

Hidden on purpose, for a purpose: Yokheved's son, Moses

[Parashat Shemot Exodus 1-6:1](#)

[Exodus \(Shemot\) 2](#) introduces us to Amram אֲמֶרָם and Yokheved יוֹכֶבֶד (commonly rendered *Jochebed* in English).

It is important to note that their names are not revealed in Exodus 2. We don't find out their names until a genealogy reports their names in Exodus 6:20.

Amram & Yokheved, of the tribe of Levi

What is revealed in Exodus 2 is this special couple's *status* alone. They are of the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe. Scripture tells us a daughter of Levi is married to a son of Levi and they have a son.

Amram's name in Hebrew means "Exalted Nation." Yokheved's name means "YHWH is Glory." Their son would be a deliverer through whom the holy nation would indeed be exalted and the LORD's Glory made known.

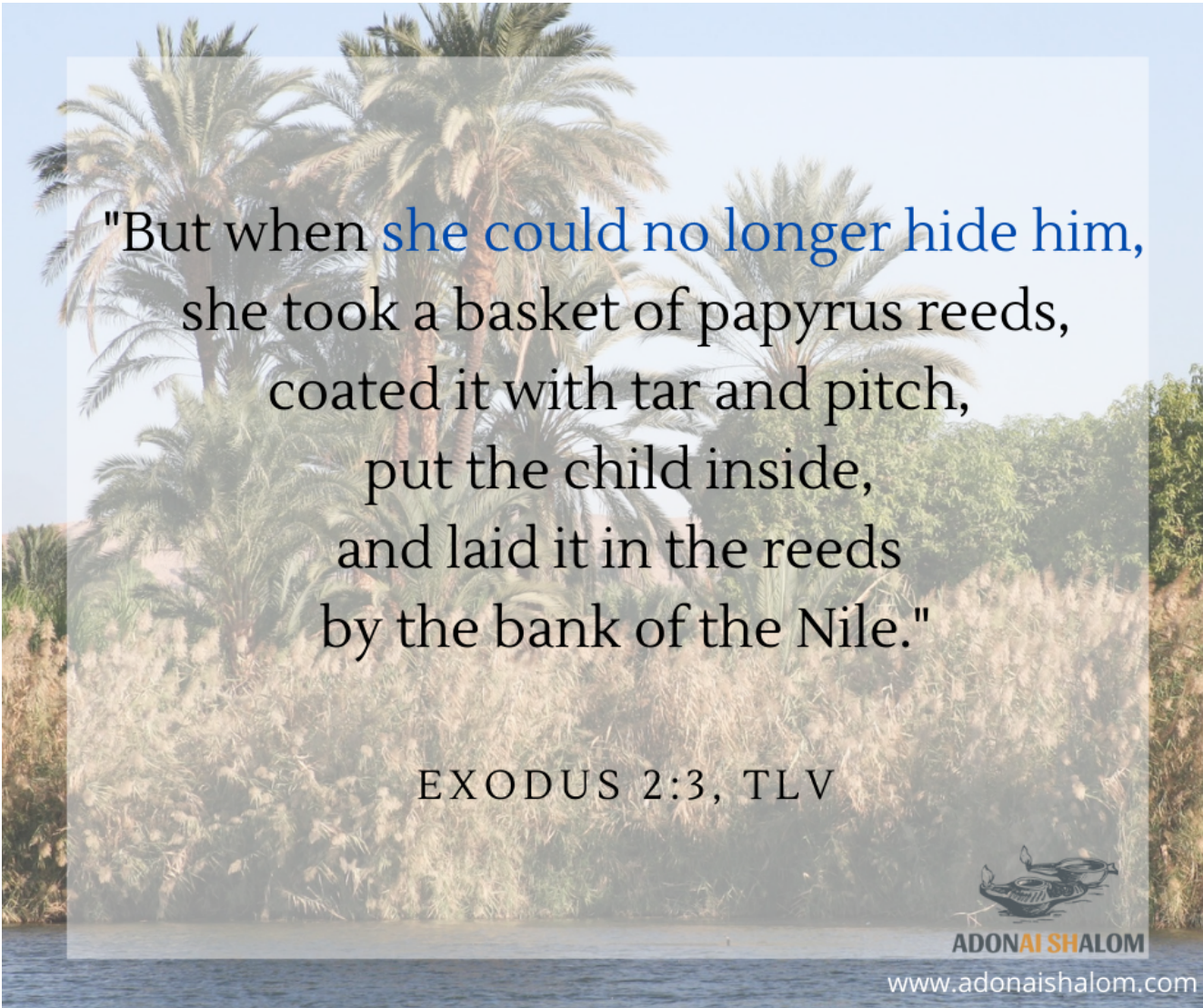
If we do not spend time in study of the Scriptures, we would not realize the richness hidden there. These two Levites in Exodus 2 appear nameless and nondescript, yet look how instrumental they were in Adonai's plan!

