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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, "Prophet" where I want to talk about the subject, the people, and the message of that mysterious group of men and women that are biblically referred to as the Prophet. We just completed a 12-part series called "Torah". The primary purpose of that study was to show and teach a method whereby you can determine within the first five books of the bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the hand of Moses. What is it that Moses wrote? This series was important because it gives us the essential tools to recognize apart from tradition and our beliefs, the voice of Moses in the five books. If we were able to determine the things that Moses said, then our goal in this study on the Prophet is to determine what the mouth of YHVH said from the hands, narrators, characters, people, and voices within the bible.

-The reason that we have prophets and prophecy is that at Horeb / Sinai YHVH spoke in an audible voice, in a day of assembly to an entire group made up of the people of Israel and a mixed multitude who joined with them. There at the foot of Sinai they saw, heard and had an awe-inspiring fearful experience and they were terrified. The people made a request that they not hear again the voice of YHVH their God or see his great fire any more lest they die.

-Exo 20: 18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled,

and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let Elohim speak to us, lest we die."

-One of the key things at Sinai was that the people asked for someone who would be between them and the creator. Moses, you go listen to what God says, you come back and tell us, and we will listen, but they didn't listen to this day. The promise was that if another would go to God and bring back his message, they would listen and do it. The biggest problem in the world today is that God's message through his prophets is still not heeded.

-Each of the prophets get their own vision of certain key points in the study of the last days, and much of the material deals with the time at hand. All of the prophets are addressing things that are going on around them, yet at other times they look forward to the days to come. In our study, we will talk about the tribes and various aspects of God that the prophets reveal. These prophets encountered God in a way that most humans never do and never will. We get some great incite into various subject matters and into the nature of God himself. As we focus on the prophets and prophecy, I want to also focus on the words of YHVH, the words of the God within the word of God, dealing mainly with the text of the Hebrew Scriptures. We are searching the scriptures for those life giving, flaming inspired words of the Hebrew prophets.

-Deu 8: 1 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that YHVH swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that YHVH your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of YHVH.

-Please join us as we journey through our teaching series called, "Prophet".

TEACHING NOTES

-Before I go into the material for today. I want to set the stage for what led us to the position that we are currently in. Today's class is called The Unheard Words. The word unheard can be defined as not heard or not listened to and today we are going with the definition of not listened to. The words that were not listened to – The Unheard Words. Scripture notes after the completion of the Ten Words, the following...

-Deu 5: 22 "These words YHVH spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. 23 And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders. 24 And you said, 'Behold, YHVH our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live.

-We start here with the response of the people who witnessed this terror filled / awe inspiring event. It scared the people so badly the people said...

-Deu 5: 24 And you said, 'Behold, YHVH our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God

25 Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of YHVH our God any more, we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? 27 Go near and hear all that YHVH our God will say, and speak to us all that YHVH our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.'

-After what they heard, the people came up with a plan to take their lives into their own hands should they witness something like this again. They told Moses to go and hear what he says, and the people said they will listen to it, and we will do it. By asking the prophet to be the middle person, they don't have to take their life into their hands, and they will comply with the message. Moses relates the reaction of the people to YHVH and he responds as follows.

-Deu 5: 28 "And YHVH heard your words, when you spoke to me. And YHVH said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. 29 Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

-YHVH accepts their agreement and tells Moses that he thinks that this is a good thing that they have brought to him and that this whole arrangement will work. In a way here we are getting a glimpse of what god truly desires. If only their heart was this, to fear me and to guard my commandments all the days and it would be good for them and for their children. The fear of YHVH is the beginning of wisdom, having an awesome respect for YHVH.

-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? 35 To you it was shown, that you might know that YHVH is God; there is no other besides him. 36 Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, 38 driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, 39 know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that YHVH is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. 40 Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that YHVH your God is giving you for all time."

