



# ADAT HATIKVAH Messianic Synagogue

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Freedom Prayer  
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Discover  
Become  
Invest

The book of Acts records the important history between the resurrection of Yeshua and the death of Rabbi Paul. The book of Acts encourages us with the power of the Gospel and how God uses and empowered His people to expand His kingdom. Acts 16 is really three different types of bondage and three instances of freedom that teach the relationship of prayer to freedom.

Acts 16:1-5

Acts 16:6-13

Acts 16:14-21

Acts 16:22-30

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## Growth Group study questions:

### Read Acts 16:1-5, Gal 2:1-16

- Why does Paul circumcise Timothy but not Titus
- What bondage does Paul refer to in verse 16?

### Read Acts 16:6-13

- Has the Holy Spirit ever directed you to change directions?
- How would respond if He did?

### Read Acts 16:14-21

- What types of Bondage was the slave girl in?
- Why did Paul get thrown in prison?

### Read Acts 16:22-40; Rom 5:1-5; James 1:2-4

- How do Paul and Silas endure prison?
- What happens to their prison and the guards?

Is there anything that keeps in bondage, can God break those chains?

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## TODAYS READINGS

**Torah:** Exodus 14:10-14

**Haf:** Judges 5:24-27

**B'rit:** Matt 14:22-23

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Our National Prayer focus this week: **Mexico**

Continent: North America

Capital City: Mexico City

Government: Federal Republic

Population: 124,574,795

Major People Groups: mestizo 62%, predominantly Amerindian 21%, Amerindian 21%, other 10%

Religion: Christian 95.03%, Non 3.60%, Ethno 1.20%

Language: Spanish

GDP Per Capita: \$19,500

Literacy Rate: 94.5%

UNREACHED: 0.9%

Jewish Population: 40,000

## PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the love and forgiveness of Jesus to overpower the strongholds of crime, violence, and corruption.
- Pray for government leaders to repent of corruption and seek God's righteousness.
- Pray for empty religious traditions to be replaced by radical discipleship.
- Pray this nation will have a heart for Israel and Jewish People

## SUMMARY

Mexico is a unique combination of ancient indigenous traditions and thriving modern cities. Handcrafted works of art, picturesque beaches, and the temple-pyramids of ancient empires all make this nation truly remarkable in its cultural and natural beauty. Known for their strong national and regional pride, as well as familial bonds, the Mexican people are a diverse mix of Amerindian, Mestizo, and European descent. The same diversity is evident among the breathtaking plateaus, lush rainforests, vast mountain ranges, and picturesque plains that make Mexico a top tourist destination. Even with a reformed and growing free-market economy and developing middle class, the nation faces serious concerns with wide socio-economic disparity, poor job conditions for over half its workers, and high underemployment. Years of political conflicts, rampant corruption, and marginalization of Amerindian peoples continue to hold Mexico in bondage. This is the second most violent country in the world, with one of the highest kidnapping rates. Drug trafficking cartels and the resulting gang violence have left tens of thousands dead, with over 20,000 homicides in 2016 alone. Fear and police corruption have hindered any lasting solutions. Neglected rural areas, massive urban shanty towns, and rampant poverty present huge social challenges. In addition, thousands of mainly Central American refugees flee north through Mexico in the hope of crossing into the United States. Natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes have killed thousands. Over 15,000 children - often known as "rat children" - live in deplorable conditions on the streets and in the sewers of Mexico City. To cope, many inhale a harmful solvent that numbs their pain and helps them forget. It is also estimated that 14% of the adult population suffers from diabetes, the leading cause of death in Mexico.

Ninety-five percent of Mexicans identify as Christian. Many are cultural Catholics and blend Christianity with traditional pagan beliefs. There remains a great need for this Christian majority to replace cultural faith with a vibrant and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Although Protestantism is increasingly accepted - about 8% are evangelical - they have faced widespread persecution and violence from organized crime, corrupt officials, and even their own families. This is particularly prevalent in southern states such as Chiapas, Oaxaca, and Guerrero when individuals refuse to participate in pagan rituals. Even so, the Evangelical Church is growing and stands in great need of discipleship, sound Biblical doctrine, and strong Christian leadership.