

Coronavirus Update & God’s Plan for Infectious Diseases

U.S. Flu Virus 2019-2020																							
Cases	Deaths	Active Cases			3/8/20										Projected Total	Projected Total	Projected Total	Projected Total	Projected Deaths Outside of China of Total Deaths Globally	Projected % of Deal Outside of China of T Deaths Globally			
29000000	16,000	280000			6%	Serious Cases Percentage									1	107,502	6,020	3,548	3/8/20	532	15.00%		
					3.30%	Death Percentage									2	131,797	7,381	4,349	3/15/20	652			
					3100	Death Total in China									3	161,584	9,049	5,332	3/22/20	800			
U.S. Coronavirus 2020																							
Cases	Deaths	Active Cases			553	Deaths Outside China									4	198,102	11,094	6,537	3/29/20	981			
					15%	Death Percentage Outside of China									5	242,873	13,601	8,015	4/5/20	1202			
						Flu Season Ends (Average 13 Weeks: April/May Sept to April/May)									6	297,762	16,675	9,826	4/12/20	1474			
					447	19	413	Average U.S. Flu Deaths a Year									7	365,056	20,443	12,047	4/19/20	1807	
					25,000 to 30,000		2017/2018 Flu Deaths in U.S.									8	447,559	25,063	14,769	4/26/20	2215		
Total U.S. Coronavirus % of U.S. Actual Flu																	9	548,707	30,728	18,107	5/3/20	2716	
					0.002%	0.12%	0.15%										10	672,714	37,672	22,200	5/10/20	3330	
																	11	824,748	46,186	27,217	5/17/20	4083	
Coronavirus: 3/1/2020 to 3/8/2020																							
Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Active Serious Cases																				
87674	2994	42049	7568	1-Mar-20																			
107502	3653	43000	6040	8-Mar-20																			
22.60%	22%	2%	20.20%	Growth Increase Percentage																			

God’s Plan for Infectious Diseases

“Take Two of these Everyday, and Declare it to Everyone in the Morning”

Psalm 91

My Refuge and My Fortress

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say^[a] to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly **pestilence**

(an infectious disease - anything that destroys – ex. a plague, epidemic).

⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge^[b]—

¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

¹⁴ “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

The Holiday PURIM 2020 will begin at sundown on Monday, March 9 to sundown Tuesday, March 10th.

Like Esther, are you called **FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?**

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.” Isaiah 62:1

One of the most joyous of all Jewish celebrations, **Purim** (Festival of Lots), **begins at sundown tonight**. This fun and inspirational holiday celebrates the **exemplary leadership and bravery of Hadassah, a Jewish girl who rose to become ancient Persia’s Queen Esther**. **As the queen, Esther risked death to uncover and overturn a plot to murder the Jewish People in Persia**. In struggling with the decision to seek the king’s mercy, she modeled courage, wisdom, and perseverance, while rallying her people to fast and pray for their lives. The story of Esther can be our story. We may or may not reach the status of a queen, but each of us are placed in positions of influence where we can access God’s wisdom to overturn schemes and expose evil plots against God’s people and plans. Let’s NOW take a closer look at how Esther did just that and what followers of Jesus the Messiah can learn from her.

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Exodus 17:14

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly **blot out the memory of Amalek** from under heaven.”

And in not so many words, Purim is a **“Celebration of Forgetting”** – forgetting our enemy’s plan for our destruction and our remembering God’s plan for his destruction instead – **VICTORY OVER DEATH**.

Deuteronomy 25:19

Therefore when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall **blot** out the memory of **Amalek** from under heaven; you shall not forget.

In Jewish tradition, Amalek represents pure evil, or those who have “given themselves over” to the dark side of impurity. Indeed the name Amalek begins with the letter “Ayin” (symbolizing the eye) . . . meaning “doubt” and “haughty”. Amalek therefore represents “the evil eye of doubt”, or even “the severed eye”. Understood in this way, Amalek represents spiritual blindness acting arrogantly in the world, and therefore the Lord vowed perpetual warfare against Amalek” “The Hand is on God’s throne. God shall be at war with Amalek for all generations” (Exodus 17:16). Concerning this verse the great commentator Rashi noted that he term “God’s throne” is written incompletely in Hebrew . . . which suggests that God’s rule will be incomplete until the powers of darkness are totally wiped off the face of the earth (by the hand of Yeshua our Lord; see Revelation 19-20) Amalek embodies the principle of, the lack of the fear of God, and therefore represents the power of darkness and evil in the world.

