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Introduction

Moses's preamble to the laws ends with the basic premise of the Torah: *"See, this day I set before you are blessing and curse."*

Deuteronomy 11:26-32

26 "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. ²⁹ And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. ³⁰ Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oak of Moreh? ³¹ For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it, ³² you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today. (ESV)

The Lord is very straight forward about how He feels about the Torah. The Torah is a covenant He made with the nation of Israel and not with anyone else. It does not matter if someone claims they are the "spiritual" Israel. There is no such differentiation between the physical nation of Israel, today represented by the Jewish people, and a "Spiritual Israel" claimed by many in Christianity. The Bible simply does not confirm this and anyone who claims such a thing would be transgressing against the Lord's word as given through Moses and confirmed by the Prophets and Yeshua Himself. Before the people of Israel entered into the Promised Land, they were told by Moses, who brought them instructions from the Lord, that if they obeyed the commandments of the Lord, they would be blessed, and if they did not, they would be cursed.

So, while we have been under a curse because of what our parents, Adam and Chavah, did, we have multiplied that curses over the millennia by our disregarding the Torah. When Israel received their final instructions from Moses before he was to die, they were told to be careful and follow all the statutes and rules that were being told them once more. Moses had to hammer the message home because he knew, from what the Lord had told

him, that Israel would fall away from the Torah and from their God after Moses was gone. Many of us who are congregational leaders can sympathize with Moses because, on a much smaller scale, we have gone through exactly what he did. We have watched as people were introduced to the covenant of Torah and how excited they were but then, as time went on, their walk slowed down and their enthusiasm cooled down. Many walked away from the covenant just like Israel did, and some looked for other congregations that were not quite so strict about following the Torah. God was very direct about how to receive the blessings and why you would get the curses. Torah is not the law of the land anywhere on the face of the earth. It's a pain but it's true. Those of us in the Torah Movement, joining Torah and Messiah together, have watched as the Messianic world, inclusive of the Hebrew Roots, Sacred Name, Sabbatarians, etc., have brought the covenant of Torah and Messiah down with them. We wind up fighting over things that hold no importance outside of distracting us from the goal the Master set for us.

Forty years in the wilderness brought Moses and Israel to the front door of Canaan. The Lord would make a way for them to enter the land and conquer it. All they had to do is follow Him as we are told to follow Messiah. The Son of the Most High is also the Son of Man – one who gave up what He was to become one like him, possibly in spirit.

Joshua 8:33 And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. (ESV)

In this passage, we see that the sojourners are mentioned as being part of Israel along with the native born, so we have definitive proof that the mixed multitude were being assimilated into the tribes of Israel. The argument over this is settled because the word of the Lord says it is. The statement that the sin of the golden calf was done by the mixed multitude flies in the face of the Biblical proof. When Moses called for someone to stand up for God, only the Levites stepped forward. They were told to put on their swords, go out among the Israelites, and cut down anyone who participated in the worship of the calf. We are told they killed their brethren, not the mixed multitude. If we don't stop tampering with the word of God, we are going to have a big problem even greater than what Israel had. Ours will lead to the end times. Are you ready for what is coming, or have you been deluded into a false sense of security also? People, we need to get back to prayer – big time! Before it is too late.

Isaiah 54:11-17

11 "Storm-ravaged [city], unconsoled, I will set your stones in the finest way, lay your foundations with sapphires, ¹² make your windows shine with rubies, your gates with garnet, your walls with gemstones. ¹³ All your children will be taught by *ADONAI*; your children will have great peace. ¹⁴ In righteousness you will be established, far from oppression, with nothing to fear; far from ruin, for it will not come near you. ¹⁵ Any alliance that forms against you will not be my doing; whoever tries to form such an alliance will fall

because of you. ¹⁶ It is I who created the craftsman who blows on the coals and forges weapons suited to their purpose; I also created the destroyer to work havoc. ¹⁷ No weapon made will prevail against you. In court, you will refute every accusation. The servants of *ADONAI* inherit all this; the reward for their righteousness is from me," says *ADONAI*. (CJB)

Isaiah leads us into Revelation and the New Jerusalem. The Apostle John received a vision just as the Prophet Isaiah did. This is the promises that were given that would bring the curse to an end, a just conclusion by a just Creator. We are told that our reward for keeping faith with the Father is by keeping faith with His Son. To keep faith with Him is to do as all those who came before us did. Walk in the ways of Torah, keep faith, and trust in the Son of Man who is also the Son of God.

Revelation 21:15-27

15 The angel speaking with me had a gold measuring-rod with which to measure the city, its gates and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out in a square, its length equal to its width. With his rod he measured the city at 1,500 miles, with length, width and height the same. ¹⁷ He measured its wall at 216 feet by human standards of measurement, which the angel was using. ¹⁸ The wall was made of diamond and the city of pure gold resembling pure glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city wall were decorated with all kinds of precious stones- the first foundation stone was diamond, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh turquoise and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, with each gate made of a single pearl. The city's main street was pure gold, transparent as glass. ²² I saw no Temple in the city, for *ADONAI*, God of heaven's armies, is its Temple, as is the Lamb. ²³ The city has no need for the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's *Sh'khinah* gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never close, they stay open all day because night will not exist there, ²⁶ and the honor and splendor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure may enter it, nor anyone who does shameful things or lies; the only ones who may enter are those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (CJB)

In this passage from Revelation, we see the dimensions of the New Jerusalem. It is 1500 mile around it, and its walls are 216 feet high. The walls and foundation are made of precious stones because nothing is too good for our God. There is no Temple in this city because the Father and the Son are its living Temple. There will be no night in this city because the *Shechinah* of the Almighty will light the way.

This is the hope mankind has been looking for since the day we were created but then fell away from the Holy One of Israel. When you question who His covenant is with, He questions your faith in Him. Whatever the choice maybe, it is His to make. We are along for the ride, and a wild one it will be. Life is not without its difficulties, my friends. It's what we make of them that will define us. Are you ready to meet your Messiah, your Redeemer, or are you going to turn tail and run away because you know you made the worst mistake you ever could in this life by tossing Torah out the window? Life is about mistakes and

how you handle them. Nothing is smooth about life. It has its ups and downs, but if we hold fast to the truth that has been laid out before us, then we are standing with Israel at Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal weighing the blessings and the curses knowing that our decision will be based on whether we walked according to Torah, which is Yeshua's way, or whether we walked according to Satan, whose "Torah" is nothing and only leads us to the curses with no real blessings for us. Choose carefully, people, lest you choose to follow the wide road that leads to sin and death eternal because at its end is the Lake of Fire. Follow the narrow road that brings you to the source of life – Messiah Yeshua who is waiting for us but won't wait forever.

I will close with this:

Torah Man says: "Faith is far more a way of walking than it is of talking."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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