-What YHVH seeks is that the people he chooses ultimately fear him and keep his commandments. This is the sum duty of humanity. YHVH says, Oh that they had such a heart as this always.

-Num 11: 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all YHVH's people were prophets, that YHVH would put his Spirit on them!"

-The desire of YHVH and the desire of his messengers go together in some way. The idea is that there would be a link between God and the people, and that link would be tied to obedience. YHVH's desire is that his people would fear him and keep his commandments, and everything would go well with them and their children. The people however, desired distance and safety. The people wanted a buffer between them and this awe-inspiring event and never wanted to see it again. If you put someone between us, we'll listen to that someone. YHVH heard what Moses told him the people said and he said, all that they have spoken is good. It's a good request if the people follow through, but they didn't. They did say that they would listen and do, but they didn't. Moses told the people in the plains of Moab the following...

-Deu 29: 4 But to this day YHVH has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

-Moses is relating to the people in the plains of Moab that they are lacking somethings which would be given by God, a heart to know. Moses notes that this is something that must come from YHVH.

-Jer 24: 7 I will give them a heart to know that I am YHVH, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

-The prophets are moved and spoken to by the same Spirit and often mention this idea of knowing YHVH.

-Jer 9: 23 Thus says YHVH: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am YHVH who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares YHVH."

-What God truly desires, is for people to know him. Pharaoh didn't know YHVH at the beginning, but he does know him by the end.

-Jer 31: 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know YHVH,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares YHVH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

-Isa 11: 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YHVH as the waters cover the sea.

-Hab 2: 14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

-Jer 24: 7 I will give them a heart to know that I am YHVH, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

-This has something to do with the giving of the heart to know. YHVH gives this heart to know him. The result of that is we get this covenant language, I am YHVH, they will be to me for a people, and I will be to them for a God and they will return to me with all their heart. Everything is contingent upon returning to God with your whole heart. What suggests that the giving of the heart to know will be brought about and the covenant will be restored is when the people return to YHVH with a whole heart. Which comes first? Could it be that our wholehearted attempt to return it met face to face with YHVH who recognizes our attempt to return and meets us halfway if you will. Moses indicates that the heart to know is a gift from YHVH. YHVH has yet to give you a heart to know. In

Jeremiah 24 it says that YHVH will indeed give you a heart to know and this will bring about this desired relationship, I will be to them for a God. There are 37 passages that use the phrase with all the heart in its various forms. Today I'm talking about a return with all your heart.

-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.

-This group of people who've been scattered among the nations have lost their identity and inside they desire to return to YHVH. They were brought up believing but now they just want the truth. Something creates within this group a return to the heart and then with all their heart they and their children begin to turn back to YHVH. Return and listen to the voice of YHVH and put away the other gods and seek to serve YHVH and YHVH alone.

-Deu 30: 8 And you shall again obey the voice of YHVH and keep all his commandments that I command you today. 9 YHVH your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For YHVH will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, 10 when you obey the voice of YHVH your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

-1Sam 7: 3 And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to YHVH with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroath from among you and direct your heart to YHVH and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."

-1Kin 8: 47 yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,' 48 if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, 49 then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause 50 and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them 51 (for they are your people, and your heritage, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace).

-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.

-Josiah is the example we get of one who turned to YHVH with all his heart. In the days of Jeremiah everything seems great, the temple is refurbished, a godly king is on the throne, God is going to use the king, the priesthood is restored, there's a revival in the town, and the ark is back in the temple, but Jeremiah says it's not real.

-Jer 3: 6 YHVH said to me in the days of King Josiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore? 7 And I thought, 'After she has done all this she will return to me,' but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore. 9 Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree. 10 Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to me with her whole heart, but in pretense, declares YHVH."

-There are people out there who recognize the biblical importance of seeing the two houses of Israel. Many believe the Northern Kingdom is so wrong and the Southern Kingdom has it all together, but that's not biblical. Judah made the return in pretense / lies / false. We have some work to do and a return to make.

