to be lifted up as a special offering—count off seven full weeks. Keep counting until the day after the seventh Sabbath, fifty days later. Then present an offering of new grain to the LORD. From wherever you live, bring two loaves of bread to be lifted up before the LORD as a special offering. Make these loaves from four quarts of choice flour, and bake them with yeast. They



will be an offering to the LORD from the first of your crops. (Lev. 23:15-17)

“When the day of Shavuot had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And tongues like fire spreading out appeared to them and settled on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruakh HaKodesh and began to speak in other tongues as the Ruakh enabled them to speak out.” (Acts 2:1-4)



According to Jewish tradition, Moses received the Law from God at Mount Sinai during Shavuot. In Acts 2, we see the giving of the Holy Spirit on Shavuot. What a beautiful picture that our lives must be equally filled and balanced with God’s Word and Spirit. We Believers, Jew and Gentile, are also the two loaves lifted up!





The clock is winding down

The end is drawing near

Now is the time for the revealing of the Sons & Daughters of God

Be ready for Messiah's return

Walk as doers of God's Word — holy and blameless in His sight

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God's prophetic clock is winding down. The Messiah's return is nearer every day. The goal of counting the Omer originally represented spiritual preparation and anticipation of the giving of the Torah by God on Mount Sinai around the same time as Shavuot. Spiritual preparation is extremely important for all Yeshua's disciples as we await the return of our "Beloved." Not only is He your "Beloved," you are His! Beloved, this is the time of *your* preparation!

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