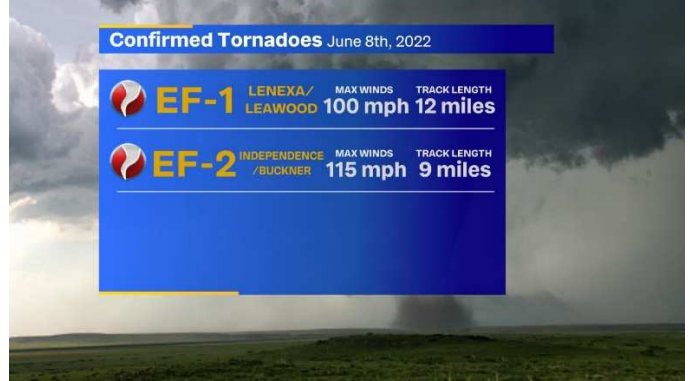


June 11 2022
The Blessing
Bamidbar (Numbers) 6



[<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/ef1-tornado-confirmed-in-the-kansas-city-area-early-wednesday/vi-AAAYeKuC?cvid=61cbde5d21e7464d804c01433353e4a1>] [<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/FUwf749WIAE5vlk.jpg:large>]

We are greatly blessed. 100 mph winds, along 95th St.!

When I was little my mom used to feed me alphabet soup claiming I loved it.
I didn't really, she was just putting words in my mouth...

[from Scott Hahn]

Anyone remember this?



About appliances that were at a summer cottage that a little boy used. The family stopped using the cottage, and the appliances felt abandoned. Here they are about to be recycled in a scrap yard. Stamped into nothingness. Worthless!

[http://img4.wikia.nocookie.net/_cb20140621170429/disney/images/0/0e/The_Brave_Little_Toaster.png]

<https://youtu.be/-UfsEj7AOGI>



They sing a song about worthlessness.
 Not needed anymore. No value.
 One sportscar on the conveyer sings about his
 accomplishments and adventures in a time of value ...

<https://youtu.be/-UfsEj7AOGI>

<https://genius.com/The-brave-little-toaster-worthless-lyrics>
https://chordu.com/chords-tabs-brave-little-toaster-worthless-id_-UfsEj7AOGI

Chorus:

Em Worthless

Sportscar:

Em I come from KC Missouri
 G And I got my kicks out on D Route 66
 Every C truck stop from Butte to G MO

Chorus:

Em Worthless

Sportscar:

Em Motown to old Alabama
 From G Texarkana and D east of Savannah
 From C Tampa to old Kokomo G

Chorus:

Em Worthless



Satan's main activity: accusations: Worthless, defiled

1. Against Us to G-d ~lyov / Job [We are of no value to G-d]
2. Against G-d to us: too hard [G-d is of no value to us, just demands]
3. Against us to each other [We are of no value to each other]
4. Against us to ourselves: shame, toxic guilt [We are of no value, deserve all the above]

[Creation without form and void תהי הבהו, nothing makes sense, has purpose, life is worthless.]

Curse Kalal קלל

light, **lightweight**; simple, easy, uncomplicated; soft, gentle (breeze, sound); slight, small, minute, **insignificant**; nimble (step, movement); **short (time frame)**; diminished, despised
[Reuven Alcalay's Complete Hebrew English Dictionary, p 2291]

Symptoms:

1. Need approval by depression, demand, perfection, gaslighting, possessions
2. Fantasy: drugs, fashion, power, promiscuity

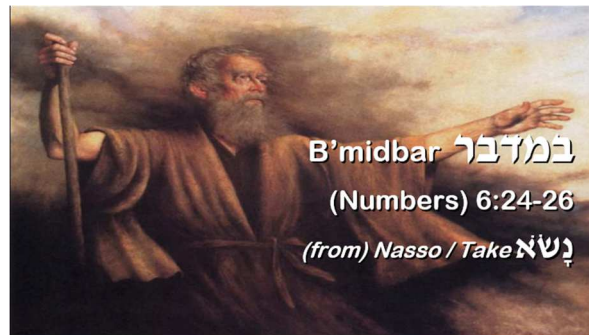
G-d's answer?



