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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION

-Welcome to United Israel World Union, this is our Sabbath morning scripture study coming to you live from the United Israel Center in Saint Francisville, Louisiana. Many of you are in your own place today, alone, Shabbat Shalom and thank you for joining us this morning. We need one another to help us go through what the world is going through today. I pray that all of you and the ones that you care for remain healthy today and throughout the coronavirus.

-We are currently in a new teaching series called, "Torah" where I want to talk about everything Torah. My intention with this series is to go where I've never gone before in a teaching series. I want to bring to light much of what I've been studying for the past several years, because this group can handle this subject matter. Though it's not a traditional series on the Torah, there will be some of that. This will be an in-depth study of Torah. In "The Ten Words" series, <https://unitedisrael.org/category/the-ten-words/>, we looked at textural inconsistencies, comparing Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 side by side and we will continue this in our "Torah" series. UIWU has an educational outreach and our purpose is to provide good, solid, informative exegesis of the text of the Bible. All of us are here because we are deep students of scripture.

-Our "Torah" study has turned to a search for the authentic scroll written by Moses. The hand of Moses being apparent in the text of what is traditionally known as the works attributed to him, the Moses material (Genesis 1:1 - Deuteronomy 34:12). What does evidence bring forth to clearly show, what did Moses write? We are talking about authorship. I'm not questioning the authenticity, or the inspiration, or the divine nature of the other material, our study will get to that. In this series I want to discern a single hand that belongs to Moshe Rabbeinu. What did Moses write? The search must take place

within the pages of the bible initially along with other sources as necessary, like the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will look at the text in the bible, from the words, in connection with the words, and on-the-basis-of the words.

-In our “Torah” study, we’re currently looking for what Moses’ hand wrote on leather / parchment. In previous classes, I presented evidence that Moses did indeed write a little scroll, whether rolled or folded, based on several third person accounts within the Moses material. In Deuteronomy 31:24-26 we learned through a third person account where Moses finished writing the scroll to the very end and he handed it to the Levites who carry the ark, yet we still have three chapters left in Deuteronomy. The Torah was to be written on plastered stones and the five books would have been too much. When Ezra stands on a wooden platform and the scroll of Moses is read in the hearing of the people we get a clear indication it took from morning to mid-day, yet today it takes about 25 hours to read the five books. As such, I’ve proposed that the Moses Scroll is a smaller document. Please join us as we continue in our teaching series called, “Torah”.

TEACHING NOTES

-Today we are in our seventh class on our series on the Torah and today’s class is called “Jeremiah Part One”. Shabbat Shalom, today is the first day of the 7th biblical month and is known as Yom Teruah, the day of a blast. Today is traditionally Rosh Hashanah – The New Year. Here is a link to a post from Dr. James Tabor called “Understanding Rosh Hashanah in History and Tradition – The Day of the Blast.”

https://jamestabor.com/understanding-rosh-hashanah-in-history-and-tradition-the-day-of-the-blast/?fbclid=IwAR2f6RiK_GetDNmDUysr0mW5BYRwj0x0t6cd-mIv9Dj1uttkLqSUEBspdSI

-Today I’m going to begin with a prophecy of Jeremiah, and we are in class 7 of my Torah Series. I intend to begin to show you that Jeremiah the prophet is a key to understanding the content of the Moses Scroll. Without Jeremiah, we will not be able to piece together the elements that comprise the Moses Scroll. Today’s prophecy from Jeremiah 16 is just a nugget that Jeremiah has before him the Moses Scroll, and has internalized it in a very real and meaningful way. The words he speaks are based solidly on the Moses Scroll. This prophecy is so important that he repeats it in chapter 23. Jeremiah 16 begins with a word from YHVH to Jeremiah which sets him on a course for the life that he has been given by the creator. A life he didn’t ask for and one that wasn’t comfortable, yet he’s been given this incredible burden.

-The Jeremiah scriptures are not in chronicle order and in chapter 16, this is early, and given to prepare him for some things that are going to be coming. Mainly he’s told not to marry, and don’t have children and YHVH gives a specific reason for this. Having children is so important that some teachers have said, no Jewish man of importance was single in the biblical period. People who say this have never read Jeremiah 16. Later than Jeremiah 16, Jewish tradition reflects an earlier time that a man ought to be married and seek to raise a family.