-Joe 2: 12 "Yet even now," declares YHVH, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 13 and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to YHVH your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. 14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for YHVH your God?

-Do you know what this return looks like that God is waiting on? It has to do with a broken and contrite heart, not the external stuff. It's a matter of the heart that YHVH is looking for. I'm not criticizing a group, I'm criticizing us. We as a people have not committed a wholehearted return. They didn't listen and neither have we. Before we talk about the words, I want you to know that the words have been unheard and haven't been listened to. In addition to lacking a heart of understanding we also lack eyes to see and ears to hear. It's pretty bad, we don't have a heart that's right, we are not looking to see, and we are not listening to hear. The words of the prophets can't go in through eyes that are closed or through ears which are stopped or into a heart that doesn't know.

-Jer 5: 20 Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah: 21 "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. 22 Do you not fear me? declares YHVH. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. 23 But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away.

-YHVH agreed to speak through the agency of a prophet and the people agreed to listen. YHVH fulfilled his part but the people didn't. YHVH desired people who would fear him and guard his commandments. If only there was such a heart as this, to fear me and keep my commandments. But instead, the chosen people, the special treasure, the ones whose mission it is to bring light to the nations and be a covenant to the people, the people who were supposed to behave in such a way that the rest of the world says, what a great and wonderful people this is who has a God close to them, that's what the desire is, but that people, they have hearts but don't understand, they have eyes but don't see, and they have ears but they don't listen. They've chosen to be rebellious. But for his part, YHVH sent his prophets over and over again.

-2Kin 17: 13 Yet YHVH warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in

accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets." 14 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in YHVH their God. 15 They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom YHVH had commanded them that they should not do like them.

-He sent his servants the prophets over and over again saying return, return, return, but they didn't.

-Jer 7: 21 Thus says YHVH of hosts, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat the flesh. 22 For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. 23 But this command I gave them: 'Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.' 24 But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. 25 From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day. 26 Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers. 27 "So you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. You shall call to them, but they will not answer you. 28 And you shall say to them, 'This is the nation that did not obey the voice of YHVH their God, and did not accept discipline; truth has perished; it is cut off from their lips.

-He sent his servants the prophet's day and night, but they did not listen. The prophet still has to bring the message whether they listen or not.

-Jer 25: 1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 3 "For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of YHVH has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened. 4 You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although YHVH persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets, 5 saying, "Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that YHVH has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever. 6 Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.' 7 Yet you have not listened to me, declares YHVH, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

-YHVH sent all his servants the prophets but you did not listen. YHVH says, you've rejected my servants and you've rejected me. You have not hearkened to me saith YHVH.

-Jer 26: 1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from YHVH: 2 "Thus says YHVH: Stand in the court of YHVH's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. 3 It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. 4 You shall say to them, 'Thus says YHVH: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, 5 and to

listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth."

-A lot of people want to see the temple rebuilt because of prophecies that say they need to rebuild the temple. If you build the temple right now and work out the peace agreements, it will be torn down if the people don't have their heart right. The building of the house is not going to do anything. Jeremiah had to go into the house that was just restored. What Josiah was doing, everybody thought that this was great. Josiah's a godly king, we've got revival in the land, the sacrifices are reinstated, and the ark is back in the house, but it didn't work. The most righteous King Josiah is killed by an arrow on the battlefield by Necho, but things were going right, and the temple was destroyed. There weren't any idols in the temple, it was cleaned up. They had the Torah, the ark, and the sacrifices and you could smell the sweet aroma, but their hearts weren't right. It will always be the same way if the heart is not right first. You have to get the heart right first before you worry about prophecies of rebuilding a house of prayer for all nations.

