

Mishpatim



בית כנסת הר עליה

Judgments / Ordinances / Rulings

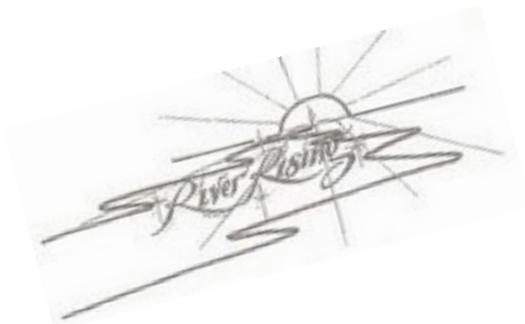
Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

The Gospel According to Moshe

Mishpatim #18 (Judgments / Ordinances / Rulings)

“Freedom for me, but not for thee?”

- Torah: Exodus 21:1—24:18
- Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26
- B'rit HaDashah: Matthew 17:1-13; 5:38-42



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~ a River Rising expression of Messiah Yeshua

~ **Shabbat 11 am**

~ **Oneg Shabbat 12:30 pm**

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The purpose of *River Rising*, a weekly publication, is to make our sights, sounds & sharing certain for you.

The “*poor, the disfigured, the crippled, the blind,*” physically or spiritually are invited to “party.”

Luke 14:13 [Complete Jewish Bible](#)

If you are not yet a Believer, have no religious background, or hungry and thirsty for GOD's love to be expressed to you and through you, this is a warm

welcoming home fellowship gathering that will embrace you.

**Jew & Gentile,
One in Messiah!**



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Teach Carefully *Our Children*

Mishpatim

1. GOD gave **Torah** because... [A] He was bored [B] it teaches how to *Love God & Love neighbors* [C] He knew we could not and would not keep it
2. When we don't love and obey our elders, GOD... [A] thinks it is funny [B] takes it very seriously [C] does not care, He is sleeping
3. When we meet a poor person, orphan or widow, GOD wants us to... [A] be kind and help them [B] laugh at them [C] ignore them
4. Pick one. GOD wants us to love... [A] the rich and powerful [B] the smart and pretty [C] the poor and helpless

Draw a picture that helps you *show & tell* the Scripture's story ...

Teach Carefully *Our Children*—Page 2

Alef-Bet-Gimel Match <i>Sound</i> to <i>Letter</i>	Practice Writing letter 3 times:
1. <i>Alef</i>	Alef _____
2. <i>Bet/Vet</i>	Bet/Vet _____
3. <i>Gimel</i>	Gimel _____
4. <i>Dalet</i>	Dalet _____
5. <i>Hey</i>	Hey _____
6. <i>Vav</i>	Vav _____
7. <i>Zayin</i>	Zayin _____
8. <i>Chet</i>	Chet _____
9. <i>Tet</i>	Tet _____
10. <i>Yood</i>	Yood _____
11. <i>Kaf/Chaf</i>	Kaf/Chaf _____
12. <i>Lamed</i>	Lamed _____
13. <i>Mem</i>	Mem _____
14. <i>Noon</i>	Noon _____
15. <i>Samech</i>	Samech _____
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17. <i>Pey/Fey</i>	Pey/Fey _____
18. <i>Tzadik</i>	Tzadik _____
19. <i>Koof</i>	Koof _____
20. <i>Reysh</i>	Reysh _____
21. <i>Sheen/Seen</i>	Sheen/Seen _____
22. <i>Tav</i>	Tav _____

~ *Who, When & How* ~

Shabbat 11 am

Fellowship begins with **Praise & Worship**. Cantors on CD set apart our House for Worship.

We encourage *devotion in motion*, Davidic dance. **Prayer**, in the midst of worship, is like a *river rising*. We petition **HaShem** (The Name) as it is in Heaven, so be it on earth. No sickness, sorrow, starvation, sin or strain. His **Shalom!**

A Jewish-decorated blue and gold bowl is beside a **Menorah** (a seven-branched candelabrum) to receive with joy your tithes, offerings & alms for local & international missions.

Torah Teaching

A **midrash** (teaching) from the **Sacred Scripture Scrolls** is offered. **River Rising**, is distributed in hard copy & online as a **pdf** email attachment. Children are delightfully encouraged. **Torah Teaching** follows the annual cycle read in synagogues each **Shabbat** around the world. Ours includes a **Messianic** adaptation.

Our **Disciples Discussion** begins

with the teaching (listening & learning is enhanced by insightful questions) and continues with **Oneg Shabbat**.

