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## Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!

Can you believe this year is half over already! Shavuot is past, and we are in the dry summer months before the celebration of the Feasts of the seventh month. Everything is in the acceleration mode. The Bible talks about in the last days many will be in the valley of decision (Joel 3:14). The time to make decisions is rapidly coming to a close and people will begin to act on those decisions they've made. God has created every one of us for a mission or a purpose. He has given us the tools to accomplish the task.

I feel this summer/fall will be rather startling prophetically this year. Things will come more into focus.

The dire straits are here between the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av. With everything going on in the Middle East we really need to be lifting up in prayer the Nation of Israel.

We have some exciting events coming up. We have our around the world Shema event this August where we invite churches all over the world to read the verses from Deuteronomy that declare we should love the Lord with all our hearts. This is the same weekend Jews all over the world are reading the same verses. It is a very significant weekend as it is the weekend after the 9th of Av when historically disasters have happened to Israel. We want to show solidarity with our Jewish brethren and speak comfort to them. Here is a link for a more information and to sign up: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/July2012/july2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elshaddaiministries.us%2Findex.html%23shema>

At this same time we will be hosting a "Comfort My People Conference" with PJTN and Laurie Cardoza Moore. We will have guest speakers, Dr. Walter Fletcher, Rev Sam Clarke, Laurie Cardoza Moore and myself speaking. It will be an incredible conference on Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday night as well Aug 3rd and 4th. Here is a link for a information and a flyer <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/July2012/july2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.elshaddaiministries.us%2Findex.html%23comfort>

Also be sure and let everyone know of Pastor John Hagee coming to El Shaddai for a "Night to Honor Israel" this August. Here is a link:

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Time is running out on the sign up for the Israel trip. There are spots left and maybe the Lord is speaking to you to accept an invitation to come to His Promised Land where He will rule and reign! How exciting to get a once in a lifetime sneak preview of coming attractions! This will be a very special tour, one that won't be forgotten. Sign up now at this link: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/rclick.php?d=file:///C:/Users/Web/Documents/Newsletter/July2012/july2012.html&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.unseensites.com>

We also have the Love for Israel conference this coming July 13th through the 15th. More information is at the following link:

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Our very first shavuot conference was an absolute success and we are looking forward to another one next year.

Before we know it September will be upon us with the Fair, the Feasts and some very special guests.



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Now for some Hebrew fun!

The Hebrew word for praise is Hallel spelled הלל

We get Hallelujah from this word. The letter lamed ל in the ancient picture language was that of a shepherds staff: ׀

It represents the idea of authority and control. The letter also represents the tongue.

Whenever a letter or word is doubled in Hebrew it is for emphasis and makes it the greatest. The letter ת in Hebrew stands for the word "the". We see two different concepts here. We see Hallel or הלל can mean "the tongue of tongues" which is the greatest thing we can do with our tongue is to "praise" God with it. The other idea is that to "praise" is the best way we can control where we are going!

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

**Pastor Mark**

## RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

"Old Jerusalem Chicken Soup"

- 1/2 cup white beans
- 2 onions
- 2 zucchini
- 2 tomatoes
- 2 carrots
- 1 chicken, cut into serving pieces
- 2 potatoes

Soak beans 6 to 12 hours. Cut zucchini, carrots, and potatoes into large pieces. Put all the vegetables and beans into a large pot. Place the chicken pieces on top, cover with water, bring to a boil and simmer 2-3 hours. Take out the

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tomatoes before serving. Add kneidlach or kugelach. Serves 6.

### "Matzah Balls" (Kneidlach)

- 1 cup coarse matzoh meal
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 beaten eggs
- salt
- pepper
- garlic powder (optional)
- 1/3 cup oil

Mix all ingredients together well. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Wet hands, form balls and drop into rapidly boiling soup, or salted water. Cook for 20 minutes. After cooking and cooling, matzah balls can be drained and frozen. Boil again for 15 minutes before serving. Makes 12-20 kneidlach, depending on size.

*Recipes from "Taste of Shabbos: The Complete Cookbook" - by the Aish HaTorah Women's Organization.*

### "Yemenite Soup"



- 1 chicken cut into serving portions or 2 lbs. (1 kg.) meat, cubed
- 1 squash
- 1 tomato
- 2 celery stalks
- 5 medium carrots
- 5 medium onions
- 5 medium potatoes

2 Tbsp. hawaich (Yemenite spice mixture, which gives this soup its characteristic deep-yellow color). Or mix 2 tsp. curry powder, 1 tsp. pepper, and 2 tsp. paprika

Boil water in a large pot. Add chicken or meat pieces. Skim off brown foam with spoon. When soup is clear, add vegetables and hawaich. Simmer chicken soup for one hour on a low flame. Meat soup should simmer 3-4 hours. Meat and vegetables are served together in a soup bowl. Served with pita, this soup is the traditional Friday night meal of many Yemenite families. Serves 5.