<https://www.hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Parashah/Summaries/Tetzaveh/Amalek/amalek.html>

In the Shabbat Zachor (“Remember!”) portion of the reading (*Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 1 Samuel 15:2–15:34*), the Shabbat before Purim, the holiday on which we celebrate the foiling of Haman the Amalekite’s plot to destroy the Jewish people, in which we are commanded to remember the evil of Amalek and to eradicate it from the face of the earth, God commands King Saul to completely destroy the Amalekites:

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’” 1 Samuel 15:2–3

But Saul fails to carry out God’s command and spares the life of Agag, the king of Amalek:

“But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.” 1 Samuel 15:9

For this disobedience, God regrets choosing Saul as king and decides to give the kingdom to another:

“Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: ‘I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out My instructions.’” 1 Samuel 15:10–11

Why is this special Scripture portion read just before Purim?

It is because the anti-Semite in the book of Esther, Haman, who tried to annihilate all the Jews of Persia, is believed to have descended from the Amalekites.

Esther 3:1 describes Haman as being an Agagite—a descendant of Agag the Amalekite king.

The story of Saul’s disobedience demonstrates how very important it is that we obey God’s command.

Failure to do so can have destructive consequences even in future generations.

Week 20: TETZAVEH (You shall Command) - Exodus 27:20–30:10; Ezekiel 43:10–27; 1 Peter 2:1–25

“Command [Tetzaveh] the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning.” Exodus 27:20

In last week’s Torah reading, God instructed Moses and the Israelites to construct a Tabernacle (**Mishkan**) in the wilderness.

This week, God commands them to bring pure olive oil for the lamp and to create holy garments for the priests (cohanim).

The Role of Beauty and Splendor in Serving God

“These are the garments they are to make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make these sacred garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so they may serve Me as priests.” Exodus 28:4

In this Reading, sacred garments are to be made for the priests so they can serve God.

(Messianic Bible | Bibles For Israel)

Exodus 27:20–30:10

Oil for the Lamp

²⁰“You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn.

you: And you shall command... (27:20) . . . (ESTHER . . . Does not mention God . . . He Must be Found)

Tetzaveh is the only Parshah in the Torah since Moses' birth in which Moses' name does not appear (with the exception of the book of Deuteronomy, which consists wholly of a first-person narrative spoken by Moses). The reason for this is that, [when the people of Israel sinned with the Golden Calf,] Moses said to G-d: "If You do not [forgive them,] erase me from the book that You have written" (Exodus 32:31). This was realized in the Parshah of Tetzaveh, since the censure of a righteous person, even if made conditional on an unfulfilled stipulation, always has some effect. (Baal HaTurim) While Moses' *name* does not appear in the Parshah of Tetzaveh, Moses himself is very much present: the entire Parshah consists of G-d's words to Moses! Indeed, the Parshah's first word is *ve'attah*, "and you"--the "you" being the person of Moses.

Indeed, the word "you" connotes its subject's very self, while a person's name is a more superficial "handle" on his personality. This means that Moses is *more* present in our Parshah--that is, present in a deeper, more essential way--than any mention of his name could possibly express.

This is fully in keeping with the Baal HaTurim's explanation (cited above). Because Moses was prepared to forgo mention of his name in the Torah for the sake of his people, he merited that his quintessential self--the level of self that cannot be captured by any name or designation--be eternalized by the Torah. It is this level of Moses' self that is expressed by his "nameless" presence in the Parshah of Tetzaveh.

(The Lubavitcher Rebbe)

command: And you shall command the children of Israel (27:20)

The word *tetzaveh*, "to command," also means "to connect" and "to bond." Thus the verse can also be read as G-d saying to Moses: "And you shall bond with the Children of Israel.

(Ohr HaChaim)

Exodus 27:20–21

Oil for the Lamp

²⁰“You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. ²¹In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.

crushed: And that they bring to you pure olive oil... to raise an everlasting lamp... from evening to morning (27:20-21)

These verses contain a paradox: "everlasting flame" implies a state of perpetuity and changelessness; "from evening to morning" implies fluctuating conditions of lesser and greater luminance.

