

September 25, 2022
Erev Rosh HaShanah 5783
Rejoice: Nehemiah 8

Some Rosh HaShanah greetings
L'Shana Tovah לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה
[Have a] Good Year

שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה
Shana Tova oo-m'tukah
[Have a] Good and sweet year

[These are entirely biblical.

There is a variant of a good year be written unto you. More complex Hebrew and not biblical. Over the millennia of observing, some derived themes. Sweet year? Explore the scripturality of this.]

What is the meaning of Rosh HaShanah?

Viyikra/Lev 23.24 ...a day of complete rest for remembering, a holy convocation announced with blasts on the shofar.

הִיָּה לָכֶם שִׁבְתוֹן--זְכוֹרֹן תְּרוּעָה, מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ.
"Remember, with a loud noise."

[Going to do a homiletical faux pas. Read 10 verses of scripture to explain. Can you forgive me? Rosh HaShanah. Bear with me?]

1. Theme of judgment, repentance.
2. Concept of recognizing the Kingship and Fatherhood of G-d
3. Time of meditating on sweetness. [?] Nekhemya 8



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These people just returned from exile.

They were overcome their sense of judgment and doom. Back to destroyed capital and Temple in ruins, but rebuilt smaller.

Application to us. Is our nation in ruins?

445 BCE year of this gathering Rosh HaShanah

Historical context:

- 538 Edict to Return ^{Ez 1.1}
- 535 Foundation of Temple ^{Ez 3.11}
- 515 Completion of Temple ^{Ez 6.15} Adar 3
- 474 attempted genocide under Haman bk Ester
- 445 Wall finished ^{Neh 6.15} Elul 25
- 516-333 Great Assembly

[All BCE, dates count down, not up. Lower number is later.]

Traumatized people 474 attempted Persian genocide under Haman bk Ester

- Returned exile, still conquered ruins of once glorious city
- 20 years build Temple, unwalled city, enemies disputing
- 70 more years rebuild walls enemies disputing

We Americans have no idea of occupation and destruction, since the War of 1812 by the British, burned the White House.]

What would have happened if Germany and Japan had won WW 2?



[I only watched the first free episode. Pretty gruesome.

https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.businessinsider.com%2Fthe-man-in-the-high-castle-review-2015-6&psig=AOvVaw3QsHpVtSC5IPk5mNXW8mEv&ust=1664168929141000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAwQjRxqFwoTCIjT38qWr_oCFQAAAAAAdAAAAABAD]

City wall finished Elul 25 ~Sept 21, 2022, 3 days later ...

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[These are returnees from Babylonian exile. "We want to know."]

THE 12 GATES OF NEHEMIAH

1. Sheep Gate - Salvation
2. Fish Gate - Witnessing
3. Old Gate - Strong Foundation
- 4 Valley Gate - Suffering for Spiritual Growth
5. Dung Gate - Garbage In The Soul Removed
6. Fountain Gate - Living Water

07. Water Gate - Advanced Doctrine
08. Horse Gate - Endurance/Strength
09. East Gate - Prosperity
10. Inspection Gate - Personal Destiny
11. Gate of Ephraim - Supergrace Blessing
12. Prison Gate - Dying Grace - Eternal Blessing

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[<https://i.pinimg.com/564x/99/7c/5c/997c5ca9cd434b34a09e99a4b418d23a.jpg>

In Bible times the Kidron Valley and the Tyropean Valley may have been streams.]



[https://www.thebiblejourney.org/content/pages/uploaded_images/968.jpg]

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 and **asked** 'Ezra the Torah-teacher to bring the scroll of the Torah of Moshe, which ADONI had commanded Isra'el. 'Ezra the cohen brought the Torah before the assembly, Nekhmyah 8.1-10 which consisted of men, women and all children old enough to understand. It was **the first day of the seventh month**. Facing the open space in front of the Water Gate, *[First day of the seventh month. Rosh HaShanah. Seventh month as defined by Pesakh.]*

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 he read from it to the men, the women and the children who could understand from **early morning until noon**; and all the people listened attentively to the scroll of the Torah. *[Can you imagine. Listened to reading 6 a.m. to noon??!!]*

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 'Ezra the Torah-teacher stood on a wood platform which they had made for the purpose; beside him on his right stood Mattityah, Shema, 'Anayah, Uriyah, Hilkiyah and Ma'aseiyah; while on his left were P'dayah, Misha'el, Malkiyah, Hashum, Hashbadanah, Z'kharyah and Meshulam. *[Don't need to belabor all the names.]*

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 'Ezra opened the scroll where all the people could see him, because he was higher than all the people; when he opened it, all the people rose to their feet. *[Custom of rising when scroll brought out]*

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 '**Ezra blessed ADONI**, the great God; and all the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted up their hands, bowed their heads and fell prostrate before ADONI with their faces to the ground *[Hence custom of Torah blessing. Demonstrative worship?? Was this really Jewish?]*

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 The L'vi'im **Yeshua**, Bani, Sherevyah, Yamin, 'Akuv, Shabtai, Hadiyah, Ma'aseiyah, K'lita, 'Azaryah, Yozavad, Hanan and P'layah explained *[Yeshua was a common Hebrew name.]* the Torah to the people, while the people remained in their places. They read clearly from the

scroll, in the Torah of God, translated it, and enabled them to understand the sense of what was being read.

