

How to Pray for the Simchat Torah War?

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(Rejoice in Torah War – 50-year Anniversary of the Yom Kippur War of 1973 – 2,656-Israelies died in this surprise three-week war – Exodus 15, Revelation 15, Zechariah 14, Amos 1, Genesis 18)

Exodus 15

The Song of Moses

¹ Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

² The LORD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ **The LORD is a man of war;**

the LORD is his name . . .

¹¹ “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,

awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

¹² You stretched out your right hand;

the earth swallowed them.

¹³ “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

¹⁴ The peoples have heard; they tremble;

pangs (agony/pain) have seized (gripped) the inhabitants of Philistia.

*According to Joshua 13:3 and 1 Samuel 6:17, the land of the Philistines (or Allophyloi), called **Philistia**, was a pentapolis in the southwestern Levant comprising the **five city-states of Gaza**, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron, and Gath, from Wadi Gaza in the south to the Yarqon River in the north, but with no fixed border . . .*

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philistines>

¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;

trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;

all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

¹⁶ Terror and dread fall upon them;

because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,

till your people, O LORD, pass by,

till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

Transition:

This same Song of Moses is Sung just before the time of the Battle of Armageddon, and the Coming of our Messiah, here in Revelation 15, paralleling Exodus 15, and the subsequent events of the 10-plagues of the Exodus, which for those of God’s people who remained in the city of Goshen, were not effected by the Seven remaining Plagues, which are reflected in the 7-final plagues of Revelation 15; is that any accident, I do not think so, God gave us a pattern of Salvation that we can put our Faith in, and it will happen, as we have Read in Ezekiel 9, for those of God’s people who God gives the Mark of God (a type of Goshen), who also will be covered from the effects of the Plagues of God’s Wrath on the Earth:

Revelation 15

The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

“Great and amazing are your deeds,

O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,

O King of the nations!^[a]

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord,

and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

⁵ After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent^[b] of witness in heaven was opened, ⁶ and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. ⁷ And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, ⁸ and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

Biblical Revelation of Armageddon, found in:

Revelation 16

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, “Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.”

² So the FIRST angel went and poured out his BOWL on the EARTH, and harmful and painful sores (6th Plague – Exodus 9:9) came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

³ The SECOND angel poured out his BOWL into the SEA, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea (1st Plague – Exodus 7:20). (Revelations 7:2-3 – God’s People not hurt during God’s Wrath – Revelation 6:15-23 – example Exodus 8:22 – Goshen)

ONCE AGAIN . . . THE FOUR ACCOUNTS OF THE SECOND COMING

We need to understand another very important fact as we are taking this overview of the entire Book of Revelation. Revelation contains four different accounts of the Second Coming of Jesus, or we might say four different accounts of the “unveiling” of Jesus. The entire book is about the “Unveiling of Jesus Christ,” or the “revealing of Jesus Christ” to the world at the time of the Second

• Fourth Account

The Book of Revelation starts over again in chapter 15 and gives us a record of the Seven Vials . . . Also, Revelation 19:7-11 is the fourth of four accounts of the Rapture in Revelation. These events culminate in chapter 19:

- Heavens departing
- Jesus comes to earth
- Fights the Battle of Armageddon
- Antichrist and False Prophet thrown into the Lake of Fire
- Satan is bound for 1,000 years
- Kingdom of God is established

The book of Revelation is not in chronological order. The seals are the long story, the trumpets are the short story, and the vials are the real short story. They are three vantage points of the end time. You can view them in comparison with the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. We know this is true because the 6th and 7th seal, the 7th trumpet, and the 7th vial all record the same event, the second coming of Jesus Christ. Also if the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ in Revelation 11:15, it would not make sense for the Antichrist to begin his rule in Revelation 13.

<https://www.endtime.com/blog/book-revelation-chronological-order/>

Transition:

And so we see here that God is a Longsuffering God, desiring that none should perish, but a Righteous Judge all at the same time, as we see a Prophetic parallel of the Book of Zechariah's prophesies paralleling *the days* of King Uzziah king of Judah, and the coming day of Mashiach (our Messiah), and Amos' prophesies paralleling the same days of King Uzziah king of Judah, just years before the coming day of Mashiach (our Messiah), during the End of Days, regarding God's Righteous Judgement on those people in the Land of Israel who do not walk out in Righteousness, as a Call to Repentance, a Return back to God, as a sign of God's Mercy and Justice, if they will only Respond (we will see a type of this at the end of this Reading in the current **Simchat Torah War** (*Rejoice in Torah War – 50-year Anniversary of the Yom Kippur War of 1973 – 2,656-Israelies died in this surprise three week war*)):

Zechariah 14

The Coming Day of the LORD

¹ Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴ **On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives** that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵ And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. **And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.** Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

Amos 1

¹ The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which **he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah** and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, **two years before the earthquake.**

Judgment on Israel's Neighbors

² And he said:

**“The LORD roars from Zion
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;**
the pastures of the shepherds mourn,
and the top of Carmel withers” . . .