[Proverbs 25:2 "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter and the glory of kings to search it out."](#)

As mentioned above, Yokheved had a son. Scripture describes the baby boy as "delightful!" The situation in Egypt was

horrifically oppressive at that time, so due to the danger, Yokheved hid her son. She managed to hide the child for 3 months.

Ex.2:3 "But when she could no longer hide him, she took a basket of papyrus reeds, coated it with tar and pitch, put the child inside, and laid it in the reeds by the bank of the Nile."



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EXODUS 2:3, TLV



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Yokheved was a wonderful mother. She did what she could to protect her baby and trusted in the LORD G-D of Israel as she placed the basket upon the Nile's waters. And protect him, He did, for this would be no ordinary child: floating in that basket was Moses (Moshe), the one who would lead Israel out of Egypt.

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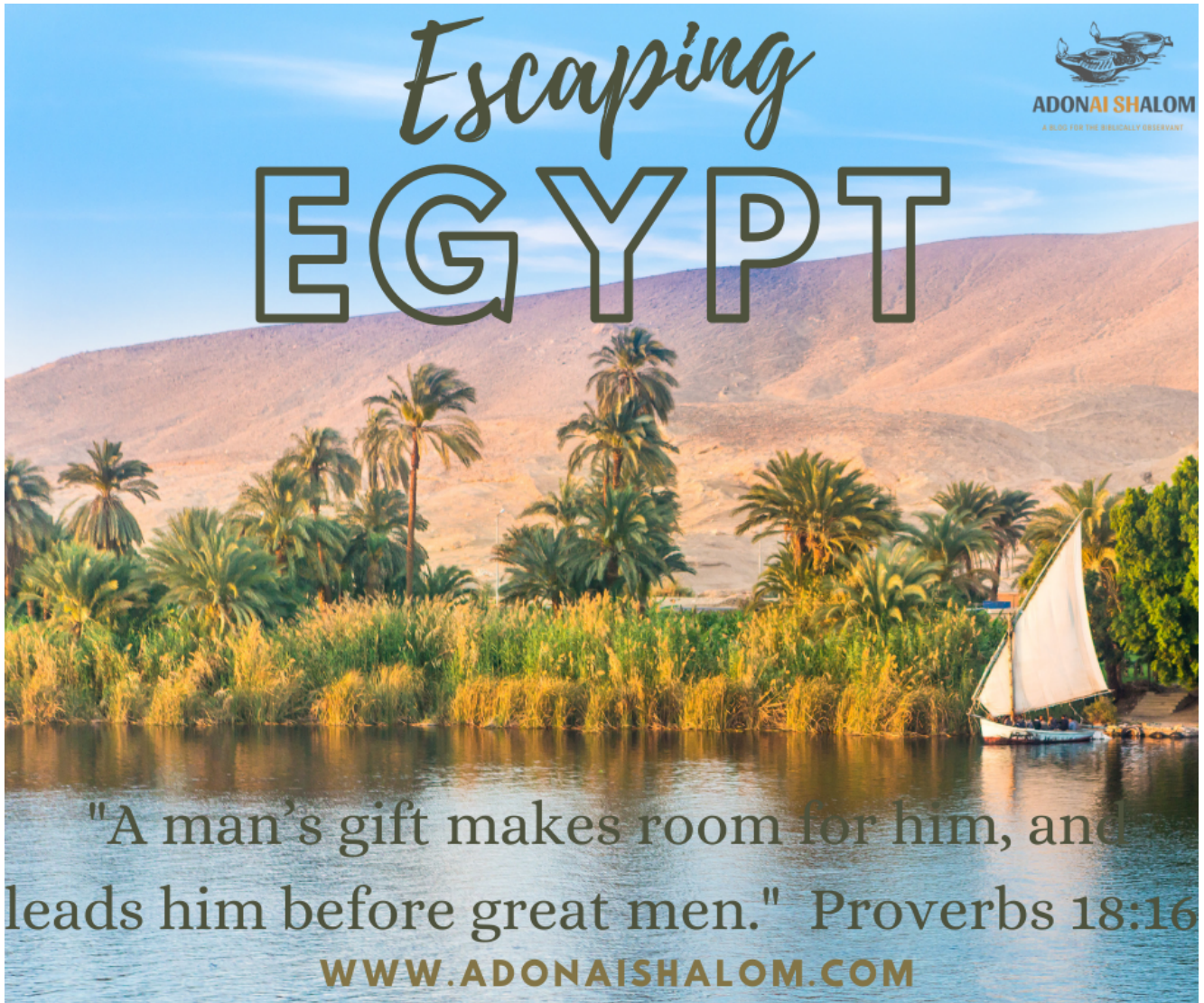