-Gen 1: 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

-The idea of not having children is contrary but YHVH tells Jeremiah he’s not to have children. YHVH tells Jeremiah that sons and daughters that are born in this place and the

mothers and fathers who bring them into this place are going to die grievous deaths. God has a mission for Jeremiah, he doesn't have time for marriage and children. You've committed yourself to a path of expressing my words to the people. Those who have children, their children will die, and they won't be lamented or mourned. Those who die in the coming catastrophes will be as dung on the earth, consumed by sword and famine. Jeremiah is told he will witness the worst of times. The carcasses of those who die will be food for the birds of the air and beasts of the field. Jeremiah is further told not to enter a house of mourning to lament those who die in what is coming. YHVH has removed his peace, love, and mercy from this people. Young and old will die and those who do lose loved ones won't even be consoled. In the days of Jeremiah an earlier decree that was spoken was soon coming to pass. The voice of gladness from the bride and the bridegroom would not be heard in the streets. Why?

-Jer 16: 10 "And when you tell this people all these words, and they say to you, 'Why has YHVH pronounced all this great evil against us? What is our iniquity? What is the sin that we have committed against YHVH our God?' 11 then you shall say to them: 'Because your fathers have forsaken me, declares YHVH, and have gone after other gods and have served and worshiped them, and have forsaken me and have not kept my law, 12 and because you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, every one of you follows his stubborn, evil will, refusing to listen to me. 13 Therefore I will hurl you out of this land into a land that neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods day and night, for I will show you no favor.'

-Jeremiah is often referred to as the weeping prophet and at times expresses his great displeasure for choosing him. There are times when he just wants to go away. To go away to the wilderness and open a hotel, just to get away for two reasons. One, he doesn't want to witness the horrors that are coming, and two, he just wants to get out from the burdens of YHVH. And then he says the following...

-Jer 16: 14 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when it shall no longer be said, 'As YHVH lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' (Pause)

-This ought to shock readers of the bible. Jeremiah says the very thing for which YHVH is known is the Exodus from Egypt. It was through this great act, that YHVH gained a name for himself. Don't miss the significance of this text. No longer will it be said, YHVH lives who brought the children of Israel up from the land of Egypt. That's not going to be spoken any more. The Exodus as we know it will no longer be the basis of an oath. Jeremiah says, days are coming when it will no longer be said, that God brought Israel out of Egypt, you won't even talk about this anymore, and Moses says, this great thing, the thing for which God is known.

-Deu 4: 32 "For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. 33 Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? 34 Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which YHVH your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?"

-Jeremiah is not only getting this from a word of YHVH but from a scroll. He is speaking a word and teaching things and pronouncing things that he has learned from a specific text, "children of Israel out of Egypt". This phrase occurs seven times in scripture.

-Exo 6: 13 But YHVH spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

-Exo 6: 26 These are the Aaron and Moses to whom YHVH said: "Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts."

-Exo 7: 4 Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

-Exo 12: 51 And on that very day YHVH brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

-Exo 13: 18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.

-Exo 19: 1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

-Num 33: 38 And Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor at the command of YHVH and died there, in the fortieth year after the people of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, on the first day of the fifth month.

-Jer 16: 14 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when it shall no longer be said, 'As YHVH lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' 15 but 'As YHVH lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

-In days to come there will be an oath but it won't be based on the children of Israel being brought out of the land of Egypt, rather the oath will be about YHVH concerning his bringing up the children of Israel from out of the north country and all the countries where he had driven them. Jeremiah can't be basing the second part of this on Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, or Numbers as none of them mention a redemption from the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them. Where did Jeremiah get this thought?

-Jeremiah finds the source for this prophecy from the words of a scroll and he speaks what he speaks on the authority and declaration of YHVH. What he speaks here was declared long before Jeremiah's days. It's language, vocabulary, and content can be found in a scroll, written by the hand of Moses. Jeremiah's source for these prophecies and the book of Jeremiah is the scroll. This prediction that Jeremiah mentions in Jeremiah 16:15 was there all along in a scroll that was lost, hidden away, and wasn't revealed until 622 BCE.