Originally preached Nov. 9, 1996, just before Promise Keepers at Arrowhead. I found the notes!

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B'midbar (Numbers) 6:24

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְיָ וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ

ADONI bless you and guard you

B'midbar (Numbers) 6:25

יָאֵר יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶנֶךָ

ADONI make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you

B'midbar (Numbers) 6:26

יְשֵׁא יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

ADONI turn His face to you and give you peace

Three short verses.

Three, five, seven words.

Starts with material → Shalom.

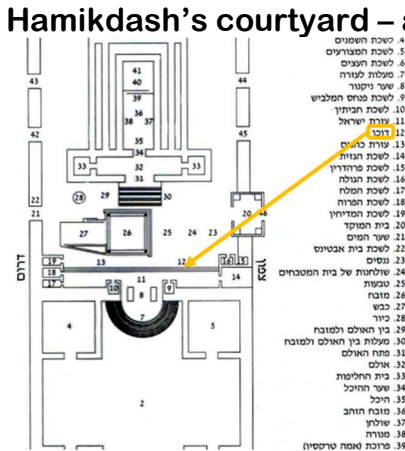
Rhythmic form of great beauty, one of the most impressive features of the service in the Temple at Jerusalem, and of the synagogue service yet today!

The Yiddish word “Duchenen” has become synonymous with Birkat Kohanim. Clearly, the root of the word is “Duchan.”



The Mishnah (Tamid 7:2) describes how this was performed each day in the Holy Temple in Yerushalayim following the bringing of the daily offering. The Mishnah states that the Kohanim would bless Yisroel while standing on the twelve steps in front of the entrance hall/antechamber to the Temple sanctuary.

There were occasions when so many Kohanim were present that not all were able to find room on the twelve stairs in front of the Temple's antechamber during Birkat Kohanim. When this occurred, those Kohanim stood instead on the three stairs of the Duchan – which spanned the entire width of the Beis Hamikdash's courtyard – and participated in Birkas Kohanim from there.



The Mishnah (Midos 2:6) also describes a three-staired platform called the Duchan.



This platform spanned the entire width of the Beis Hamikdash's courtyard. The Duchan separated the courtyard known as the Court of Yisrael from the Court of the Kohanim.

According to Rabbi Yosef Hertz, the melody now is in its original form. Must be done with a heart of love and prayerfulness. We use that melody, but an amplified version is used in Jerusalem ...



Yeshai Fleischer [https://youtu.be/Ab_gF5sffEw 3.30 to 5.01 approx.]

This blessing is so powerful, there have been some Hollywood variants ...



“Live long and prosper.”
https://youtu.be/Ab_gF5sffEw

[https://youtu.be/Ab_gF5sffEw?t=362](https://youtu.be/Ab_gF5sffEw)
6.02 to 6.06

Leonard Nimoy went to his rabbi for consultation

Seriously ... word study

Y'varekhekha בְּרַכְךָ

Adoni bless you

- *Y'* Future polite imperative
- *Kha* Object of verb is 'you' singular
- *Varekh* To kneel, bend the knee; bless, greet, congratulate, praise, thank (convey value)

[Place GREAT importance, high value, opposite of worthless]

Ber./Gen 1.22 Then God blessed them by saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the water in the seas.

Ber./Gen 9.1 God blessed Noah and his sons, and He said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the land.”

Ber./Gen 12.2-3 I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

B'midbar (Numbers) 6:24

בְּרַכְךָ יי וישמרך

ADONI bless you and guard you

- “You” is singular → as one, in unity. Yn 17
- “guard you” from sin, sickness, attack. Guard what you possess, and from possessing you.
[We can own possessions, or they can own us]

B'midbar (Numbers) 6:25

יאר יי פניו אליך ויחנך

ADONI make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,

Face as an expression of love ...
“million dollar smile”

Three times in Psalm 80

T'hillim/Ps 80.4-8 O God, restore us, make Your face shine, and we will be saved. Adoni-Tzva'ot, how long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people? You have fed them the bread of tears and made them drink a measure of tears. You make us a contention to our neighbors, and our enemies mock as they please. Elohei-Tzva'ot, restore us, and make Your face shine, and we will be saved. Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand—the son of man You made strong for Yourself. Then we will not turn away from You. Revive us, and we will call on Your Name. Adoni Elohei-Tzva'ot, restore us. Make Your face shine, and we will be saved.