Making disciples for Monday, not just someday, is how we disciple. *How now should we live?*

Oneg Shabbat 12:30 pm

A joyous pot-blessed fellowship meal adds zest and rest on the **Sabbath**. Everyone contributes. We eat, laugh, sing, play & plan the life giving and receiving in loving fellowship together.

Every **Shabbat** in the home-styled synagogue of 541 Country Lane, Mount Vernon, Missouri. Call **366.2428** or email **dj@eukel.org** midweek (Wed, latest Thur) to confirm your plans (who, how many, what you may offer for the meal, and to help prepare & clean-up).

We are a fellowship that warmly welcomes Jews and Gentiles. Come listen, learn and worship **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus).

~ What, Where & Why ~

~ **Yeshua** is GOD, Who is One. His Spirit dwells among us to Redeem, Restore, and Renew us in Right Relationships for Life Eternal

~ The **Sacred Scripture Scrolls**, GOD's Word, teaches right living rightly in workplaces and in relationships

~ Immersion is a public witness of obedience to spiritual new birth, drawn by GOD's Spirit

~ Healing is GOD's will

~ **Loving GOD** and **Loving our neighbor** are the **Central Commands** for those who are true followers (**hearers and doers**) of **Yeshua**

~ Making disciples of all peoples is the commission for each generation

~ Other Believers, who are not of the House of *Isra'el*, are fully joined as "one new man" in our **Messiah Yeshua**

~ The **First Covenant**, even *the Gospel According to Moshe*, is relevant and central to the Eternal Redemptive Plan of GOD. The **New Covenant** does not replace, improve nor diminish the **First Covenant**

~ Families are to teach children by living, loving and learning examples to support, attend, honor and respect GOD's Houses of Worship

Prayer on the Square

Thursday at **Noon** we lead in community

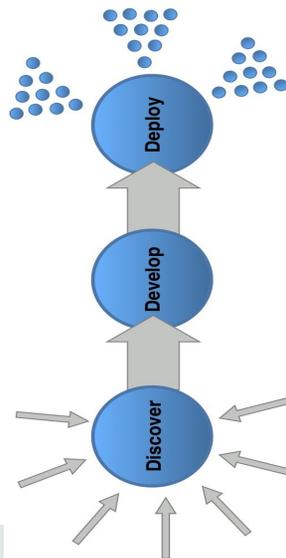
prayer for righteous leadership. *When the righteous rule, the people rejoice.*

We pray for GOD's Houses of Worship, our house, city hall, the school house, the court house, the State house, and yes, the White House.

We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.

We are intentional in reaching our community. The first **Sabbath** of a month is **Legacy Leadership**. A leader is invited to inform and inspire from the work of their heart, head and hands. We listen and learn **Who Gets What, When, Where, Why and How** (the politics of relationship). GOD's Peace, Pleasure and Prosperity is Promised when we *display and obey* His Loving Commands.

~ **a 3D model for Discipleship** ~



Torah Teaching Truth

Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18

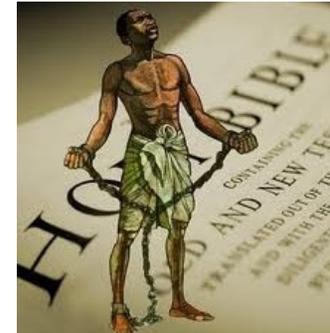
Freedom for me, but not for thee?

Slavery!

Why is slavery not abolished in **Mishpatim** (Judgments/ Ordinances/Rulings)?

Let's be honest. This is BIG! Slavery's emotional chains enslave hearts, heads and hands. Theologians dismiss by diminishing the shameful topic. Many of their commentaries quietly kick the can down the road into the false gutter of *old testament primitive Hebrews* who lacked a *full gospel revelation under the law*. As timely the topic is during America's *Black History Month*, it is rare that *slavery in the Bible* will be a central theme from the preacher's pulpit. Like them, we, too, could avoid it, again. Most do. Plenty of other points to ponder without getting in this pit.

But slavery in the **Sacred Scripture**



Scrolls won't go away. Lets break the bondage of timidity and set free our hearts, heads and hands to embrace **Torah Teaching Truth!**

The renovation of

River Rising enlarges our space.

Mishpatim for Mishpocha

Judgments on slavery are **within** the covenant community. *Within*, not outside, is critical to understand *slavery in Scripture*. *Isra'el*, as a people and personally, has known 430 years of cruel slavery. Rulings within the community demonstrate a contrast.

Weekly, those of the community of faith who have chosen servitude, have the *Sabbath Day of Rest*. Voluntary indentured servitude is limited to six years. Freedom is the rule for the seventh year! Punishment is limited. (continued page 5...)