-Jer 1: 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Ah, Adonai YHVH! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." 7 But YHVH said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares YHVH." 9 Then YHVH put out his hand and touched my mouth. And YHVH said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, I have set

you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

-This is the call of Jeremiah and "my words in your mouth" are found in Deuteronomy 18 and nowhere else in Torah. The prophet must speak the words of YHVH in his mouth.

We get a picture of this throughout the prophets, Ezekiel eats a scroll, also in Jeremiah 3.

-Isa 59: 21 "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says YHVH: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says YHVH, "from this time forth and forevermore."

-Putting the words in the mouth of his prophets comes in a variety of ways. Jeremiah had a specific diet, the words that he ate were the words of the Moses Scroll.

-Jer 15: 15 O YHVH, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

-He's been attacked, and his life is in the balance. He's like a sheep lead to the slaughter and becomes in many ways the suffering servant of his generation. The prophet like Moses. One who will be attacked on all ends, religious leaders want to kill him.

-Jer 15: 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O YHVH, God of hosts.

-In Jeremiah's days a scroll was found and it's the word of YHVH, by the hand of Moses, and it is these words that were eaten. Nowhere else in scripture does it talk about the finding of a scroll in this context. Everything that Jeremiah does and says from this point forward will be based upon the words of a scroll that he ate, figuratively he consumed the words. Everything for which he was called, being set up over nations and kingdoms, to root out, to pull down, to destroy, to throw down, all of that will be based upon the words that he's eaten from the scroll of Moses. His mission to build and to plant also come from the words of a scroll that was found and will serve as a script for all that was demanded of him in his unique roll. When Moses had finished writing the scroll, he gave it to the Levities who carried the ark to be kept as a witness against the people. This was to be played out and Jeremiah will oversee that. This didn't happen in anyone else's lifetime. Jeremiah, a prophet like Moses will see to it that the words are brought to fruition.

-Deu 31: 24 When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, 25 Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of YHVH, 26 "Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of YHVH your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. 27 For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against YHVH. How much more after my death! 28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of YHVH, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands." 30 Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

-This scroll, the little scroll that Moses wrote, I want you who among the Levites, who bear the ark of the covenant, to keep this scroll as a witness against you. After I'm dead you will become corrupt, but the words of this scroll and the words of a song will be

there to witness against you. Jeremiah eats these words. The words of the scroll that was to be a witness against them was discovered again in the days of Jeremiah.

-Deu 31: 16 And YHVH said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them. 17 Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' 18 And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods. 19 "Now therefore write this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel. 20 For when I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to give to their fathers, and they have eaten and are full and grown fat, they will turn to other gods and serve them, and despise me and break my covenant. 21 And when many evils and troubles have come upon them, this song shall confront them as a witness (for it will live unforgotten in the mouths of their offspring). For I know what they are inclined to do even today, before I have brought them into the land that I swore to give." 22 So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel.

-The words of a scroll and the words of a poem would turn out to be a witness against Israel. These words were to be kept by a group of Levites who bore the ark of the covenant. As we learned last week, this group had connections to Anathoth being one of the places. When the Moses scroll, that ancient witness was discovered by a priest named Hilkiyah, he gave it to a scribe by the name of Shaphan who took it to Josiah and read it.

-2Chr 34: 19 And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiyah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 21 "Go, inquire of YHVH for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found. For great is the wrath of YHVH that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of YHVH, to do according to all that is written in this book."

-If you heard the words that I just read you from Deuteronomy you would say exactly what Josiah says. There is great wrath on us because we have forsaken YHVH and not kept his word. He's not tearing his garments because he just heard the stories in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers. That's not what moved him. He hears words of horror and terror. Perhaps he heard the following that moved him so greatly.

-Deu 28: 36 "YHVH will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. 37 And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where YHVH will lead you away.

-This goes on and on that the king and the people would be carried away.

-1Sam 12: 24 Only fear YHVH and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. 25 But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

-Samuel was pressured by the people to give them a king like the nations. When he gives them their demands, YHVH says, they've not rejected you as king, they've rejected me.

-1Sam 10: 25 Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before YHVH. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home.