-Jer 35: 12 Then the word of YHVH came to Jeremiah: 13 "Thus says YHVH of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction and listen to my words? declares YHVH. 14 The command that Jonadab the son of Rechab gave to his sons, to drink no wine, has been kept, and they drink none to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command. I have spoken to you persistently, but you have not listened to me. 15 I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, sending them persistently, saying, 'Turn now every one of you from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to you and your fathers.' But you did not incline your ear or listen to me. 16 The sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have kept the command that their father gave them, but this people has not obeyed me.

-If you want an example of who to follow, look at the Rechabites not the Israelites.

-Jer 44: 4 Yet I persistently sent to you all my servants the prophets, saying, 'Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!' 5 But they did not listen or incline their ear, to turn from their evil and make no offerings to other gods. 6 Therefore my wrath and my anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they became a waste and a desolation, as at this day.

-Zec 1: 2 "YHVH was very angry with your fathers. 3 Therefore say to them, Thus declares YHVH of hosts: Return to me, says YHVH of hosts, and I will return to you, says YHVH of hosts. 4 Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, 'Thus says YHVH of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.' But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares YHVH. 5 Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, 'As YHVH of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us.'"

-Dan 9: 4 I prayed to YHVH my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our

fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. 8 To us, O YHVH, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. 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 was not enough that the people didn't listen to the prophets, but they tried to kill and, in some cases, did kill the prophets. This wasn't just a problem in the north. Ahab and Jezebel killed all these prophets. Elijah flees and he's met at the cave. Elijah says, they've killed all your prophets with the sword and torn down your altar and I, only I am left and they're trying to kill me. They tried to kill Jeremiah as well.

-Jer 11: 19 But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." 20 But, O YHVH of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. 21 Therefore thus says YHVH concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, and say, "Do not prophesy in the name of YHVH, or you will die by our hand".

-Anathoth is a priestly city. These are the priests, the sons of Aaron who were designated to take care of the holiest things. The men of Anathoth who want to kill Jeremiah are the religious people.

-Jer 2: 29 "Why do you contend with me? You have all transgressed against me, declares YHVH. 30 In vain have I struck your children; they took no correction; your own sword devoured your prophets like a ravaging lion.

-Neh 9: 26 "Nevertheless, they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their back and killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies.

-It's one thing if you refuse to listen to the prophets, but they attempted to kill them and, in some cases, did kill the prophets that were sent to them. This happened from the time of Elijah up through the end of the biblical period with the destruction by the Babylonians and when they returned around 515 BCE and involved both the northern kingdom and the southern kingdoms. This idea to silence and kill the prophets came from all Israel.

-Isa 6: 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw Adonai sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is YHVH of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, YHVH of hosts!" 6 Then one of the

seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of Adonai saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." 9 And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

-When Isaiah is in the vision in the throne room this is the call of Isaiah, the beginning of his ministry if you will. He is a prophet in the days of Uzziah, who when he dies, Isaiah is taken in this vision and he beholds in the throne room, the King, and the King says, who will go for us on this special mission? Isaiah says, send me. The mission and command of the King from heaven was that I don't want them to understand and turn and be healed. The heart, eyes, and ears are all necessary, but the return can't return at that time. The people had chosen and YHVH had given them what they'd chose, namely a fat heart, heavy ears and blinded eyes for a period of time, but how long? Even with this, knowing that the words of the prophets are going to be rejected, they still have to go.

-Eze 2: 1 And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says Adonai YHVH.' 5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. 6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. 7 And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

-The Spirit enters into him and he's told to go speak and he's warned it's not going to be easy and whether they listen or not still do it. YHVH tells Jeremiah, don't break down before them or I will break you down before them. It's a tough message.

-Eze 3: 4 And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. 5 For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel-- 6 not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. 7 But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. 8 Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. 9 Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." 10 Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. 11 And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says Adonai YHVH,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

-YHVH says, if I were sending you to someone of another language, another people, they would listen. Jonah goes to Nineveh and they repent in sackcloth and ashes and it's real

and God spares them, not Israel. Later, YHVH tells Ezekiel, if you don't tell them what I tell you to tell them their blood is on you. If you spoke it and they don't listen, it's on them. If you don't tell them, it's on you. They listen, but they don't really hear. They used to like to listen to Ezekiel.

