


March 16, 2013 Update and Teaching on Kadesh Barnea

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3rd day of the 1st month?5849 years after the creation of Adam

The 1st Month in the Fourth year of the third Sabbatical Cycle

The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle

The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes Famines, and Pestilences

This is also the end of the Third Tithe Year for the Levite, the alien, the fatherless and the widow. Deuteronomy 26:12

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(The following was extracted from the above newsletter for this standalone update.)

Boaz and Rinah have sent me an update on the Vineyard and we would love to share it with you all. Here is a link to the new pictures that they have added to the site.

<http://www.shefaisrael.com/vineyard-slides.html>

And here is the note he has shared with me, which many of you have supported in this effort. I also thank those who have helped in this. We are not done, as we must maintain this project until the first harvest can be taken after Aviv 2017. If you, can please consider helping us.

When I was there to help get this project started we had rain not once but twice. It was just a sprinkle and we counted it as a blessing. We had a friend who stayed and did a great deal of work there for about 3 months. We have another friend whom we have had extensive discussions with and sometimes all night long at times about the Sabbatical years. He has now been hired to tend to the vines and trellising. This is a big job.

Now we have two huge rains this winter to break the drought of 7 years and the Locust that were in Egypt came and went without doing us any damage. The desert is blooming and the dried-up river flowed for some time. We believe with all that is in me that by keeping the Sabbatical year in Israel that the land will be restored to the time when Isaac lived there and was able to tend his flocks on this land, which is now a desert. We must do our part in order for Yehovah to do his.

Dear Joseph,

As we start the spring season with Pesach just around the corner we remember the 10 plagues that HASHEM sent onto Egypt and Pharaoh in particular for not letting His people go. It seems prophetically significant that at this time we should have an invasion of locusts from Egypt. We had warning of them coming a few days before they actually arrived and when they did it was quite a sight!

Fortunately we have our vines covered for protection from the sand storms as well as half the vineyard pruned and this seemed to be a sufficient detraction for these ravenous scavengers. The farmers growing potatoes and onions were not as fortunate but even so, as a result of swift action by the Israeli Department of Agriculture the damages were limited. Even so it was a gentle reminder of Pesach so many years ago and to me a sign of the imminent final redemption. Soon all the Pharaohs in the world will have to let His people go. It is our prayer that this will be soon and herald the coming of Mashiach.

During the winter we have our river flow twice! The second time was quite frightening as we were cut off society for two days quite something in this day and age.

After the rain the desert is blooming with flowers as a result of the plentiful rains – such a blessing to see!

Biblical significance and history of Be'er Milka

Be'er Milka (Milka's well) is the northern most water point for the area known in the Bible as Kadesh Barnea. This is the area where the Children of Israel spent about 20 of the 40 years in the Wilderness. Unlike traditional Bible pictures that show the Bible encampments as being tightly organized like a modern western city the archeological evidence shows that although it was laid out according to the cardinal points, it was wide spread and close to water sources. We believe as well that Be'er Milka was dug by Isaac and was named after Rivka's grandmother. He dug three wells in the Negev Osek, Sitna and Rhehovot. His last well, Rehovot b'Negev, is not very far from us although difficult to get to.

The area of Kadesh Barnea was well known by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses, Aaron and the nation of Israel during the Exodus as well as most of the prophets. We invite you to come and walk in the footsteps of our forefathers and experience what they felt as they walked the Land that was promised to Abraham to be our inheritance.

Today our well serves as a reserve water supply. All water resources in Israel are under the management of the Israeli Water Company Mekorot. The resources belong to the country and not the individual. Unlike in some other countries we are not permitted to drill for our own water but have to buy our water from Mekorot.

Living in an arid region our water resources are not only precious but also very expensive making water the single largest expense in an agricultural crop. Some countries in the world have free water something we can only dream about!

Modern development in the area of Kadesh Barnea

In Israel's modern history the area of Kadesh Barnea has been established as a border settlement area comprising of four settlements and a field school. Be'er Milka is the newest of these settlements having been formed in 2006 with the arrival of the first seven families. 2007

saw the arrival of another six families and the settlement has continued to grow and today is home to more than 25 families with more than 50 children!

Be'er Milka is an agriculturally based settlement with farmers growing cherry tomatoes, pomegranates and wine vines. The community also has a communally owned dairy currently with some 200 milking cows. It is planned to grow over the next few years to a dairy of 1000 cows.

Shefa at Be'er Milka

Shefa the Hebrew word for abundance – is the name of our, Boaz and Rinah's organization. We have with the help of the generosity of some of the people from Sighted Moon been able to establish 10 dunam (2.5 acres) of vineyard. We have 3000 vines and four different varieties. They were planted in October 2013 which means our first official counting year is 2014. This places our first harvest in 2017. After this year we will observe the regular Biblical growing commands and practices as well as setting aside 10% of the vines (grown under the same conditions as the rest of the vineyard) for the Sabbatical calculations of Joseph Dumond of Sighted Moon. We are hoping that the Creator will speak to us through this experiment and show the truth of His purpose. Please not that we do not want to put HASHEM Elohim to the test but are rather seeking clarity regarding the Sabbatical or Shmitta years thereby correcting, if needed, the jubilee cycle.

The vineyard, to be able to see these few crucial first few years through, will continue to need your ongoing support to finance the project. As we observe all the Biblical commands with regard to the preparation, operation and care of the vineyard, we will only start to receive income from the vines in 2018. This is a long-term Kingdom project. We are asking those who feel that they want to continue to help fulfill prophecy (Is. 37:30; Ez. 28:26; Amos 9:14) to step up and commit on an ongoing basis toward the success of the vineyard. This year at Shefa

This winter the 7-year drought was broken in the Land. This included substantial (by desert standards) rain even here! The desert is in bloom with wild flowers. This is a rare site and bears witness to the faithfulness of HASHEM. These seeds stay dormant under the harsh desert sands and can wait for years for the rains to come and then show forth the beauty of our creator.

Our vines were planted in October 2012 and have made it through the cold winter and the tough spring sand storms. We eagerly await the first green leaves to start and show their heads indicating the start of the new growing season.

We have started to place our trellising after the tireless job of getting them cut and welded. We never thought it would be as much of a job as it has been!

This is truly a time of faith for us as we wait to see how many of our vines have made it through the winter. We pray that they will all make it!

What a humbling honor it is to be able to plant this vineyard and to be a part in the prophetic end times. Again we wish to thank those that have given so generously toward the project and yet remind you that we will continue to need support to meet our monthly

expenses for the running of the vineyard for the next four years. Support can be given directly to Shefa Israel through our website or through the Sighted Moon organization.

Rinah and I would like to invite you to come and visit the vineyard when next visiting Israel. We offer comfortable accommodation in the vineyard that will help to make your stay a hands-on memorable experience. As space is limited, please be sure to reserve your place well in advance.

Many Blessings until our next report

Boaz and Rinah