-This idea, hearing the curses, caused Josiah to rip his garments. Leviticus has curses too, but the wording and the reaction and the follow up by king Josiah and his court indicates that the words of Deuteronomy are behind what takes place. Josiah then sends Hilkiah and this delegation to go inquire of YHVH. It's interesting that Josiah doesn't send this entourage to Jeremiah. Jeremiah started receiving the words of YHVH five years before the discovery of the scroll. But when Josiah says to go inquire of YHVH, they don't go to Jeremiah.

-2Chr 34: 22 So Hilkiah and those whom the king had sent went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter) and spoke to her to that effect. 23 And she said to them, "Thus says YHVH, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 24 Thus says YHVH, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book that was read before the king of Judah. 25 Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore my wrath will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched. 26 But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YHVH, thus shall you say to him, Thus says YHVH, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, 27 because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares YHVH. 28 Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants.'" And they brought back word to the king.

-Huldah the prophetess says, not that your words have caused the wrath of YHVH to be withdrawn. She doesn't say these words will not come to pass, on the contrary, she says this place is going down. But you Josiah, because you have humbled yourself, you'll go to your grave without seeing what's coming. Josiah has thirteen years from the discovery of the scroll till he dies where the bad is at bay. All the days of Josiah, the people departed not from following YHVH the God of their fathers. This was about a thirteen-year swing to the good. The pronouncement had been made and there was no turning back. In the book of Kings, it says, there was no remedy. The end was decreed long ago in a scroll the Moses wrote with his own hand and gave it to those who carry the ark and said to keep this as a witness against the people and it's time for the witness to speak. Josiah will go to his grave in peace, but not in a peaceful death.

-At the time of Josiah's death, the king of Egypt was making his way to battle, and Josiah went out to meet him. The Spirit of YHVH begins to speak to Josiah through the king of Egypt and he says why are you coming out, this has nothing to do with you, I don't want to fight with you, and Josiah wouldn't back off. Josiah ignored the word of YHVH through the king of Egypt and it cost him his life. At 39 years of age the greatest son of David, none like him before, none like him after, the one whose birth and life had been prophesied hundreds of years before and he was named. That great king, the holiest of all, died, pierced by an arrow in the valley of Megiddo. The term valley of Megiddo is only

used twice in scripture, once to describe the death and location of Josiah and the other in a prophet by the name of Zechariah.

-Zec 12: 10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. 11 On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. 12 The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

-The mourning of one in Zechariah 12:10 can only be compared to one other event in the history of ancient Israel. That's the deep mourning over the death of David's greatest son Josiah, who was pierced in the valley of Megiddo. David's greatest son was now gathered to his fathers. Gathered to his grave in peace. His eyes would not see the evil that was to come, but the evil would be coming. His life was described duly applied from the scroll that was discovered during his reign.

-2Kin 23: 25 Before him there was no king like him, who turned to YHVH with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.

-This is a fitting eulogy and comes from the words of the scroll. To describe this king it says, there were none like him before him, nor were there any like him after him. He turned to YHVH with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his everything. This is only used in the book of Deuteronomy. According to all the Book of Moses, which is the book that was found in his days. "Nor did any like him arise after him", this is tied to language we find in Deuteronomy 34. The language and vocabulary are striking.

-2Chr 35: 25 Jeremiah also uttered a lament for Josiah; and all the singing men and singing women have spoken of Josiah in their laments to this day. They made these a rule in Israel; behold, they are written in the Laments.

-This great mourning was so great for the one who is pierced in the valley of Megiddo.

-2Kin 23: 26 Still YHVH did not turn from the burning of his great wrath, by which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him. 27 And YHVH said, "I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there."

-Imagine being at a funeral of the greatest king and they say, King Josiah may he rest in peace, none arose like him and none will be like him in the future. Then some voice in the crowd says, nevertheless YHVH's wrath is not pulled back, he's still going to take everybody out. Could you just give us a minute to mourn? But a minute is not to be had because YHVH's promise that Josiah would not see the evil will come, but Josiah is resting now. He's in his grave in peace and the evil will come quickly and fiercely. YHVH sends a prophet whose there in the days of Josiah. We don't have a single reference of Josiah or Jeremiah ever meeting or talking. There are 18 years of overlap between the two, and we never have an episode of them meeting. We see Jeremiah going in before Jehoiakim and Zedekiah and the sons of Josiah. Jeremiah is even seen criticizing Jehoiakim a son of Josiah.

