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**December 19, 2020 – Ross Nichols**

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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 anymore 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**

-Today we are in the 5<sup>th</sup> class in our series called "Prophet". We are working to discern the words of God within the word of God. That which God spoke through the prophets because that's the way God speaks.

-Isa 46: 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

-This is first person and here God refers to himself as Elohim. I am Elohim and there is no one else. This tells us that the first things from of old are from an age is what God is telling and he's doing this through the agency of the prophet. When looking at parallelism, two parts of a passage say the same thing, but say it in a different way. I am God and there is no more. He's declaring his singularity. The phrase under this basically says the same thing but it's using different words. I am Elohim, I am God and there is none like me. Sometimes this substitution of words gives us another clue to go on when we are seeking to understand these particular words.

-Isa 46: 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done,'

-Here is another example of parallelism. Here we have, from the beginning, and from ancient times, that which is not done. I'm declaring the end from the beginning and then on the other side is from ancient times what is not yet done. God is telling things that are yet to be as if they are. He is describing things from ancient times which will take place at some point in the future. That's the idea, from the beginning he's declaring latter things from ancient times what is not yet done.

-The manner in which this message comes to us is through the prophet. One of the things we see in the prophets is pictures which describe a time in which is yet to be. There are plenty of examples, the wolf and the lamb, the lion will eat straw like an ox, and there will be war no more. The reason we are focusing on the prophets is that the prophets get a vision of this future state which doesn't match anything that we've ever seen. The Torah admits that there's war and it describes what you will do when you go forth to war. See Deuteronomy 20 as a good example and gives rules on warfare, on what you should do and how you should announce peace etc. These are all necessary in a world in which war exists. The prophets envisioned a world in which there is no war. In that world, some things we are used to in the Torah will not be necessary. We have these prophecies about telling the end from the beginning and I want to talk about what has or had not happened yet as told from the eyes of prophets of antiquity.

-YHVH has sent these prophets over and over again from the beginning, from daylight to dark declaring the end from the beginning and things that were evident to them but not to the people around them. In this study we will cover the latter days and some of the redemptive figures like the Branch. We will talk about the redemptive figures as others call them in biblical terms from the words of those who saw them, using their words, before these events transpired. I also want to focus on that which is yet to come, even in our day. Some of these prophecies have already been fulfilled and come to pass. I don't just plan to focus on the entire section called the Prophets. The Hebrew Bible also has entire sections called the Torah and the Writings.

-In some way, the section that is called the prophets is misleading, because some of the text are not really prophecy. Moses has some prophetic words, but they're in the Torah. The Prophets section, the twelve, also has many prophetic words. The Writings also have sections of prophetic words as well. The Psalms have prophetic words. The Book of Daniel isn't in the prophets. When I say we are studying the prophets, we are studying the prophets wherever they are in the word of God. I'm interested in hearing the words of Elohim but were told from YHVH to speak these words to the people. Other people have done this as well. Daniel is doing what we are doing in this series and he is studying the words of the prophets from a time before him slightly.

-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. (This is written in the first person, I Daniel considered in the books.)

-Dan 5: 13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah.

-This is written third person, someone else is telling the story about how Daniel is brought in before the king. Chapter 9 wasn't like this.

-Dan 6: 1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.

-This is third person and are stories being told. I'm not suggesting they're not inspired, I'm just showing you they're not written by Daniel. Then something happens in Daniel Chapter 7 where the text transitions from third person to first person.

-Dan 7: 15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.

-In Daniel 9, Daniel is giving us his first-person account and he is absorbed in the text of Jeremiah the prophet and he's looking for something specific. He's studying the prophecies in the scrolls of Jeremiah the prophet and he's particularly interested in the number of years from when the word of YHVH was to Jeremiah the prophet about the accomplishment of 70 years. When you get to Daniel 9:24-27 there's this 70-weeks prophecy. Daniel is meditating and studying on the words of others from which he gets this. You can't just jump into Daniel 9:24-27 if you don't understand what he's looking at. When I study a section, I typically want to cover the entire space between the white spaces.

-Jer 25: 8 "Therefore thus says YHVH of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, 9 behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares YHVH, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. 10 Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 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. 13 I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands."

-Daniel is reading these passages to understand where he is at presently. What is Daniel doing? He knows that the prophets saw things before they happened. He knows that from the beginning, the end was already declared, and he knows where. He knows that Jeremiah said something about 70 years and that's what he's digging into. I love that I'm reading to you today the words that Daniel read from Jeremiah's prophecy to understand the end of days.