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Punishment overly done, (harm of an eye or tooth), requires immediate freedom from slavery. If cruel punishment results in death the *master* faces capital punishment.



consulted in a spousal selection. Her father may indenture her to relieve family debt. Does the Hebrew hand-maiden voluntarily accept servitude for the honor of rescuing her family from debtor's prison? The

Scriptures remain silent. Our voice must be careful in the void of GOD's Wisdom & Values.

The female who is *given-acquired* for marriage, is a protected wife. If the marriage is dissolved she is free.

Slavery in the Bible is still beyond our renovation of space. **Mishpatim for Mishpocah** gives us a small glimpse. GOD did not include the clear command, "**Thou shalt not enslave one made in the image of GOD.**" The difference of indentured servitude within *Isra'el* is not the slavery of Egyptian masters.

March's Legacy Leader guest speaker: *TBD.*

First Sabbath in April is *Passover.*

May's invited Legacy Leader speaker is *Rev. Bob Shippis* of Monett Nazarene.

If single when committing to servitude for six years, the male leaves single. If married and with children when coming in, he leaves in freedom with his family. The male slave is also given the freedom of choice to remain with a loving, caring and providing master. Choosing servitude for life is a freedom decision. The risks (and rewards) of ownership are traded for the assured shelter and loving care of a chosen *family* within the community of faith. Even then, the year of jubilee sets him free.

It is the **female slave** within the community of faith that presents challenges. She too, is protected by the GOD-given right of a weekly *Sabbath*. She does not appear to have the freedom to chose or be

Ramble & Rumble with Rabbi!

Torah Teaching Truth
Three times a week, Mon, Wed & Fri 3:33 pm central, Rabbi Eukel is the *radio rabbi* host of **Ramble & Rumble**

with Rabbi! the *Venue for Vision & Values in Our Communities.*

GOD's Favor Psalm 2:8
"Ask Me for the Nations, and every nation on earth will belong to you."

Sponsored by **Synagogue Nahar Zerach**, a *river rising* expression of **Messiah Yeshua**, the podcast is a world-wide reach to speak truth from the weekly **Torah, Haftarah & B'rit HaDashah** teachings.

Listeners are encouraged to call to "**ask the rabbi.**" Current headlines are purpose driven lead-ins for the conversation.

Followers are able to receive freely by email in **pdf** format the *River Rising* publication distributed on **Shabbat** at the home-fellowship



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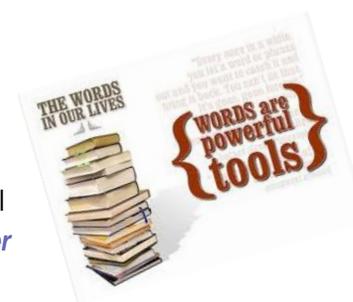
You may freely listen live or on demand (by phone # **646.929.1024** or online <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/RabbiEukel>).

All episodes archived.

People are looking for answers that *make sense on Monday, not just someday.*

Pray!

These are *Divine Appointments* for the *radio rabbi* as *the voice and venue for Godly vision and values!*



If you would consider being a volunteer production assistant let us know. Thanks!

~ 'Jews for JESUS Film' ~

\$1,130.56 of First \$4K Goal

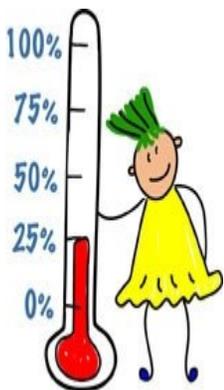
Our fellowship is "partnering" with Papa GOD, and others, whose hearts His Heart has touched to acquire high-tech solar packs, pictured to the right.

The solar pack allows the showing of the **JESUS** film in the bushes of Africa without access to electrical power.



A savings account **Mozambique Missions** is established. All contributions are acknowledged.

Acquisition of the solar pack (from a major denomination cooperating with us) will be made once the funds are in hand.



The solar pack will be delivered in country by those traveling and making room in their luggage.

We will update regularly (at least monthly on the first

Sabbath) where we are on this great adventure for the first solar pack.

Pray!

GOD listens.

Designated contributions should be mailed to:

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"Ask Me for the Nations, and every nation on earth will belong to you." *Tehillim* (Psalm) 2:8 **CJB**

Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26

Release Reversed, Rejoined

The prophet *Yirmeyahu* (Jeremiah) brings a Word from **ADONAI** for the leaders and *Isra'el*:

"proclaim release to them ... each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant ... and not keep them in bondage any longer." Jeremiah

34:8, 9, 10 CJB.

