

# Messiah's Congregation

Service of Worship · Lord's Day · March 21, 2021

**Song of the Month: #283** *(Psalm 136 / Now May All in Brotherhood)*

**Responsive Reading: Joshua 19:1–23** *(by color—see over ☩)*

**Meditation**

**We silently prepare for worship** *(Keyboardist: #124)*

☩ **We summon all who breathe to kneel before our God** *(Psalm 150:6)*

☩ **We plead with God to help us worship Him acceptably**

☩ **Thy Word Sheds Light upon My Path · #249** *(Psalm 119 / add "Amen")*

☩ **God bestows grace, forgiveness & sound minds to glorify Him**

☩ **The Heavens Declare Thy Glory · #31** *(Psalm 19 / add "Amen")*

**We hear the Word of God · Deuteronomy 5:1-21**

**We pray representatively** *(our Elder approaches God with—and on behalf of—us)*

**...and we pray together** *(The Lord's Prayer—as found in back of Psalter Hymnal, p. 158)*

**We give cheerfully** *(see 2 Corinthians 8&9)*

**...and kneel before Him** *(singing 184:1; then, after our Deacon prays, we sing stanza 2)*

**Responsive reading: Deuteronomy 5:22-33** *(by verse, carefully)*

☩ **Jehovah's Perfect Law · #29** *(add "Amen")*

**The Word is heard: Genesis & Deuteronomy** *(see [parshas](#) for specifics ☩)*

**The Word applied: (WHOSE) LAW AND (WHOSE) ORDER?**

☩ **The Spacious Heavens Declare · #28:1-4** *(Psalm 19 / add "Amen")*

☩ **With heads bowed before God, we await His blessing** *(Numbers 6:22–7)*

☩ **The Spacious Heavens Declare · #28:5** *(Psalm 19 / add "Amen")*

☩ **We are dismissed to glorify and enjoy God**

## JOSHUA 19:1–31 · Land It Out

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- <sup>1</sup> The second lot came out for the tribe of Simeon, clan by clan. Their inheritance lay within the territory of Judah.
- <sup>2</sup> It included: Beersheba (or Sheba), Moladah,
- <sup>3</sup> Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem,
- <sup>4</sup> Eltolad, Bethul, Hormah,
- <sup>5</sup> Ziklag, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,
- <sup>6</sup> Beth Lebaoth and Sharuhēn—thirteen towns and their villages;
- <sup>7</sup> Ain, Rimmon, Ether and Ashan—four towns and their villages—
- <sup>8</sup> and all the villages around these towns as far as Baalath Beer (Ramah in the Negev). This was the inheritance of the tribe of the Simeonites, clan by clan.
- <sup>9</sup> The inheritance of the Simeonites was taken from the share of Judah, because Judah's portion was more than they needed. So the Simeonites received their inheritance within the territory of Judah.
- <sup>10</sup> The third lot came up for Zebulun, clan by clan: The boundary of their inheritance went as far as Sarid,
- <sup>11</sup> Going west it ran to Maralah, touched Dabbesheth, and extended to the ravine near Jokneam.
- <sup>12</sup> It turned east from Sarid toward the sunrise to the territory of Kisloth Tabor and went on to Daberath and up to Japhia.
- <sup>13</sup> Then it continued eastward to Gath Hopher and Eth Kazin; it came out at Rimmon and turned toward Neah.
- <sup>14</sup> There the boundary went around on the north to Hannathon and ended at the Valley of Iphtah El.
- <sup>15</sup> Included were Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah and Bethlehem. There were twelve towns and their villages.
- <sup>16</sup> These towns and their villages were the inheritance of Zebulun, clan by clan.
- <sup>17</sup> The fourth lot came out for Issachar, clan by clan.
- <sup>18</sup> Their territory included: Jezreel, Kesulloth, Shunem,
- <sup>19</sup> Hapharaim, Shion, Anaharath,
- <sup>20</sup> Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,
- <sup>21</sup> Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah and Beth Pазzez.
- <sup>22</sup> The boundary touched Tabor, Shahazumah and Beth Shemesh, and ended at the Jordan. There were sixteen towns and their villages.
- <sup>23</sup> These towns and their villages were the inheritance of the tribe of Issachar, clan by clan.

Messiah's people meet daily at 8pm for prayer via Zoom. We read a brief portion of Luke, then pray for our members' health and our nation's recovery. It lasts about 2–3 minutes.

It is easy to join in: Find link at [www.Messiah.NYC](http://www.Messiah.NYC). Click on it sometime between 7:55 & 7:59 and voila!

Lord's Day, March 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	14:1-6
Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	14:7-11
Tuesday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	14:12-14
Wednesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> .....	14:15-24
Thursday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> .....	14:25-35
Friday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> .....	15:1-7
Saturday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> .....	15:8-10

Messiah's daily virtual meetings (8pm Eastern), allow us corporate communication with the only One who counts (or, the One with whom all counting should begin). Fittingly, God speaks to us first—through His Word (portion by portion; we're in Luke en route to Acts). After we *hear* His Word, we ask the Lord to hear our words—offered representatively by a church officer.

As "persistent widows," our daily petitions are but two: We thank the Lord for His persistent kindness in sparing our members from any tragic encounter with Covid, and pray this remains the case until the pandemic is behind us. Nota bene: Participating in the request makes you bound by oath to pay the vow upon receipt of His affirmative answer! What vow? To openly and unashamedly render thanks and praise to God alone should the request be granted! Do not think that because it is natural and "easy," our obligation to pay is diminished. On the contrary—it is *increased*, and that for every pray-er whose request is granted!

The second daily petition is more difficult of discernment as to His answer. It centers on the plea that our leaders receive from God—their Lord and King—the *heart* and *will* throughout the pandemic to seek policies in accord with God Almighty's will and Word, as well as honoring of our Constitutional liberties. His gracious answer to Petition One has thus far been patent. Petition Two, not so manifest. Most national and high-profile leaders have more or less been enticed and dragged away by their evil inclinations, stirring in us a sense of urgency to press this matter more fervently.

Perhaps we should seek to increase the base. It has expanded a bit recently. Ideas?

## TODAY'S PARSHAS

1. Genesis 1:1-5,26-2:3
2. Genesis 2:4-7,18-24
3. Genesis 3:16-19
4. Genesis 3:20-24
5. Deuteronomy 6:1-9
6. Deuteronomy 16:18-20
7. Deuteronomy; 17:8-20