-Jer 29: 10 "For thus says YHVH: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares YHVH, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares YHVH, and I will restore your fortunes and gather

you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares YHVH, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. 15 "Because you have said, YHVH has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,"

-It's interesting that YHVH has raised up prophets in Babylon because Daniel is reading this passage and he knows that at the close of 70 years the people will be brought back, and he knows that God is going to raise up prophets in Babylon. We know from Daniels writings that he speaks under the influence of the Spirit. There are themes that we find in this passage that seem to be pointing to another day, to events that even now have not happened.

-2Chr 36: 20 He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, 21 to fulfill the word of YHVH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. 22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of YHVH by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, YHVH stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: 23 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, YHVH, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may YHVH his God be with him. Let him go up."

-These are the last words in the Hebrew Bible as we have it arranged. What interesting with this particular passage is that the bible ends with evidence of a fulfilled prophecy and an invitation to participate therein. This same passage is repeated in Ezra 1:1-3. This particular prophetic word the bible ends saying, God fulfilled his word. Anyone who is among his people, come let them go up. The final words of the bible are a confirmation of prophetic fulfillment and an invitation to participate in the same. This opens up the world of the bible in a whole new way.

-Dan 9: 21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. 23 At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision. 24 "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. 25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. 27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

-Most people focus here and don't get the background, when you look here you find some very fascinating things. In Daniel 9: 21-23 he's told to look into the words and consider the vision. We too should also look into the word and consider the vision. If you just look at Daniel 9: 24-27 it's not easy to understand. You can look into the word and consider the vision, but for thousands of years, people have wrestled with what does this mean? Interpretation is where the reader meets the text. We can read it, but how do we know what it actually says? Sometimes we can pick up clues like words and phrases that are used. When I look at a prophetic passage, I'm looking for certain words or phrases that are used in other places and it helps me pull things together.

-In Daniel 9: 26 it notes: "and to the end there shall be war" and in Daniel 9:27 it notes: "until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator." There is a lot to unpack in this and one thing that stands out, somewhere Daniel is getting this idea of a desolation or a destruction that's decreed. Sometimes we might get insight into a prophecy because of the way another prophet uses that word or phrase, particularly when it's rarely used by anyone. If the prophet is inspired to speak by the Spirit of God, when I find one prophet is using this word and I know he's inspirationally speaking, I look for that word other places. Maybe the God that's inspiring each of these prophets is bringing together two prophecies and it's something to consider.

-Isa 10: 20 In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on YHVH, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21 A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. 22 For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness. 23 For Adonai YHVH of hosts will make a full end, as decreed, in the midst of all the earth.

-Could there be an association between the words here in Isaiah and those in Daniel 9? It's the same language. Maybe we can fill in some missing pieces? Isaiah uses this twice.

-Isa 28: 16 therefore thus says Adonai YHVH, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.' 17 And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter." 18 Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, you will be beaten down by it. 19 As often as it passes through it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be sheer terror to understand the message. 20 For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in. 21 For YHVH will rise up as on Mount Perazim; as in the Valley of Gibeon he will be roused; to do his deed--strange is his deed! and to work his work--alien is his work! 22 Now therefore do not scoff, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from Adonai YHVH of hosts against the whole land.

-Daniel 9 is talking about some of the same themes, I create columns and look for similar words and phrases between the prophets. Then I look at what's in the columns for parallelism. Maybe it's worded one way here and worded another way somewhere else but saying the same thing. Then you can begin to understand what the words of the prophets are saying, getting a fuller picture. In our study we will look at quite a few

examples. Today is laying the groundwork for what we'll look at over the next several weeks as we get into some of these texts in a deeper way.

-Dan 11: 32 He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. 33 And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. 34 When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, 35 and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

-Many believe that everything in the Book of Daniel is history, everything in Daniel is already fulfilled, but I don't believe that. I believe that within Daniels words we do have some things that can be checked off, but we have other things that are yet to come and when those things are mentioned its interesting to take note. The people who knew their God shall be strong and prevail. We will teach more about this because this is something we need to know. Those who know God in these troubled times will ultimately prevail. Some of the things we read in the prophets have already been fulfilled. Some of these prophecies were for the time in which they lived and those are obvious and some point well beyond. One phrase that Isaiah is fond of using is, "in that day", which refers to a time later. Isaiah has 66 Chapters and the phrase "in that day" occurs 44 times. It occurs 43 times in Chapters 1-39 and 1 time in Chapters 40-66, why is that? These men of the Spirit saw the end from the beginning. They saw from ancient times what was not in their days yet done. They could behold things that hadn't come to pass yet and at times are told, this is not for now.