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Truly, all that our Heavenly Father has done is marvelous, and always exceedingly above any expectation or level of understanding. He created you, and He did so with a purpose.

What is hidden within you?

What is it that you are hiding within you? Has the LORD placed a burden or a talent or a calling deep within you? If you pray and prepare, the time will come when your gift will no longer be able to be hidden!



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Though Moshe stuttered, the anointing upon his life made room for him even in the presence of the highest authority in the land, and Pharaoh had to cave in and let the people of Israel go. It was a temporary deliverance, but many years later, the Greater Deliverer would come.

And though there was no room in the Bethlehem inn, the Anointed One's presence alone caused room to be made in the hearts of those who would seek and follow Him. When Messiah Yeshua (Jesus the Christ) came to this world, born in that lowly and humble setting, few understood He was the One who would reign eternally.

Revelation requires an element of hiddenness

Revelation is a key component of Scripture. In order for something to be revealed, it would have to first be hidden. It is a Scriptural principle, and Yeshua taught us:

[Mark 4:22 "For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, nor anything kept secret except that it would come to light."](#)

There is a time and season for all things, and many of those things that were previously unknown or hidden to us have now come to light. Will you faithfully follow the One who has been revealed as Messiah of Israel, the Lamb who was slain, the Savior of all those who would believe, the King of all kings? Will you allow Him to use you, to shield you and to lift you up to impact the nations with the Good News of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus)?

How will you, like Yokheved, trust in the process and witness the LORD's greatness revealed?

Moshe was of Levitical lineage, which was crucial to the unfolding of Biblical prophecies. If you have come to believe in Messiah Yeshua and have trusted Him with your salvation, you are of royal lineage, too.

[1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."](#)

Moses was hidden on purpose, for a

purpose.

The LORD used him to [lead the Israelites out of Egypt!](https://adonaishalom.com/index.php/2022/01/16/escaping-egypt-parashat-bshalach/)

He made a way where there seemed to be no way, and He can do the same in your life, too.

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May the LORD use you mightily and bless you on your journey!

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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.

Don't stop reading Deuteronomy 28 at verse 14

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The first part of [Deuteronomy \(Devarim\) 28](#) is a favorite for many. And who wouldn't like it?

[" . . . all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you, if you listen to the voice of ADONAI your God . . . "](#)
[Deut.28:2](#)

Blessings will abound! Blessed will you be in the city, in the field, your children, your land and produce, your flock [\(verses 3-6\)](#). Your enemies will flee from you! [\(v.7\)](#) You will lend and not borrow, you will be the head and not the tail [\(v.12, 13\)](#).

What's not to like?

