

**Israel trip with March of the Nations, May 6-16, 2018
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Join us in the greatest expression of giving honor to the Nation of Israel that the history of the world has ever seen! We invite you to celebration Israel's 70th birthday. PLUS view the length and the breadth of the land. See the places where Yeshua walked, the places where G-d made Biblical history, and the places and people where He is now making end time prophetic history. Our tour includes fun activities such as rafting the rapids on the upper Jordan, and a first century village costume dress up and meal. Two full days will include participation in the amazing March of the Nations Celebration.

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[We really need enrollment to start, if this trip is going to happen!]

Israel got a sort of early Hanukkah present. Hanukkah represents commemoration of the liberation and dedication/Hanukkah of the Temple in Jerusalem. [Next week's theme] This year in diplomatic thinking, Jerusalem was liberated again. However, there is a big balagan = commotion over it.]

News behind the news! #1

**Pres. Trump is moving the US Embassy to land that is NOT
disputed!**

This move changes nothing except to cancel a fantasy!

[The embassy is NOT going into land that has ever been said to be negotiable!!]



[Green Line = 1967 border that is NOT subject to negotiation. Note, well into the west side of the 1967 “Green Line”. Note Knesset location. The embassy is NOT going into land that has ever been said to be negotiable!!

Furthermore, The Czech Republic announced Wed. evening 6 Dec. 2017 that it recognizes west Jerusalem as Israel's capital, [only state to sell weapons to Israel ~1947]. Russia did so last April. There were also numerous media reports that the Philippines has also expressed interested in granting Jerusalem recognition as Israel's capital. (J.Post)]

News behind the news! #2

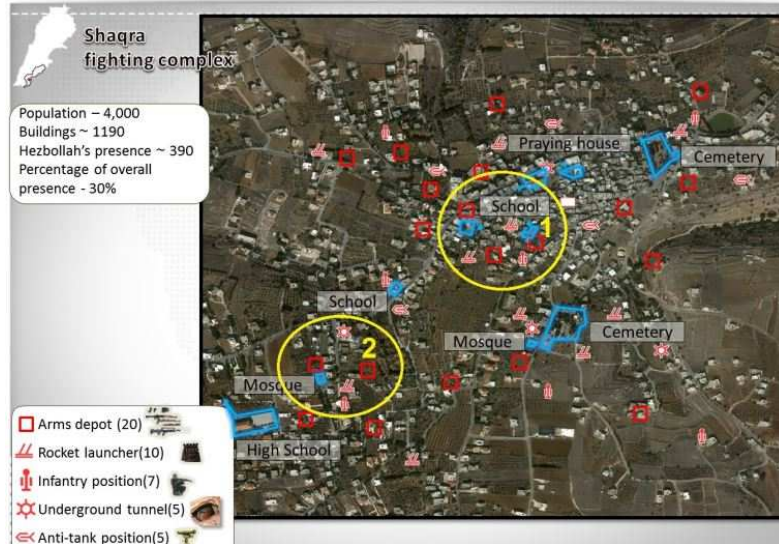
How to solve the Lebanon Crisis

United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701, 12 August 2006

A long term solution based on (OP8)

- Disarmament of all armed groups in Lebanon (implying Hezbollah)
- No armed forces other than UNIFIL and Lebanese (implying Hezbollah and Israeli forces) will be **south of the Litani River**.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Security_Council_Resolution_1701]



[<http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Israel-warns-UN-Hezbollah-has-120000-missiles-aimed-at-Israel-460184>

Colored points are mostly weapons caches.]



[Troops of various nations positioned in S. Lebanon

Here's why it's news.]

Amb. Ron Prosor is the former Israeli Ambassador to the UN. He currently heads the Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy at the IDC Herzilya. He writes:

Yesterday, [Nov. 30, 2017] the United Nations Security Council debated a report recently published by UNIFIL, the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. It is common knowledge in the intelligence communities...that Hezbollah has amassed over 150,000 missiles directed towards Israeli cities. Instead of detailing the locations of weapon stockpiles and asking the UN Security council to strengthen its mandate so they are able to raid them, the report goes into incredible detail of the amount of Lebanese shepherds spotted near the border area. 420 if anyone is interested. Maj. Gen. Michael Beary, has said he sees no evidence of weapons being illegally transferred and stockpiled in the area. "If there was a large cache of weapons," he said last summer, "we would know about it." As the US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, has said, Beary "seems to be the only person in south Lebanon who is blind to what Hezbollah is doing."