For such is our mission in life: to impart the eternity and perfection of the Divine to a temporal world, and to do so not by annihilating or overwhelming the world's temporality and diversity, but by illuminating its every state and condition-- from "evening" to "morning"--with the divine light.

(The Lubavitcher Rebbe)

Pure olive oil, crushed for the light (27:20)

Just as the olive yields light only when it is pounded, so are man's greatest potentials realized only under the pressure of adversity.

(The Talmud)

Revelation 2:5

⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

A Church No Longer Afraid (continued)

“How wonderful it would be if, because of this suffering, we might be able to give off the sweet fragrance of the gospel!”

Li Lingqiang, elder at Early Rain Covenant Church (China)

“The goal of obedience is not to change the world, but to testify about another world”

Pastor Wang Yi

Their attempt to intimidate the *Underground Church of China* and force them to close their doors were ineffective, however, because the church’s leadership had already begun to prepare the congregation for suffering.

“We will not stop our gathering in the Lord, but we are prepared to bear all possible persecutions and costs for our Lord Jesus Christ – to go to jail or be sentenced or beaten or killed. We are willing to entrust ourselves to God.”

Chinese Christians to Re-education Camps

One goal of Chinese prisons is to reform prisoners into a “new man” who fully subscribes to Communist ideology.

Hours before *his* arrest, church elder Li Yingqing wrote a letter to the congregation: “*Thank the Lord!*” he wrote. “*Just as the year 2018 is about to end, God has given us a reward in the form of this large-scale persecution that arrived on December 9.*” He instructed the church to face persecution according to **1 Peter 4:12-14** (“*Rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s suffering . . .*”) and concluded with a reminder of the church’s mission statement: “*Christ is the Lord. Grace is the King. Bear the cross. Proclaim the gospel.*”

And yet, church members continued to view these attack and interrogations as opportunities to share the gospel.

They had been taught how to react under questioning. “By the grace and help of the Lord, try to turn the Lord, try to turn the interrogation process into a process of evangelism . . . Try . . . to turn the interrogation room into a new meeting of the church.”

Wang Ye wrote in his Declaration, “*to lead them through a wilderness of spiritual disillusionment and through this to make them know Jesus, if through this He continues disciplining and building up His church, then I am joyfully willing to submit to God’s plans, for His plans are always benevolent and good.*”

If, however, China is entering a second period of extreme persecution such as followed the *Cultural Revolution* (China’s most violent periods to those who were considered counterrevolutionary, which include the Christian Church – 1966-1976), when pastors were jailed for decades and government sought to completely eliminate Christianity, this time the church is prepared. “*Christians in China are better prepared for persecution today because more believers have their own copy of God’s Word, . . . and also because they have seen the fruit of their predecessor’ faithfulness in enduring persecution.*”

Having already endured difficulty persecution before this most recent crackdown, many large urban churches had made plans to divide into smaller groups if necessary.

This new era of persecution may be a period of refinement for the maturing Chinese church. Although some have left the faith or chosen to stay home, many are firmly committed to following Christ despite persecution.

“but we rejoice that the gospel can be spread. We don’t simply believe persecution itself can make the gospel spread. God uses this way to make his people realize there is a treasure in the clay. So as the church cherishes more holding the gospel dear, so they can continue growing.”

Exodus 28:1-5

The Priests' Garments – (Used for the Feast of Atonement)

28 “Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron’s sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ³ You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. ⁴ These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁵ They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Ephesians 6:10-18

The Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.** ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

1 Thessalonians 5 **The Day of the Lord**

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers,^[a] you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children^[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ **But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.** ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 **The Ministry of Reconciliation**

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling^[b] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 John 3:7-9

⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.** ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's^[a] seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

READ: Exodus 28:6-30:10

Prophetic Message Today

Ezekiel 43:10-27

¹⁰ “As for you, son of man, describe to the house of Israel^[a] the temple, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and they shall measure the plan. ¹¹ And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple, its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, that is, its whole design; and make known to them as well all its statutes and its whole design and all its laws, and write it down in their sight, so that they may observe all its laws and all its statutes and carry them out. ¹² This is the law of the temple: the whole territory on the top of the mountain all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the temple.

