



# ADAT HATIKVAH Messianic Synagogue

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The Purpose of a Christmas  
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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:** Exodus 2:5-9

**Haf:** Isaiah 27:6-12

**B'rit:** Hebrews 11:23-29

The Two Johns give us similar reasons to celebrate Yeshua. There is a purpose for a celebration of Yeshua's birth. Tim Keller said, "The text says the invisible has become visible, the incorporeal has become corporeal. In other words, God has become human. The absolute has become particular. The ideal has become real. The divine has taken up a human nature." - Tim Keller." So how can we celebrate his birth in a deeper more profound way?

Incarnational John 1:1-2 and Philippians 2:6-11

Historical John 1:14-18 and 1John 1:1-2

Mystical John 1:3-4 and Colossians 1:16-17

Relational 1 John 1:3

Emotional 1 John 1:4 and John 3:16

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

**Read John 1:1-18; Gen 1:1; Col 1:17; Phil 2:6-11**

- What does the idea that Yeshua lowered himself to our level mean to you? How can you celebrate his Incarnation?

**Read John 1:14-18; 1 John 1:1-2**

- What is the purpose of John's testimony about Yeshua?
- How can you celebrate this history?

**Read John 1:3-4 and Colossians 1:16-17**

- How can you celebrate Yeshua as the creator?

**Read John 1 John 1:3**

- How can you celebrate the relationship you have with Yeshua?

**Read 1 John 1:4 and John 3:16**

- What are some of the emotions that come with celebrating the incarnation, history, mystical, and relationship?

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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: THE WHOLE WORLD**

### **SUMMARY**

“There are 7.2 billion people in the world today, and 2 billion have never heard the life-saving message of the gospel. When numbers reach into the billions, they seem to lose meaning; they are simply too big.

However, if we shrink the world's population down to a village of 100 people, perhaps we can start to make sense of the dire needs that crush the global population, and more importantly we can be moved to pray for people who, without Christ, have little hope, peace, joy, or opportunity for salvation.

Picture the world as a village of 100 people. Six people (all U.S citizens) own 58% of the wealth. 74 people own 39% of the wealth. 20 people own the other 2%. If you have a bank account (with any amount) you are among the richest 30 people. 18 people struggle to live on \$1 USD per day. 53 people struggle to live on \$2 USD per day. 20 people are undernourished, 15 are overweight, and one dies of starvation. 20 people have no clean drinking water. 56 people have no access to sanitation, and 80 live in substandard housing. One person has AIDS, and one has a university degree. Seven people have computers, and 67 are illiterate. 48 people cannot speak freely of their religious faith.

Even when the numbers are shrunk to understandable figures, the global issues and problems can seem insurmountable. But when we feel as if there is nothing we can do to help the world, we need to remember that Christ was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life, sacrificed his own body and blood for every person, and rose victorious over sin, death, and hell. It is this very same Jesus who said in John 14:12, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father."

What great works and service can we do when all seems too vast and complex? We can PRAY for a world that desperately needs Christ and his salvation, remembering that the Christ who conquered death takes our prayers to the Master of the Universe.”

-<https://www.prayercast.com/world.html>