

KI TAVO - WHEN YOU ENTER IN.

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RECONCILIATION TEACHINGS FROM THE WEEKLY PARASHAH.

Our next teaching comes from parashah **KI TAVO – WHEN YOU ENTER IN.**

Devarim/Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:9 [8]; Isaiah/Yeshayahu 60:1-22

“It will be when you enter the Land that HASHEM, your God, gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it, and dwell in it,” Deuteronomy 26:1 [AST]

The opening words of this week’s Parashah have the ability to highlight the fact that Israel as a nation neither possess or live in Eretz Yisrael. If you were to read the secular newspapers you could be forgiven to think that not only does Israel possess the land but they have taken more land than they are entitled too. If you take a little time and study the boundaries of the Promised Land, given to us from HaShem Himself, you will quickly realise not only have we not taken more than we are entitled too, but are well short of possessing the Biblical boundaries of Eretz Yisrael. As a nation we are not even close to possessing our Biblical heritage, and until HaShem gives us rest from our surrounding enemies we are fighting a losing battle.

As I write this [2015 or 5775] we are far from receiving rest regards the enemies that surround us. HaShem has not seen fit to give us this promised rest, so as He is One Who keeps His promises there must be a good reason, He has not put this particular promise into action. I would strongly suggest it is because as a nation, we have failed to fully engage in being a faithful people, serving Him with complete faithfulness. There have been times when we have almost reached that “platform” but they have been few and far between. Even a casual reading of the “books” known as the Torah, we witness the pattern of blessings and curses – blessings for being faithful, embracing and following the instructions of HaShem, and curses for rejecting those instructions. Is it any wonder we have yet to find rest from our enemies? So how do we receive this promise from HaShem? Surely the answer is obvious – we live a lifestyle that has the Torah of Moshe as our “blue print”. Until all citizens of Biblical Israel agree on this point, do not expect rest from our surrounding enemies. HaShem uses our enemies to bring us back to

our senses, resulting in our total faithfulness to Him and Him alone, shown by our adherence to the Torah. To fully grasp the implications of when the stage is set for HaShem to give us rest from our enemies, thus coming and taking possession of our inheritance, we must understand who the Children of Israel actually are. The reason I say this is because until ALL ISRAEL applies the Torah of Moshe to their lives we will not be given that promised rest. To gain an understanding of this subject, Rabbi Mordecai Silver has written an excellent article titled, "Who are the Children of Israel"? This can be found at www.etz-chayim.org under articles, and I suggest you take the time to read it.

When one understands who the "Children of Israel" are, then one can clearly see that hardly any who claim citizenship of Israel actually follow the Torah of Moshe, thus HaShem cannot give us rest from our enemies. Please understand that when HaShem eventually "settles" the Promised Land, there will be no idols or other pollutants allowed to be worshipped in any form within its boundaries. This was the original mandate for Israel, we were to drive out the idols and those who worshipped them from the Promised Land and install a "Government" of Torah, nothing has changed, Israel is to be a nation governed by the Torah. This then extends to the fact that the Promised Land cannot be properly settled until all the citizens of Biblical Israel are citizens who are trying to live a Torah based lifestyle. In other words our Father cannot "settle" the Promised Land until His Children are ready to be settled in it. I realize I keep repeating the need for all Israel to be Torah observant, but this commandment is woven through the whole bible and as a nation, we have failed to grasp the necessity and vital importance of this.

There is a huge challenge ahead if we are to bring all those who claim to be "Israel" into accepting and living a Torah based life style. The House of Judah has its challenges as they have many and varied sects of Judaism, for instance the "Liberal" stream who follow their own thoughts on what constitutes Torah and change many commandments or ignore many commandments that do not fit into the modern Western life style. You also have sects of Judaism that impose very strict rules and regulations that are based more on "Rabbinical traditions" than the Torah of Moshe. So the House of Judah have a work to do, to bring their own House into biblical order, without throwing stones onto the roof of Ephraim.

I ask if the majority of the House of Ephraim is not welcome into the Promised Land due to their rejection of the Torah, then why would one think that the rules change for the House of Judah, as they too have many who reject the Torah of Moshe and reject any notion of a Moshiach. Be assured that HaShem uses just weights and measures, not weights and measures that are influenced by the sin of mankind. So both houses have much to do before we will find rest from our enemies, and I for one cannot see this happening before we are united as one nation under the Kingship of Moshiach, whom I and the leaders of JSIU believe to be Yeshua.

For this to happen we require a big shift within the “Leadership” of the House of Judah and the House of Ephraim, because people do follow leaders, and we need the Children of Israel to fall in behind Godly leaders who adhere to the Torah. It would be fair to say that Israel as a nation was at its best and closest to HaShem when they had leaders who were faithful to HaShem. It is only leaders who adhere to the instructions of HaShem who should be in positions of leadership for the Children of Israel. It is only leaders who are faithful to HaShem who make good “parents” for the Children of Israel, and just as all parents make mistakes so to the leaders of Israel. However, a “parent” who rejects the Torah, and engages in the worship of idols, will not only make mistakes, but many more of them and lead the Children into a world of darkness, never to reside in the Promised Land.