[Translated?? Maybe into Chaldean / Aramaic since exiles just returned.

Artscroll: "Clearly, with the application of wisdom, and they helped the people understand the reading."

NIV: making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read]

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[Essence of Jewish piety: eat.]

Nekhmyah 8.1-10 **don't be mournful, don't weep."** For all the people had been weeping when they heard the words of the Torah. Then he said to them, **"Go, eat rich food, drink sweet drinks,**
[Grand reaction: dread and mourning. We're in deep trouble. All this stuff we missed. Spirit of mourning and lamenting.
Nekhemyah's response?

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[Do we have any evidence or sense of devastation and judgment now, in our circumstances?]

Everywhere we turn, the evidence grows that our nation is adrift, our families are under siege, and our biblical faith is under attack.

- The institution of marriage is being annulled right before our eyes, as the House of Representatives recently voted against biblical marriage.
- The White House administration is encouraging children to change their biological sex and NOT inform their parents.
- Critical Race Theory (CRT) continues to be pushed throughout our schools. It teaches our kids that America is racist to its core.
- Believers in Messiah are relentlessly attacked in the workplace and referred to as domestic terrorists by the liberal media.
- President Joe Biden wants to bypass the filibuster to codify abortion throughout America.

In 1996, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) reiterated that marriage consisted of one man and one woman. The bipartisan legislation was passed overwhelmingly by both the House and the

Senate. Congress was echoing the will of the American people. Thirty-one states, conservative and liberal, had already voted to reaffirm that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. Fast forward to today. Recently, all 220 Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives along with 47 Republicans voted to repeal DOMA in support of codifying same-sex marriage into federal law (H.R. 8404). [\[https://www.drjamesdobson.org/newsletters/september-2022-newsletter?utm_campaign=2022%20September%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_yPSXIL4I5STN0cwY9HBZf5N398waJoTXfBEBkU_tWJbtD1HPJq2Y7bW0J8-gbWSD68-m7Q9Pk18H2WwghgOgPmH9qkw&_hsmi=223179008&utm_content=223179008&utm_source=hs_email&hsCtaTracking=4c76283d-fabe-44a2-b0ff-e9fafdb6f16b%7C0367b284-1bcb-494c-a153-e55311ef7557\]](https://www.drjamesdobson.org/newsletters/september-2022-newsletter?utm_campaign=2022%20September%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_yPSXIL4I5STN0cwY9HBZf5N398waJoTXfBEBkU_tWJbtD1HPJq2Y7bW0J8-gbWSD68-m7Q9Pk18H2WwghgOgPmH9qkw&_hsmi=223179008&utm_content=223179008&utm_source=hs_email&hsCtaTracking=4c76283d-fabe-44a2-b0ff-e9fafdb6f16b%7C0367b284-1bcb-494c-a153-e55311ef7557)

“The lockdowns, loss, loneliness, racial trauma, tension, the rioting, the sexual abuse [transgenderism] explosion, the election mess, the race for the vaccine, the vaccine roll out, big tech suppression, censorship, Afghanistan, Ukraine. Now I'm getting exhausted laying all this out. [\[https://www..org/broadcasts/fighting-your-battles-every-christian-s-playbook-for-victory-part-1\]](https://www..org/broadcasts/fighting-your-battles-every-christian-s-playbook-for-victory-part-1)

Food crisis?



- Rice has 18% less water
- Sweet Potatoes -13%
- Potatoes -4%
- Corn -20%
- Celery -11%
- Peaches -15%
- Beef -45%
- Chicken 93¢/lb [2021] → \$1.91/lb

Europe worst corn yield in 500 years!

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/a-list-of-33-things-we-know-about-the-coming-food-shortages-facts-matter_4743500.html?utm_source=Morningbrief&src_src=Morningbrief&utm_campaign=mb-2022-09-24&utm_medium=email&est=Z9tmSAJaBdke7kKV%2FpBgkpmMEz88pw490LnV%2BkWmh6pnmPz4gxsDPWu6uAWk9p29g%3D%3D]

And... This year, people started going into debt to pay for essential goods like groceries and gas. In total, non-housing related debt went up \$103 billion last quarter, the largest quarterly increase since 2016.

A record number of Americans are opening new lines of credit to try and get by. Between April and June, Americans opened 233 million new credit card accounts, the most for any three month period since 2008.

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.

[https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/iran-will-go-nuclear-laments-iaea-chief/?utm_source=acfs&utm_medium=email&utm_term=all&utm_campaign=newsletter-en-2022-06-08]

21% of adult Generation Zers (those born between 1997 and 2003) count themselves among the LGBTQ population, as Gallup noted.

