



# 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.

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## TODAYS READINGS

**Torah:** Genesis 45:25-28

**Haf:** Ezekiel 37:15-20

**B'rit:** Luke 24:30-39

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. Once the seals are opened on the scroll, BEHOLD God seals his people!

Rev 7:1-3

Rev 7:4-8

Rev 7:9-17

### **Growth Group study questions:**

#### **Read Rev 7:1-3; Ezekiel 7:1-6, 9:1-4**

- What are the four angels holding back?
- Where does 5th angel tell them to wait for?
- Why type of person does God seal?

#### **Read Rev 7:4-8**

- What number does John hear?
- Who are these people? What do they represent?

#### **Read Rev 7:9-10; Gen 16:10**

- When John looks who is there?

#### **Read Rev 7:11-17; Dan 12; Ps 121:5f; Is 49:10**

- How do the people respond to God?
- What happens to those who make it through the great tribulation?
- Where does God live? His people?
- When God leads us what do we have to look forward to?

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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)

## **NATION OF FOCUS: TURKMENISTAN**

Continent: Asia Capital City: Ashgabat Government: Republic Population: 5,351,277  
Major People Groups: Turkic 94.5%, Eurasian 3%, Iranian-Median 2.2%, other 3% Religion: Muslim 96.16%, Non 2%, Christian 1.83% Language: Turkmen GDP Per Capita: \$18,700 Literacy Rate: 99.7%

**UNREACHED: 55.3%**

Jewish Population: 200

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for new Bibles for house churches whose literature has been confiscated and destroyed.
- Pray for open doors for humanitarian organizations to meet practical as well as spiritual needs.
- Pray for governing authorities to abandon the strict policies controlling religious activity.
- Pray this nation will have a heart for Israel and Jewish People

### **SUMMARY**

Turkmenistan's waterless terrain is inhospitable to plant and animal life, but it is still home to over five million Turkmens. Oases, found mostly along the foothills and rivers, are a welcome site in this nation comprised of 80% desert. Although desolate, its rolling sand dunes and ragged mountain ranges provide a beautiful landscape. With rich deposits of oil and gas, Turkmenistan has discovered great wealth even within the desert.

Once made a part of the Soviet Union, Turkmen property was taken, traditions were removed, and the Turkmens' nomadic lifestyle came to an end. Turkmenistan gained its independence from the Soviet Union in the 1990s, but change has been very slow. Communist rule was replaced by a dictatorship until 2006. Turkmenistan has had difficulty rising to its feet, even under the rule of a new president elected under the first multi-candidate election in 2007. Rising crime, poverty, unemployment, and drug use have made progress difficult. The administration, although claiming to be a presidential republic and secular democracy, has often operated under more authoritarian rules, sacrificing certain human rights and religious freedoms. Despite the wealth brought in by the oil and gas industry, many of the Turkmen people remain impoverished.

Although the constitution claims religious freedom, the reality is quite different. With Sunni Islam (89%) and Russian Orthodoxy (9%) considered the only two legal religions, persecution of other faiths is prevalent. Unregistered religious gatherings are forbidden, often suffering grave consequences. But persecution and restriction have only strengthened the Turkmen Church. Prior to independence, Christianity was mostly non-existent, but today there are as many as 1,000 followers of Jesus. With all foreign missionaries expelled, several pastors exiled, beaten, or imprisoned, and the Bible not yet fully translated, the spread of the Gospel in Turkmenistan faces great challenges. Yet, the church continues to grow amid constant threat.