As clear as the *Prophetic Scripture* is here in proclaiming *release for the enslaved*, the issue is covenant breaking of the seven years (Jer 34:13-14). The **Shemittah** covenant requires

release of Hebrews. It was never obeyed. GOD proclaims **release** in judgment ... **to the**



sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine.

And yet the **Haftarah** includes Jeremiah 33:25-26 CJB "... I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."

Sabbath & Servant-hood

Does it appear a stretch to parallel *servant-hood* with the *Sabbath*? Some might look at the Amish life-style and consider it interesting in a quaint sort of way. Plain, home-made clothes. (see page 7...)

Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26

No motor vehicles or electricity. Agriculture community. Home-schooling. It appears to many outside the Amish community that prohibited modern day conveniences are restrictive and make life harsh.



separate. They are not free to make choices. Servants serve the master.

Shemita observance is a year-long intentional act every seven years to separate from the labors necessary to

provide for the family. It is a heart-check.

Do you, in the community of faith, trust **ADONAI** to provide while the land lays fallow?

Shemita. Perhaps we need to grow in trust, carefully observing the 312 weekly **Sabbaths**, **to set it apart for GOD** before the 7th year.

Not to do any kind of work—you, children, slave or livestock. *Wow!*

Separateness is the dominant characteristic.

<<http://www.padutchcountry.com/towns-and-heritage/amish-country/amish-lifestyle.asp>>

Sabbath, of course, is a separation. Some would conclude, when they learn of all the stipulations of the **Sabbath**: interesting as a Fri-eve to Sat-eve visit, but not for *life*. Let's be real!

Servant-hood has many obvious negatives too. *Servants* are made

~ Your Notes for Being & Making Disciples, Questions for Further Study, Reminders & Special Announcements of Upcoming Opportunities ~



Making Disciples for Monday, not just someday! How now should I live?

Rabbi's Recent Readings: *How Do You Kill 11 Million People?: Why the Truth Matters More Than You Think* by Andy Andrews; *The Harbinger: The Ancient Mystery That Holds The Secret of America's Future* by Jonathan Cahn; *The U.S. Constitution: A Reader* edited by Hillsdale College Politics Faculty; *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless GOD* by Frances Chan.

NEXT WEEK: T'rumah [Offerings / Contributions] Parashah #19

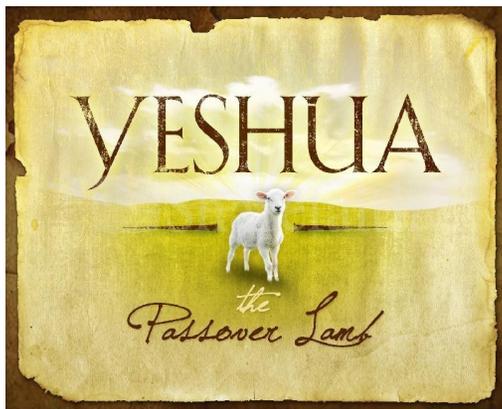
Torah: Exodus 25:1-27:19

Haftarah: 1 Kings 5:12(26) - 6:13

B'rit HaDashah: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

- Reminders:**
- ◇ **Legacy Leader March 3, 2012** guest speaker: TBD
 - ◇ [Complete Jewish Bible](#) available, Blue Bonded Leather @ \$65 each
 - ◇ **Mar 7-9 / 13-15 Adar: Erev Purim Festival (costumes & characters)**

B'rit HaDasha: Matthew 17:1-13; 5:38-42



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Momentous Moments on the Mount with Moshe & Messiah

Moshe experiences the Word of GOD on Mount Sinai, but does not enter the Land of Promise. Moshe's face is transformed as a result of being in the Presence of GOD. Moshe's face-to-face relationship with **ADONAI** was transforming. And yet. Why was GOD's Grace not Greater than Moshe's greatest sin so that Moshe could be transported into the Land of Promise?

Moshe, along with Eliyahu, do, in fact, enter the Land of Promise at the transfiguration of **Messiah Yeshua**. Death's decay, even over a thousand years, does not prevent the transformation on *That Day!*

Moshe experiences **GOD, The Word Made Flesh**, and hears once again the Voice of GOD.

Perhaps the *momentous moments on the mount* overwhelm you, as they do me. Kefa (Peter) was certainly overwhelmed and engaged his impulsive signature speaking style. "I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moshe, and one for Eliyahu (how did



Kefa know that standing next to the Glory of GOD was Moshe and Eliyahu?).

Mishpatim for Mishpocah— *Judgments for the Faith Family* is a warm and welcoming invitation to come into the Presence of GOD, tabernacle with Him, on His terms (not ours). **Yeshua Messiah**, the Word Made Flesh, calls. Listen...