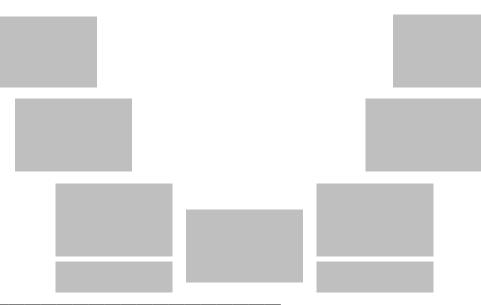


# ADAT HATIKVAH Messianic Synagogue

Feb 27th 2021/ Adar 5781 Hidden Prayer Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

The book of Esther is full of Hidden things. It is ultimately not what it says but what it does not say. Hidden Identity, Hidden Plan, and Ironic Reversals.



### Growth Group study questions: Read Esther Chapter 1-3, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, 1 Sam 15

- · What are the conflicts in these chapters?
- What is Esthers Identity? Mordechai? Haman?
- What is your identity?
- Is there anything you forgot to do that may get in the way of who you are supposed to be?

## **Read Esther Chapter 5-6**

- · How does Esther handle the news of impeding destruction?
- What is Haman's plan, does he see clearly? What gets in his way?
- How does the King remember Mordechai?
- What must Haman do?

## **Read Esther Chapter 7-10**

- What happens when Esther's Identify is revealed? Haman's? Modechai's?
- How does the edict change the identity of the kingdom?
- What customs did Esther instate? (Esther 9:22, 31)
- · What emotions does it reflect?

Can you see God's providence in your past? Are you confident of the future?

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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: Exodus 30:7-10 Haf: 1 Sam 15:20-25 B'rit: Matt 5:13-20

Contact the Office or an Elder (847) 834-1053 info@adathatikvah.org



### **Current Growth Groups**

## Prayer/Affinity Grayslake, IL

Carmen P. Tuesdays 6:30 PM (Weekly)

Prayer/Affinity Adat Hatikvah Zoom Wednesdays 7:00 PM (Weekly)

Sermon Discussion Highland Park, IL Zach & Tamar R. Thursdays 7:00 PM (Bi-Weekly)

#### Sermon Discussion Skokie

Sandi D in (Women Only) Saturdays 6:30 PM (1st & 3rd Sat of month)

### Torah Club: Adat Zoom

Evy R, Neal S, Heather R, Cornwells Saturdays 1:00pm (Weekly)

#### Hayesod Zoom

Contact debra.stackhouse@adathatikvah.org for more information Wednesdays 6pm Online (Weekly)

### Looking to start a growth group?

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#### Our National Prayer focus this week: New Zealand

Government: Parliamentary Democracy Population: 4,510,327 Major People Groups: European 71.2%, Maori 14.1%, Asian 11.3%, Pacific peoples 7.6%, African 1.1%, other 1.6% Religion: Christian 53.20%, Non 49.92%, Hindu 2.02%, Buddhist 1.45%, Muslim 1.23% Language: English, Maori, Samoan

UNREACHED: 28.4% Jewish Population: 7500

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to humble an independent and secular people.
- Pray for committed Christian leaders to be raised up from the Maori.
- Pray for immigrant believers to be bold proclaimers of the faith.
- Pray this nation will have a heart for Israel and Jewish People

#### SUMMARY

The unparalleled beauty of New Zealand's snowcapped mountains and majestic lowland plains attracts tourists year-round as does the vibrant intersection of British and Maori cultures. A world-renowned destination for the nature enthusiast and cultural connoisseur alike, New Zealand is truly a traveler's gem. Though tourism is a thriving industry in New Zealand, there is much more this nation's story than trendy hotels and epic wilderness adventures.

The Polynesian Maori were New Zealand's first inhabitants and settled as early as 800 A.D. Hunting and fishing people, the Maori sustained themselves with the rich natural resources the island provided. These resources lured European explorers to the islands in the late 18th century. In 1840, a treaty was signed between the United Kingdom and Maori chiefs, which granted Britain sovereignty over the island. Twenty years later, the UK established its first colony. Tension between the Maori and British settlers over land rights erupted in conflict and the eventual defeat of the Maori. By the 1890's, a constitutional government emerged, and in 1947 New Zealand became autonomous. Regarded as one the least corrupt nations in the world, New Zealand stands at the forefront of Pacific affairs and has embarked on numerous international peacekeeping missions.

Since the 1960's, New Zealand has seen dynamic growth among charismatic groups and many dynamic churches have emerged. But non-belief is increasingly prevalent. In 1951 only 1% identified themselves as non-religious, but by 2010 that number grew to 41%! It is estimated that by 2020, Christianity will cease to be the majority religion and will be replaced by non-religious thought. A post-Christian nation, New Zealand faces growing secularism, which has infiltrated education and political policies. Prostitution, which was legalized in 2003, exemplifies the rapid moral decline facing this nation. The Church is in great need of unity amidst growing indifference. Pray that Truth would infiltrate a society increasingly lost in darkness.