-Eze 33: 30 "As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, 'Come, and hear what the word is that comes from YHVH.' 31 And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain. 32 And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it. 33 When this comes--and come it will!--then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

-They are too worried about defending themselves. I'm not trying to point a finger at various groups, what if we all said, what part of this message do I need to make progress on? Where have I not been wholehearted in my return to YHVH? We shouldn't be saying that's not me, I'm righteous, or we're righteous we've made it. The refusal to listen leads to disastrous consequences.

-Isa 29: 9 Astonish yourselves and be astonished; blind yourselves and be blind! Be drunk, but not with wine; stagger, but not with strong drink! 10 For YHVH has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes (the prophets), and covered your heads (the seers). 11 And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." 12 And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." 13 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, 14 therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

-Here we have a sealed scroll that's given to one who knows the scroll and he says read this and he says he can't read it because it's sealed. What does it mean when you can't read a sealed scroll and that's to the one that's learned? Then when you give it to the one that's not learned and he says, I'm not learned in the scroll. What book are we talking about that's sealed and why is it sealed?

-Isa 29: 13 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, 14 therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

-Why, because their return is not wholehearted. The book is sealed and the ones who are learned you think you can bring it to them and ask them to read it to you and they say it's sealed and ultimately, the wisdom of the wise will perish because it's not been wholehearted. People are searching to and fro trying to gain understanding. There is a famine in the land of hearing the words of YHVH. There are plenty of people giving the words of the commandments of men, sages, and preachers, it's us. Either we want to know what the scripture says, or we don't. If we are happy where we are then that's

exactly where the bible says people have been for thousands of years and keep doing what we're doing.

-Jer 12: 2 You plant them, and they take root; they grow and produce fruit; you are near in their mouth and far from their heart.

-There are times in history when people go through another opportunity of returning, but remember, all that outside stuff doesn't matter. How many times has the temple been standing and how many times has it been torn down? People are focusing on getting the external stuff done. We've had 2,000 years to work on the internal and still haven't devoted any time to that. Most important to mention is the sealed scroll. What is the sealed scroll? Who or what will open the sealed scroll and when will it happen?

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, and Have a Beautiful Blessed week!

(1) Prophet – Hath God Said? – Class One (The Secret of the Torah; The Greatest Question in the Bible – What Hath God Said; Discerning the Words of God; Eve in the Garden – Neither Shall you Touch It; Purified and Refined by Fire – Identifying the Pure Words of YHVH; Talmud Quote – He Who Adds Subtracts; Guarding the Words of YHVH – Do Not Add to or Subtract from It; Horeb – Let Them Hear My Words; The People were Afraid and Asked Moses to Intercede; All That YHVH has Spoken – We will Hear It and We will Do It; Who is a Prophet – He Who Speaks the Words of YHVH and Not His Own; YHVH Does Nothing without Revealing His Secrets to His Servants the Prophets)

November 14, 2020 – Ross Nichols

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(2) Prophet – The Word of Jehovah – Class Two (The Word of YHVH; A Lack of Spiritual Food – A Famine of Hearing the Words of YHVH; No Vision is Breaking Through; YHVH's Word Comes in a Vision; Abraham – The First Prophet; “The Word of YHVH Came To”; Prophets Hear the Word of YHVH; The Spirit of the Holy Gods is in You; Different Types of Prophets – Dreams, Visions, and Interpretation vs. YHVH Communicating Mouth to Mouth and Face to Face with Moses; The Angel of YHVH – Encounters with the Divine; When the Spirit of YHVH Comes – They will Prophecy and Become Another Man; Balaam's Vision; YHVH's Words in the Mouth of His Prophets)