There are some words of wisdom to be found in the following quote:

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgement.” James 3:1 [NASB]

Another word for teacher is instructor, meaning one who educates through instruction. So the obvious question is; what should the teachers of Israel be instructing the Children of Israel? It is none other than the instructions of HaShem, the holy Torah. The leaders/teachers of Israel, no matter what current name they use for this “title” should be engaged in teaching the Torah to the Children of Israel. If this is not done, they are not only being UNFAITHFUL to HaShem, but they are fulfilling a position they are not entitled to fulfil. Faithfulness to HaShem and Moshiach Yeshua is shown through the application of Torah, and the educating of our children via Torah.

*“Whosoever is the man who fears HASHEM, He will teach him the way that he should choose. His soul will repose in goodness, and his offspring will inherit the land. The **secret** of HASHEM is to those who fear Him, and His covenant to inform them. My eyes are constantly toward HASHEM, for He will remove my feet from the snare.” Psalm 25:12-15 [AST]*

It is when we fear/revere HaShem that we will find ourselves adhering to His instructions, thus we are taught His ways, and we learn His secret ways, because our Fathers secrets are to be found in the Torah, remembering these instructions are for the Children of Israel. We may understand this somewhat better, if we grasp the word **secret** as used here.

Secret/Sod TIO = Secret information, counselling, intimate, fellowship, company.

HaShem has given the Torah to the Children of Israel, His chosen nation, a nation anyone can join if they so choose, as long as they adhere to the Torah/Instructions of HaShem. These instructions provide the best counselling available, so there can be Godly fellowship amongst the people of Israel, as well as with the Holy One of Israel. This is the **secret** that will provide the path for reconciliation between the two Houses making one whole House of Israel.

“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser, teach a righteous man, and he will increase his learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Psalm 9:9-10 [NASB]

As a people and a nation we seek peace and welcome any form of good news, just as most peoples and nations seek the same. Other nations may not seek it in the manner we would choose, but most people would rather live in peace than war. Israel is to lead the way in providing the perfect system that brings Shalom, via the instructions of our Father in heaven, and through belief in HaMoshiach Yeshua.

“Behold My servant, whom I shall uphold; My chosen one, whom My soul desired; I have placed My spirit upon him so he can bring forth justice to the nations. He will not shout nor raise his voice, nor make his voice heard in the street. He will not break [even] a bruised reed nor extinguish even flickering flax; but he will administer justice in truth. He will not slacken nor tire until he sets justice in the land and islands will long for his teaching. Thus said the God, HASHEM, Who created the heavens and stretched them forth; Who formed the earth and its produce, Who gave a soul to the people upon it, and a spirit to those who walk on it. I am HASHEM, I have called you with righteousness; I will strengthen your hand; I will protect you; I will set you for a covenant to the people, for a light to the nations; to open blind eyes; to remove a prisoner from confinement, dwellers in darkness from a dungeon. I am HASHEM; that is My name; I shall not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven idols.” Isaiah 42:1-8 [AST]

Please take your time to read the above and absorb the messages within these passages of scripture. Israel as a united nation and the Messiah of Israel are to provide the Light for those who reside in the darkness of dungeons. We as a united nation are to be united to HaMoshiach so we can administer the medication that opens the eyes of the blind. Any casual reading of the “New Testament” will show that Yeshua healed the sick, blind, lame, deaf and healed the “lepers”, and even raised those that were dead. He also adhered to the Torah of Moshe, and He truly fulfilled those aspects of being the chosen One, sent to remove prisoners from the confinement of darkness, the realm of HaSatan and idols. For the many that are from the House of Ephraim, who claim to walk in the footsteps of Yeshua HaMoshiach, I

ask, whose footsteps are you truly walking in? Praying in His name, prophesying in His name, casting out demons and performing miracles in His name does not guarantee you are walking in His footsteps, only the application of Torah shows that you are indeed walking in the footsteps of HaMoshiach!

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.” John 7:21-23 [NASB]

The opposite to **lawless** is **lawful** and the only way Yeshua HaMoshiach will see you as a true member of the “family” and allow you to reside in the Promised Land is if you practice the Torah, that is you become one who is **lawful** and not **lawless**. This is not saying the keeping of the Law/Torah is providing THE SALVATION for your soul, [as HaMoshiach Yeshua does that], but it is saying it that provides a pathway towards salvation, directing you towards the true Biblical Moshiach. Practicing lawfulness provides you with the means whereby you will be accepted as a citizen of Biblical Israel, allowing you to enter into the Promised Land under the protective wings of Yeshua HaMoshiach. For HaMoshiach to take you to the Promised Land He must KNOW you; so what constitutes **lawlessness** is a serious question and one that requires serious attention. The consequences for rejecting the Torah of Moshe could carry a very heavy penalty, certainly keeping one out of entering the Promised Land. Praise HaShem that His love and everlasting mercy for His Children give us a chance to return to Him, under the outstretched wings of Yeshua and the Holy Torah, allowing us to enter the Promised Land. We serve a wonderful God, as there is no God like the God of Israel, and no nation like the nation of Israel, and no land like Eretz Yisrael.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,
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