Newsletter for the Month of Chesvan by Sherry Lush



Greetings and Shalom Dear Friends,

On October 7th, 5784, a page of history was turned. On this date, indescribable violence was unleashed on the unsuspecting, peaceful people in Israel's south who were celebrating the special Shabbat of Shemini Atzeret - a new beginning. And since that day, nothing has been the same in the world. Israel is at war to wipe out Hamas - a terrorist group trained and ready - whose goal is to wipe out the people of Israel. Hamas is backed by Iran, a nation that calls America the "big Satan" and Israel the "little Satan." Iran is one of the nations that will join a confederacy to come against Israel in the Gog and Magog war.

We pray unceasingly for the protection of the Israeli army, for shalom to be in the hearts and minds of all their families, for wisdom to be in the hearts and minds of the leaders and for the Lord to give Israel victory in this war which they did not want, but now must fight to protect their very existence.

Since October 7th, our TV screens have broadcast images of the inexplainable hatred that has risen up world-wide and is now raring its ugly head toward the Jewish people. This shocking and heart-breaking hatred is spewing even from America where it is now known to be training young people in its institutions of higher learning in this despicable philosophy of hatred and violence. Unimaginable! This must stop! It seems that the days evil accompanying the end of days, have been released.



It is time to Stand - Stand and support the Jewish people - Speak up and let the truth be known. The Jewish people are the people of God. He gave them the Land of Israel - a promise G-d made to Abraham, and G-d always keeps His Word. The land is theirs. <u>*Genesis 15:7</u> it is said: He also said to him, I am the LORD, who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it. And about the Jewish people, the Word declares: <u>*Deuteronomy 14:2</u> For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people of his own possession, out of all the nations that are on the face of the earth. These words are clear and carry the truth that the enemy is now rearing up to defeat, but he never will. It is with the very people that G-d declared to be His chosen people that we stand with and that we pray for and that we love.

And we have entered the month of Chesvan. Chesvan is a month with two very different faces. One is the face of judgment and destruction of all life on earth, as it was on the 17^{th} of Chesvan that the Flood of Noah began.



G-d destroyed the earth because: ***Genesis 6:11** Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and full of violence.

G-d promised that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. We also know that events are cyclical and it would appear that the world is again turning to the violence that the days of Noah were known for. Yeshua speaks about this time appearing again during the days of the coming of Messiah:

*Matthew 24:37-39 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The very images we see today tell us we have entered those days! On October 7th, 5784, the page of history turned.

And Chesvan has many names. One name is Bul - meaning flood. <u>*1 Kings 6:38 And</u> in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house (Solomon's temple) finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it. Bul, meaning flood, would seem to be a very appropriate name for this month. Chesvan is also called Marchesvan. "Mar" in Hebrew means bitter, and surely the judgment of all living things on the earth was a bitter time. This thought brings to mind the words of Yeshua as He spoke with three of His disciples saying: <u>*Matthew 24:21</u> For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. This is our time to LOOK UP! The images we see all over the world is leading to the time Yeshua spoke of. Be ready to see the Lord!





The other face of Chesvan is a face of great joy and fulfillment as we see the temple of Solomon was completed! In our day, we look forward to the third temple being built. And there is now something that has not existed for 2,000 years - the red heifers!



A recent report that came out of Israel let us know that the sacrifice of the red heifer could happen sometime between November 5th and 11th this year! Why is this important? Because those dates are in the month of Chesvan!!! This is incredibly joyful news as the ashes produced from this red heifer are necessary for the sacrifices to be carried out in the third temple. ***Numbers 19:9** A man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and put them in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp. They are to be kept by the Israelite community for use in the water of cleansing; it is for purification from sin. This has not been possible for 2,000 years!!!

***I Kings 8:56** Praised be the LORD who has granted a haven to His people Israel, just as He promised; not a single word has failed of all the gracious promises that He made through His servant Moses.

WHAT A DAY TO BE ALIVE! - REJOICE - OUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR!!!