[https://www.charismanews.com/us/88421-significant-jump-in-americans-identifying-as-lgbtq?utm_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm_medium=email&utm_content=subscriber_id:5160390&utm_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202022-02-22]

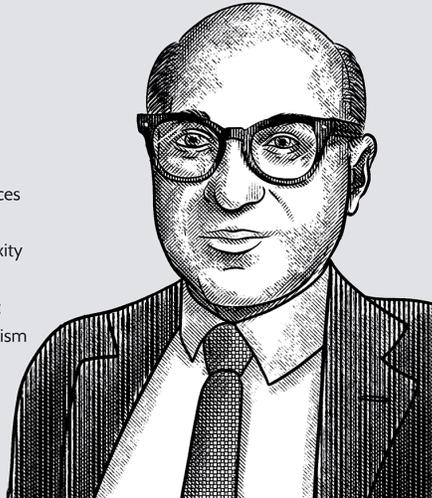
Milton Friedman

Born: July 31, 1912
Died: November 16, 2006

Economist and Statistician

- 1976 Nobel Prize Recipient in Economic Sciences for his research on consumption analysis, monetary history and theory, and the complexity of stabilization policy
- Believed in a free market and less government involvement and was a proponent of monetarism
- Served as the economic advisor to President Ronald Reagan and to several other governments and officials

 Investopedia



If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in 5 years there'd be a shortage of sand.

Milton Friedman

[<https://www.investopedia.com/articles/economics/09/milton-friedman.asp>]

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/the-100-year-old-political-scheme-behind-the-lake-mead-disaster-facts-matter_4726148.html?utm_source=enewsnoe&utm_campaign=etv-2022-09-13-2&utm_medium=email&est=vJVu2TMVnKhuS3cYV1AtJM2u507fQ%2FDLntMI%2BXo3cAh0Fkgc4S5zicWfud%2BMRSogXQ%3D%3D]

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[Rosh HaShanah charity. We sent \$200 to the Jewish Federation for the Jewish poor in KC. If you want to designate a gift to Reach Initiative for the Ukrainian relief.

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Hab 3.17-19 **For even if the fig tree doesn't blossom, and no fruit is on the vines, even if the olive tree fails to produce, and the fields yield no food at all, even if the sheep vanish from the sheep pen, and there are no cows in the stalls; still, I will rejoice in Adoni, I will take joy in the God of my salvation. Elohim Adoni is my strength! He makes me swift and sure-footed as a deer and enables me to stride over my high places.**

Overcome personal doom by repentance and faith in the atonement of Yeshua.

How do we get out of catastrophism [gevaltism]?

- 1. Realize** that accusations will never stop
- 2. Realize** that accusations, condemnation, shaming is without substance and rebuke accusations. **Reject lies.**

[Shame, catastrophism, more complex than guilt. is based on wounding and receiving a toxic lie about yourself, about G-d, about others, sense of being cursed.

- Don't be surprised if continue. (Guy in city until death Cohen HaGadol. HP.) Accuser lives to shame you, accuse you. Warfare forever. Ultimately not a big deal.*
- Warfare of rebuking, believing the lies is the heart and start of sins. May take some thinking, work. Satan HATES to be scorned. (I'm in city. Safe. Ev knows false.))*

- 3. Forgive and release** any people who've hurt you. Not the same as pardoning. G-d dispenses justice and pardon. We release responsibility for justice to Him. Reconciliation as much as possible.
- 4. Repent** of actions based on lies of disaster: rage, hostility, pride, withdrawal, perversion
"You have heard that our fathers were told, 'Do not murder,' and that anyone who commits murder will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who nurses anger against his brother will be subject to judgment;"

Ro 12.18-20 **If possible, and to the extent that it depends on you, live in peace with all people. Never seek revenge, my friends; instead, leave that to God's anger; for in the Tanakh it is written, "ADONI says, 'Vengeance is my responsibility; I will repay.'" On the contrary, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For by doing this, you will heap fiery coals [of shame] on his head."**

[They may be at war. Doesn't matter, unless danger. Source of shame → pride, anger, perversion, isolation]

5. **Receive and believe truth:**

The Spirit of Adoni ELOHIM is upon me, because ADONI has anointed me to announce good news and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a **garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.**

[You are beloved, forgiven, received, welcomed because of the atonement of Yeshua Yom Kippur every day]

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Sometimes we need to fight the attacks of the enemy.



Back in 2017, a 10-year-old Florida girl fought off an alligator attack by sticking her two fingers up the nine-foot-long beast's nose, which forced the animal to open its mouth to breathe. As it did so, the little girl freed her leg and escaped. She had learned the trick from Gatorland.

ADAPT OR DIE

Yak 4.7-8 Submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded!



<https://youtu.be/hMnkl0N4j3Q>



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