Certainly all of us who claim to love Adonai resonate with these promises. Surely, we are established as His holy people [\(v.9\)](#) and surely we walk in His ways. Right?

["Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of ADONAI and they will stand in awe of you."](#) Deut. 28:10

Ok, now the pride meter might be rising.

"Everyone will be in awe of us."

"We are His people, and we cannot fail."

Uh oh. We may be getting on a slippery slope, my friends.

Blessings require us to **LISTEN** and to **OBEY**

These blessings are **contingent** upon consistent relationship with the Holy One of Israel. These blessings don't just come because we have professed faith. These blessings **require** us to constantly LISTEN to what His Spirit is saying and obey what is written in His Word.

It is only natural for us to dwell on the things we like and try not to think about the stuff that we don't. **But we are not called to be natural, we are called to be spiritual.**

Many believers know parts of Deuteronomy 28 very well – but if you check closely, those commonly cited passages are all found in the first 14 verses of the chapter.

I don't hear anyone talking about the curses! And understandably so . . . they are overwhelming! **Terrifying**. But we must acknowledge the reality that there are REAL curses that DO afflict those who choose to disobey God.

There are 69 verses in Deuteronomy 28, not just 14. MOST of those verses describe the *destruction* that will come to those who turn from ADONAI'S instructions.

Most people are concentrating on only 20% of the entire chapter. Most of us are ignoring 80% of Deuteronomy 28.

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BUT THERE IS HOPE!

The curse of sin and death has been broken.

But if we do not understand what we have been saved from, ***we are missing half of that very blessing***. Also, if we do not understand that sanctification is an **ongoing process** and that we either **invite blessing or demise** into our lives based on our **choices (even after receiving salvation)** we are prone to confusion and a less dynamic understanding of the relationship we hold as children of the Most High God.

THE CURSES ACTUALLY REVEAL HOW AMAZING LIVING UNDER *BLESSING* REALLY IS

You don't ***have to*** live under any curse. **You have the choice** to follow the Savior, who chooses to bless us when we repent and reject a cursed life of sin and death.

How great a salvation! We were destined for curse but the Son of God, Yeshua ha Mashiach (Jesus the Christ) came to earth, died for our transgressions, our failings, and our disobedience, so that we may have life eternal if we believe in His Name.

We must confess that He alone is Lord and follow His ways.

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The curses outlined in Deuteronomy 28:15ff are so **horrific** that it just makes me think of just **how awesome the gift of salvation truly is**. We have been saved from terror, a hopeless, despairing future and so freely given love, security, and peace – the shalom that surpasses all understanding. So many people fear “keeping Torah,” citing

legalism and claiming irrelevance, but if only they would understand how Torah illuminates what pleases God and rather than bind us, it **frees** us to more fully understand the richness of our salvation!



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15



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So let's commit ourselves to
reading the entirety of the Bible,
not just the parts we like.

Because even in those passages that seem so difficult or even dreadful to read . . . – even there in the depths, we can find the glimmer of the Gospel. He has given us hope and a future, so let's learn and study the whole Word so we can step into

our callings as ambassadors for His glorious Truth.

Shalom!



Pray for followers of Messiah Yeshua in Afghanistan

Be in prayer today for the believers in Afghanistan. I have heard reports of many missionaries fearing for their lives and

believers reporting that they are literally trapped in that country, yet rather than lose heart, they are praying for revival in their land. May it be so, and may the Ruach haKodesh give them the protection and strength that they need.

The very least we can do is pray on their behalf.

[“No weapon formed against you will prosper and you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment.](#)

[This is the heritage of ADONAI’S servants—their vindication is from Me.”](#)

[It is a declaration of ADONAI.” Isaiah 54:17](#)

We must even pray for the Taliban. That term in the Pashto language means, “students.” These students, unlike *talmudim*, have been taught to hate, to kill, and to force their religion upon the people of that nation. We must pray that they would come to know Truth and repentance, for only through Messiah Yeshua can anyone be saved from a life of misery and terror.

