

GREETINGS from ROGER!!!!

For PT April - June 2020.

First the good news!! 1) God is Good all the time even in stressful times like these. He is fully in control of events while preparing for the Return of Yeshua to Israel to begin His Kingdom. My guess is this virus and lockdowns are preparation for the false messiah's reign. 2) New opportunities have developed for APMF and us because of the lockdowns by wide use of Internet options! A morning Shabbat Torah study group in Calgary, AB, Canada asked me to join them more than a month ago, on facebook messenger. I enjoyed adding my input to the passages from the 3-year Torah cycle that they are using. The next week a late afternoon Shabbat Bible study group in Calgary asked me to teach them, first on the **Mishkan** (The Tabernacle in Exodus) for some weeks, then some other topics, also on fb messenger. It was discovered that only the first 8 computers can be accommodated on fb messenger of the **22** that tried that first attempt. I was left out and also one from California. Those first 8 are Filipinos now living in cities across Canada from the East to the West who enjoyed fellowship, study and prayer for 4.5 hours!! Some are alone in spiritually dry areas and this was their first spiritual feast in a long time. All immigrated from our Congregations in the Philippines, some even before APMF was founded in 2002. Please inform any APMFers in Canada about this!!

The Calgary groups apparently have some computer savvy people so after the first try with such a big group they asked us all to get on ZOOM and the next Shabbat it worked just fine, video and audio. One young fellow from Eagles Wings Congregation in Metro Manila, now in Calgary, recorded my 1.5 hour teaching and put it on a new youtube channel!! On the 3rd Shabbat, I was surprised to see some familiar faces from Baguio City!! They had to be ready by 6:00 AM on Sunday to join my teaching which begins at 6:00 PM on Saturday at our place, 4:00 PM at Calgary, the hub. Later I learned that there were 30 computers on Zoom with whole families listening in!!!

This is a tremendous blessing to me as it gives me an outlet for my pent-up teaching energy that has been suppressed for several years!!! The Lord has not opened up any real ministry here in the USA as His Call upon me was to the Philippines and Asia Pacific region so I am very happy with this new development.

Now for the bad news!! 1) Naomi has not walked in 6 years. She became paralyzed on her right side, arm, hand and leg so she has been wheelchair bound these years. Our last trip to Manila was April 2016 and to Calgary in July, but traveling in wheelchair proved "too much" so we just stay home and use email to keep in touch with our APMF family. Naomi is just fine mentally but is getting worse

physically. We think it might be neuropathy as doctors are only guessing. I have been housekeeper and her care giver for these years so we appreciate your prayers for both of us. Naomi has learned to feed herself and brush her teeth with her left hand but nothing more. Naomi needs large print now to be able to read anything. We have had a full life together for 63 years and we both look forward to "going Home." *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.*

Revelation 14:13.

As the old song says (my revision), "This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' thru; but while I'm here on earth, there's lots of work to do!" for and with our Commander-in-Chief Yeshua, as I consider myself a soldier for Him. *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that wars (we are in spiritual warfare 24/7!) entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier.* **2 Timothy 2:3-4.** It has been a great blessing and privilege to be a front-line soldier for and with Yeshua since teen years, especially since being Called to serve Him in the Philippines since 1958 and still going strong via Internet and publishing two books, one my biography and the other some of my main teachings! Both books are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). I am still studying and writing so there might be a 3rd volume.

It is said that "every human is incurably religious," that there is something inside us that tells us that there is a God, that somehow we will be held accountable to Him, and therefore, that we should make some effort to come to terms with Him. We know that that "something inside" was put there by God at creation and passed on to everyone. I do not believe that there are any true atheists. From the beginning with Adam & Havah, God has told mankind what to do, but also from the beginning, satan has deceived most people. Only a few saw through his deception and resisted, notably Enoch, Noah and Abram to name just a few. We also know that God had everything planned before He created anything, nothing surprises Him, but I wonder why He waited 2,000 years before he established Israel as a nation to be His witnesses? But that is history. When He did establish Israel, He first gave Israel the choice if they wanted to be His special people or not, and the record indicates a "unanimous yes."

