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- **Monument's Free Movie Night: *Avengers: Infinity War***, Fri., **Jun. 28**, 7 p.m. activities begin, movie begins at dark, Monument Marketplace Clock Tower (between WalMart & Home Depot), Jackson Creek. Bring chairs & blankets, no pets please. Info: 481-2954, www.TownofMonument.org. See ad on page 11.
- **Kim Richey Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., **Jun. 28**, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
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- **Barn Dance**, Wed., **Jul. 3**, 6-10 p.m., Sibell's Barn, 3 Second St., Monument. Tickets available at the door. \$10 singles, \$15 couple, kids under 12 free. See ad on page 13.
- **July 4 Events, See ad on page 13.**
Note: There is no parking on the parade route of Old Denver Road, Santa Fe Road, Jefferson Street, Lincoln Street, Front Street, Third Street, and Beacon Lite 5 a.m. - 1 p.m. on July 4. Spectators are encouraged to come early, park at Palmer Ridge High School or Lewis Palmer High School, and ride the bus to and from downtown. Inbound shuttle 7-9:30 a.m. Outbound shuttle 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Pancake Breakfast, 7-10 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, 55 Jefferson St., Monument
Palmer Lake Fun Run, 7 a.m., Santa Fe Trailhead in Palmer Lake. Register at www.july4funrun.com.
Street Fair, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Second and Washington Streets
Kiwanis Club Children's Parade, 9:30 a.m. Starts at Grace Best School
Kiwanis Club Parade, 10 a.m.-Noon, Downtown Monument
Car Show and Kid Zone Play Area, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 3rd St., Monument
Family-Friendly Beer Garden, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument
Live Music, noon to 6 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument
Concessions, 5 p.m., Bands 6 p.m., Palmer Lake. Parking: \$10
Palmer Lake Fireworks, start at dusk
- **Monument Community Presbyterian Church Free Vacation Bible School**, Mon.-Fri., **Jul. 8-12**, 9 a.m.-noon, 238 Third St., Monument. For K-6th grades. Info: 481-3902, www.mcpcusa.org. See ad on page 5.
- **MVEA Member Appreciation Day**, Thu., **Jul. 18**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Suite 100, Monument. Come for supper, giveaways, summer fun. Info: 800-388-9881, 719-495-2283. See ad on page 14.
- **Run4Hope 5K for Schools**, Sat., **Jul. 20**, 8 a.m.-noon, Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument. Chip-timed 5K, kids fun run, family color fun run, and teen challenges. Live music, food trucks, fun vendors, and more. Meet Race Marshall Frank Shorter, 1972 Olympic gold medalist, marathon. All proceeds go to local schools for suicide prevention. The last two years the event raised \$38,000 and funded the Sources of Strength Suicide Prevention Program in four D20 and D38 high schools. Sponsors and supporters needed. To donate, register, or sponsor Run4Hope 5K for Schools and Suicide Prevention, visit <http://run4hope5kforschools.com>.

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The Rabbi's Corner Growing Over the Wall

By Oswald Garagorry

In *Genesis 49*, Jacob gathers his sons and prophetically tells them what will happen to them in the acharit-hayamin (the last days). He began with his oldest, Reuben, and ends with his youngest Benjamin. We will briefly discuss a portion of what he told Joseph in verse 22.

"Joseph is a fruitful plant, a fruitful plant by a spring. With branches growing over the wall." This prophetic blessing was experienced throughout Joseph's life. Starting in *Genesis 37*, Joseph is described as a dreamer. God communicated with him in his dreams; some of his dreams covered events that would happen to him and at other times the dreams were about the future of his family. His dreams were upsetting to his brothers at times, and their reaction is similar to what is experienced today in some Messianic circles.

On one occasion he said, "I am looking for my brothers" (15). This is a heartfelt desire for fellowship with brothers in the faith. He goes with a warm heart and an out stretched hand. But what he finds are his brothers, plotting to kill him (18). It seems that they were upset because of his dreams "look the dreamer is coming" (19).

Among his brothers, one appeared to have some level of conscious, but he is controlled by fear or cowardice; he had good intentions and no guts. He plans to save his brothers' life later (22). The brothers throw Joseph into a dry cistern and then eat their meal (25). So here is Joseph in a deep cistern with walls all around.

Later on in the story, he is taken to Egypt, sold to Pharaoh's captain; Potiphar. But problems arise and Joseph finds himself behind walls again, "Joseph's master... put him in prison" (*Chapter 39:20*). It seems like Joseph had a problem with "walls;" first in a cistern with high walls and again in a walled prison behind locked doors. Yet in the blessing he received (*Genesis 49:22- 26*) he is compared to a fruitful plant by a spring with branches growing over the walls. This blessing is full of symbolism and the following are some interpretations of these symbols: Plant is a symbol for man; Spring represents life and the needed water for plant growth.

In *Psalms 2* it is made very clear; the text tells us that he is "a plant," but it doesn't say what that plant is. Yet I will venture to suggest that plant may have been what believers in Messiah are. Messiah said: "I am the vine you are the branches" (*John 15:1-11*). In this picture of a vine and branches it is very difficult to see where one begins and the other ends, because each is a continuation of the other.

The "walls" that the branches go over, represent the opposition that his own brothers, motivated by impure hearts and jealousy manufactured in an attempt to kill and crush the dreams that God would bring into reality by Joseph's life.

Later on Joseph is falsely accused by someone (not a brother of the faith) and goes to jail. But from the walls of his prison, he moves to the palace of Pharaoh and becomes the food provider for the country, the world and the savior of his family.

So walls raised by brothers and liars could not stop Joseph's branches from growing over the confining walls of resistance and jealousy. Paul said, "Who will separate us from the love of Messiah? Trouble? Hardship? Persecution? Hunger? Poverty? Dangers? War? As Tanakh says: "For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered sheep to be slaughtered." (*Romans 8:35-36*).

But because of our union with Messiah, we just keep growing over the walls that people raise in our path.

Shalom to you.

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