[“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do the same, don’t they?” Matthew 5:44-46](#)

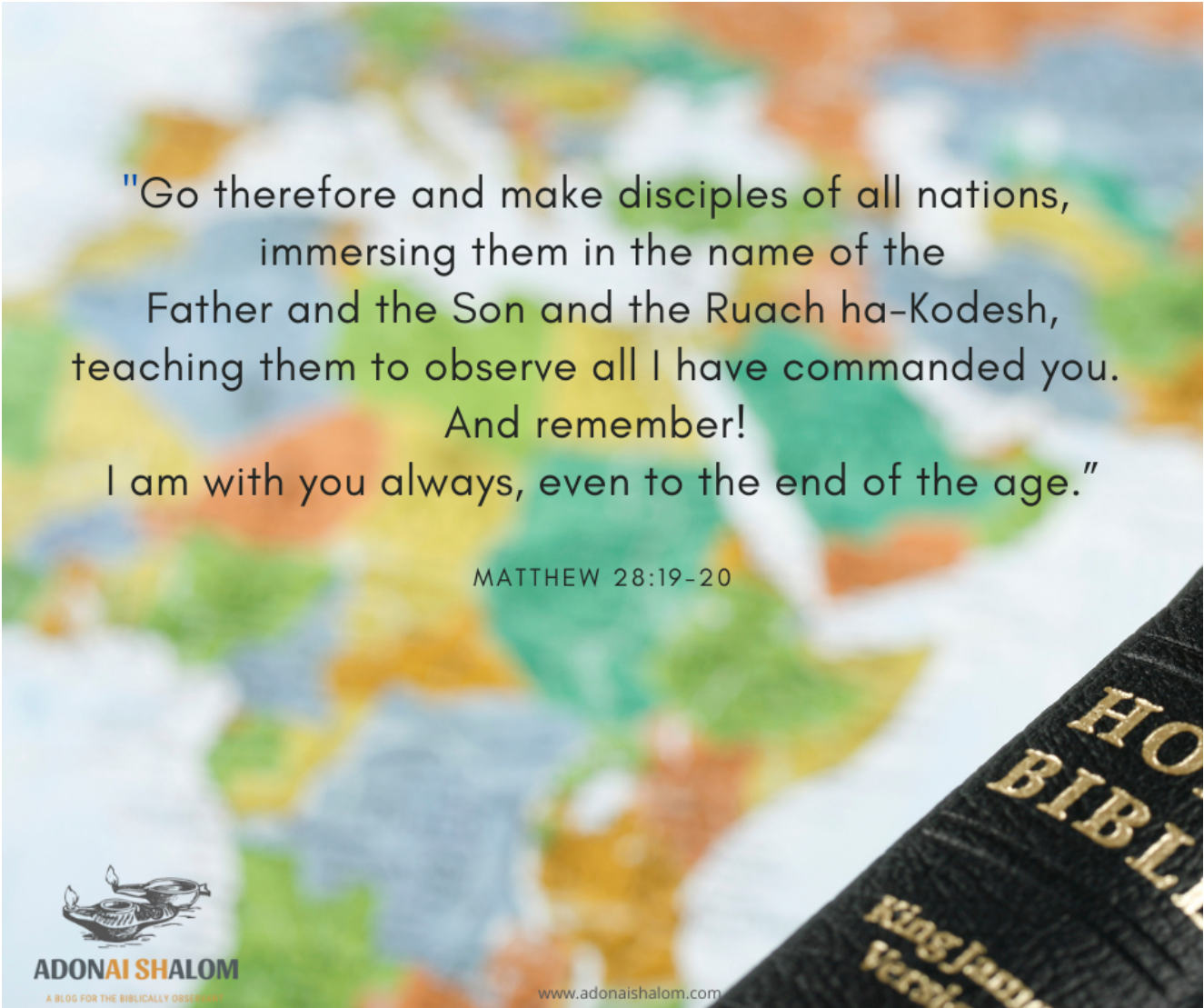
We pray for shalom. Just as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, may there be peace in Afghanistan, that the children may run freely, the women may be safe, the pastors may preach openly without persecution, and the nation may be saved.



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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
immersing them in the name of the
Father and the Son and the Ruach ha-Kodesh,
teaching them to observe all I have commanded you.
And remember!
I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20



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