### "Thick Tomato Soup"

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup brown rice
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 potato, grated
- 2 Tbsp. Margarine
- 4-5 cups boiling water
- 2 lbs. (1 kg.) ripe tomatoes
- salt
- pepper
- garlic powder



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Saute onion and celery in margarine until soft. Pour boiling water over tomatoes to skin, saving water for soup. Skin tomatoes and slice. Add all ingredients except for potato. Cook until rice is almost tender. Add grated potato and continue cooking 15 more minutes. Serves 4-6.

Variation: Save rice to add with grated potato. Cook other ingredients about half an hour. Then puree entire mixture in blender. Pour back into pot and add rice and grated potato. Cook 1/2 hour or more.

### Vegetable Soup



2 Tbsp. oil  
string beans, cooked  
1 large onion, sliced  
chick-peas, peeled  
4 medium carrots  
tomatoes, pumpkin (optional)  
4 potatoes  
1/2-1 cup oatmeal  
4 squash  
water  
salt  
pepper

Saute onion in oil until transparent. Cut carrots, potatoes, and squash into chunks. Add remaining ingredients and enough water to cover, plus 3 cups. Season to taste. Cook soup for 1 hour. The oatmeal in this recipe disappears, leaving the soup nice and thick. Serves 6-8.

Variation: Pour into blender or food processor and blend until just chunky or smooth, as desired



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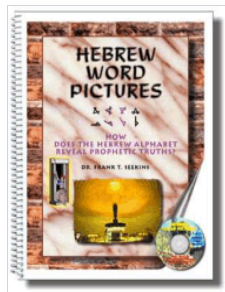
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## RECOMMENDED PRODUCT

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Hebrew Word Pictures, by Dr. Frank Seekins

## Hebrew Word Pictures



### Book & CD

\$30.00

When Moses began writing the Bible, it was in a language that was humanly impossible. Every Hebrew letter is a sound and a picture, so the ancient Hebrew letters actually show the picture. Together, these pictures describe the meaning of Hebrew words in stunning detail by Dr. Seekins.

***Father, Mother, God, Repentance and Peace, along with hundreds more Hebrew words, are graphically described through the original 22 letters of Biblical Hebrew.***



A Fire-of-a Conference

\$30.00 +shipping, Set includes 9 CD's.

What better teachers of Hebrew Roots could be assembled on the Feast of Shavuot than Pastor Mark Biltz, Dr. Danny Ben Gigi and Dr. Frank Seekins? The expertise of the Hebrew language, the Hebrew picture language and a strong knowledge of the Feast's of the Lord and Signs in the Heavens was an interesting combination of teaching that brought spiritual fascination to hundreds who attended this Debut Memorial Weekend Conference in May of 2012. Topics include: The Feast of Shavuot The Heart of Hebrew, Friendship and Family The Ten Realities The Hebrew Language The Key to the Promised Land Signs in the Heavens

## THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Purim Tammuz (Algiers) (1774)

In 1774, the Spanish General O'Reilly attacked the city of Algiers and was successfully repulsed by the Dey of Algiers, Mohammed ibn Uman. Tradition has it that flames came out of the graves of the great Rabbis Isaac ben Sheshet and Solomon ben Simon Duran and contributed to the Spanish defeat. To celebrate the miracle of having escaped Spanish rule, the Jews of Algiers instituted a "Purim" on the 11th of Tammuz.

Liberation of R. Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch (1927)

On the 12th of Tammuz of 1927, the sixth Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, was officially granted release from his sentence of exile to Kastroma in the interior of Russia. Twenty-seven days earlier, the Rebbe had been arrested by agents of the GPU and the *Yevsektzia* ("Jewish Section" of the Communist Party) for his activities to preserve Judaism throughout the Soviet empire and sentenced to death, G-d forbid. International pressure forced the Soviets to commute the sentence to exile and, subsequently, to release him completely. The actual release took place on Tammuz 13, and Tammuz 12-13 is celebrated as a "festival of liberation" by the Chabad-Lubavitch community.