-Jer 22: 15 Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares YHVH. 17 But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence."

-Jeremiah's in their face, he's a young, robust, and powerful prophet and comes in before the king and says, your father was a just and upright man. You on the other hand, think that you have building of nice cedar, think that this will save you. From the time of Jeremiah's call, he's working from a scroll to see to it that the kingdom comes to its decreed end, like following a script. The family of the keeper of the scroll looks at the words before him and pronounces them to the people of his day. He speaks in the throne room. He speaks in the temple. When he speaks, he speaks from the words of the scroll, which he found and which he ate.

-Jer 15: 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O YHVH, God of hosts.

-From the scroll, he saw the script that demanded an end to the kingdom of Judah and to Jerusalem. Yet from the words of the same scroll, he also saw hope for the future. Often after pronouncing the bad, Jeremiah would say, but behold days are coming declares YHVH. They wanted to kill him. He pronounced against the priests, you who handle the law, the Torah, don't know it. He's reading it from the scroll of Moses, and he's watching their actions and behavior and declares that a desolation is coming. He was told by the word of YHVH that desolation would be decreed for 70 years.

-Jer 25: 11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares YHVH, making the land an everlasting waste.

-Dan 9: 1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans-- 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of YHVH to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. 3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

-Dan 9: 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him 10 and have not obeyed the voice of YHVH our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.

-It's saying that the desolations that are on them come from the Torah of Moses as it was said.

-Dan 9: 12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of YHVH our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth.

-The prophets recognized that the pronouncements that were coming against them was based upon the consequences from the scroll that Moses wrote. Jeremiah's teaching is based solidly on the words of the Moses scroll. He saw within these words, the end and a new beginning. He knew that the people of Jerusalem and of the land would be driven out among the nations, but he also knew that from there, they would be gathered back and return. Just as Jeremiah saw the downfall of his people, he saw a great revival, a return.

-Jer 16: 15 but 'As YHVH lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

-Where does Jeremiah get this, to say that people will no longer swear an oath based on the God that brought the children of Israel up from the land of Egypt which is how he made himself known to the world. It's not going to be spoken because we're going to be making an oath to the one who brought the children of Israel from the north and from the countries where you had driven them. Where is Jeremiah getting that? He's getting this from the scroll of Moses.

-Deu 30: 1 "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where YHVH your God has driven you, 2 and return to YHVH your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 then YHVH your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where YHVH your God has scattered you.

-In relation to the children of Israel being driven into the other nations, the word driven only occurs in one book of the Pentateuch, in Deuteronomy.

-Deu 30: 4 If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there YHVH your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. 5 And YHVH your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.

-Jeremiah said that when this happens, it's going to be so great that people will then swear, as YHVH lives who brought the children of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the lands in which he gathered them. Imagine if you were in a group of people who were just brought back from all the lands and someone said, YHVH lives who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. I imagine every face would turn and say, yea but, YHVH lives who brought the children of Israel up out of the land of the north and all the nations into which he had driven them, not just Egypt. As it turns out, the Moses scroll is the source of Jeremiah's prophecies of a faithful end as well as the prophetic words of a new and glorious beginning. I wrote a paper called, "Swearing by the Name of YHVH" and I highly recommend you read it because it's based upon what we are talking about here. This is a lost biblical command. The Torah commands making an oath. <https://rossknichols.com/swearing-by-the-name-of-yhvh/>

-Deu 6: 13 It is YHVH your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

-This is the ultimate of assuring truth. Many people say you can't even pronounce the name, let alone swear by it, but Jeremiah read from the scroll of Moses.

-Deu 10: 20 You shall fear YHVH your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

-Jer 4: 1 "If you return, O Israel, declares YHVH, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence, and do not waver, 2 and if you swear, 'As YHVH lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."

-YHVH is stating, if they will learn to swear in my name, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him. The people know how to swear in the name of Baal. Prophets and priests have taught the people to do all sorts of things that are not biblical. Jeremiah is working off a script. Jeremiah saw the worst of days in history, recorded in the bible and he saw them before they happened. He had to see them twice. He was studying the words of a scroll. He said, when your scroll was found, I ate it. He had the words of YHVH in his mouth. Words that prophesied the downfall and words that prophesied the great return, building, and planting. He had to see the words twice, once in the scroll and once as they were enacted before his very eyes. He watched as they came to pass, but he also saw in the same scroll words that predicted better days. Behold, days are coming declares YHVH. Josiah was now dead – Josiah my servant is dead. The work would fall solely to a priest from Anathoth, a prophet like Moses by the name of Jeremiah ben Hilkiyah.

