



# ADAT HATIKVAH

## Messianic Synagogue

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### ADAT IS...

Reflecting the Jewishness of Yeshua

A House of Prayer for all Nations

Centered on the Biblical Calendar

Spirit-filled blended worship made up of contemporary music and liturgy

A congregation of people who are discovering who we are, becoming who we are created to be, and investing in God's kingdom.

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

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### TODAYS READINGS

**Torah:** Lev 1:1-5

**Haf:** Eze 45:16-20

**B'rit:** Hebrews 13:10-16

John's vision helps us understand the continuity of Prophecy and how to apply the concepts to our lives. However, no other book in the Bible has been more misunderstood than the book of Revelation. Before we understand the praise in Rev 15 it is helpful to go to the Psalms to help understand the weight of grace.

Psalm 111

Psalm 139

Psalm 86

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#### Read Psalm 111, Deut 32:3ff,

- How are God's works described?
- How are the works of His hands described?

#### Read Psalm 139; Jer 12

- How does God know us?
- Can we escape God's presence?
- Is David afraid to have God examine and search him?

#### Read Psalm 86; Isa 66:23

- When and why does David call on the LORD?
- How does he expect God to treat him? Why?

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## **BINAH CENTER CLASSES AND GROWTH GROUPS**

All education at Adat is becoming the Binah center. There are new classes, Bible Studies, and Growth groups forming now and may change. For the most updated Schedule visit the Binah Center Table or Contact [Debra.Stackhouse@adathatikvah.org](mailto:Debra.Stackhouse@adathatikvah.org)

## **UPCOMING DATES**

Purim Service	Sat March 19th
Binah Center Spring Kick Off	Sat March 26th
Passover Begins	Friday April 15th
Baptism Service	Sat April 16th
Shavout	Sunday June 5th

## **NATION OF FOCUS: IRAN**

Continent: Asia Capital City: Tehran

Government: Theocratic Republic Population: 82,021,564

Major People Groups: Persian, Azeri, Kurd, Lur, Baloch, Arab, Turkmen and Turkic tribes

Religion: Muslim 99.4%, other 0.3%, unspecified 0.4%

Language: Persian, Azeri Turkic and Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic, other

GDP Per Capita: \$20,000 Literacy Rate: 86.8%

UNREACHED: 89.6% Jewish Population: 8,500

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for a great harvest resulting from faithful believers sharing bold accounts of their faith.
- Pray for the church to rapidly multiply and mature despite horrendous persecution against non-Muslim peoples.
- Pray for Christians to capitalize on unprecedented opportunities to spread the Gospel via Internet, TV, and media.
- *Pray this nation will have a heart for Israel and Jewish People*

### **SUMMARY**

Known as Persia until 1935, today's Islamic Republic of Iran is predominately Muslim (98%), mostly Shi'ite. With its proximity to Arabic speaking countries, it is often perceived to be Arabic, but Iran is Persian. The Elamites, descendants of Noah's son Shem, first settled in the area and were followed by the Medes and Persians who established an ancient civilization and world empire. The Bible records the names of some of its most famous: Cyrus the Great, Darius, and Xerxes. Over the centuries, the Persian language (Farsi) and culture have prevailed even with many conquerors crossing through this land. Persians comprise over sixty percent of the 79 million people in Iran and it's as 'Persians' that many identify themselves. With coastlines on the Caspian Sea in the north and the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman in the south, Iran's large land mass is politically strategic as it shares borders with Iraq, Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Geographically in the Middle East and Central Asia, Iran is a recognized regional power.

The 1979 Islamic Revolution overthrew the twenty-five-hundred-year-old monarchy and converted Iran into a Shi'ite Muslim, cleric-ruled country. A year later, Iraq attacked Iran and an 8-year war followed, helping solidify the rule of the Muslim clerics (Ayatollahs) and worsening the already hurting economy. Currently, Iran's over dependence on the country's rich oil and natural gas exports, a significant increase in the birth rate in the 80's, and economic reforms that fell short of their targets have resulted in high unemployment and underemployment, double-digit inflation, and almost 20% of the people living in poverty. Furthermore Iran's questionable nuclear program along with its geographic location and attitude toward Israel has stirred up considerable worldwide political concerns for the stability of the region and has resulted in economic sanctions and continued close scrutiny of all Iranian political activities.

In Iran all ethnic Persians and those from Muslim backgrounds (even if not practicing) are considered Muslims. Anyone who converts to Christianity is declared an apostate and could face death. The Iranian constitution recognizes the historic minority religions of Zoroastrianism, Judaism, and Christianity, but it does not allow churches to preach or distribute materials in Farsi and proselytizing is forbidden. Yet, the number of Muslim background believers coming to Christ in Iran continues to grow greatly regardless of certain persecution. Believers and non-believers are having Holy Spirit-inspired dreams and visions and are seeing wonders. Many are curious about the Bible, but Bibles and Christian printed materials in Farsi are illegal. Smuggled Farsi Bibles and materials are quickly put to use. The Internet and broadcasts by radio and satellite TV are providing encouragement, resources, and training for believers as more come to Christ and more underground house churches are established.