[<http://unitycoalitionforisrael.org/?p=15704192>

The USA is paying to finance this absurd peace force!!

Petition your congressmen to make the UN enforce Res 1701

Now, for what gives us real hope...]

**מתתיהו (Mattityahu)
(Matthew) 22:1-3**

[Yeshua is telling a story / illustration of spiritual truth!]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:1

ישוע הוסיף לדבר אליהם במשלים ואמר :

Yeshua again used parables in speaking to them:

[This one is in very much the format of a standard rabbinic parable about a wedding with some extreme typical rabbinic repercussions.

Explains some of the extremes in Yeshua's story.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:2

"דומה מלכות השמים למלך בשר ודם שעשה חתונה לבנו.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son, [G-d had been preparing such an invitation to Israel for Millenia! General format of this invitation was given to Israel over centuries. Feast and freedom, hope and victory.]

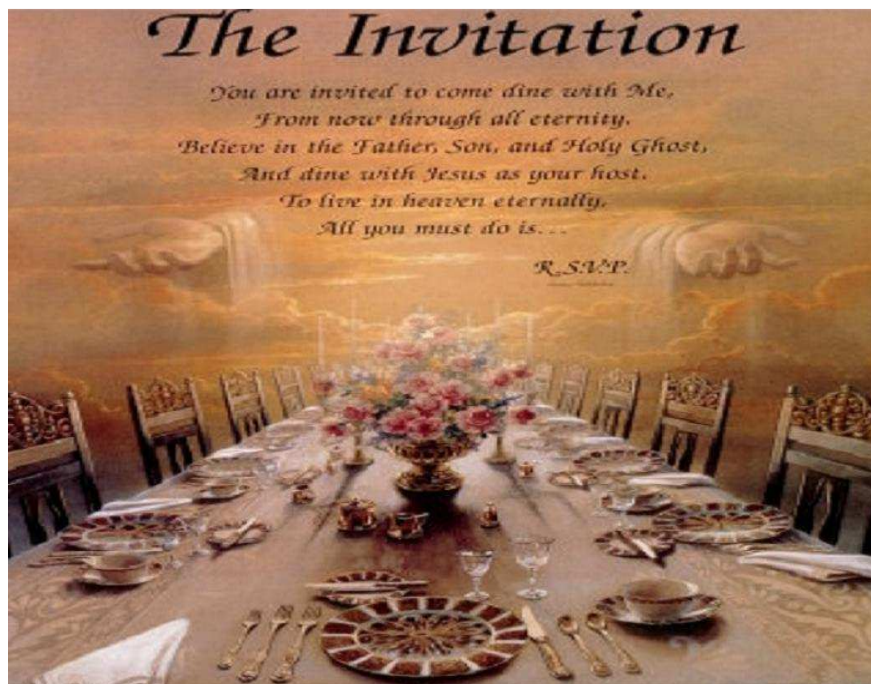
Yeshayahu/Isaiah 25.6-9 On this mountain Adoni-Tzva'ot will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and superb wines, delicious, rich food and superb, elegant wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil which covers the face of all peoples, the veil enshrouding all the nations. He will swallow up death forever. Adonai Elohim will wipe away the tears from every face, and he will remove from all the earth the disgrace his people suffer. For Adoni has spoken. On that day they will say,

“See! This is our God! We waited for him to save us. This is Adoni ; we put our hope in him. We are full of joy, so glad he saved us.

[This is picked up in Messianic terminology for the end of time!]

Rev. 19.6-8 Then I heard what sounded like the roar of a huge crowd, like the sound of rushing waters, like loud peals of thunder, saying, “Halleluyah! Adonai, God of heaven’s armies, has begun his reign! “Let us rejoice and be glad! Let us give him the glory! For the time has come for the wedding of the Lamb, and his Bride has prepared herself — fine linen, bright and clean has been given her to wear.” (“Fine linen” means the righteous deeds of God’s people.)

