

# Seven “New” Blessings, to remain *Happy* and *Hopeful* about in the New Year

## 1. That *we* are a **part** of a “New creation” in **Messiah**

Therefore if anyone is **in Messiah**, *he is a new creature*;  
the **old things** passed away; behold, **new things** have come.  
(II Corinthians 5:17)

## 2. That *we* have **received** the **Blessings** of a “New Covenant”

...but **our adequacy** is from **God**, who made us **adequate**  
as **servants** of a **New Covenant**...(II Corinthians 3:6a)

But now **He (Messiah)** has obtained a **more excellent ministry**,  
by as much as **He** is also the **mediator** of a **better covenant**,  
which has been enacted on **better promises**.  
(Hebrews 8:6)

## 3. That *we* **now** have a “New” **Relationship** to **God**

For by **one offering** He has **perfected** for **all time** those who are **sanctified**...

Therefore, **brethren**, since we have **confidence**  
to enter the **holy place** by the **blood of Jesus**,  
by a **new and living way**  
which He inaugurated for us through **the veil**, that is, **His flesh**,

and since *we have* a **great priest** over the house of God,  
let us draw near with a sincere heart in **full assurance of faith**,...  
(Hebrews 10:14, 19-22a)

But now **we** have been **released** from the **Law**,  
having **died** to that by which we were **bound**,  
so that **we serve** in **newness** of the **Spirit**  
and **not** in **oldness** of the **letter**. (Romans 7:6)

## 4. That in **Messiah** *we* are **one** “New Man”

For **He Himself** is **our peace**,  
who made **both groups (Jews and Gentiles)** *into one*  
and broke down the **barrier** of the **dividing wall**,  
by abolishing in **His flesh** the **enmity**,  
*which is* the **Law of commandments contained in ordinances**,  
so that in **Himself He** might make the **two** into  
**one new man**, *thus* establishing **peace**, and might **reconcile**  
them both in **one body to God** through **the cross**,...(Ephesians 2:14-16)

5. That the **Lord's Lovingkindnesses and Compassions** are  
**"New" every morning**

This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

The **LORD'S lovingkindnesses** indeed *never cease*,  
for His **compassions never fail**.  
They are **new every morning**; **great** is Your faithfulness.  
(Lamentations 3:21-23)

6. That *we* have the **Hope** of a **New heaven** and a **New earth**

"For, behold, I **create new heavens** and a **new earth**;  
and the **former things** shall **not** be **remembered** or come to mind."  
(Isaiah 65:17)

But according to His **promise we** are looking for  
**new heavens** and a **new earth**,  
in which **righteousness dwells**.  
(II Peter 3:13)

Then I (**John**) saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**;  
for the **first heaven** and the **first earth passed away**,  
and there is no longer *any sea*.

And I saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**, coming down out of **heaven**  
from **God**, made ready as a **bride** adorned for her **husband**...

And **He** who sits on the **throne** said,  
"Behold, I am making **all things new**." (Revelation 21:1-2, 5a)

7. That **God** has **blessed us**, and given *us* reasons to sing a **"New" Song**

**Sing** to Him a **new song**; play **skillfully** with a **shout of joy**. (Psalm 33:3)

**He** put a **new song** in my mouth, a **song of praise** to our **God**; (Psalm 40:3a)

**Sing** to the **LORD** a **new song**; **sing** to the **LORD**, all the earth. (Psalm 96:1)

**O sing** to the **LORD** a **new song**,  
for **He** has done **wonderful things**, (Psalm 98:1)

And **they** sang a **new song**, saying,  
"**Worthy** are **You** (the **Lamb**) to take the **book** and to break its **seals**;  
for **You were slain**, and **purchased for God** with **Your blood**  
*men* from **every tribe** and **tongue** and **people** and **nation**..."  
(Revelation 5:9)

# Personal Application

## Adat Shalom

### A *New* Beginning...A *Renewed* Vision

#### A. Having a *Renewed* Vision concerning our own Spiritual Walk

1. By *Committing* ourselves to the study of God's word  
(II Timothy 3:16-17)
2. By *Congregating* with **others** for worship and fellowship  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)
3. By *Cultivating* a life of prayer and meditation (Ephesians 6:18)  
(Romans 12:12)
4. By *Continuing* the **priority** of “**making disciples** among **all nations**” (**evangelism**) (Matthew 28:18-20)

#### B. Having a *Renewed* Vision for our Congregation

1. *Re-establishing* ourselves in our new place of **ministry**
  - a. By communicating our *new location* to our **Adat family** and **friends** both near and far
  - b. By circulating the **news** of our *new location* through various media resources (internet, mail-outs, radio spots, Messianic news etc.)
  - c. By connecting personally to the surrounding **neighborhood** (signs, prayer walks, neighborhood events, flyers)
2. *Recommitting* ourselves to our ministry priorities
  - a. Our *general* **ministry priorities**→ evangelism and discipleship
  - b. Our *specific* **ministry functions**→

Worship Ministry  
Teaching/Preaching Ministry  
Evangelism and Missions

Children's Ministry  
Youth Ministry  
Adult Ministries (men's and women's **studies**)  
Oneg Shabbat Ministry  
Benevolence Ministry  
Jewish Resource Ministry (teaching materials,  
books, speaking engagements etc.)  
Live-stream service Ministry  
Hospitality and Services Ministry

3. **Reinforcing** our “long range” **ministry goals**

- a. The *goal* of **maturing** as a **body of believers** in **faith**, **hope**, and **love**
- b. The *goal* of **growing** to the point where we need **our own building facility**
- c. The *goal* of **leadership development** among us
- d. The *goal* of eventually “**passing the torch**” to a **younger congregational leader** who will carry on the **work** of the **ministry**.
- e. The *goal* of being a **model ministry** for *future* **ministry** to the **Jewish community**

4. **Renewing** our **commitment** to remain “...steadfast, immoveable, always **abounding** in the **work** of **the Lord**,..” (I Corinthians 15:58)

Now to **Him** who is able to do ***far more abundantly beyond***  
all that we ask or think,  
according to the **power** that **works within us**,  
to **Him** be the **glory** in the **church** and in **Jesus the Messiah**  
to all generations forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Closing Comments