The Altar

¹³ “These are the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth):^[a] its base shall be one cubit high^[b] and one cubit broad, with a rim of one span^[c] around its edge. And this shall be the height of the altar: ¹⁴ from the base on the ground to the lower ledge, two cubits, with a breadth of one cubit; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge, four cubits, with a breadth of one cubit; ¹⁵ and the altar hearth, four cubits; and from the altar hearth projecting upward, four horns. ¹⁶ The altar hearth shall be square, twelve cubits long by twelve broad. ¹⁷ The ledge also shall be square, fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad, with a rim around it half a cubit broad, and its base one cubit all around. The steps of the altar shall face east.”

¹⁸ And he said to me, “Son of man, thus says the Lord God: These are the ordinances for the altar: On the day when it is erected for offering burnt offerings upon it and for throwing blood against it, ¹⁹ you shall give to the Levitical priests of the family of Zadok, who draw near to me to minister to me, declares the Lord God, a bull from the herd for a sin offering.²⁰ And you shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar and on the four corners of the ledge and upon the rim all around. Thus you shall purify the altar and make atonement for it. ²¹ You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and it shall be burned in the appointed place belonging to the temple, outside the sacred area. ²² And on the second day you shall offer a male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and the altar shall be purified, as it was purified with the bull. ²³ When you have finished purifying it, you shall offer a bull from the herd without blemish and a ram from the flock without blemish. ²⁴ You shall present them before the Lord, and the priests shall sprinkle salt on them and offer them up as a burnt offering to the Lord. ²⁵ For seven days you shall provide daily a male goat for a sin offering; also, a bull from the herd and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall be provided. ²⁶ Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and cleanse it, and so consecrate it.^[a] ²⁷ And when they have completed these days, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer on the altar your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, and I will accept you, declares the Lord God.”

Haftarah Tetzaveh: A Vision of Hope

“So the altar shall be four cubits; and from the altar and upward shall be four horns.” Ezekiel 43:15

Today's Haftarah (Prophetic) portion falls in the midst of a longer section that discusses the building of the Third Temple. Today's portion from the Book of Ezekiel begins with God's instruction to describe the coming Temple to the children of Israel who are exiled in Babylon.

The reason for this is not to build anticipation or excitement but, rather, to give them hope after expressing shame for the sins that caused the First Temple to be destroyed and the people to go into exile.

God tells Ezekiel that only when the people are embarrassed because of their sins, then He could show them the plan of His House, which reflects His holiness.

There, only 14 years into the Babylonian exile, which stretched on for more than another 50 plus years, the people received a message of hope and comfort — “the priests are to present your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings on the altar. Then I will accept you, declares the Sovereign LORD.” **Ezekiel 43:27**

What God is Doing Today with Prophecy (Pirium, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, Great Day of Slavation): At that point in their exile, they must have thought themselves totally rejected by God, but God reaches into their darkness to show them a vision of eternal redemption.

Israel obviously did repent (current & picture futuristically) because the Book of Ezekiel goes on to describe the Third Temple in great detail and the coming of the Messiah in the final eight chapters.

God loves Israel, and this timely message of repentance reveals that no matter what predicament God's people find themselves in, they can play a role in God's present and future plans by turning from their sin.

Matthew 24

Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple

24 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

Signs of the End of the Age

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away^[a] and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The Abomination of Desolation

¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ **For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.** ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Revelation 11

The Two Witnesses

11 Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ² but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. ³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. ⁶ They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. ⁷ And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit^[a] will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸ and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically^[b] is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰ and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. ¹³ And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴ The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

The Church's End Time Witness

Daniel 11:31-35

³¹ Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate. ³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. ³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some

days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

The Final Seven Years (Palestinian-Israeli Peace Agreement)

The prophecy with a timeline attached to it!

When the prophesied agreement is reached, we will be able to mark our calendars that we are seven years away from the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Jesus!

Daniel 9:24-27

The Seventy Weeks

²⁴“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. ²⁷And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

This prophecy was given to Daniel while in Babylonian captivity. During their 70 years of captivity, the Jews dreamed of the day when they could rebuild their temple.

A. Daniel’s Prophecy

1. Jerusalem destroyed in 586 BC and Jews were taken into Babylonian captivity.
2. Around 539 BC, the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon.
3. Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple.
4. The 49 years and the 434 years began with the commandment to go forth and rebuild the temple.
5. After the 483 years, the prophecy says the Messiah would be cut off. This happened between 30-40 AD.
6. Jerusalem and the temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.
7. This prophecy is absolute proof Jesus was the Messiah.

