

Review: “The Difficult Words of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine

I enjoyed Dr. Levine's ability to draw out the characteristics of people described by the Gospel writers. For example, I liked the way she helps the reader imagine the attitude and behaviors of the rich young man in the Gospel of Mark and demonstrates her sense of humor when she truthfully writes, "I'm not sure I'd want my children to date him" (Levine, 14).

Living Water at the Feast of Tabernacles: exploring John 7

Water was drawn from the Pool of Siloam, brought to the Temple, poured on the altar, and berakhot (blessings) were said, thanking the LORD Most High for rain. That same pool of water would be the site where the blind man was healed and Messiah's healing ministry would expand.

How our family celebrates the Feast of Tabernacles

Here in the north, planning for Sukkot requires consideration of the temperatures, especially when Sukkot is in October. This year, Sukkot starts in September, so we may not be such

Frozen Chosen this year. Even so, the evenings are definitely crisp, so soups and stews are some of the best foods to serve during the feast. I recommend planning at least a week in advance so you don't need to worry about your menu items during the feast.

Yom Kippur and Messiah's return

There are many Messianic prophecies in the Bible, but what is found in Zechariah 12 in particular regarding mourning (i.e. genuine, travailing repentance) is very much related to Yom Kippur. We know that Messiah Yeshua will come back after the time of the tribulation and wicked nations will be about to attack Jerusalem. Adonai Tzva'ot will handle it: "It will happen in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem" (Zech.12:9).

What would you ask from Yeshua?

wisdom has been ascribed to Solomon. The Proverbs attributed to Solomon, however, do employ this term frequently. Here in 1 Kings 3, a form of the word chokhmah is used, chakham, but only by God Himself. God answers Solomon's request for understanding and discernment by calling it wisdom (chakham).

Yom Teruah: the day of the shout! AND: Rosh Hashanah Brisket Recipe!

is the day of the shout! The day to sound the shofars and remember that with a shout, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah will return for His people! It is the more “Biblical” term for what is more widely known as “Rosh Hashanah,” which means “Head of the year.” We celebrate a new year and we await Messiah’s return.