

Our Week on the Farm Before Sukkot

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3rd day of the 8th month?5848 years after the creation of Adam??

The 8th Month in the Third year of the third Sabbatical Cycle??

The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle??

The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes Famines, and Pestilences??

This is also the end of the twenty-fifth week of this the Third Tithe Year for the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow Deuteronomy 26:12 We are now just 4 years from the Sabbatical year in 2016

October 20, 2012

Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

Parts of this News Letter are written on location, at various time over the past three weeks.

As I sit here in Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv Israel, writing this report on this the 11th day of October, I am sad to be leaving this awesome land and sad to be leaving the most amazing group of people who have made this one very special Feast this year.

We have learned many lessons both from the places we visited which were spoken of in the scriptures of our bibles and we learned lessons from the stress of the week of traveling and sleeping in a succah with many other people and sharing the two showers and 5 washrooms between 30 people.

We were able to see the difference it made to the group when we went from living under the succah and sharing in the kitchen duties and sharing the washrooms and being able to have midrashes all over the house, to having our own rooms in the 5 star Grand Court Jerusalem were meals were scheduled. It just was not as cozy and quickly became impersonal as some missed out on impromptu outings and discussions.

Let me now begin to show you how Yehovah has played His hand in the events that took place here.

Back in June I was trying to book a flight to Tel Aviv from Toronto. I could fly into JFK in New York but I was concerned about being denied entry again and I made sure I did not fly into any US cities to change planes.

I could not get a flight that did not depart on the Day of Atonement according to the sightedmoon schedule, and if I did find one that left after the Day of Atonement it always landed on the Sabbath in Israel.

If I booked a flight that would leave after the weekly Sabbath from Toronto it always landed in Tel Aviv on either the first day of Sukkot for either the Hebrew or the sightedmoon calendar.

I was so bugged by all of this. I finally threw my hands in the air and just booked from the weekend before Atonement so that I arrived on the Monday and would not transgress any Sabbath or Holy Days of either calendar by my travel arrangements.

But I knew this would be trouble at work for taking three weeks off of work to keep some religious holiday. In actual fact it was not. But like many of you I worry sometimes about things I need not worry about.

It was a month later that I learned why this took place. In July of 2012 I was able to make arrangements with Boaz and Rinah Dreyer of Be'er Milkah Israel and we came to an agreement to begin to build a vineyard; One that would keep both sabbatical years of 2014 and 2016 to compare which one would be established by Yehovah.

Be'er in Hebrew means well of. Be'er Milkah means the well of Milkah. Milkah was the wife of Nahor. Haran was Abraham's brother and was 32 years older. He was killed by Nimrod in the same fire that Nimrod had thrown Abraham into. Abraham lived and Haran did not. Abraham, and his remaining brother Nahor, married two sisters, their nieces, the daughters of their brother Haran. Nahor married Milkah, and Abraham married Yiskah, better known as Sarai, (later-Sarah). Lot his nephew (and brother-in-law) was the son of Haran.

Near to Be'er Milkah are also the well of Isaac, and the Well of Jacob. Be'er Sheva is where Abraham dug the wells, which is not far away. All of this is in the area of Be'er Milkah where we have begun to build this vineyard. Which is just north of the Wilderness of Paran.

And now that I had already planned to be in Israel one week early I would now be able to be there at the beginning of the work that would be needed to plant this vineyard.

This is why Yehovah had me book one week early. Now it was making sense as to what was going on.

We reported in the Last News Letter that I sent out what we were able to do on this vineyard and the work we got done. Ray Collins of the USA is now back there for another month and is pounding about 2800 posts into the ground to hold up the trellises for the vines and to run the electric fence to keep out the animals and to run the water lines to water the grapes and to plant both the grapes and the essential oil bushes. The grapes are to be of three varieties, which are best for this area to produce specialty wines.

I want to now fill you in on some of the other details that took place at this first week in the Land of Israel.

Prior to our arrival in Israel the News was coming in about incursions across the Sinai Israeli border in the area we had now agreed to work towards establishing this vineyard on. This incident on June 18 took place at the corner of the Moshav (a group of people who have separate farms but working together to protect them) in which Boaz's Vineyard is part of.