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(3) Prophet – Ehyeh / I Will Be – Class Three (Prophet – The Sanctioned Office of YHVH's Messengers; God's Words in the Mouth of His Prophets; Once Chosen – There is No Excuse for Nonobedience; I Will Be with Your Mouth to Teach My People; Receiving the Burning Words of YHVH; Prophets Must Speak the Words of YHVH; The

Calling of God is Without Repentance; Prophets Don't Ask to be Prophets; Ehyeh – I Will Be; I Will Be With You; God's Covenant – You Shall be My People and I Will Be Your God; YHVH's Prophet's Speak – For God and as God; Servants Within the Servant; A Heart to Understand, Eyes to See, and Ears to Hear)

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THIS WEEK IN TORAH

DECEMBER 12, 2020

This week's Torah Portion VaYeshev: "And He Lived" (Genesis 37:1 – 40:23) The Chronicles of Jacob and his offspring; Joseph's dreams and his intensified hatred; Joseph is sent to visit his brothers; Reuben saves Joseph from the plot to kill him; Joseph is sold; The version told to Jacob; Judah and Tamar; The Roots of the Messiah and the Israelite Monarchy; Judah's sons marry Tamar, but die for their sins; The moral basis for the union of Tamar and Judah; Tamar's pregnancy; Tamar bears twins; Joseph in Egypt; Prelude to exile; Potiphar's wife slanders Joseph; The cupbearer and the baker; Their dreams and Joseph's interpretations.

Shavua Tov" and Have a Great Week!

"This Week in Torah" FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

The following Audio/Video are UIWU teachings from the Triennial teachings for this week's annual teaching from Genesis 37:1 – 40:23 on VaYeshev "And He Lived".

Joseph Saga Part One – Genesis 37 (These are the Generations; Everything points to Jacob's son Joseph; A Universal Story of Redemption; God means it for Good, Life, and the Redemption of his People; Joseph – Secret of the Ages; The Birthright belongs to Joseph; Joseph's Long Robe; Watch the Garments; Lord of the Dreams; Joseph checks for the Peace of his Brothers and the Flock; Following in the Footsteps of the Flock; YHVH tests Joseph; Joseph is Gone; Jacob and Rachel refuse to be Comforted)

September 2, 2017 – Ross Nichols

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Judah Went Down – Genesis 38 (Joseph and Judah – The Sons of Israel; The Chief Ruler comes through Judah; Joseph's Birthright; Recurring Themes; Judah's Plan for Joseph; Judah's Character Development; Doing Bad in the Eyes of YHVH; Ruth the Moabite; Judah Fathers twins with Tamar; The Signet, the Cord, and the Staff; Tamar – More Just than Judah; David's Lineage; Judah and Joseph - Bringing About the Greatest Reunion of All; A Prince Comes from Judah; Learning from the Things we Suffer)

September 9, 2017 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/judah-went-genesis-38/>

The Temptation of Joseph – Genesis 39 (Joseph's Bad Deal; Judah Went Down and Joseph was Brought Down; The Lifting of the Eyes; Reuben and Judah Conceive Plots to

Save Joseph; Who's Got Joseph; Twenty Shekels of Silver; YHVH is with Joseph; Joseph is Blessed; To Sin Against God – I'll be Blamed Forever; A Future Reunion; Stripped of His Garment; Learning Through the Things We Suffer)

September 16, 2017 – Ross Nichols

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Dreams of The Prisoners – Genesis 40 (The Sabbath of Return; God Favors Joseph no matter where he is; Joseph the Dreamer – The Dream Master; In the Pit – What will Become of His Dreams; Dreams in the Ancient World; Dreams of the Gentiles; Interpretations Belong to God; The Cupbearer's Dream; Remember Me; The Chief Baker's Dream; Lift the Head vs Lift the Head from You; Three Sets of Dreams; Lord of the Dreams)

September 23, 2017 – Ross Nichols

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

-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;

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