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Review: Rosh Hashanna greetings

Shana Tovah שָׁנָה טוֹבָה
[Have a] Good Year

שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה
Shana Tova oo-m'tukah
[Have a] Good and sweet year

**First Baptist
Church in Atlanta,
Georgia, senior
pastor for 49 years**





Dr. Charles Stanley announced his decision to step down as senior pastor of First Baptist Church Atlanta on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 during a livestream service. **With a succession plan in place, the 87-year-old passed leadership on to Dr. Anthony George, who has assisted Stanley for the past eight years.**

Vayikra/Lev 23.24 ‘In the seventh month, the first of the month is to be for you a day of complete rest for remembering, a holy convocation announced with blasts on the shofar.

יְהִי־לָכֶם שַׁבָּתוֹן זְכוֹרֹן תְּרוּעָה

Zikaron t'ruah Yom T'ruah

T'ruah תְּרוּעָה shout, cry; blast
(trumpet, shofar)

The shofar has a wailing,
mournful, judgement sound, so
a sense of judgment.

Shmot/Ex 19.16 Then a shofar blast
sounded so loudly that all the
people in the camp trembled.

**Rabbi Kerry Baker, founding Rabbi of
Congregation Kol Halev, Austin, TX writes:**

**The ancient instrument's
plaintive cry serves as a call to
repentance and a reminder to
Jews that God is their ruler.**

The Mishnah refers to Rosh Hashanah as the day upon which all creatures stand in judgment before God (Rosh Hashanah 1:2)

Yom HaDin יוֹם הַדִּין

Day of Judgment

Leading up to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

While the blowing of the shofar is a Biblical statute, it is also a symbolic “wake-up call,” stirring Jews to mend their ways and repent. The shofar blasts call out: [Maimonides writes]: “Sleepers, wake up from your slumber! Examine your ways and repent and remember your Creator.”

The day, Yom T'ruah, יוֹם תְּרוּעָה

Has a connotation of judgment.

Right now, America is under
judgement.

Will we respond?

Yoel 1.1-3 “Hear this, you leaders!
Listen, all who live in the land!
Has anything like this ever
happened in your days, or in
your ancestors’ days? Tell your
children about it, and have them
tell it to theirs, and have them
tell the next generation.

Yoel 1.19-20 To You, ADONI, I cry! For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flame has set ablaze all the trees of the field. Also beasts of the field pant toward You. For the water of wadis are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Yoel 2.1-2 “Blow the shofar in
Tziyon! Sound an alarm on my
holy mountain!” Let all living in
the land tremble, for the Day of
ADONI is coming! It’s upon us! —
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick fog;

Oxnard,
CA
Sept. 15,
2020



**Yoel 2.3 Ahead of them a fire
devours, behind them a flame
consumes; ahead the land is like
Gan-‘Eden, behind them a
desert waste.**





Jake & Jamie Hyland

Seattle Messianic Rabbi Hylan Slobodkin tells of congregants: Jake, Jamie (and baby in her tummy) and their toddler son Uriel were on a short trip to their property in Okanogan, WA over the weekend. The property is deep in a rural area with no signal or communication.

They were caught in the big Cold Spring Fire on Sunday, we think around midnight . Their abandoned truck was found burned, the fire chased them to the river where they are being rescued today (09/09/2020).



Active Incidents

August Complex (includes Doe Fire)

839175 acres and 30% contained as of 1:52pm

SCU Lightning Complex

396624 acres and 98% contained as of 9/16/2020

LNU Lightning Complex

363220 acres and 98% contained as of 9/16/2020

North Complex Fire

280775 acres and 36% contained as of 1:42pm

Creek Fire

244746 acres and 18% contained as of 10:40am

SQF Complex

122835 acres and 12% contained as of 7:03am

Dolan Fire

122178 acres and 40% contained as of 8:23am

CZU Lightning

86509 acres and 95% contained as of 3:11pm



3,472,947 Acres

Acres Burned



7,882 Incidents

Number of Wildfires

Total sq mi burned CA = Ct + RI !

3472947

Acre



=

5426.

Square mile

Connecticut 4,845

Rhode Island 1,034

**Judgment on the West Coast,
California...
on America.**

California is seen as one of the most liberal states in the U.S. in regard to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) rights, which have received nationwide recognition since the 1970s.

Compassion?

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has shut down all worship in most of the state, even banning Bible studies and fellowship in private homes with anyone who does not live at that home.

In San Francisco, the city threatened "Abatement"—which is immediate seizure and destruction of Lighthouse Church's worship and sanctuary buildings should that church continue to meet. San Francisco allows only 12 people to assemble outside in the sweltering heat and smoke-filled air. But "protesters" and rioters can gather in the thousands.

In Santa Clara, North Valley Baptist Church is being fined \$50,000 per week for refusing to stop worshipping together.

In Sun Valley, Grace Community Church Pastor John MacArthur will likely face contempt of court and jail time for defying a judge's injunction demanding he stop "assembling together," as the Bible commands.

**Not just California
Is Meriting Judgment**

(Worthy News) - A new poll has found that **22% of US Evangelicals believe in “gender fluidity” rather than that people have a God-given gender** that is either male or female, the Christian Post reports. The results of the “State of Theology 2020” poll were published by LifeWay Research on September 8.

Sponsored by Ligonier Ministries, the poll involved over 3,000 American participants. The study found that only 73% of American Evangelicals believe that gender is God-given and not a matter of choice.