June 18, 2012 <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/06/18/1-dead-after-egyptian-militants-fire-across-israeliborder-media-reports-claim/print>

This next incursion took place just up the road from the Moshav and I am wondering what I have gotten myself into. September 21, 2012

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/9558309/Three-militants-andIsraeli-soldier-killed-in-cross-border-raid.html>

Here is an email I was trying to send out but our Internet service was cut off for some reason.

Shalom Craig and Lori, John and Dave and the Brethren who have gathered for Sukkot in Hanover area.

It is September 29, 2012, Shabbat morning here right now in Israel. I am hoping to send this to you before your first Holy Day.

Harvey and Sharon are here with me and they are just in awe of all that we are doing and the fact that they are here.

We are in Be'er Milka which is right on the Egyptian border. This is the very same place that a Thai labourer was killed when his car was hit with an RPG as they built the security fence between Egypt and Israel. This event took place on the corner of the farm.

The incident where the Palestinians charged the border killing a number of Egyptian border guards and then were killed by the Israeli IDF also took place just a few mile up the road from here. And the other attack that killed one IDF soldier and three insurgents took place in the other direction from here, again not too far away.

We were told by the IDF as Shabbat approached not to go out and walk around this night; to stay in our quarters. Their intelligence was telling them of an imminent attack today on Shabbat. And as we came back to our quarters here in the desert just a few miles from the security fence we could see the IDF Humvees stationed at strategic positions on each of the roads that leads from our place towards the security fence. It was also the first time we had seen our host Boaz wearing his revolver.

At the end of Atonement for Judah on September 25 and at the beginning of Atonement on September 26 for us who are following the sighted moon, I was videoing the setting of the sun. Judah concludes the Shabbat and all holy days with the sighting of three stars. And we begin our day and all Holy Days with the setting of the sun. So I was videoing the sun going down and as I was Rinah, Boaz's wife could hear something in the distance. We could not hear anything at first and then we did. It was a Detroit Diesel Boaz said. I was not sure what that meant. Boaz then said that it was an IDF vehicle as if to reassure her and us.

I then saw them in my Video camera way off in the distance and the two Humvees were chasing something or someone. I watched them for about an hour as the sunset and could see the headlights from our vantage point.

Boaz and Rinah were very kind to wait and break our Fast with us as we had now been not eating for two days and could eat anything put in front of us. They were respectful of us keeping two days of fasting, one for the Hebrew Calendar and now for our sightedmoon

calendar. They waited until after sunset before serving us our meal. I think very highly of them for this.

Once again it was the soft-spoken Rinah who heard the machine gun fire. We at first thought it was the IDF practicing. They have a large training facility to the north of us. But the sound was echoing off the buildings. Then Boaz said it was IDF based on the method in which the shots were fired. I burst of gunfire and then a number of single shots. Again the gunfire came from the Security fence area.

And then on Friday as we are preparing to head up to Boaz's for our Shabbat meal, we hear a loud sonic boom, as the air force has to fly at top speeds when they need to get from one place to the other in an emergency.

On Shabbat Rinah did ask us if we heard the drone plane, which was flying over us scanning the horizon for anything suspicious. At this time we had no idea what was going on in the skies above us.

Anyway I tell you all of this so that you know where we are and the normal everyday life that Boaz and all the rest of Judah lives under. The one IDF soldier who died at the Border incursion was someone's son. This 20-year-old young man and his patrol unit had found a Sudanese refugee who was still on the Egyptian side of the border and had stopped to give him water. Palestinian Hamas terrorist insurgents then ambushed the IDF Patrol unit, which is when the young man was shot down. His unit of women then returned fire and killed three and wounded and captured another three. All the men serve three years in the army and are on reserve duty the rest of their lives. The women serve two. The average age of the IDF is 19.

A very dear friend of mine just so happened to be staying on the farm next door and was telling us how he watched the Egyptian guards screaming and chasing down this one Sudanese fella. When they caught him they beat him up and dragged him up to the headquarters. My friend then said they heard a single shot after a few moments.