R. Yosef Yitzchak Freed (1927)

On the 13th of Tammuz of 1927, the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, received the documents authorizing his release from a sentence of exile to Kastroma in the interior of Russia. The Rebbe was actually notified of his release on Tammuz 12, but since that day was a legal holiday, the Certificate of Release freeing him to travel home was issued only the next day. Thus both the 12th and 13th of Tammuz are celebrated as a "festival of

liberation" by the Chabad-Lubavitch community.

Jews of Schaffhausen (Switzerland) Burned at the

After the postilion (coach driver) of the governor killed the four-year-old son of a councilor, charges were lodged against a Jew named Michael Vinelmann, a former resident of Basel, alleging that he had promised the murderer three *gulden* for the blood of the child. The murderer was broken on the wheel, and the Jew burned alive without trial. Shortly before, a similar accusation had been brought against the Jews of Schaffhausen and been successfully refuted. When news of Michael Vinelmann's fate was brought to Schaffhausen, several of the Jews of the city fled and were soon captured. They were taken back to Schaffhausen, where they were thrown into a dungeon and terribly tortured. Unable to endure the pain, they "confessed" to the crime of which they had been accused, whereupon all the Jews living in Schaffhausen were condemned to death. Thirty Jews were burned alive. Four weeks later, eighteen men and women died at the stake in Winterthur in a similar context.

Golden Calf Made; Hur Killed (1313 BCE)

In the year 2448 from Creation (1313 BCE), Tammuz 16 was the 40th day following the Giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and the people of Israel wrongly expected Moses' return from the mountain (he would actually return on the following day). When their leader failed to return, they demanded from Aaron: "Make us a god that shall go before us". Hur (Moses' nephew, the son of Miriam and Caleb) tried to stop them and was killed by the mob. Aaron fashioned a calf of molten gold.

Moses Breaks Tablets (1313 BCE)

The Talmud (Taanit 28b) lists five tragic events in Jewish history that occurred on Tammuz 17, on account of which a fast was instituted on this day. The first of these occurred in 1313 BCE, forty days after the Giving of the Torah on Sivan 6. Upon descending Mount Sinai and witnessing Israel's worship of the Golden Calf, Moses smashed the Tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments which he was carrying down from the mountain.

Temple Service Disrupted (423 BCE)

The daily sacrificial offerings (*Korban Tamid*) in the Holy Temple were discontinued, three weeks before the Babylonians' destruction of the First Temple in 423 BCE.

Jerusalem Walls Breached (69 CE)

The other three national tragedies mourned on Tammuz 17 are connected with the Roman conquest of Jerusalem and their destruction of the Second Temple in the year 69 CE: -The walls of the besieged city of Jerusalem were breached.--The Roman general Apostomus burned the Torah and,--placed an idol in the Holy Temple. The fighting in Jerusalem continued for three weeks until the 9th of Av, when the Holy Temple was set aflame.

Fast Day Postponed

To mourn the breaching of Jerusalem's walls and the other tragic events that occurred on this day and repent and rectify their causes, Tammuz 17 was instituted as a fast day. This year, however, the actual fast is held tomorrow (Sunday), due to the holiness of Shabbat.

"The Three Weeks" Begin

The 17th of Tammuz also marks the beginning of The Three Weeks period of mourning which culminates on the 9th of Av, commemorating the conquest of Jerusalem, the destruction of the Holy Temple and the dispersion of the Jewish people. Weddings and other joyful events are not held during this period; like mourners, we do not cut our hair, and various pleasurable activities are limited or proscribed. The Lubavitcher Rebbe urged that the Three Weeks should be a time of increased giving of charity and Torah study (in keeping with the verse (Isaiah 1:27), "Zion shall be redeemed by law, and her returnees by charity"), particularly the study of those portions of Torah that deal with the laws and the deeper significance of the Holy Temple.

Golden Calf Destroyed (1313 BCE)

Moses destroyed the Golden Calf, and re-ascended Mount Sinai to plead G-d's forgiveness for the Jewish people.

Fast Day

Because of the holiness of Shabbat, the fast of Tammuz 17 is this year postponed to today, Tammuz 18. We refrain from all food and drink from "daybreak" (about an hour before sunrise, depending on location) until nightfall. Special prayers and Torah readings are added to the day's services. The fast day mourns the breaching of Jerusalem's walls and the other tragic events that occurred on Tammuz 17.

### Passing of R. Shlomo of Karlin (1792)

Rabbi Shlomo (1738-1792), Chassidic Rebbe in the town of Karlin, Russia (near Pinsk), was killed in the pogroms which accompanied the Polish uprising against Russia.