According to a 2001 UNICEF survey, in 10 out of 12 developed nations, more than two-thirds of young people have had sexual intercourse while still in their teens. In Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Norway, the United Kingdom and **the United States, the proportion is over 80%.**
Just normal!

The Equality Act is a bill in the United States Congress, that, if passed, would amend the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit, and the jury system.



**“If this bill passes...
religious freedom will be in
material jeopardy!” This is
the testimony of U.S.
House Representative
Louie Gohmert (R-TX) on
HR 5. This bill will strip
freedom from rabbis to
decline to officiate same
sex ceremonies.**

It will force synagogues and churches to host these ceremonies, or face debilitating lawsuits. Men will be able to use women's private facilities [dorms, locker rooms, bathrooms] and compete in women's sports.

- Total number of abortions in the U.S. 1973-2018: **61.8 million+**
- **186 abortions per 1,000 live births** (according to the Centers for Disease Control)
- only surgical and medical abortions

In addition since 1965, an average of 11 million women have used abortifacient methods of birth control in the United States at any given time. About 14 million chemical abortions occur in the United States each year, providing a projected total of well in excess of 610 million chemical abortions between 1965 and 2009.

Recently Pastor Kevin Rowan said that there is no systemic racism in America. I take that to mean that systemic racism isn't crippling as BLM and others make it appear. A Black American can rise in the corporate, academic, industrial,

scientific, political world.
Racism is not anymore the
crippler. A Black American can
even be president!

However...

However, it's not correct to say that "racism doesn't exist" in any measure. For example, US Senator Tim Scott was on Dr. Dobson's Family Talk. He's an African American US Senator, described the following.

**Republican
U.S.
Senator
Tim Scott,
guest on
Dobson's
program**



Having the chance to talk with so many folks, and then having lived through **seven [racially profiled traffic] stops**, as an African-American driving a car, by law enforcement officers. **As an elected official being stopped by law enforcement officers,**

as a United States Senator
trying to enter into the Senate
buildings, wearing my Senate
pin, they just didn't believe me.
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There is a complicated and emotional attachment to the fact that the discrimination that so many of us have felt is real. The solution to it, I think it is multifaceted and layered. But the vast majority,

and I've had years and years of experience with law enforcement, the vast majority of officers have one objective: it's to do their jobs and go home. It's those apples, one bad apple spoils the whole bunch.

Baseless hatred is identified by Jewish tradition as the cause for the destruction of the Second Temple, and thus as emblematic for the substantial personal and collective harm that has ensued. In its most extreme form, this kind of hate aims to exterminate one's fellow man.

Vayikra/Lev 18.27-28 For the people of the land have committed all these abominations, and the land is now defiled. If you make the land unclean, it will vomit you out too, just as it is vomiting out the nation that was there before you.

America is in danger of divine judgement, already begun!

**Where are the worst urban riots
in America?**

**Where is the worst air pollution
in America?**

URBAN CHAOS

KING OF THE HILL





PlayStation Urban
Chaos: Riot
Response On...

\$18.00 used



HISTORY & CULTURE

Oregon faces down a 'once-in-a-generation' crisis as wildfires rage on

Towns have been destroyed and smoke has made the state's air quality among the worst in the world.

Worst riots...worst air pollution.

Worst immorality...worst fires.

America's sins

- Sexual impurity and redefinition
- Racial bias, baseless hatred
- Rioting from unforgiveness.
- Aborting/murdering babies.
- Disrespect of G-d and worship.

American exceptionalism

- a uniquely American ideology based on liberty, equality before the law, individual responsibility, republicanism, representative democracy, and laissez-faire economics.
- the idea that America has a mission to transform the world

The essence of the protests is that America rather was founded on

- genocide of the indigenous people
 - slavery
 - Greedy exploitative capitalism.
- and should be abolished.

This 244 year old republic could be at its end.

- Freedom to live and preach Biblically may be viewed as hateful.**
- Defense of our nation may be viewed as imperialism.**

I love our country, and it's survival is at risk. We are told

1 Tim 2 first of all I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made on behalf...kings and all who are in authority—so we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and respectfulness.

1 Tim 2 This is good and pleasing
in the sight of God our Savior.
He desires all men to be saved
and come into the knowledge of
the truth.

I think we can apply the words of
Abe Lincoln in a spiritual sense:

**It is rather for us to be here
dedicated to the great task
remaining before us...that we
here highly resolve that...**

**this nation, under God, shall
have a new birth of freedom—
and that government of the
people, by the people, for the
people, shall not perish from the
earth.**

Divrei Yamin 1 / 2 Chron 7:13-14 If I shut up the sky, so that there is **no rain**; or if I order **locusts to devour the land**; or if I send an **epidemic of sickness** among my people; then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.

1K 8.38 When prayer or
supplication is made by anyone
or by all Your people Israel—
each knowing the plague of his
own heart

Yoel 2.12-14 “Yet even now,” says ADONI, “turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and lamenting.” Tear your heart, not your garments; and turn to ADONI your God. For he is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace,

Yoel 2.12-14 and willing to change his mind about disaster. Who knows? He may turn, change his mind and leave a blessing behind him.

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The election will not save us. We need a culture change, only by a spiritual renewal. Such transformation has happened before in history: Wesley, Fiji Islands, Hebrides, Yeshua movement 1970's.

By intercession... continued tomorrow. Hear the shofar call...

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