We get many reports of how the Egyptian shoot the Sudanese for sport as they walk all the way from Sudan fleeing to Israel where they are fed and cared for and then housed and once they are revived sent back to Sudan.

Ray Collins, a friend from the Boston area, had heard about our venture with Boaz in building him this vineyard and building a relationship with the people of Israel. Ray also liked this grand experiment about the Sabbatical year we are doing in comparing both the Jewish one of 2014 and the one I am claiming it to be in 2016. So Ray has come early before the feast and has been helping Boaz do a lot of the ground work for the past four weeks; the type of work that most people do not see or consider.

They had to level the ground and install the asphalt gravel after which they then hired a crane to place the two 40 foot containers. One is used as Boaz's workshop and tool room. The other has two apartments with two baths rooms and one common kitchen in the middle. They then

had to bring in the water line and dig in the sewage line and the sewage tank and then the weeping bed. Which has taken a lot of work to do.

Do not neglect that Boaz also has a day job doing many things for the many other farmers on this and other moshavs. And then has to work on the many preparations for the vineyard after this. So Rays help in all of the preparation has been priceless.

Sharon and Harvey Munro and Myself arrived here on Monday. I had no sleep on the plane. A child was crying and screaming the whole flight. Although I wanted to get to work as soon as I arrived I had no energy. Tuesday we began to carry the heavy posts to the back of the vineyard in the morning and the sun was already hot and going to get hotter as the day progressed. We managed to get the entire length of the back of the property done but it was very long and tiresome day.

It was a long and monotonous day carrying 4 posts at a time across the sand dunes and drudging back to get more. Ray and Boaz did most of the pounding this day as I still had no energy from so little sleep the past few days.

Boaz has planned to do a 10 Dunam section of land for the vineyard. He has 80 to work with. We had enough money for 6 Dunam only; this is what the cost of buying the material for the fence posts and the electric fence and the water piping and the placement of the trailers or Mecholah in Hebrew, will cost. The entire \$40,000 that we have invested will only do 10 Dunam and this is pushing it to the limits but this is the size you must go in order to be a viable operation. It is going to cost another \$40,000 for each of the next two years for water and fertilizers and hydro and maintenance to keep the grapes until they are ready in 3 years' time. So your continued investment in this is needed and appreciated.

Boaz has agreed to lease us 10% of our investment until the Jubilee year in 2045. During the Jewish Sabbatical year of 2014-2015 he will not harvest or prune the vineyard. But our 10% will be. During the Sabbatical year of 2016-2017 Aviv to Aviv he has agreed not to touch our 10%. We will then compare to two and see what Yehovah shows us. During the rest of the time the grapes will be harvested and a tenth given to a local charity and then our 10% will be for our profit after paying Boaz for any labour he has to put out. We have said 5% of our production.

Wednesday was the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur for Boaz and Rinah. Nothing was done and we did not do anything to cause them problems. Thursday was our Day of Atonement and our second day of fasting so again nothing was done. Friday Boaz had to get the cattle barns he had been working on ready by finishing the wiring job he was contracted to do.

So it was Ray and I and Harvey and Sharon who carried and pounded the posts and dragging the water line to help drill through the sand. We began at the back and worked towards the front. And for some reason it seemed to go very fast today. When we got to the front we had to fill in the area that had been excavated for the septic bed for the trailer. This we did by hand in the afternoon. And then we seemed to get a second wind in us and we went across the front of the property and pounded in all the rest of the posts with Shabbat about an hour away.

We had completed the entirety of the vineyard with the heavy and hardest part of the work. This had to be done in order to keep the animals out and the unwanted human types too. So I was pleased to get this part done for Boaz, as it would be a grueling job for one man to do by himself.

We kept Shabbat with Boaz and Rinah and towards the end Boaz wanted to show us something that was just down the road. It was in the wilderness of Paran; the same wilderness that Moses had sent the 12 spies out to spy out Israel.

He took us to a place that was very hard to get to by Jeep. What he showed us was a small mound upon which were many carved or etched in pictures of the Ibex with the long horns. This is the same symbol now used by the national parks of Israel.

