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Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!

We survived the Mayan calendar ending!



Now maybe everyone will get on God's calendar! Let's hope so.

Events have been happening at breakneck speed in the Middle East. We need to keep Israel in our prayers. What is unfolding in regard to Russia teaming up with Syria providing them with missiles that can carry a nuclear or chemical warhead puts the whole area on a very dangerous path. The battle over the chemical stockpiles could easily bring about the prophesied destruction of Damascus from Is 17 this year.

In regard to prayer we want to start something new for those interested. We would like to have the first day of every Hebrew month – Rosh Chodesh be a day of fasting and prayer for our families/nation/Israel et al. Be sure and get our Hebrew calendar to follow along. Corporate prayer and fasting is always good. Even if it is only one meal please join in!

This year will be very exciting at El Shaddai Ministries. We are soon to announce our upcoming Passover Seder that will be held this year at the Tacoma Convention Center. We hope to have around 1,500 people this time. Because the Seder will be held Sunday night March 24th people from all over are welcome to spend the weekend with us! We will have our Shabbat service that Saturday morning then the Seder Sunday night. We would love to have all our internet people able to come to join us.

Then, the end of May, over Memorial weekend we will hold our 2nd Shavuot conference!

We also welcome all of you to join us over Memorial Weekend! It is the weekend after Shavuot but we will keep Shavuot as our theme. We are looking at having our Shabbat service Saturday morning, a Paul Wilbur Concert Saturday night. Then on Sunday we will have guest speakers: Rabbi Daniel Lapin, Frank Seekins and myself. On Monday morning for those not flying out in the morning we will have a picnic at a park and mikvah/baptize interested parties. So looking forward to seeing all who can come.

If you have not got your 2013 calendar yet with all the corresponding biblical dates for God's appointed times you can get it right [HERE](http://www.elshaddaiministries.us/ourstore#cal) (http://www.elshaddaiministries.us/ourstore#cal).



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We are so excited about having our new Hebrew English CD-ROM Bible software available; done in cooperation with Hebrew World, that has the Paleo Hebrew font built in! Not only that, it has the accent marks for proper pronunciation of the Hebrew words. You can get that [HERE](http://www.elshaddaiministries.us/storefront/hebrewenglish.html#hebreweng2) (http://www.elshaddaiministries.us/storefront/hebrewenglish.html#hebreweng2). We also had many requests for our Hebrew Aleph bet video series that should be available anytime.

El Shaddai is committed to live streaming now. We have heard from many around the United States and the world how this is their lifeline so to speak. Many do not have congregations to go to around the world. Because of this El Shaddai is buying \$65,000 in new cameras/video equipment to meet the needs of all of you live streaming. We love you all and want to bless as many as we can. Any of you who feel blessed and want to donate to the cause we appreciate it! Even small donations add up so never feel it's too small.

Now for some Hebrew Word Picture fun!

Within Orthodox Judaism rather than pronouncing or writing the name of God in Hebrew, they differentiate the God of the bible from other titles by referring to Him as HaShem. "Ha" means "the" and "Shem" means "name" so combined they refer to God as "The Name"! You know who!

Well we all know that every knee will bow before "The Name" that is above all other names.

Isa 45:22,23 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

This verse is quoted in Romans:

Ro 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Concerning Yeshua it says:

Php 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yeshua HaMashiach is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

In Hebrew HaShem is spelled going from right to left: **השם**

In the Ancient Hebrew that you see on our Hebrew English cd rom it looks like this:



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The first letter, the hey, means to behold. Like a person saying "Hey, look over here!" The second letter, the sheen was a picture of fangs which means to consume or devour. The last letter, the mem, is a picture of crashing waves of water symbolizing chaos. So we see from the picture language that the word HaShem, meaning "the Name", is that in His name we "behold" the one who "destroys" all the "chaos!"

May His Name be rich in you this coming year and may He place His Name upon you and give you His Peace this coming year.

Pastor Mark

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Hearing the Father's Voice (Part 3)

By Tom O'Haver

Last month I wrote in [Part 2](#) of this study about some ways which we hear the Father's voice in our lives. This involved reading His Word, listening to Him, being aware of any dreams, visions and that ever-important "still small voice" of the Holy Spirit. In this final teaching on this topic I would like to cover some brief principles and scriptures regarding our spiritual condition and how it helps us to hear His voice.



Confess any unforgiven sin

A clean heart is necessary if you want to hear God. Ps 66:18 "If I cherished sin in my heart, the Lord wouldn't have listened."

Use the "Axehead Principle"

2 Kings 6:5-7 But as one was cutting down a tree, the ax head fell into the water. Then he cried, and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed." The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" He showed him the place. He cut down a stick, threw it in there, and made the iron float. He said, "Take it." So he put out his hand and took it.

A key question is have you obeyed the last thing God told you to do? If you seem to have lost your way, and are not hearing from God, go back to the last time you knew the sharp, cutting edge of God's voice, then obey.

Get your own leading

God can use others to CONFIRM His guidance for you, but you should also be hearing from Him DIRECTLY. It can be dangerous to rely on others to get the word of the Lord for

you. - I Kings 13:16-24 tells of an event where a man was told by God to do one thing, and he listened and acted on what someone else falsely told him was God's leading with disastrous results.

Use the "Wise Men" principal

Just as the Wise Men individually followed the star and, in so doing, where all led to the same Messiah, so God will often use two or more spiritually sensitive people to confirm what He is already telling you.