-Going forward, I will show you in great-detail how Jeremiah with the word of YHVH, and the words of the Moses Scroll, declared the end and a new beginning. When they were found, Jeremiah ate them. Along the way as he worked his way through the script of the Moses Scroll, Jeremiah penned his own scroll. A scroll which as I will show is the greatest literary work of all time. I call that scroll, the New Covenant Scroll of Jeremiah. But for that, join me next week.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, See you next week!

(1) Torah – The Journey Begins – Class One (Seekers of Truth Awaken; Under the Law – What Were We Told; The Fundamentalist View; Reading the Book – A Positive View of Torah; An Introduction to Torah Faith; The Torah Class Syllabus; An Honest Assessment of Torah; Burning Questions; Fundamentalism – Then & Now; Taking the Hard Road – An Obligation to Share Biblical Truth and Reach Sound Conclusions; Torah Means Direction; This is the Torah Of; Torah in the Heart; Rejecting the Torah of YHVH; What Does the Torah Say vs What People Say it Says; What Did Moses Write)

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(2) Torah – Authors – Class Two (Associating Our Lives with the Ancient Texts; Going Inside the Scriptures; Letting the Authors Speak for Themselves; The Psalms of David; The First-Person Words of Daniel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah; The Distinction Between Scribe (Third-Person) and Prophet (First-Person); Applying the Same Method to the Moses Material – The Five Books of Moses; What Did Moses Write – Discerning the Hand of Moses; The Third-Person Narratives of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers; Deuteronomy's First-Person Narratives; Moses Constructs an Ark; Moses Spoke Beyond the Jordan – Examples of Late Biblical Editors; The Scroll of Moses)

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(3) Torah – What Moses Wrote – Class Three (The Five Books of Moses – The Pentateuch; Seven References to Moses Writing Something; Blotting Out the Memory of Amalek; Writing the Commands of YHVH Associated with the Covenant; YHVH’s Travelogue – Journeys in the Wilderness; This Torah; The Book / Scroll of This Torah and It’s Content; References to the Scroll / Torah of Moses – The Man of God; Content Within Deuteronomy; Walking in the Ways of YHVH; Cooking the Passover Lamb – Roasted vs. Boiled; Remember the Torah of My Servant Moses; What Did Moses Write)

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(4) Torah – The Moses Scroll – Class Four (What Did Moses Write; The Moses Scroll – A Smaller Document; Excluding Things from the Moses Scroll; Third Person Material – A Different Hand than Moses; Biblical References Pointing to Context in Deuteronomy; Missing Books Quoted in the Bible; The Damascus Document – A Quote About the Scroll of Moses; One Woman One Man; David and Solomon Multiply Wives; Joshua and the Sealed Scroll of the Torah in the Ark; The Torah of the King – Deuteronomy 17:14-20; A King “Like the Nations”; Samuel is Displeased; Rejecting YHVH as King; Jotham’s Parable; Allowing Statutes that are Not Good; A Polemic Against the Monarchy; Inserting Anachronistic Texts Which Come Later)

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(5) Torah – The Discovery – Class Five (Where’s the Moses Scroll; The Purpose of the Box; David Brings the Ark of God to Jerusalem; Solomon Builds a House for the Name of God; The Ark of God – Housed in the Most Holy Place; What Happened to the Scroll of Moses; Jehoash Repairs the Temple; The Temple Falls into Disrepair Again; A Great King is Born to the House of David; Josiah Appointed King; Hilkiyah Discovers the Scroll of YHVH Written by the Hand of Moses; Shaphan the Scribe Reads the Scroll before Josiah; Josiah Tears His Cloths; Huldah the Prophetess says Gods Wrath is Coming; Josiah Reforms Judah; Content found in Deuteronomy; With All Your Heart and Soul; Josiah’s Passover; With All Your Strength/Everything; Where is Jeremiah the Prophet)