Then Boaz showed us on one rock the history that these people had carved into the stones. It showed them in Egypt and then the parting of the Red Sea and then a man holding up two scrolls, which we took to represent Moses holding up the two tablets. One arm of this inscription pointed towards Goshen in Egypt and the other pointed towards Sinai. It was a very special moment as we pondered exactly what we were looking at and who had made this 2391 years ago. The Exodus taking place in 1379 BC. And then to see the house foundations all around us and many other things such as the well of Moses and the well of Aaron being nearby was all very inspiring.

It was an enchanting moment as Sabbath ended to be standing here in this exact place where Israel was given the curses of wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. Then to bring us back to reality the IDF came down out of nowhere and told us we would have to leave. They had been watching us the whole time. I was oblivious to the fact that we were still just a short distance from the security fence and the Sinai desert of Egypt.

During Shabbat we had heard a loud explosion and it seemed to come from the Egyptian side of the fence. But I had no clue what it was and suspected it to be another sonic boom. It would be a few days later before I knew what it was.

Saturday October 7, 2012

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/9592552/Israel-jets-in-crossborder-raid.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/9592263/Israeli-fighter-jetshoot-down-drone.html>

The Drone Rinah had heard was in actual fact an intruder sent in by Hezbollah of Lebanon and it was shot down over a forested area south east of us, where some other friends were keeping the Feast. They saw the whole thing and told me about it afterwards. This was followed by Israeli jets at supersonic speeds flying into Lebanon to send a message and warning to those who did this.

We would not become aware of this until we looked at the news a few days later as we still had no internet access for some reason.

Sunday came and Boaz had to work on the Cattle farm again and we had to head off to Afula to begin the Feast. I had felt bad because I had not given Boaz a hug goodbye. I had hugged him when I first met him and he had hugged me back. You can tell a great deal about a person when they shake your hand. You can tell even more about them when they hug you or when they just pat you on the back. Boaz and I were still sizing each other up in order to know if we could work together.

I had come to a new understanding, which I have not yet shared with you brethren, and I am testing it out now. It is how I pray and to whom I pray, and my understanding of it and healing.

So this past week here in the vineyard I had asked, on our last day there, for rains to bless this project to bless our efforts at seeking the truth from both Boaz's and mine perspective. That night we had thunderstorms. It has not rained here for 3 ½ years. We were all excited and amazed to see the thunderclouds roll through with the lightening and the rain.

I expressed my regret for not hugging Boaz as we said good bye the night before to our Father in Heaven and sure enough that Sunday morning Boaz called and asked if we could drop off a special tool he had forgotten in the tool shop. So I got to again thank Boaz for this great and awesome opportunity and to hug him goodbye. He also gave a bear hug and thanked me for what we at sightedmoon had done and are doing. He also appreciated our straight forwardness and could tell we had no agendas to push upon him or Judah.

I was so glad to hear this. We now had mutual trust and I look forward to working more with Boaz and Rinah and others as Yehovah allows. That Sunday as we left it rained again and we thank Yehovah for this too.

On our way to Be'er Sheva Rinah told us they have to be careful on this lonely stretch of highway. Sometimes the Arabs will ram a car and force it off the road, especially if it is single women driving it. So Rinah does not like driving this highway alone. Please keep her and the other women of this mushov in your prayers.

We were rushed to get the rental car from Be'er Sheva up to Afula before the Holy Day of Sukkot began for Israel. So we drove the car to the limits all the way. Just before Afula we blew a tire on a busy section of highway and with Samaria on our southern side. We thought there was no way we could get the tire changed and get the car back to the rental place in time.

We had the luggage out and the tire off and changed in no time. Just as we were wrapping up the Police came up on two motorcycles and asked if we needed any help. It was comforting to know Yehovah was watching us and giving us help on this busy road as everyone rushed to be where they were going for the start of Sukkot.

We dropped Harvey and Sharon off in front of the place we were staying in Afuala with all the luggage and told them to just walk up to the house and they would find someone. They looked at me like I had two heads. They thought we were staying at a hotel and were a little unnerved to be thrown out in the middle of a neighborhood and left alone. It was funny.

