Nation of Focus: Bhutan



Continent: Asia Capital City: Thimphu Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 857,423 Major People Groups: 23% Western Bhutanese (Drukpa); 22% Eastern Bhutanese (Sharchop); 11% Nepalese (Paharia); 10% Dzalakha; 8% Khen Religion: Buddhist 83%, Hindu 11%, Ethnic 3%, Christian 2% Language: Dzongkha, Tshangla, Nepali, Dzalakha, Khengkha GDP Per Capita: \$10,900 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS: 99.6%

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Bhutan to once again open its doors witnessing.
- Pray for Believers to stand firm despite harsh treatment.
- Pray for human rights abuses against the Nepali Bhutanese to be replaced by love and compassion in the name of Yeshua.
- Prayer Lao would have a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

SUMMARY

Isolated by the Himalayas, refined by centuries of etiquette, and shaped by both the cultural and spiritual influences of Buddhism, Bhutan remains a mountainous, untouched jewel of southern Asia. Also known as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon," this remote nation was relatively isolated until the 1960's. As trade began to form with neighboring India, Bhutan experienced social and political modernization by developing ties with other nations, constructing paved roads, abolishing slavery, and ending the caste system.

However, discrimination towards other ethnic groups, especially the Nepalese, has managed to remain. Religions, aside from Buddhism, are not recognized. Those who practice other faiths can lose their citizenship and government benefits, including free education, health care, and even access to electricity and water. In spite of newly built roads, unemployment is still rampant due to lack of economic development, and though more children are attending school, less than fifty percent of Bhutanese attend regularly. Due to the influx of Hindu Nepalese refugees, the Bhutanese government has resorted to restricting immigration laws, deepening feelings of racism and bitterness between the two ethnic groups and resulting in violence and protests.

Though the population of Bhutan is nearly one million, Christians only number in the hundreds. Churches are forbidden in all but very rare circumstances with most believers meeting in private homes to worship in secret. Bhutan is one of the least evangelized nations, and the Christians within its borders are subject to prejudice, harassment, and even physical violence. Pray that the church will flourish under this persecution, will share with Bhutan the truth of salvation through Yeshua, and will be empowered through His strength to forgive and accept the Nepalese people.





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LOVE Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to "Love the Lord our God", but what does it mean to Love God? But do we Love Yeshua as much as he forgave our sins?

Luke 7:18-23

Luke 7:24-35

Luke 7:36-39

Luke 7:40-43

Luke 7:44-50

Sermon Questions

Read Luke 7:1-17What are the things Yeshua is doing that cause Him to get attention?

Read Luke 7:18-23; Matt 11:2-19; Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24

- Why does John send two disciples?
- What is Johns disciples asking?

Read Luke 7:36-39; Matt 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8

· Compare the versions of this parable. Similarities & differences?

Read Luke 7:40-43

· Why interrupt with a Parable? What is the lesson?

Read Luke 7:44-50; Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24

- · What does it mean to wash someone feet?
- · What does it mean to anoint someone with oil?
- · Do we Love Yeshua as much as we have been forgiven?
- · What does it claim that Yeshua forgives sins?

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Upcoming Events

Youth Group Meeting Our Youth group is launching this summer. Student in 6th grade or above.

Sat.June 17th after service

Messiah Conference July 2-8 2023

Adat Family Picnic July 23rd Bring a side to share to Sunset Park starting at 11:00am. Adat will provide burgers, hotdogs and water.

Summer of Music https://adathatikvah.org/ summer-of-music

Muslim Evangelism The Al-Ma'idah Initiative August 5th



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<u>Our Mission</u>

To Be and Make Disciples of Yeshua the Messiah

<u>Our Values</u>

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

Torah Portion

Beha'alotcha "When you raise" Numbers 8:1-12:16

Our Readings

Numbers 8:1-4 Zechariah 4:1-7 Acts 2:1-4, 14-18