T'hillim/Ps 13.2-3 How long, Adoni? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long must I have cares in my soul and daily sorrow in my heart?

Daniel 9.17 Therefore, our God, listen to the prayer and pleadings of your servant; and cause your face to shine on your desolated sanctuary, for your own sake.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who once said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has made his light shine in our hearts, the light of the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of the Messiah Yeshua.

[I remember going through a moral struggle about something, and the face of Messiah appeared to me in some sense. I could see that He was full of the same hormones and life that I was as a 20 something, but His eyes were pure love.]

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יָאֵר יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּחַן

ADONI make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you,

חן *khen*

grace, charm, attractiveness, favor, beauty
So, beloved and loving, delightful.
[camp, parking space]

B'midbar (Numbers) 6:26

יִשָּׂא יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

ADONI turn His face to you and give you peace

- His attention
- loving care

B'midbar (Numbers) 6:26

יִשָּׂא יְיָ פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

ADONI turn His face to you and give you peace

- Shalom >> no hostilities
 - rather: health, welfare, security, calms, clears, pay bills
- Verb וישם >> ויתן ~establish >> give
Rivka Whitten told us most Israeli songs were about peace. שלמתי

Yeshayahu/Is 11.6-9 PEACE: The wolf will dwell with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the kid, the calf and the young lion and the yearling together, and a little child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze, their young ones lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like an ox. A nursing child will play by a cobra's hole, and a weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of Adoni, as the waters cover the sea.

Broadway play *Milk and Honey*

Shalom, Shalom,

You'll find Shalom

The nicest greeting you know;

It means bonjour, salud, and skoal

And twice as much as hello.

It means a million lovely things,

Like peace be yours,

Welcome home.

And even when you say goodbye,

You say goodbye with Shalom.

[<https://www.lyricsondemand.com/soundtracks/m/milkandhoneylyrics/shalomlyrics.html>

Implies that we should be peacemakers! Share His peace.]



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How do we bless?

1. Meaningful touch

- Parents: Shabbat meal

Friday Night, a Jewish father blesses his children before the Shabbat meal

[\[http://www.soniahalliday.com/category-view3.php?pri=IS12A-1-39DS.jpg\]](http://www.soniahalliday.com/category-view3.php?pri=IS12A-1-39DS.jpg)



How do we bless?

1. Meaningful touch

- Parents: Shabbat meal
- Nursing home pets longevity
- Ordination, *smikha* סמיכה
- Yeshua lepers
- Gender appropriate: shoulder

2. Spoken message

- Silence sounds?
- John Steinbeck *Travels with Charley* (Oneg)
- Love language

[My dad 1000 words. Communicate vision. My mom and photo album.]