[G-d in Messiah LOVES a party: food, joy, people, conversation]



[Early days of Or HaOlam one of our teens asked me, “Is this a service or a party?”]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:3

שָׁלַח אֶת עֲבָדָיו לְקַוֵּא אֶת הַמְזַמְנִים אֶל הַחֲתָנָה

but when he sent his slaves to summon the invited guests to the wedding,

[second event notice]

[Keener p 591

Weddings required major preparation, exact time of the completion of prep was difficult to pre-determine. A second invitation at the appropriate hour was standard procedure.

Ancient commentary...]

Midrash on Lament iv 2 “among the inhabitants of Jerusalem... none of them went to a feast till the invitation has been given and repeated.

[Edersheim Life and Times 2.427

Took time to prepare all the food, decorations, not known exactly when complete]

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שָׁלַח אֶת עֲבָדָיו לְקַדֵּם אֶת הַמְזַמְּנִים אֶל הַחֲתָנָה וְלֹא רָצוּ לָאוּא.

but when he sent his slaves to summon the invited guests to the wedding, they refused to come. [second event notice]

[Hebrew: I don't want to.]

ouk	ēthelon
οὐκ	ἤθελον
not	they were willing

I will, wish, desire, am willing, intend, design

[<http://biblehub.com/interlinear/matthew/22-3.htm>

Just not important. Previously had RSVPed to invitation. Now just blew it off, just dismissed.

Attendance at a patron's banquet was incumbent on social dependents throughout the Ro. Empire.

Keener 519

Refusing to come insults the dignity of the kings who counted on their attendance and graciously prepared food.

It gets worse.]

Genesis Rabba בְּרֵאשִׁית רַבָּה

B'reshith Rabba is a religious text from Judaism's classical period, probably written between 300 and 500 CE with some later additions. It is a collection of ancient rabbinical homiletical interpretations of the Book of Genesis, *Beresheet*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genesis_Rabbah

A bit rambling ancient language.]

Midrash Rabbah - Genesis IX:10 [R. Samuel b. R. Isaac said: BEHOLD, IT WAS VERY GOOD alludes to the angel of life; AND BEHOLD, IT WAS VERY GOOD, to the angel of death. Is then the angel of death very good?]

Imagine a king who made a feast, invited the guests, and set a dish filled with all good things before them: ' Whoever will eat and bless the king, said he, ' let him eat and enjoy it; but he who would eat and not bless the king, let him be decapitated with a sword.

[*The Soncino Talmud* (©1973 Judaica Press, Inc. and ©1965, 1967, 1977, 1983, 1984, 1987, 1988, & 1990 Soncino Press, Ltd.) is a product of Judaica Press, Inc. Brooklyn, NY, and, if included, is incorporated herein pursuant to exclusive license.

That was the culture and expectation of Yeshua's hearers]

Matityahu 22.4-10 So he sent some more slaves, instructing them to tell the guests, 'Look, I've prepared my banquet, I've slaughtered my bulls and my fattened cattle, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding!' But they weren't interested

[Third call! Apparently to same invited guests.]

Weren't interested: *ameléō* from

- A "not" [like apathy, atheist] and
- *mélō*, "have concern, be affected") – properly, without concern,
- unaffected, viewing something as being *without significance*, i.e. without *perceived* value ("of no moment").

Made light of it.

Amy Jill Levine: a gross insult to the host

[<http://biblehub.com/greek/272.htm>]

Matityahu 22.4-10 But they weren't interested and went off, one to his farm, another to his business; and the rest grabbed his slaves, mistreated them and killed them. The king was furious and sent his soldiers, who killed those murderers and burned down their city.

[Not just for refusal to attend, as in midrash, but attack on the messengers! Evidently a reference to the impending disaster on Jerusalem.

Literary expectation in such circumstances of rejection.

Was Yeshua rejecting Israel, being anti-Semitic, to make such statements?

Actually, such statements of judgement not new to Israel's ears from her prophets!]

