

Nation of Focus: Eswanini/Swaziland



Continent: Africa Capital City: Mbabane

Government: Monarchy Population: 1,113,276

Religion: Christian 89%, Ethnic religions 8%, Agnostic 1%, Muslim 1%

Language: Swati, Zulu, Afrikaans, Tsonga, Hindi GDP Per Capita: \$8,400

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those bound by ancestor worship and the occult
- Pray for healthy marriages and sexual purity to loosen the grip of HIV/AIDS over the nation.
- Pray for the purification from all cultural sins.
- Prayer this nation Has a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

The Kingdom of Eswatini is one of Africa's smallest nations and one of the world's last absolute monarchies. It is a landlocked country bordered by South Africa and Mozambique. This nation is filled with natural beauty shown through its people, diverse landscapes, and cultural traditions. Despite western influences, Eswatini's culture has remained intact.

Eswatini gained independence from Britain in 1968 under Sobhuza who reigned from 1921 to 1982. King Mswati III became ruler four years later, and continues to reign today. The nation was formerly known as Swaziland, but on the 50th anniversary of the country's independence in 2018, Mswati changed the national name to Eswatini, citing a return to its ancient title before colonization. Although a small nation, the HIV/AIDS infection rate in Eswatini is one of the highest in the world, affecting 27% of those aged 15 to 49. Due to high poverty rates (59%) and income inequality, many women and girls end up in prostitution and are at greater risk for HIV/AIDS. Eswatini is also known as the country of orphans. Around 58% of the nation's youngsters are orphans and vulnerable children, largely due to HIV/AIDS. Children often live together, with the older ones caring for the younger, and about one in ten are malnourished. Eswatini also has the world's highest number of Tuberculosis cases, and 80% of those treated are also infected with HIV/AIDS. Drought, overgrazing, and soil depletion further contribute to national poverty, and nearly half the population is unemployed. Many are migrating to South Africa to find work.

Although Christianity it is the primary religion, a large portion of those who claim to follow Yeshua are being led astray by false teachings such as African Zionism, which combines ancestor worship with Christian beliefs. Lack of Biblical understanding and nominalism have opened the door for sins like sexual impurity to take root even in the Church, contributing to the widespread devastation of HIV/AIDS. Even so, there is a strong evangelical community (20%), and many desire to work together to reach Eswatini with the Gospel. The suffering of this nation presents an opportunity for the Church to tangibly demonstrate the love of Messiah by meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of its people.

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LOVINGKINDNESS

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to “Love the Lord our God”, but what does it mean to Love God? How can we get through difficult situations and impossible problems, God’s Loving Kindness.

Exodus 15:1-7

Exodus 15:8-10

Exodus 15:11-13

Exodus 15:14-21

Sermon Questions

Read Exodus 15:1-7; Is 12:2; Hab 3:18f; Rev 15:3

- Why do we worship the LORD?
- Where does our strength and Salvation come from?
- List the descriptions of God and discuss how you can apply these to your situations and battles?

Read Exodus 15:8-10; Ex 14:13ff

- When you come to impossible situations How does God

Read Exodus 15:11-13

- Do any other gods compare to the LORD?
- How does God lead us?

Read Exodus 15:14-21

- What is the testimony and what is the proof that God’s love is faithful?

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Upcoming Events

Hanukkah Party

TODAY December 17th
After Service

No Live Stream

December 24th

New Binah Semester

Week of January 9th

New Classes

1. Loving Leviticus
2. Biblical Hebrew 2

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To Be and Make Disciples
of Yeshua the Messiah

Our Values

Love God
Love People
Pursue Excellence
Eager to Grow

Our Distinctions

To the Jewish people First
And Also the Nations
The Biblical Calendar
The Bible as One-Story

Today’s Portion

Vayeshev “He Settled”

Our Readings

Torah: Gen 37:25-28
Haf: Amos 2:6-11
B’rit: Matt 27:1-7



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