So Israel is to become an independent Nation, different and separate from all others. They will be given a Land, a government of sorts and a unique and somewhat elaborate way to "come to terms with Him," as individuals and also as a Nation. We know the Land will be what was promised to Abraham, from the Euphrates River to the Nile River. We know the government developed and grew from individual leaders or judges into a monarchy with King David. How to

approach God, how to worship Him was fixed from the beginning of the Nation as the multitude of 3 million former slaves came to meet God at Mt Sinai. The essence of this "how to" has never changed. To make it very clear to Israel, God had Moses & Co build this **Mishkan** so that these steps to come to God are illustrated, obvious and fixed. The physical Mishkan on earth is a copy of the permanent Mishkan in heaven where the same procedure would be followed spiritually. Therefore, it is of great value to all of us to learn from the physical *Mishkan* so that we do not make any mistake about understanding our own salvation and how to present the Gospel to others. The "easy believeism" or shallow Gospel preached by the church today is tragic, is not based on Bible Truth and can deceive many into a false hope. We as well as Israel must be true and faithful witnesses for God, as we Gentile believers are also His people if we have been born-from-Above and recognize our status as engrafted into God's Good Olive Tree together with Jewish believers who have also been born-from-Above.

Now for some information about the **Mishkan**, the only structure commanded by God to be built on earth with detailed instructions to copy the permanent Mishkan in heaven, God's throne. The *Mishkan* is to symbolize His dwelling with His chosen people, Israel, and where and how He is to be worshipped with specified animal sacrifices, shedding blood and being consumed by fire on a brass altar. Worship of the one true God is only by His requirements and instructions, not our own!! Israel has been accused throughout the ages by pagans of being godless because the pagan cannot see Israel's God whereas the pagans have to have their idols to represent their gods. As long as the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night functioned that should have been enough to convince any pagan that Israel's God was real.

Besides being a real structure, the *Mishkan* is also the most extensive and complex **Parable** in the Bible, with every metal, every color, every set of colors, every piece of furniture, every board and some pillars have significant meaning. Hebrews 9 gives a summary so I will copy it here, underlining in bold significant words.

Hebrews 9:2-9. *For there was **a tent** made; the first, wherein was the **lampstand** and the **table**, and the **showbread**; which is called the **sanctuary**. And after the **second veil**, the tent which is called the **Holiest of all** which had the **golden censer**, and the **ark** of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had **manna**, and **Aaron's rod** that budded, and the **tables of the covenant**; And over it the cherubim of glory shadowing the **mercy seat**; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the **priests** went always into the first tent, accomplishing the service of God but into the second went the **high priest** alone once every year, not without **blood**, which he*

*offered for himself, and for the errors of the people, the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tent was yet standing, which was a **Parable** for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.*

You would do yourself a great favor by carefully reading Exodus 15-40, the first chapters recording what God is showing Moses while they were on Mt Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights, and the later chapters record the actual construction, set up, inauguration and acceptance by God. Four times it is recorded that God reminded Moses to make the *Mishkan* exactly like He showed him on Mt Sinai... and he did.

Exodus 40:33-38. *So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the Mishkan. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the Mishkan. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Mishkan, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up, for the cloud of the LORD was on the Mishkan by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.*

Notice that two terms are used for the same structure of 48 boards covered with the **four** significant coverings, the **tent of meeting** where God would meet with His priests or others, and the **Mishkan**. Many drawings and models show these four coverings just thrown over the top of the boards, totally wrong!! In any rain storm, this "roof" would collapse. Sinai was not desert at that time. European archaeologists have discovered lakes, fish and humans that lived in the Sahara at this time, same latitude as Sinai, as it was not that long after the Great Flood of Noah. There definitely was a **tent** over the board structure with a long ridge pole holding up the 4 coverings, providing a triangle of light and ventilation at each end.

Mishkan study is huge so look for Greetings from Roger in the July - September APMF-RP online issue of *Petah Tikvah*, or separately like this time until some volunteers scan and put it on www.APMFInc.com. In other words, "To be continued!!!!"