Yermiyahu 4.5-7 "Announce in Y'udah, proclaim in Yerushalayim; say: 'Blow the *shofar* in the land!' Shout the message aloud: 'Assemble! Let us go to the fortified cities!' Set up a signal toward Tziyon, head for cover without delay. For I will bring disaster from the north, yes, dire destruction. A lion has risen from his lair, a destroyer of nations has set out, left his own place to ruin your land, to **demolish and depopulate your cities.**"

[Returning to the narrative about the Messiah]

Matityahu 22.4-10 "Then he said to his slaves, 'Well, the wedding feast is ready; but the ones who were invited didn't deserve it. So go out to the street-corners and invite to the banquet as many as you find.' The slaves went out into the streets, gathered all the people they could find, the bad along with the good; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Application to us??

It so important to fill the celebration hall.

- Recovers the King's honor.
- Lk 19.9-10 Then Yeshua said to him, "Today salvation has come to this home...for the **Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**"
 1. *[Do WE receive with joy and prioritization His wedding invitation?*
 2. *It's His passion to gather the lost. Those that reject are headed for GREAT disaster!]*
- Matityahu/Mt. 23.37-39 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I longed to **gather your children together**, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...

[He longed, He atoned by death and resurrection, and gives us the Ruakh, the Spirit!]

- Yeshua longs to fill His house with people finding eternal shalom and forgiveness.
- He seeks to bring His resources to marriages, individuals, young families.
- This building is relatively new to us, **for access, outreach.**
- Fill the house, expand the house!
*[Jewish people first, not minimized or excluded, then all.
Not always so immediately successful, as we saw in the story.]*

Remember we spoke about a moving of G-d's spirit in Sarasota, FL last year.

- 20, 30, 40 or more new believers in the next few months or year

There are hazards to growth, and having new people here.

- Challenges us to be spiritual givers, nurturers, disciplers.
- Challenges us to be givers socially, financially.
- Opens our doors to surprises...

Outreach is always risky...

- So easy to lack wisdom for the most effective invitation.
- Possible to get rejection.
- Not directly associated with outreach, but part of life in contact with the outside world...

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[Safety committee, headed ably by Blaine Robison, have wanted me to present this. So, it's a bit of a shocking transition, but related, indirectly to connecting with, reaching out to the world around us. Brace yourself for a sort of relevant diversion.]



Go to

<https://youtu.be/w9nldEZv16k>

to view the video above.

*[This will teach you how to respond to and welcome newcomers!
Maybe not.]*

Transitioning/ returning to the positive side of outreach, from Stewart Winograd...

[Many of you know Stewart, who serves on our external Board of Directors, and has been used of G-d fruitfully in E. Europe, Himalaya's in India, Israel to win people.]

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From Stewart Winograd re prep for repetition of recent Florida outreach with dozens of Ruakh born new believers:

Have a clear Strategy and Structure to create a Culture of Evangelism, Discipleship and Equipping volunteer ministers.

[Let's say we invited people, and dozens came, hungry for truth]

1. Choose an effective discipleship course or Road to Maturity; including foundations of the faith, T'vilah, inner healing and deliverance, baptism in the Ruakh Ha Kodesh and preparation for ministry.
2. Have the whole congregation go through the discipleship program, so that everyone is on the same page.
3. Establish a Kingdom of God culture where everyone is a minister and there is no one that feels good about being audience only.

[Leadership will be developing these. But...]

So, application to us:

1. Do we have a desire to fill His house
2. Do we have a plan or an attempt to fill His house, or His kingdom?
3. Have you brought someone to the Kingdom in the last year, 2017?
4. Have you tried?

It's risky. Rejection. Not know arguments. But passion?]

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[Are we the lost?

Are we seeking to save?]

Matityahu/Mt. 23.37-39 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! **How often I longed to gather your children together**, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings... but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate! For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say, '*Barukh ha-ba b'shem Adonai.* ברוך השם יי

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

How many

1. Learned the active shooter response: three modes?
2. Are praying for G-d to give you a plan and an opportunity to fill His house, His Kingdom?

[Love you to

1. *pray about this now*
2. *Email me your passion and thoughts for outreach, fill His house.]*