B. The Gap

1. After the first 483 years was ended by the cutting off of the Messiah and before the events of the final seven-year period are described, there is a gap.
2. The fact there are gaps in this prophecy is the reason the prophecy is given in segments of 49 years, 434 years and seven years.
3. One more seven-year period of the prophecy is remaining.
4. How long does the gap last? It has lasted around 2,000 years.

C. The Final Seven Years

1. What we know is the Final Seven Years has still not begun.
2. The prophecy that tells us what will trigger the Final Seven Years is found in Daniel 9:27.

The Seventy Weeks

“And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week,^[s] and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

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Matthew 24

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁹“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

³²“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

No One Knows That Day and Hour

³⁶“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[b] but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1 Thessalonians 5 The Day of the Lord

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers,^[a] you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children^[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Revelation 11 The Seventh Trumpet

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. ¹⁸ The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.” ¹⁹ **Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple** (Feast of Atonement – the only time the Holy of Holies is Visible). There were flashes of lightning, rumblings,^[a] peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Matthew 24

⁴⁵ “Who then is the faithful and wise servant,^[a] whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants^[a] and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Revelation 20 The Thousand Years

²⁰ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit^[a] and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. ⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Defeat of Satan

⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven^[b] and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Judgment Before the Great White Throne

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

“Netanyahu claims ‘biggest win’ in Israeli elections” Fox News - March 3, 2020 (Third Election in One Year)

“We are not waiting for politics in Israel anymore, we are waiting to finish drawing the maps (to the “Deal of the Century” – Trump’s Peace Plan), then we will start implementing the Plan . . . It is going to be moving forward in the weeks ahead . . . this time it is real . . . it is happening . . . We are going to be moving full speed ahead in with the Plan.”

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli Prime Minister – The Jerusalem Post
<http://thelandofisrael.com/the-aftermath-of-the-election/>

“Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell [shakan] among them.” (Exodus 25:8; see also Exodus 40:34–35 and 1 Kings 8:11)

“The glory of the Lord entered the temple through the gate facing east. . . I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: ‘Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever.’” (Ezekiel 43:4–7)

Zechariah 14:1-21

The Coming Day of the Lord

14 Behold, a day is coming for the Lord, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ²For 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. ³Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴On 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. ⁵And 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.^[a]
...

²⁰ And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, “Holy to the Lord.” **And the pots in the house of the Lord shall be as the bowls before the altar.** ²¹ **And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the Lord of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader^[a] in the house of the Lord of hosts on that day.**

Many think that animal sacrifices have been done away with forever, but according to Bible prophecy, this simply isn't so. The Lord tells the Prophet Ezekiel that in a future Temple, the prescribed sacrifices will be offered:
“The north and south rooms facing the temple courtyard are the priests’ rooms, where the priests who approach the Lord will eat the most holy offerings. There they will put the most holy offerings—the grain offerings, the sin offerings and the guilt offerings—for the place is holy.” (*Ezekiel 42:13*)

In the prophetic writings of the Book of Daniel and the Brit Chadashah (New Testament), we find significant details about the role of a rebuilt Temple in the end times.

Both Daniel and Yeshua (Jesus) tell us that the Anti-Messiah will defile the Third Temple before the return of the true Messiah.

They both call this spiritual defilement in the Temple the abomination of desolation:

“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘**the abomination that causes desolation,**’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” (*Matthew 24:15–16; compare with Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11*)

Daniel says he will confirm a covenant of peace “for one week” (often interpreted as seven years) but break that covenant in the middle of the term.

“And he [the prince] will make [some translations say ‘confirm’] a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate [some interpretations say, set up an idol on the wing or precipice of the Temple], even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.” (*Daniel 9:27; see also Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4*)

The anti-Messiah will also proclaim himself to be God!

“He [the man of lawlessness] will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.” (*2 Thess. 2:4*)

The [Temple Institute](#) as well as the Temple Mount and Eretz Yisrael Faithful Movement are the two main Jewish organizations responsible for making preparations for the Third Temple and the reinstatement of [sacrificial worship](#).