⁶ Thus says the LORD:

*“For three transgressions of **Gaza**,
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment,
because they carried into exile a whole people
to deliver them up to Edom.*

*⁷ So I will send a fire upon the wall of **Gaza**,
and it shall devour her strongholds.*

*⁸ I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod,
and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;
I will turn my hand against Ekron,*

and the remnant of the Philistines (Gaza) shall perish,” says the Lord GOD.

Judgment on Judah

⁴ Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked.

⁵ So I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.”

Transition:

And yet this is a Call to all of Followers of God, today, and into the future:

1 Peter 4:12-19

Suffering as a Christian

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. **¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?** ¹⁸ And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Illustration of God's Call to Respond:

The IDF notified the United Nations overnight Thursday that some 1.1 million Palestinians residing north of Wadi Gaza need to leave their homes ahead of an anticipated major ground operation to root out Hamas's terrorist infrastructure. On Saturday, the IDF continued to drop leaflets in Gaza urging residents to flee. “Dear residents, the terrorist organizations began a war against the State of Israel and Gaza City became a battle zone. You must evacuate your home immediately and leave south. For your safety and security, you are not allowed to return home until further notice from the Israel Defense Forces,” read the leaflets.

<https://www.jns.org/idf-conducts-localized-ops-in-gaza-kills-infiltrators-in-north-as-war-enters-2nd-week/>

Transition:

So What is Our Prayer for Israel and Gaza . . . Read **Genesis 18**. We find God was willing to hold back His Judgment and Wrath based on the number of Righteous that were in the Land, in which, in this story, He did not find even 10 Righteous, but DID deliver the Four Righteous who were in the Land, with the Command to “Not Look Back.”

Genesis 18:16-33

Abraham Prays for Sodom

¹⁶ When the three men got ready to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked part of the way with them.

¹⁷ The LORD said to himself, “I should tell Abraham what I am going to do, ¹⁸ since his family will become a great and powerful nation that will be a blessing to all the other nations on earth.^[a] ¹⁹ I have chosen him to teach his family to obey me forever and to do

what is right and fair. If they do, I will give Abraham many descendants, just as I promised.”

²⁰ The LORD said, “Abraham, I have heard that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah are doing all kinds of evil things. ²¹ Now I am going down to see for myself if those people really are that bad. If they aren't, I would like to know.”

²² The men turned and started toward Sodom. But the LORD stayed with Abraham. ²³ And Abraham asked him, “LORD, when you destroy the evil people, are you also going to destroy those who are good? ²⁴ Wouldn't you spare the city if there are only 50 good people in it? ²⁵ You surely wouldn't let them be killed when you destroy the evil ones. You are the judge of all the earth, and you do what is right.”

²⁶ The LORD replied, “If I find 50 good people in Sodom, I will save the city to keep them from being killed.”

²⁷ Abraham answered, “I am nothing more than the dust of the earth. Please forgive me, LORD, for daring to speak to you like this. ²⁸ But suppose there are only 45 good people in Sodom. Would you still wipe out the whole city?”

“If I find 45 good people,” the LORD replied, “I won't destroy the city.”

²⁹ “Suppose there are just 40 good people?” Abraham asked.

“Even for them,” the LORD replied, “I won't destroy the city.”

³⁰ Abraham said, “Please don't be angry, LORD, if I ask you what you will do if there are only 30 good people in the city.”

“If I find 30,” the LORD replied, “I still won't destroy it.”

³¹ Then Abraham said, “I don't have any right to ask you, LORD, but what would you do if you find only 20?”

“Because of them, I won't destroy the city,” was the LORD's answer.

³² Finally, Abraham said, “Please don't get angry, LORD, if I speak just once more. Suppose you find only 10 good people there.”

“For the sake of 10 good people,” the LORD told him, “I still won't destroy the city.”

³³ After speaking with Abraham, the LORD left, and Abraham went back home.

Transition:

What are we to do. Well God gave us specific Instruction, as a prototype for us to follow from the Exodus of His people out of Egypt:

1. Know the Times
2. Know God will Provide the Way, though wilderness, it will be where God Speaks and guides us into His Promises.