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(6) Torah – Keepers of the Holy – Class Six (The Great Discovery; Josiah’s Great Reform; Following the Words of Moses Scroll; Where is the Ark of the Covenant; Where was the Moses Scroll Concealed; Josiah’s Passover; The Sons of Levi – Gershon, Kohath, and Merari; Service of the Holy Things; Oxen and Wagons; The Sons of Kohath; The Sons of Amram – Aaron and Moses; Solomon Anointed King; Adonijah is Killed; Abiathar is Banished to Anathoth; Kohathites and the Most Sacred Things Carried on Shoulders; Jeremiah – Son of Hilkiyah; The Words of YHVH in the Mouth of a Prophet like Moses; Jeremiah and Josiah Overlap for 18 Years; The Potential for Redemption is Ripe; Jeremiah Laments the Death of Josiah; Jeremiah’s Prophecies; Treacherous Sister Judah and Faithless Israel; The Ark of the Covenant won’t be Missed; Burning Questions)

September 12, 2020 – Ross Nichols

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THIS WEEK IN TORAH

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2020

Rosh HaShanah: (Leviticus 23:1-2; Leviticus 23:23-25; Numbers 29:1-6) YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of YHVH that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to YHVH." "This Week in Torah" FB Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Blossoming Rose Israel Tours (2020 - 2021): <https://blossomingrose.org/>

-Connect to Israel Tour – (2020): Clayton – Young; November 1 – 13, 2020;

<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/connect-to-israel-tour-2020/>

-Walking the Ancient Paths – (2021): Tabor – Nichols Israel Tour February 26-March 9, 2021; <https://blossomingrose.org/2021-walking-the-ancient-paths/>;

<https://www.facebook.com/unitedisrael/videos/1519585374879147>;

-UNCC Mt. Zion Archaeological Project, Dig Mt. Zion (2021): June/July 2021;

<https://digmountzion.uncc.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/digmountzion/>

-Limited Mobility Israel Tour – (2021): Nichols – Young; October 18 – 28, 2021;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyUGXC4fUvU> & <https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/limited-mobility-israel-tour-2021/>

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-UIWU Official Website / YouTube Website / Facebook Website:

<https://unitedisrael.org/> (UIWU Main Website)

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-UIWU Founder, United Nations Correspondent, Author, (1903 – 2003) David Horowitz:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Horowitz_\(author\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Horowitz_(author))
<https://jamestabor.com/the-extraordinary-life-of-david-horowitz-documented-at-last/>
<https://unitedisrael.org/remembering-david-horowitz/>
-UIWU President, Biblical Scholar/Professor at UNCC, Tabor Blog, Dr. James D. Tabor:
<https://jamestabor.com/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tabor
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=james+tabor
-UIWU Executive Vice-President, Historian, Researcher, Author, Ralph Buntyn:
<https://unitedisrael.org/category/remembering-david-horowitz/>
<https://www.amazon.com/Book-David-Horowitz-Nations-Founder/dp/1630515833>
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ralph+buntyn
-UIWU Vice-President, Weekly Teaching and Study Sessions, Ross Nichols:
<https://unitedisrael.org/author/rknichols/>
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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg>
-UIWU Vice-President, Temple Beth Shalom, Hickory, NC, Rabbi Dennis Jones:
<https://www.hickoryjewishcenter.com/index.html>
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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jodell+onstott
<https://www.amazon.com/YHWH-Exists-Jodell-Onstott/dp/0975337505>
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-UIWU Music Minister, Weekly Teachings, Glenn Chatterton
-UIWU Scribe, Weekly Teaching Notes, This Week in Torah FB, John “Baruch” Perry
-A 95 Page Summary of UI “Weekly Teaching Notes” (April 2007 to May 2020)
<https://unitedisrael.org/a-summary-of-ui-teachings-by-john-baruch-perry/>
-This Week in Torah / Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

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<https://www.kolyehuda.com/>
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/57979546982/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simcha_Jacobovici

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-Archaeologist, Professor of Practice at UNCC, Dr. Shimon Gibson:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=shimon+gibson

<https://history.uncc.edu/people/dr-shimon-gibson>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimon_Gibson

-Nehemia's Wall, Uncovering Ancient Hebrew Sources of Faith, Nehemia Gordan

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