I Cor 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. "At the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

Don't talk about your Guidance until God gives you permission to do so

Sometimes this happens immediately, at other times there is a delay. The main purpose of waiting is to avoid four pitfalls of guidance:

- Pride – Because "God" has spoken something to you
- Presumption – By speaking before you have full understanding
- Missing God's Timing and Method
- Bringing Confusion to others because they too need prepared hearts

Luke 9:36 " When the voice came, Yeshua was found alone. They were silent, and told no one in those days any of the things which they had seen."

Every follower of Yeshua has a unique ministry

I Cor 12:4 Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

The more you seek to hear God's voice in detail, the more effective you will be in your own calling. Guidance is not a game, it is serious business where we learn what God wants us to do in ministry and how He wants us to do it.

Being right

The will of God is doing and saying the right thing in the right place with the right people, at the right time, and in the right sequence, under the right leadership, using the right method, with the right attitude of heart.

Practice makes Perfect

Practice hearing God's voice and it becomes easier. It's like picking up the phone and recognizing the voice of your best friend. You know their voice because you have heard it so much. Compare the young Samuel with the older man Samuel:

I Sam 3:4-7 " The LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am." He ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me." He said, "I didn't call; lie down again." He went and lay down. The LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you called me."

I Sam 8:10 "Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked of him a king."

Relationship

Relationship is the most important reason for hearing the voice of God. God is not only infinite but also intimate and personal. If you don't have communication, you don't have a personal relationship with Him.

Conclusion

True guidance is getting closer to the guide. We grow to know the Lord as He speaks to us. As we listen to Him and obey Him, we make His heart glad. So may you be blessed as you seek to hear and follow His voice and divine guidance.

Matt 7:24-25 "Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock".



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RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead



Raw Vegan Puttanesca Sauce over Zucchini Pasta

* recipe by Crystal Bruneau

- 1 cup sun dried tomatoes, soaked in one cup of water for 20 minutes
- 2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon red onion, finely chopped
- ½ cup fresh basil, finely choppe
- 1 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/2 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced in half or quarters
- ½ teaspoon fresh sea salt (or to taste)

* To Make The Puttanesca Sauce : Empty the sun dried tomatoes from the soak water. Roughly chop the sun dried tomatoes. Place them in a large mixing bowl, and add the rest of the ingredients. Mix thoroughly, and let the juices marinate together for at least 30 minutes. Serve over the Raw zucchini pasta!



Pomegranate Feta Salad

- 1 Bag of leafy salad OR a selection of your own salad leaves, including Radicchio and Lambs' Lettuce.
- A handful of chopped feta
- 1 Pomegranate
- Black pepper, to taste

Directions:

1. Start out by preparing your salad; equal portions of any leafy types will work well together, but try and include some bitter varieties in there.
2. Next add a handful of chopped feta, the seeds from 1 pomegranate, and about 1/2 the juice.
3. Toss lightly then finish with a twist of black pepper.

Preparation time: 10 minute.



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THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

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

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.

Jews of Colmar Expelled (1510) Three years after the request by the Council of Colmar, Emperor Maximilian I granted permission to expel the Jews of Colmar, Germany. The community exerted every effort to secure the repeal of the decree of banishment. With the help of Rabbi Joselman of Rosheim, the leader of the Alsatian Jews, the enforcement of the decree was postponed until St. George's Day of 1512.

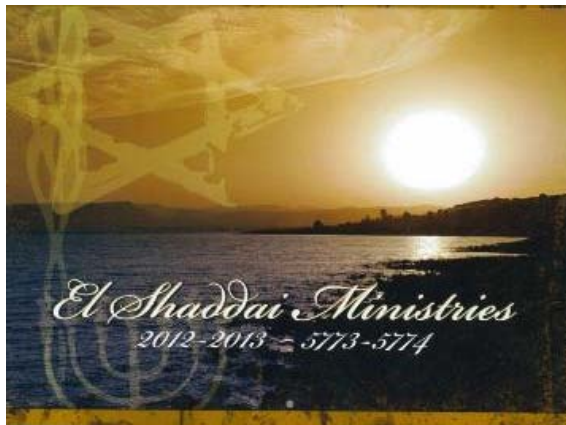
Warsaw Ghetto Insurgency Begins (1943)

On January 18, 1943, the Germans began their second deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, which led to the first instance of armed resistance. The deportation was halted within a few days; only 5,000 Jews were removed instead of 8,000 as planned. The Nazis retreated, only to return three months later, at which time the Warsaw uprising started in earnest.

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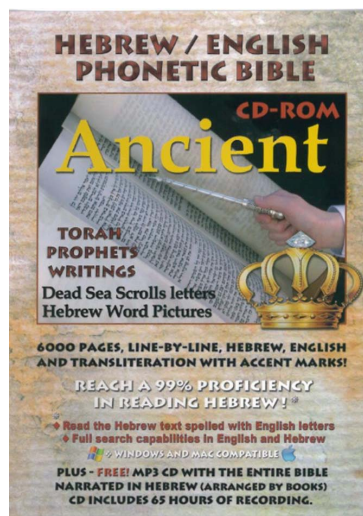
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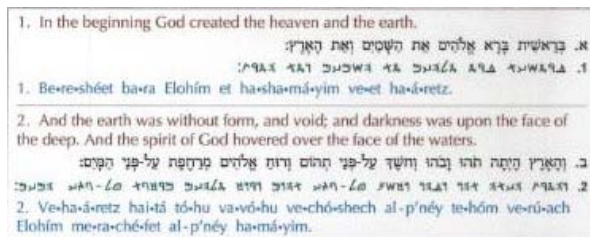
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