

Abib Report: Thursday March 10, 2016

Hi Folks,

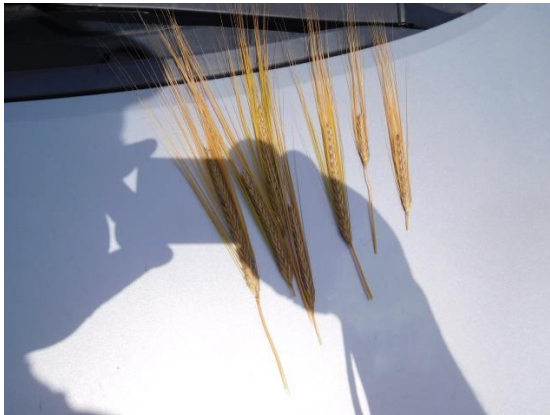
Lots to report and show. This time of year things just explode with growth in Israel especially when accompanied with beautiful weather. We decided to check some of the locations in the western Negev we missed on Monday. Very happy we did.

Let's start with the folks who use domestic barley. Lots for you. The first two pictures are of domestic fields of 2 and 6 row barley turning color from two different locations. One just outside of Sderot and the other just east of Nir Israel. Both are traditionally early areas for domestic barley. Please notice how they turn first from the high ground and work their way down. All grain does this for the moisture starts to dry from the top down thus forcing the grain higher up to mature more quickly. Always check the high part of a field first. That will tell you where the field is in the growth stage and where it will be shortly thereafter working the maturing process downhill. After those two pictures you will see a representative 2 and 6 row head from the second field which was easy to get to.



Now we have two locations of wild barley which are located along road 232 between Be'eri and Kisufim. They are both located a distance from the main road so it takes some time and effort to get to them. They are both located on a hill. These samples are from the higher elevations and the top. Lets call the

first one field 1 with its samples and the second field 2 with its samples. As you will see the samples from the top of field two are already very hard and very brittle and very healthy as well. As I stated earlier these fields will mature from the top and work their way down. That is a lesson we learned in Israel many years ago. Both locations will provide much more than an omers worth of barley for a wavesheaf this coming month during UB. I only say that for many have asked the question about an omer specifically.



I could not get my computer to load the last picture of these samples I mentioned above. Anyway the ones on the left above are very hard and the heads snap very easily if trying to pull out a seed to examine.

If you remember from day 1 we took a picture of our go to vineyard north of Sderot. It had nothing as to vegetation. That was three days ago Please compare this picture of it today with the one from the first day. It is difficult to explain to anyone who has not undergone these inspections just how fast things mature here this time of year. Also we saw lots of Lambs, ewes, and rams. The lambs are of good size.

We also saw more storks today as well as many other species of migrating birds. The Jerusalem Bird Observer told Linda there were reports coming in from all over about the storks moving north through Israel as well as many other species.



With that said I would encourage you all to look at all the articles of research and study that Haifa University has done and is doing with the wild barley. There is so much we could talk about with it I will let you do so yourselves. They talk about the different species, how they are being used to be crossed with the modern varieties of domesticated barley to help them be more disease and drought resistant, etc. etc. etc.

On another note some have asked about the barley in the area of the Temple Mount. We did not get there this year vice president Biden is in town and what a mess there. We did look at barley on the outskirts of Jerusalem and it is in the flowering stages in most cases which it should be based on all the other area's we have inspected.

If I can get the last picture of the wild barley to load I will. I am not good with computers and such. We have tried to include the important pictures for those of you we assist with information. There are many more but I think you have enough to make a decision as to what you will be doing. In years like these we need to look to the other witnesses to the turn of the year as we have often discussed from scriptures they are found in. Then we add the science of the life cycle of barley and then we look to the commands in scripture about when to start a harvest and not delaying an offering. We covered these earlier so I am not going to repeat them at length, but list a few. Either we believe them or we do not. We are not here to make any declaration as to what you are to do. That is a personal decision between you and God/Elohim in your relationship with Him.

This has been a very busy inspection trip with so many new folks seeking information and having a year turning before our eyes from day to the next. Once again with that said Linda and I come here to see what the Creator has in store for us personally in our relationship with Him as to keeping the days we think He wants us to keep. Whatever you decide to do, do it with all your might and with a clear conscience. We are all growing in favor, acceptance, and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. He is our wavesheaf and was sacrificed on our behalf and accepted on our behalf as well.

We wish you a happy Passover and Unleavened Bread sesason regardless of what it is for you. Some of the key scriptures we should incorporate in our calendar understanding.

Exodus 34:26; Exodus 23:19; (first of the firstfruits which is very important for that is a small quantity without blemish for all the scriptural reasons); Exodus 22:29: ( you shall not delay the first of your produce); Mark 4:29 (you do not delay the harvest); Song of Solomon 2:11-13 (Many of the other witnesses of the turn of the year); Jeremiah 8:7 (even the storks and birds know their moedim); Jeremiah 5:24 God/Elohim controls all the weather to work out His will). Many more but those are some very relevant ones. Please keep in mind that our Savior is the first of the first fruits to the Father. He is our wavesheaf and we are of His body. Wavesheaf day is our central focus as to when the year will start unfortunately many do not understand that. I will also add it is called the Month of Abib not the day of Abib so Linda and I do not look for the wavesheaf to be ready on the first day of the month but during the middle of the month. Our Savior first has to fulfill His role of being the Lamb of God/Elohim before He could be our Wavesheaf on our behalf. So much to be thankful for!

We will be flying out shortly.

Our Peace we give to you.

Brian and Linda