### Jews of Jerusalem are set aflame (1099)

When the crusaders captured Jerusalem during the First Crusade, the Jews of Jerusalem fled into a synagogue.(24th of Tammuz) The crusaders then set flame to the synagogue, burning alive all the Jewish men, women, and children who had taken refuge there. All Jews were barred from living in the city of Jerusalem for the following 88 years.

### Third expulsion from France (1322)

After having been allowed back into France in the year 1315 (after the expulsion in 1306 by Philip IV), the Jews were once again expelled from France on Tammuz 27 by Charles IV, who thus broke the pledge made by his predecessors in 1315 that the Jews would be able to stay in France for at least 12 years.

### Passing of Rashi (1105)

Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki, known as "Rashi", passed away on the 29th of Tammuz of the year 4865 from creation (1105 CE). Rashi was born in Troyes, France, in 1040. His commentaries on the Torah, Prophets and Talmud are universally accepted as the most basic tool for the understanding of these texts for schoolchild and scholar alike. Numerous commentaries have been authored on his commentary. In his famed "Rashi talks", the Lubavitcher Rebbe repeatedly demonstrated how Rashi's "simple meaning of the text" style unfolds many layers of meaning, often resolving profound difficulties in the text and presenting new, innovative interpretations with a simple word choice or rephrasing of a Midrashic passage.

### Passing of Aaron (1273 BCE)

Aaron the first High Priest, brother of Moses and Miriam, passed away at age 123 on the 1st of Av of the year 2487 from creation (1274 BCE). This is the only *yahrzeit* (date of passing) explicitly mentioned in the Torah (Numbers 33:38).

### Ezra and Followers Arrive in Israel (348 BCE)

Following their long journey from Babylon Ezra and his entourage arrived in the land of Israel on the 1st of AV to be near the newly built second Holy Temple in Jerusalem. A relatively small group came together with Ezra, the majority of Jews, including great Torah scholars, choosing to remain in Babylon due to the harsh conditions that were then prevailing in Israel

### First Temple Invaded (423 BCE)

On the 7th of Av, after nearly a month of fierce fighting inside Jerusalem, the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia broke through into the Temple compound, where they feasted and vandalized until the afternoon of [Av 9](#), when they set the Holy Temple aflame.

### Spies Return (1312 BCE)

The Spies dispatched 40 days earlier by Moses to tour the Promised Land return to Israel's encampment in the desert, bearing a huge cluster of grapes and other lush fruits. But even as they praise the land's fertility, they terrify the people with tales of mighty giant warriors dwelling there and assert that the land is unconquerable. This took place on the 8th of Av.

### Civil War in Jerusalem (67 CE)

On the 8th of Av fighting breaks out inside the besieged city of Jerusalem between Jewish factions divided on the question of whether or not to fight the Roman armies encircling the city from without. One group sets fire to the city's considerable food stores, consigning its population to starvation until the fall of Jerusalem three years later.

### Exodus Generation Condemned to Die in Desert (1312 BCE)

On the Ninth of Av of the year 2449 from creation (1312 BCE), the generation of Jews who came out of Egypt under Moses' leadership 16 months earlier were condemned to die in the desert and the entry into the Land of Israel was delayed for 40 years. As related in Numbers 14, when the Spies that Moses sent to the Land of Canaan returned with their disheartening report " , the people wept all night -- the night of Av 9th -- proclaiming that they'd rather return to Egypt than

attempt to conquer and settle it; G-d decreed that the entire generation will wander in the desert for 40 years until that last of them died out, and that their children, under the leadership of Joshua, will enter the land He promised as Israel's heritage. This is the first of five national tragedies that occurred on Av 9 listed by the Talmud (Taanit 4:6), due to which the day was designated as a fast day. The other four are: the destruction of the two Temples, the fall of Betar, and the plowing over of Jerusalem.

Holy Temples Destroyed; Birth of Moshiach (423 BCE and 69 CE)

Both the first and second Holy Temples which stood in Jerusalem were destroyed on Av 9: the First Temple by the Babylonians in the year 3338 from creation (423 BCE), and the second by the Romans in 3829 (69 CE). The Temples' destruction represents the greatest tragedy in Jewish history, for it marks our descent into *Galut*--the state of physical exile and spiritual displacement in which we still find ourselves today. Thus the Destruction is mourned as a tragedy that affects our lives today, 2,000 years later, no less than the very generation that experienced it first hand.

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