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Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!

Can you believe 2012 is now here? This last year has been a whirlwind and this year promises to be very interesting as well. I believe it will be a very prophetically charged year with the possibility of Isaiah 17 being fulfilled. Today is the 10th of Tevet. This is the day God told Ezekiel to write the name of this day down so it will never be forgotten. This is the day Jerusalem was surrounded by its enemy.

Eze 24:1,2 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, on of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

I want to recommend our new calendar for this year so you can stay on top of current events and how they relate to what is happening on the biblical calendar. It is so important to make the connections to see prophetically if this is God talking to us. You can get one here for yourself or family: http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/Jan2012/jan2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elshaddaiministries.us%2Fstorefront%2F2012calendar_n.html

I want to thank all of our internet family for helping us for the first time to go over 2 million hits just for the month of December! We had over 20 million hits to our website in 2011! We now have over 60,000 people every month coming to our website from all around the world! If anyone needs help navigating our website please let us know!


I'm excited to have Peter Flint here from the Dead Sea Scroll Institute on Monday, Jan 16. Also the following Monday, Jan 23rd we will have Ted Pearce in concert which will be a lot of fun. Before we know it Purim will be upon us and then Passover! This year we will be having our Passover Seder at the Tacoma Dome. I am expecting almost 1,000 people. If you will be coming from out of town we have several hotels close by that are very accommodating. We will hold the Seder on Thursday night, April 5th, at evening which begins Nisan 14. If you can stay one more day and join us for our Shabbat service we would love to see the rest of our internet family! I believe this Passover season will be extra special. We have links to different hotels in the area here: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/Jan2012/jan2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elshaddaiministries.us%2Fhotelsparkland.html>

I also would like to encourage any of you that are able to join us on our trip to Israel this November. You can register here: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/Jan2012/jan2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unseensites.com%2F>


We have been getting a lot of great feedback on our Monday night study on the Hebrew Alephbet and the meanings of the different letters. Be sure and encourage others to listen in or watch on the web. On Monday night, Jan 30th will be my favorite letter!! The letter Vav! It is incredible.

I am also very excited about our adventure into live seminars around the world through the "Go to Meeting" opportunity. We could do a live seminar in Australia with one large group or even up to 15 small home fellowships in Australia. This will be true for any country or around the United States. We know how many of you feel all alone out there when it comes to studying your Hebrew Roots and this will provide a live connection with us. If you have a home fellowship during the week and would like to surprise your group and have me drop in for a few words of encouragement or a short teaching let me know. At this time we can do up to 15 locations at once. It might be fun some night during the week for different communities around the world or U. S. to see each other live and connect and I could greet all your fellowships at once. If there are people who might be interested in participating please contact us and we will see what we can do based upon the interest. What you need is a computer with an internet connection, speaker and webcam. If you are a group you will also need a projector and screen of some kind.

Here is another quick look at the amazing Hebrew language!

The Hebrew word for humility is found in Strongs #6038 anavah 

Pr 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

When we look at the ancient picture language we see the letter ayin is an eye meaning to see 



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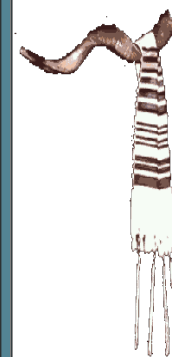
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The letter noon is a fish darting through water representing life 

The letter vav was a nail meaning to connect 

The letter Hey means to behold or to reveal 

So we find within the picture language of the very Hebrew word for humility as it says in our verse:

Going from right to left:



Through humility: we will see life that is connected to revelations of God!

Be Blessed! Pastor Mark

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THE FAST OF TEVET

By Tom O'Haver



On the 10th day of the Jewish month of Tevet, in the year 3336 from Creation (425 BCE), the armies of the Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. Thirty months later—on 9 Tammuz 3338—the city walls were breached, and on 9 Av of that year the Holy Temple was destroyed. The Jewish people were exiled to Babylonia for 70 years.

The 10th of Tevet (this year, January 5, 2012) is observed as a day of fasting, mourning and repentance by many Jews. All over the world many will fast, mourn and pray, remembering the day which began the siege on Jerusalem and led to the conquest of the city, the destruction of the Holy Temple, and the expulsion of the people of Israel from their land. They refrain from food and drink from daybreak to nightfall, and add *Selichot Prayers* and other special supplements to their prayers. More recently, the 10th of Tevet has been chosen to also serve as a "general *kaddish* day" remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust, many of whose day of martyrdom is unknown.

Today, many, many years later, Jerusalem is once again under siege. Oh, you can get into your car and drive west to Tel Aviv but going north, east or south is quite a different matter. The supermarkets are stocked with Corn Flakes and low-fat yogurt. But it is a siege as terrible and as deadly as any the city has known.

