## NEWSLETTER - NISAN 5784 BY SHERRY LUSH

This year we welcome the month of Nisan in a world full of war and lawlessness, and governmental policies that make no sense. But we should take heart and know that the things we see happening are pointing to the coming of the Messiah. And for this our hearts yearn! Signs in the heavens that only our God can do and speak loudly about the days we are in. Let's look at some of the ways the Lord is speaking in our time.

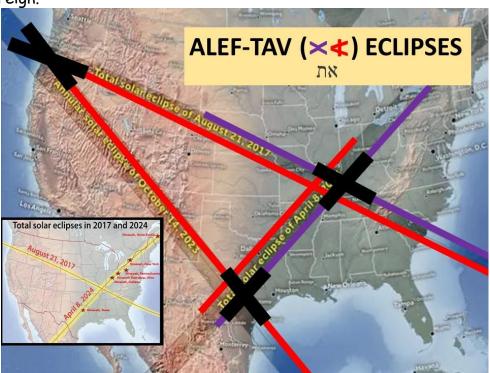
\*Genesis 1:14 Then God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so.



Next to giving us day and night, the Lord listed "signs" as the next most important reason for the lights in the skies. Only the Lord controls those lights, man cannot manipulate the sun, moon and stars, so when He sends these signs we need to pay careful attention.

On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we saw a sign in the skies with the Great American Eclipse which crossed the US - entering Texas and traversing the states going in a

northeast direction and finally exiting Canada. This is the third leg of 3 eclipses that have occurred in the last 7 years that traversed America. You can view the map showing the path of each eclipse and the two ancient Hebrew letters the three eclipses form on the next page. Yeshua called Himself the Alpha and the Omega which are the Greek names for the Aleph and the Tav. By using these two letters to refer to Himself, He was saying that He was the **Beginning and the End**. Should we be paying very special attention as we are in the days of Chevley Mashiach - or the birth pains of the Messiah. The circumstances in the world today point to the need for the Messiah to come and rule and reign on the earth. We are coming to the end (tav) of governments as we know them, because He is coming to rule and reign.



This final of three eclipses over America will enter Texas over a tiny town called, Jonah. The Prophet Jonah also comes into the picture of this final eclipse. The LORD said to Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." But Jonah fled in another direction because Nineveh was in Assyria and Assyria was a land of terrorists. They had slaughtered many Israeli's with hideous cruelty. Their methods were to behead, and to hang Israeli's naked. They raped and tortured, and enslaved the royalty of the Israeli people. They skinned Israeli's alive, as the relief picture on page 4 shows. They were a violent people - the Hamas of their time. There are many panels of pictographs of Israeli people being slaughtered by the Assyrians. These are in the British Museum today. King, Sennecarib liked to sit and watch

this happen to the Israeli people. This gives us an idea about why Jonah tried to flee away from Nineveh. His disobedience brought chaos to the ship he boarded and eventually the men ".... cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You." Jonah 1:14-15 So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Jonah reached the shore of Assyria another way. "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Jonah 1:17. And the fish spit Jonah out on the land of Assyria.

And the day Jonah entered the city he delivered an eight word message: "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overturned." Jonah 2:4b

And on the very same day that Jonah gave this message, the Great Assyrian Eclipse occurred! The people took this very seriously; they repented and believed God. And the King of Assyria told everyone, "....let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands." Jonah 3:8 And G-d relented from the disaster He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. It is said the "sign of Jonah" was the eclipse that went over that nation on the day Jonah delivered the message to repent or be destroyed.

The Sages taught: When the sun is eclipsed it is a bad omen for the nations, and when there was a lunar eclipse it was a bad omen for Israel. We should pay attention to these signs. The Assyrians knew that the nation whose shadow the eclipse of the sun fell upon, that the clock was ticking for them to repent and walk in the ways of the Lord. The Assyrians responded wisely.



Also noteworthy, is that the final of the three eclipses that occurs on April 8<sup>th</sup>, will pass over 7 cities in America called Nineveh. Above the Great American Eclipse will be the astronomical sign of Pisece the Fish. And under that will be Cetus the Whale! Could the Lord speaking?





Just prior to the Eclipse, we had an earthquake on the east coast of America. It measured 4.8 on the Richter scale. If we go to

\*Exodus 4:8 we read: Then it will be if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. This happened only two days prior to the eclipse.

And the Prophet Joel adds:

Joel 2:10-13 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for His camp is very great: for He is strong that executes his word: Therefore also now, says the LORD, turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He repents of evil.

Our God speaks through His creation! Are we listening?

There are 48 verses in the book of Jonah and this eclipse happened on 4/8 (April 8<sup>th</sup>) on the Gregorian calendar! This eclipse will be dark for 4 minutes and 28 seconds at its widest point. The numbers 4 and 28 are recurring.

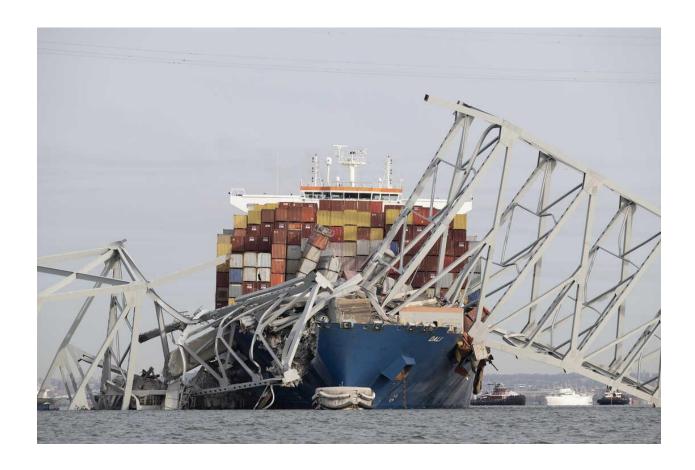
\*Jeremiah 4:28 For this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above be dark; for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

Does it sounds like a clock is ticking?



One of G-d's names is El Roi - because He is the G-d who sees. Imagine what He sees when He looks upon our earth right now.

And politically, things have been turned on their heads. Biden called for a new election in Israel as he believes the Prime Minister needs to be replaced. What??? This is unheard of - No American president has the right to interfere in another nation's elections, let alone our greatest friend and ally in the Middle East, Israel. He also wants a cease fire before they finish their necessary elimination of Hamas. The day after He declared his recent comment, the Francis Scott Key Bridge was hit by a cargo ship and the bridge collapsed. Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem. If America is not blessing Israel, America will suffer the consequences of its leadership. God will not be mocked - He is speaking, and He is warning.



Matthew 16:3-4 Yeshua said:" and in the morning (you say), Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but not the signs of the times. Hopefully, we are paying attention. On April 3, the Statue of Liberty was hit by lightning! Americans, are we seeing that the Lord is speaking in so many ways? Repent and return to the Lord.



Luke 21:28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draws nigh.

As all these events swirl around us, we will continue to Praise our Great G-d and walk in His ways. And we want to invite you to join us for Passover and enjoy the Seder with us. Date: April 22, Monday night

Tíme: 6:30 pm

Place: Harbor Life Church

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Please call 253 358 3223, by Monday Apríl 15th to let us

know if you will be joining us.



Happy Passover