<https://free.messianicbible.com/feature/end-time-prophecy-why-is-the-third-temple-so-important/>

Thanks to Trump:

Pascal Lamb could be Sacrificed on Temple Mount for first Time in 2,000 Years

By [Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz](#) February 27, 2020 , 9:24 am

*Moshe replied, “We will all go, young and old: we will go with our sons and daughters, our flocks and herds; for we must observe Hashem’s festival.” **Exodus 10:9 (The Israel Bible™)***



Rehearsal of paschal sacrifice adjacent to Temple Mount (courtesy: Sanhedrin)

As per Trump’s Deal of the Century, the Sanhedrin petitioned the Israeli government, filing to receive permits that would allow priests to perform the ritual of the Pesach (Passover) sacrifice temporary altar that will be transported to the temple mount and removed immediately after the ceremony. If the government grants the permits, as it should, based on Israeli and international law, this will be the first time since the destruction of the Second Temple that an altar has stood in its proper place on Judaism’s holiest site: the threshing floor purchased by King David.

For the past eight years, the Sanhedrin has been conducting reenactments of the Temple service as a means of preparing for the actual reinstating of the service. These reenactments are held before each of the Biblically mandated feasts by kohanim (Jewish men descended for Aaron the high priests) dressed in the proper Temple garb.

The reenactment of the Pesach offering has special significance as the commandment has great import. There are only two mitzvot (Biblical commandments) for which non-compliance receives the most severe punishment mandated by the Torah, *karet* (being cut off from the community, or excommunicated): *brit milah* (circumcision) and the *korban Pesach* (Passover sacrifice).



Constructing the altar (courtesy: Sanhedrin)

“Despite various issues of Jewish law, such as ritual impurity and lack of a high priest, Jews are still required and technically able to bring the sacrifice.” Rabbi Hillel Weiss, the spokesman for the Sanhedrin told Breaking Israel News. “The only thing preventing the Jewish People from performing the Passover sacrifice is the Israeli government.”

The Sanhedrin recently performed an intense study concerning the current status of the Passover offering and concluded that at this juncture, one sacrifice made at the Temple Mount brought in the name of the entire Jewish people would suffice. The Sanhedrin held a special meeting on Wednesday to discuss the Pesach offering reenactment as well as contingency plans should the government permit the actual ritual to be performed on the Temple Mount at the proper time.

As they do every year, the Sanhedrin submitted requests for permits to perform the reenactment to be held on the Temple Mount three days before the holiday. They also submitted a separate request for the actual sacrifice to be held on the Temple Mount on the holiday. Included in this request is the plan to bring a stone altar to the Temple Mount.

The Passover sacrifice can only be offered in one place; on the Temple Mount. The sacrifice does not require an actual Temple structure but it does require an altar that is built to adhere to the Biblical requirements. Such an altar was constructed last year and stands ready.

The square altar is nine feet square and five feet high and is constructed of aerated concrete. The material was ruled to be fit for use in the Temple. In the Talmud, it is explained that steel may not be used to cut the stones of the altar since the Temple Service brings life into the world and steel, as it is used in war, takes life. Stones for the altar may not be cut using steel since the Temple service brings life into the world and steel though not ideal, it is light and easily transported and sized to be loaded onto a truck. The altar was constructed on a

metal frame designed also for purposes of transportability. The intent was to create an altar that could be taken to the Temple Mount at a moment's notice should the need arise.

Should the request to bring the sacrifice be granted, this would mark the first time an altar has stood on the Temple Mount in its proper place since the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE.

The Sanhedrin emphasized that the plan to bring the altar to the Temple Mount was entirely consistent with President Trump's recently released Deal of the Century which recognized Israel's full sovereignty over the site.

“People of every faith should be permitted to pray on the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif, in a manner that is fully respectful to their religion, taking into account the times of each religion's prayers and holidays, as well as other religious factors” the text of the deal reads.

“Just like King Cyrus, this declaration by Donald Trump opens the door for the Jews to build the Temple. It is now up to us to take the next step forward. This is a watershed point in history. Once we bring the altar to the Temple Mount, even for the sacrifice of one lamb, there is no turning back. The prophesied next step is inevitable.”

“This may have sounded drastic not so long ago but today, when faced with the coronavirus, climate change, and rogue nations, people of faith are certainly praying for the Temple service to begin immediately,” Rabbi Meir Halevi Hakaadded.

“According to Midrash (homiletic teachings), the Exodus from Egypt was for the sake of the entire world,” Rabbi Yoel Schwartz, the head of the Noahide court said. “God told the Children of Israel, ‘It is not for your sake that I am taking you out of Egypt. It is only so that you can tell of the Exodus and teach my Torah to all the nations.’”