In and around the city and throughout the country, the enemy hurls rocks, bullets and bombs at Jewish soldiers and schoolbuses and whatever or whoever else gets in their way. While children contemplate the loss of their mothers, fathers, and siblings yet others may contemplate the loss of their legs, diplomats scurry about pushing "position papers" and TV commentators and newspaper columnists revile the Jews for refusing to lay down their weapons. The killers are driven by hate, the politicians may be subject to by vanity and even naïveté.

Let us pray for Jerusalem, encourage and aid its defenders, and show love to others--no matter how he or she differs from you. For if there is one redeeming virtue in being under siege, it is the opportunity to realize that we're all in this together.



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RECIPES

By Tina Fallstead

Some delicious treats to warm you up on these cold January days...

Perfect Hot Cocoa



Serves 1

A timeless classic for the whole family to enjoy!

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon cocoa or
- 2 tablespoons cocoa for rich hot cocoa
- Dash salt
- 1 cup milk

Stir together milk, sugar, cocoa and salt in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat and serve.

VARIATIONS: Add three drops vanilla extract, one drop of mint extract or one drop of orange extract. Or try two teaspoons of your favorite liquor, one teaspoon instant coffee crystals or half a teaspoon of maple syrup.

Chai Masala

Serves 2



This is a unique beverage, originating in India but rapidly gaining popularity among the rest of the world. Masala is a mixture of spices used in Indian cooking that are known to warm the body by improving blood flow.

- 1/2 cup water
- 1 inch stick of cinnamon
- 3 cardamom pods
- 2 whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon of ginger, powder or fresh
- 2-3 black peppercorns
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 tsp. sugar or to taste
- 1 teaspoon any loose black tea

Put water in saucepan. Add the cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, ginger and peppercorns and bring to a boil. Cover, turn heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the milk and sugar and bring to a boil again. Put in the tea leaves, cover, and turn off the heat. After 2 minutes, strain the tea into two cups and serve immediately.

Chai Kaimaki

Serves 1



Bucharian Jews serve traditional green tea at every opportunity, but this is a special treat they serve when it's extra cold!

- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon green tea leaves
- 3/4 cup milk
- Dash of salt
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 teaspoon sugar or according to taste

Place water and tea leaves in small saucepan and bring to boil. Strain out the leaves and return water to saucepan. Add milk and salt and bring to boil. Transfer to mug and add butter and sugar.

Milk and Honey

Serves 1

Simple and soothing, an excellent remedy for insomnia.



- 1 cup milk
- 1-2 teaspoons honey or according to taste

Place milk in a small sauce pan and place on medium fire. When boiled, remove from heat and transfer to mug. Add honey and stir.

Recipes from http://www.aish.com/fr/Winter_Warm-Me-Ups.html

Submitted by Tina Fallstead



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THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Torah translated into Greek (246 BCE)

In a second attempt to translate the Torah into Greek (after an unsuccessful attempt 61 years earlier), the ruling Greek-Egyptian emperor Ptolemy gathered 72 Torah sages, had them sequestered in 72 separate rooms, and ordered them to each produce a translation. On the 8th of Tevet of the year 3515 from creation (246 BCE) they produced 72 corresponding translations, including identical changes in 13 places (where they each felt that a literal translation would constitute a corruption of the Torah's true meaning). This Greek rendition became known as the Septuagint, "of the seventy" (though later versions that carry this name are not believed to be true to the originals). Greek became a significant second language among Jews as a result of this translation. During Talmudic times, Tevet 8 was observed by some as a fast day, expressing the fear of the detrimental effect of the translation.

Passing of Ezra (313 BCE)

Ezra, who led the return of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel after the Babylonian exile (423-353 BCE), oversaw the building of the Second Temple, canonized the 24 books of the Holy Scriptures ("bible") and, as head of the "Great Assembly" legislated a series of laws and practices (including formalized prayer) which left a strong imprint on Judaism to this very day, passed away on the 9th of Tevet of the year 3448 from creation (313 BCE -- exactly 1000 years after the Giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai). The passing of Ezra marked the end of the "Era of Prophecy."

Siege of Jerusalem (425 BCE)

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Jews expelled from Austria (1668)

On Tevet 11 the Jews were expelled from Austria.

Purim Hebron

On the 14th of Tevet, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob came to the rescue of the Jewish community of Hebron, after an evil Pasha imprisoned its leaders and threatened to sell the entire Jewish population into slavery. The Sephardic community of Hebron would celebrate this day to mark the great miracle which occurred.