-Dan 8: 17 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."

-Dan 8: 19 He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end."

-In the vision, Gabriel is telling Daniel that these prophecies are not for now, but for a later time.

-Dan 8: 26 The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now." 27 And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

-Some of the prophets are told to seal up the prophecies until the time of the end, it's not for now, it's for a later time. There are times when a prophet doesn't even understand what he is recording.

-Dan 12: 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

-Shut up the words and seal up the book until the end. In the ancient world these were scrolls that were rolled up and in one case, folded. At times, these particular scrolls would be rolled up and sealed with a clay seal impressed upon it. If someone asks you to read the scroll and it's sealed, you might say you can't read it, it's sealed.

-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."

-What it's saying is that this entire vision that Isaiah is relating become as the words of a sealed scroll which when he gives it to one who knows the scroll saying read this I pray you, they answer I'm not able because it's sealed. Then he gives the scroll to someone who doesn't know the scroll, asks them to read it and it's still sealed. He answers, I don't know a scroll. We have one who knows but can't get to the content and we have another who doesn't know and just says I don't know it. The scroll is not being understood.

-Isa 29: 18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

-The deaf shall hear the words of a sealed scroll and their blind eyes are opened. In order to understand what Isaiah is saying you need to look at every reference to the blind in Isaiah. Is he talking about someone who is physically blind or deaf? Who is it that will hear the words of this scroll? Can we identify this person or people?

-Isa 8: 16 Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. 17 I will wait for YHVH, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom YHVH has given me are signs and portents in Israel from YHVH of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. 19 And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

-Seal the Torah among my disciples. This has also been translated as, seal the Torah in my learnings. The word disciple in Hebrew is based on the word lamed, to learn. A student is one who learns. Ultimately, some of these words are sealed and very helpful in a time of trouble among your learnings, among your disciples. In Daniel it says, the people who know their God shall be strong. There is a group who understands what's coming and what's going on. Ultimately it is those who know God who will make it through and be strong during these times. Some matters in these texts were sealed in ancient times and the understanding of those points were pushed until what the prophets call the time of the end, in the latter days, or in days to come. Sometimes we see words and phrases a prophet will use which expand our understanding.

-Jer 23: 20 The anger of YHVH will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

-This is something that will not be known until the latter days.

-Jer 30: 24 The fierce anger of YHVH will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intentions of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.

-Each of these prophecies has one single word different. The only way to break the seal and look into these words, to consider the vision is to focus and pay attention.

-Jer 33: 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: YHVH is our righteousness.'

-What is called YHVH is our righteousness in this text, Jerusalem.

-Jer 23: 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: YHVH is our righteousness.'

-Here we have two verses where the name of Jerusalem and the name of YHVH are called the same thing. Here we have two occurrences of is our righteousness that applies to different things, but are they somehow connected and what are we missing? Some have tried to identify the servant of Isaiah. Some have looked through the servant Psalms and determined that Israel is the servant. Christianity says the servant and in particular, the suffering servant as Jesus or as the suffering messiah. Popular today, anti-missionary groups don't want to recall that the Talmud says it could be a suffering servant messiah figure. They say, no it's talking Israel, look at all these references for my servant is Israel. Yet within certain key passages we get other clues about the servant. This is why it's important to bring together words and phrases like this.

-What about the servant, is it a light thing for you my servant to raise up the tribes of Israel? I thought Israel was the servant. How is it that the servant is going to raise up the servant? It's important that we look for similar words with different wording. Isaiah 2 and Micah 4, days are coming when the Torah will go forth and so forth, but there are differences. One of the prophets looks out and sees many people and the other prophet say many gentiles. Did they see the same group? I think they did. Yes, the prophet is seeing many people, look they look like gentiles. They are not gentiles, but they look like gentiles. We need to pay attention to all these details.

-All of these men of the Spirit were raised up to speak the words of YHVH. Like Daniel, we too should be looking into the words and considering the visions. Sometime at the right time, at the time of the end, whenever that is according to God's timetable, the seals will be broken, and our eyes will be opened. The blind will see, and the deaf will hear the words of a book. When is that period of time? We could be in it now because there are things which tell us that in some ways, we've crossed markers which would put us in a place where we are closer to understanding these words.