Rabbi Shwartz cited another Midrash which explained the three times oaths are mentioned in Song of Songs.

“According to the Midrash, the first oath refers to the First Temple which Solomon built,” Rabbi Schwartz explained. “The second oath is the Second Temple that was built on Cyrus' merit. The Third oath is the Third Temple whose construction will be initiated by the nations, after which the Jews will join in.”

If the Jerusalem municipality does not grant permission to bring the altar to the Temple Mount, an additional request was file to bring the altar to Jerusalem for the reenactment.

“Plurality in the form of 70 nations is a Biblical requirement for the Temple to be a House of Prayer for All Nations,” Rabbi Weiss said. “Western liberal values and international law demand the equality of religions. We are proposing bringing a temporary altar for one day to sacrifice one lamb for the entire Jewish nation. The Samaritans sacrifice hundreds of lambs every year. Any objection to this can only be based in racism and hatred.”

“We have been preparing, faithfully performing whatever we can to bring perform God's will,” Rabbi Weiss said. “Now it is in God's hands to take it to its prophetic conclusion; the Pesach sacrifice on the Temple Mount. All of the inhabitants of the world need to place God's will as it is expressed in the Bible foremost in their consciousness.”

Every year, more people attend and the ceremony itself develops in complexity, becoming more like the actual ceremony in the Temple. The Sanhedrin also made a ruling regarding the participation of non-Jews in the ceremony and its funding. Non-Jews are expressly forbidden by the Torah from partaking of the sacrifice. They are also not permitted to participate in funding communal sacrifices. The Sanhedrin noted that non-Jews did observe the Pesach sacrifice as it was brought in the Temple and such areas should be set aside for this purpose at the reenactment. Non-Jews would be permitted to donate money towards the reenactment and fund necessary elements surrounding the reinstatement of the Temple service but no funds from non-Jews would be permitted to be used for sanctified purposes. “The Temples were and will always be for the good of the entire world and the nations are intended to help us towards this end,” Rabbi Meir Halevi Hakaadded said. “This is especially true today when we are faced with global threats that affect every individual and every nation. And, indeed, there are many nations and individuals, including Muslims and Arabs, that understand this and are willing to take their place in this effort.”

“Now, at this point in time, it is essential that the nations make their desire known for the return of the Temple service.”
A headstart project to fund the Pesach reenactment will be launched in the near future.

Last year, the ceremony was supposed to take place at the Davidson Center, an archaeological park at the foot of the stairs where individuals walked up to bring their sacrifices to the Temple. All of the permits were acquired but at the last moment, the police officer overseeing security demanded that the original copy of the permit for slaughtering the lamb be produced in place of a faxed copy. It was later revealed that the police wanted the venue changed in order to prevent a violent Palestinian reaction to the Jewish ritual, the police ordered the Sanhedrin to change the venue.

Such important Jewish rituals are often repressed by Israeli security forces and every year, several Jews are arrested while attempting to bring a lamb to the Temple Mount.

The reenactment was accompanied by blasts from silver horns. A band played songs based on the Hallel service, a prayer service composed of verses from Psalms, that was sung in the Temple while the Passover sacrifice was being prepared. The lamb must be checked for blemishes before being slaughtered. As in the Temple, the priests arranged themselves in a line stretching from the courtyard in which the lamb was slaughtered stretching all the way to the altar. The blood from the lamb was collected in a vessel and then passed from one priest to another, hand over hand, until it arrived at the altar upon which it was poured.

The animal is skinned and the inner parts are separated. The goat was prepared roasted whole on a long pomegranate branch in the manner described in the Torah and served to the Jews gathered to witness the reenactment.

Week 20: TETZAVEH (You shall Command)
Exodus 27:20–30:10; Ezekiel 43:10–27; 1 Peter 2:1–25
“If I Perish, I Perish”

When the Temple stood, all of the Jewish people came to Jerusalem and organized into groups to celebrate the Passover seder. Each group sent a representative to the Temple to bring a lamb that would be ritually prepared by the priests and its blood sprinkled on the altar. The lamb would then be taken home to be cooked and eaten.

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<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/145899/thanks-to-trump-pascal-lamb-could-be-sacrificed-on-temple-mount-for-first-time-in-2000-years/>

Next Weeks Reading:

Week 21 - KI TISA (When You Take)
Exodus 30:11–34:35; 1 Kings 18:1–39; Matthew 17:1–13