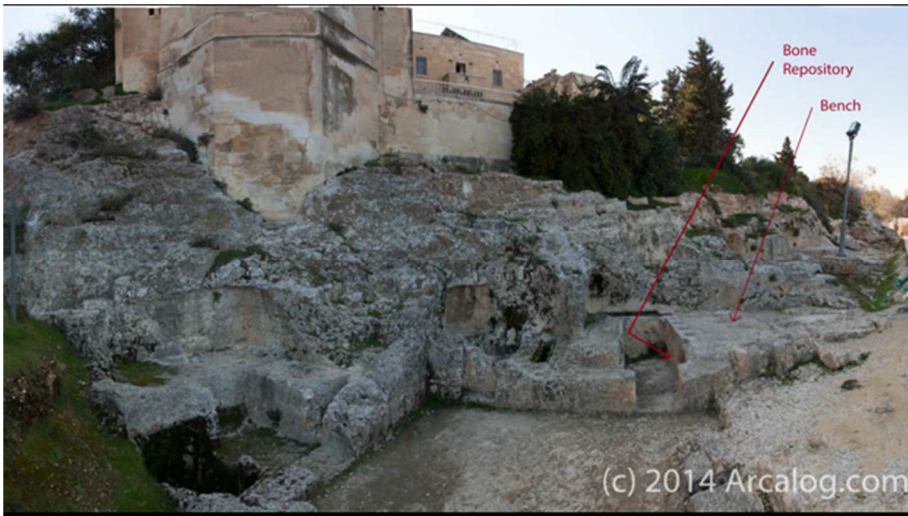
3. Expression of High Value

- Yaakov/Jacob B'resheet (Genesis) 50
- Yer. 29.11 For I know the plans that I have in mind for you," declares Adoni, "plans for shalom and not calamity—to give you a future and a hope.
- Prov 15.30 A cheerful glance brings joy to the heart, and good news invigorates the bones.
- Share the good news of Messiah's redemption!
- Envision receiving G-d's blessing!
- To whom can you express blessing?
- Have you given praise today?
- Have you communicated value?



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Archeological validation of the antiquity of this blessing ...

One tomb collapsed and was hidden from grave robbers.

Excavations in Jerusalem in 1979-80 by Gabriel Barkay turned up two amulets dating from the late seventh century BC.¹ They were found in the fourth of several burial caves he discovered on an escarpment known as Ketef Hinnom, which overlooks the

Hinnom Valley (Gehenna) just opposite Mt. Zion. Each amulet contained a rolled-up sheet of silver which, when unrolled, revealed the Priestly Benediction inscribed on them.

[<https://biblearchaeology.org/research/divided-kingdom/3567-the-blessing-of-the-silver-scrolls>]

The exact Hebrew words (translated into English) are:

**May Yahweh bless you and keep you;
May Yahweh cause his face to Shine upon you and grant you Peace (Coogan 1995: 45).**

KETEF HINNOM SCROLLS

KH2 - CIRCA 650-587 B.C.

PREDATE THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS BY 400 YEARS - EARLIEST EXTANT CITATION OF A BIBLICAL TEXT IN HEBREW (NUMBERS 6:24-26)

[https://epicarchaeology.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/53548212_639239009866577_566861783864705024_n.jpg]

Michael D. Coogan, professor of religious studies at Stonehill College in Massachusetts, similarly remarked that the two amulets are evidence of the antiquity of traditions preserved in the Bible; it also provides indirect evidence, as do the Dead Sea Scrolls and other manuscripts from the Second Temple period, of the accuracy of scribes who for centuries copied sacred texts (1995: 45). [<https://biblearchaeology.org/research/divided-kingdom/3567-the-blessing-of-the-silver-scrolls>]

² Kefa/Peter 1.16-17 **For we did not follow cleverly concocted tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.**

² Kefa/Peter 1.16-17 **For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory: “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased!”**



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**Rafael Grossi
6th Director General of the
International Atomic Energy Agency**

“It’s too late. International diplomatic efforts have failed. Iran will cross the nuclear threshold.”

That was the dire message conveyed this week by Rafael Grossi, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Israel has been saying for years that the real problem isn’t Iran lying. Rather, it’s the world’s willingness to for so long believe those lies.

With a nuclear Iran now seemingly a fait accompli, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Tuesday signaled that the time had come for Israel to act.

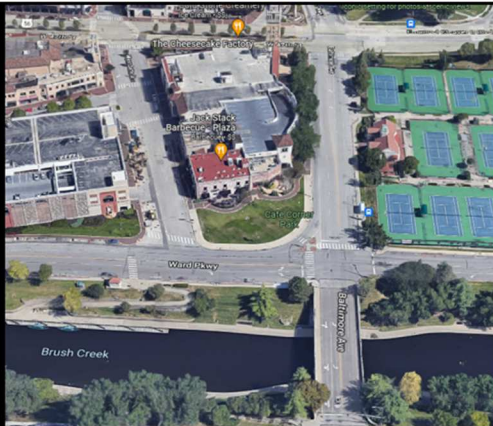
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² Kefa 3. 11-12 **Since everything is going to be destroyed like this, what kind of people should you be? You should lead holy and godly lives, as you wait for the Day of God and work to hasten its coming.**

**Next
outreach:
Make Music
Kansas City
Tues., June
21, 5.30-
8.30p**





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1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another? *[Who are you discipling, building up?]*