-When we reach that time, the one who knows the scroll will no longer say, I'm unable to read it because it's sealed, because it will no longer be sealed, it will be open. The question becomes, who is able to open the seal and who is able to read that which is contained therein because on that day, the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll. Next week's message will be especially important. As we heard today in Daniel, those who know God will be strengthened during these days. I want to focus on something that we will learn about God and the prophets next week in a class I'm calling, "The First and The Last".

Shabbat Shalom, Have a Great Week, See you next Saturday!

**(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)

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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)

**December 5, 2020 – Ross Nichols**  
**Audio/Video Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-ehyeh-i-will-be-class-three/>  
**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Teaching-Notes-2020.12.5-Prophet-Ehyeh-I-Will-Be-Class-Three.pdf>

**(4) Prophet – The Unheard Words – Class Four** (This Great Thing – When YHVH Spoke He Added No More; We Will Listen and We Will Do It; Fear YHVH and Keep / Guard His Commandments; A Heart to Know YHVH – Oh That They Had Such a Heart as This; Return Wholeheartedly and Listen to the Voice of YHVH; Faithless Israel & Treacherous Judah; Hearts of Understanding, Eyes to See, and Ears to Hear; YHVH Sent His Servants the Prophets But the People Did Not Listen; A Move to Silence and Kill the Prophets; In Josiah’s Day Everything was Great, Then Came Destruction; YHVH Tells His Prophets to Speak My Words Whether They Choose to Hear Them or Not; Ultimately the Wisdom of the Wise Shall Perish; Isaiah’s Vision is Like the Words of a Book That is Sealed)

**December 12, 2020 – Ross Nichols**  
**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-unheard-words-class-four/>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Teaching-Notes-2020.12.12-Prophet-The-Unheard-Words-Class-Four.pdf>

### **THIS WEEK IN TORAH**

DECEMBER 19, 2020

This week's Torah Portion MiKetz: "At The End" (Genesis 41:1 – 44:17) Pharaoh's dream; The chamberlain of the cupbearers remembers Joseph; Joseph is summoned; Pharaoh recapitulates his dream; Joseph's interpretation; Joseph becomes viceroy; Joseph's plan is implemented; Joseph's children, Manasseh and Ephraim; The famine devastates Egypt; Jacob sends his sons to Egypt; The brothers bow to Joseph; Joseph stands his ground but offers his brothers a way out; The brothers regret; Joseph choose his hostage; Joseph sends them back with their money; The dialogue with Joseph; Jacob sends Benjamin to Egypt; Joseph sees Benjamin and tests his brothers sincerity; The final test – Benjamin is accused of thievery; Judah the leader of the brothers speaks on behalf of all.

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 41:1 – 44:17 on MiKetz "At The End".

**Portion 36 – Pharaoh's Dreams – Genesis 41:1–37** (Remember Me; Different Narrators; Joseph Attributes Interpretations to the God who Communicates thru Dreams; Similarities between Joseph and Daniel; The Latter Days Famine for Hearing the Words of YHVH; God calls Samuel; The Prophetic Reunion of Joseph and His Brothers; The Latter Days Pouring Out of YHVH's Spirit Working in the Affairs of Men)

**October 14, 2017 – Ross Nichols**

**Audio/Video Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/pharaohs-dreams-genesis-411-37/>

**Teaching Notes:** <https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/1782226445410812>

**Portion 37 – Joseph is Exalted – Genesis 41:38-42:17** (Sojourners in a Land not Theirs; The Spirit of the Living God; God's Indwelling Spirit; Bezalel and Oholiab; Giving Credit to God; Walking in Accordance with God's Ways; Solomon's Wisdom; Daniel and the Spirit of God; The Fear of YHVH; The Roots of the Spirit; Planting the Kingdom of God on Earth; Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge; Forgetfulness and Fruitfulness; Treated like Spies; Rachel Weeps for her Children at Ramah; Rachel's Children are Not; The Greatest Restoration that the World has Ever Seen)

**October 21, 2017 – Ross Nichols**

**Audio/Video Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/joseph-is-exalted-genesis-4138-4217/>

**Teaching Notes:** <https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/1078876395548887>

**Portion 38 – Lord of the Land – Genesis 42:18-43:13** (Joseph's Prophetic Representation; A Famine of Hearing the Words of God; God tries the Hearts of Men in Keeping His Commandments or Not; Physical Famine vs. Spiritual Famine; Joseph Sustains Life with Food Outside the Promised Land; Joseph Recognizes His Brothers but