First New York Synagogue (1728)

In 1684, a group of Spanish and Portuguese Jews who fled the Inquisition (see "Today in Jewish History" for Tevet 22) held a Rosh Hashanah service in New Amsterdam, thereby founding congregation Shearith Israel ("Remnant of Israel"). On this 17th of Tevet in 1728, the congregation purchased a lot in Lower Manhattan to erect the first synagogue in New York.

Huna Killed (469)

The Exilarch ("Reish Galuta") of Babylonian Jewry, Huna Mori bar Mar Zutra, was executed in Pumpadita by order of the Persian emperor on the 18th of Tevet of the year 4229 from creation (469 of the common era). Also killed on that day was Rav Mesharshia bar Pekod (the third Jewish leader who was arrested with them, Rav Ameimar bar Mar Yenuka, was executed two months later).

Shimon Born (1567 BCE)

Shimon, the second son of Jacob and Leah and the progenitor of the Israelite tribe of Shimon, was born on Tevet 21 (according to another opinion, on Tevet 28), of the year 2194 from creation (1567 BCE), nine years after Jacob's arrival in Charan.

Decree of Expulsion Issued for Portuguese Jews (1496)

Following the death of King Joao of Portugal in 1494, his son King Manuel I ascended the throne. When his legitimacy as heir to the throne was challenged, Manuel wished to marry Princess

Isabel of Spain, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella, in order to solidify his position. As a precondition to the marriage, the Spanish monarch demanded that Portugal expel its Jews—many of whom were refugees from the 1492 Spanish Expulsion who found refuge in the neighboring country of Portugal. Manuel agreed, and five days after the marriage agreement was signed, on Tevet 23 (5257), he issued a decree giving Portugal's Jews eleven months to leave the country. Appreciating the Jews' economic value, Manuel was unhappy with the potential loss of this economic asset, and devised a way to have the Jews stay in Portugal—but as Christians. Initially, he instructed the Jews to leave from one of three ports, but soon he restricted them to leaving from Lisbon only. When October of 1497 arrived, thousands of Jews assembled there and were forcibly baptized. Many Jews decided to stay

and keep their Jewish faith secret; they were called Marranos or Crypto-Jews. Over the next 350 years, the infamous Inquisition persecuted, tortured and burned at the stake thousands of "marranos" throughout Spain, Portugal and their colonies for continuing to secretly practice the Jewish faith.

Sicilian Jews Forced to Wear Jewish Badges (1369)

On December 25, 1369 (5129), Tevet 26th, King Frederick III of Sicily ordered all Jews to wear a badge indicating their heritage. The badge consisted of a piece of red material, not smaller than the largest royal seal; men were required to wear it under the chin, and women on the chest.

Sadducees ejected from Sanhedrin (81 BCE)

Shimon ben Shetach successfully completed the expulsion of the Sadducees (a sect which denied the Oral Torah and the authority of the Sages) who had dominated the Sanhedrin (Supreme Court), replacing them with his Torah-loyal Pharisaic disciples, on the 28th of Tevet of the year 3680 from creation (81 BCE).

Moses Repeats the Torah

On the first of Shevat of the year 2488 from creation Moses convened the Jewish people and began the 37-day "review of the Torah" contained in the Book of Deuteronomy, which he concluded on the day of his passing on Adar 7 of that year.

Alexander-Yannai's death celebrated (76 BCE)

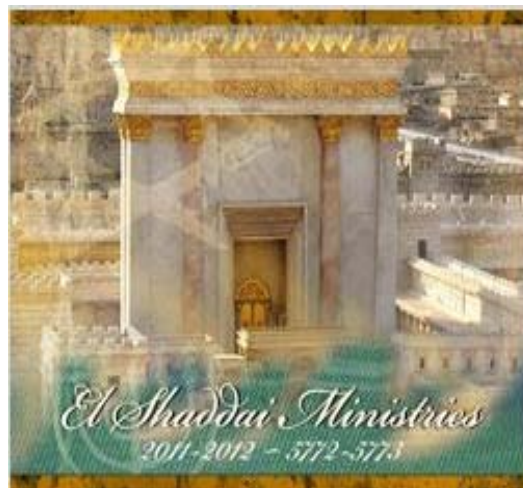
Hashmonean King Alexander-Yannai (Jannaeus), an avowed enemy of the Jewish sages, died on this date. So great was his cruelty and the ruthlessness with which he persecuted the Sages and those loyal to them (some 50,000 were killed in the years 82-76 BCE), that the day of his death was declared a holiday.

Majorcan Jews Guaranteed Protection (1393)

The governor of Majorca issued an edict for the protection of the Jewish inhabitants, providing that any citizen who injures a Jew will be hanged. The advantageous position of the islands, as well as their newly found protection, attracted many Jews from Provence, Sicily, Tunis, and Algiers, amongst other African cities. The Jews even had their own organizations and representatives by sanction of the King.

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