We got the car back before everyone left for the Holy Day and did not have to pay for the tire. And we were able to catch a bus right to the road we were staying at. We then went into Avi and Dina's place and began to meet the brethren from around the world who had gathered to keep the Feast with us. From Japan and Thailand and South Africa and Switzerland and the USA and Canada. It was an awesome group of people that had gathered and most of them were subscribers to this Newsletter and had read The Prophecies of Abraham. So we had two legs up on much of the subjects we would then be talking about.

One couple from Missouri were lost in Afula and could not find the house. Out of the blue, a man walked up to them and told them to get into the car and he would take them to where they had to go. This couple thought this man was sent by us to pick them up so they got in. They then realized the guy did not know where to take them and went to his house to get a map and then called the house to find out where he had to go. He then drove this couple who did not speak Hebrew to the house just before the Jewish High Holy Day was to start. He would except no money and said this was a mitzvah or commandment to do good for a stranger. He was an angel for the couple who were so surprised at how this all turned out. It was the start of an awesome two weeks in Israel.

We will continue next week with the event of our Sukkot experience with you then. Here is some other news that took place while we were there.

Friday October 6, 2012

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/israeli-police-disperse-muslim-worshippers-holy-jerusalem-090115250.html>

Violence at the Temple mount

Hundreds of Arab worshipers threw stones at Israeli police officers near the Western Wall of the Temple Mount last Friday, marking an uptick in violence during the Jewish fall holy day festival. Just after Muslim prayers concluded, swarms of Arabs on the Temple Mount began stoning the officers stationed below, prompting the officers to storm through the Mughrabi Gate and fire several stun grenades to disperse the violent crowd. The Temple Mount has long been a source of contention between Jews and Palestinians. Violent protests have broken out several times in previous years due to Palestinian resentment over Jewish presence in the area. Three years ago, Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal said, "The Israelis want to divide al-Aqsa Mosque ... in preparation for demolishing it and building their temple there." The current state of these two camps fighting over Jerusalem will not last much longer.

Biblical prophecy foretells that it will explode in violence, causing Jerusalem to fall to Arab control. This will trigger a chain reaction of events that will violently affect the whole world, but will ultimately restore peace to the city.

<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/23421/Default.aspx>

Gaza rockets pound southern Israel

Tuesday, October 09, 2012 | Ryan Jones

Palestinian terrorists operating out of the Gaza Strip fired as many as 50 rockets and mortar shells into southern Israel on Monday, as Israelis were marking the final day of the biblical festival of Sukkot – the Feast of Tabernacles.

Most of the rockets landed in open areas and did not cause any injuries or damage, but some did strike residential buildings and a petting zoo, killing and wounding several of the animals.

Israeli army sources said the Palestinians were able to fire so many rockets in such a short period of time thanks to the recent acquisition of sophisticated launchers capable of firing multiple rockets at once.

The barrage came a day after Israeli forces targeted two wanted terrorists traveling by motorcycle in the Gaza Strip. Israeli officials identified the two men, members of an Al Qaida inspired group, as being involved in recent deadly attacks emanating from the Egyptian Sinai.

One of the terrorists was killed and the other seriously wounded in the Israeli strike. Palestinian officials said several bystanders were also injured.

Gaza's Hamas rulers claimed credit for at least some of the indiscriminate rocket fire, the first time the group has done so in months. Hamas typically leaves smaller allied terror groups to take responsibility for the violence in and around Gaza.

Israel responded to the barrage by targeting Hamas positions in Gaza. Officials noted that several mosques were being used by Hamas to house its fighters and equipment. With the situation expected to escalate further, Israelis living in the northern Negev region have been advised to remain within sight of a bomb shelter at all times.

Friday October 11, 2012

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/9602899/Hizbollah-leader-sayshe-will-send-more-drones-over-Israel.html>

Two Grad missiles fired by Gaza terrorists disrupt the calm of the Sabbath in Netivot. One woman treated for shock.

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http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/160819#.UHmtVUL3A_V