They Don't Recognize Him; Joseph Tests His Brothers; On the Third Day – Do This and Live; Joseph Cries; Simeon Put in Jail; Jacob's Lack of Trust in Reuben; Judah says "Trust Me with Benjamin"; Judah and Joseph Stand Out Prophetically in the Reunion of the Tribes of Israel; Jacob says – Go Back to the Man)

**November 18, 2017 – Ross Nichols**

**Audio/Video Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/lord-of-the-land-genesis-4218-4313/>

**Teaching Notes:** <https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/148795889179226>

**Portion 39 – My Brother's Keeper – Genesis 43:14-44:17** (Give Thanks to YHVH for He is Good; A Progressive Separation – A Hiding of the Face; Am I My Brother's Keeper; Strife in the Family; Initial Movements towards Reconciliation; Benjamin – A Son of Rachel; Bethlehem Ephrathah; Rachel and Her Descendants are Wedded to Idolatry; Joseph's Love and Desire to Know the Father; Jacob's Prayer; A Conversation of Peace; Looking at the Silver; We Are Our Brother's Keeper; Where is Joseph Your Brother)

**November 25, 2017 – Ross Nichols**

**Audio/Video Link:** <https://unitedisrael.org/my-brothers-keeper-genesis-4314-4417/>

**Teaching Notes:** <https://www.facebook.com/download/preview/503545566692209>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

-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;

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

### **UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION (UIWU) WEBSITES**

-UIWU Official Website / YouTube Website / Facebook Website:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg> (YouTube Videos)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitedisraelworldunion/> (UIWU Facebook)

-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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tabor)

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=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](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ralph+buntyn)  
-UIWU Vice-President, Weekly Teaching and Study Sessions, Ross Nichols:  
<https://unitedisrael.org/author/rknichols/>  
<https://rossknichols.com/about-ross-nichols/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg>  
-UIWU Vice-President, Temple Beth Shalom, Hickory, NC, Rabbi Dennis Jones:  
<https://www.hickoryjewishcenter.com/index.html>  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hickory-Jewish-CenterTemple-Beth/125461817509689> & <https://unitedisrael.org/faith-without-borders/>  
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<https://www.facebook.com/UIWUNortheast>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BsCXrGttxo> (The Song of Moses by Patricia Tyler)  
-UIWU Historical Research Specialist, Weekly Teachings, Author, Jodell Onstott:  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=jodell+onstott](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jodell+onstott)  
<https://www.amazon.com/YHWH-Exists-Jodell-Onstott/dp/0975337505>  
-UIWU Audio/Visual Technical Support, Weekly Teachings/Meals, Dave & Sherry Cole  
-UIWU UI Minister, Weekly Teachings, UI Bulletin Contributor, Ronnie Fulcher  
-UIWU Board Director, United Israel Bulletin Contributor, Betty Givin  
-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.youtube.com/watch?v=VLCdRzFRy90> (Biblical Tamar – 7 Periods)  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=biblical+tamar+park+israel](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=biblical+tamar+park+israel)  
-Kol Yehuda, Facebook United 2 Restore, Israeli Tour Guide, Hanoch Young:  
<https://www.kolyehuda.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/470824226357829/>  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=hanoch+young+israel](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hanoch+young+israel)  
-Truth2U, Tanakh Tours, The Kingdom Chronicles, Talk Radio Host, Jono Vantor:  
<https://www.truth2u.org/author/admin/>  
<https://truth2u.org/category/james-tabor/> (Gleanings from Genesis, with Tabor/Nichols)  
<https://israelnewstalkradio.com/news-anchor-jono-vantor/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Truth2Uorg-116835708352238>  
-Film Director, Producer, Freelance Journalist, Author, Simcha Jacobovici:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/57979546982/>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simcha\\_Jacobovici](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simcha_Jacobovici)  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Simcha+Jacobovici](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Simcha+Jacobovici)  
-Archaeologist, Professor of Practice at UNCC, Dr. Shimon Gibson:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimon_Gibson)

[-Nehemia's Wall, Uncovering Ancient Hebrew Sources of Faith, Nehemia Gordan](#)

[https://www.nehemiaswall.com/;](https://www.nehemiaswall.com/)

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