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Honest to Moses – Law of Love – Class Nine (Remember the Teaching of Moses in His Time; Don't Add to or Take Away from the Statutes and Rules; First-Person Narratives; Anachronistic Narratives; Love Your Neighbor and the Stranger as Yourself; Give Credit Where Credit is Due; The Torah's Idea of Love – Commanded Love; Love of and For YHVH; The Law of Love; Abraham My Beloved; The Oneness of YHVH – YHVH is One; Circumcision of the Heart; Love Requires Obedience to the Commandments to Receive the Blessings; Reciprocal Love – It's a Two-Way Street)

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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 have currently moved into a new study called "Honest to Moses", which began May 8, 2021. This will be a very lengthy, in-depth, seat of the chair teaching that will challenge you. Many of you who have followed these teachings for awhile are quite prepared and equipped for what's to follow in the text because we are going to be "Honest to Moses". This series builds upon things that we've covered in the past. What I've presented to this point has been purposely presented in the order in which it was and in the manner in which it was in order to prepare us for this series. Our previous series on Prophet – "The Servant" will weave together in the biblical text with our new series "Honest to Moses", a Quest for the Historical Moses.

-If you find things in our classes on the quest for the historical Moses are cause for alarm in your spiritual quest, please don't let it be so. We are looking at the biblical text in a way that few people look at it. Most people follow their traditional views of the text, and they have answers to the questions that are built on their particular theological views. I'm looking at the texts and letting the text speak for itself. I will not apologize for the texts of the bible, but rather present the text as it's presented. Only then can we get closer to the original intent of the authors.

-During the course of this study I want to add in what you might call some of Moses' Greatest Hits. Where we talk about some of his teachings that we can with a fair degree of certainty trace back to the historical Moses. We have two prongs to our approach, we

have the man Moses, and we have the message of Moses, which is primarily available to us through the Pentateuch, the first five books of the bible. Specifically beginning with Exodus 2 through the end of Deuteronomy we are exposed to material about the man and the message.

TEACHING NOTES

-Today we continue our quest for the historical Moses, and we are on Class 9 in our series called, "Honest to Moses". Today's class is called "The Message – Love". In our previous classes we get a little bit about Moses family and the family into which he marries, and about the various cultures around him and of the message of Moses. When I talk about the fundamental bedrock teachings of Moses from the Pentateuch, we are trying to discern the teaching of Moses. What is it that we learn from Moses that we can trace back to the historical figure of Moses?

-Mal 4: 4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

-This gives us the parameters of what we might find in the teaching of Moses. What is it that we can discern about the teaching of Moses? Often, it's the things that the bible says to remember that prominently are forgotten among religious people. A lot of people read and study the bible, but they don't remember the Sabbath day. Remember the teaching of Moses.

-Last year about this time I did a teaching series that lasted for twelve weeks on what is it that can be associated with Moses. That twelve-part series is one of the most popular series that we've done because it challenges students of the bible and then it confirms what it is we're talking about and gives you the substantiation for what the Torah represents. In summary the twelve-part series on the Torah covered: The Journey Begins; Authors; What Moses Wrote; The Moses Scroll; The Discovery; Keepers of the Holy; Jeremiah Part One; Haazinu the Song; A New Covenant; Deuteronomy is Different; Evidence for the Scroll of Moses; and the Secret of the Torah.

-In our quest for the message of Moses there are a couple of cautionary notes as we look for what can we with a reasonable degree of certainty attribute to Moses. We will proceed with caution, and we will rely on the text. We will not take a lot of liberty with the text. The text says what it means, and it means what it says if we trust it. Primarily within the Pentateuch, the five books attributed to Moses we will look for what the texts tell us about Moses in his time. Some things we are more certain are associated with Moses and his time than others.

-Some are perfectly happy to accept the traditional view that all of the material in the Pentateuch is attributable to Moses in his time. The traditional view is that Moses wrote Genesis 1:1 to Deuteronomy 34:12 and many are fine with that. Yet there are many others, I, being one, who desire to know with as much certainty as we can discern from the text, what actually goes back to Moses the man, the message, and the time. Some have asked me over the past few years, what's going to be left? I want to alleviate some of this concern and answer the question, what will be left, the truth as far as we can discern it. What we're getting back to is precisely that which can be determined to go back to Moses and the message.

-Deu 4: 1 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that YHWH, the

God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your God that I command you.

-That warning of don't add to and don't take away, what I'm alleging based upon what we read here and what we find as we study, we'll see that this has been expanded. What if it has been added to? What if it has been diminished from? Is there a way to recover that which it originally said?

-Deu 12: 32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

-If there are things that are accredited to someone else as saying, that originate with Moses, that becomes a difficulty. We want to make sure that we say that Moses said, is only what Moses said, and that which others have said we want to distinguish. When we begin to analyze these texts, what shines forth is a core message, what some refer to as the weightier matters of the law which can go back to Moses. That's not to say that we put away the other things. We're not throwing anything out. We simply want to identify that which belongs to Moses and his time verses that which is another hand.

-There's a clear distinction between first and third person narratives and there are hundreds of texts in the Pentateuch that refers to Moses in the third person. We get this first-person narrative only in the Book of Deuteronomy. The material in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers is not to be thrown out, it's recorded by another hand is all I'm saying. I want to focus on the first-person narratives. There are things that Moses likely didn't write. He didn't write about his own death. When the texts say, Moses was the meekest man in all the earth, Moses likely didn't write this.

-When it comes to that which is written during the time of Moses, we have some things that are also clues for us in the text. There is a thing called anachronism when a non-contemporary phrase is used in a source. When you are reading along, and it makes a reference to another time often noting another geographical place. Somethings give themselves away within the text which preclude an identification of Mosaic authorship.

-Deu 1: 1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

-This tells us that the writer is situated west of the Jordan referring to the words that Moses spoke on the other side, at another time, at another place. It doesn't take away or destroy anyone's faith and should enhance our understanding by identifying that which was written later, or by another hand, or both.

-This week I want to affirm something that's important. Last week we talked about the phrase "ger" which is translated as a sojourner, a stranger, an alien, and we talked about how more than fifty times in the Pentateuch, this idea of kind treatment of the stranger and how it crosses over in every book. We can with a strong degree of certainty attribute this to the message of Moses. Leave some of your gleanings from the orchards and fields for the stranger and the poor to have some of that. The stranger is under the same obligation as the native born and that the same law applies, one Torah. When you rejoice in your great harvest, you're to include the stranger. Not only are we to properly treat the "ger", but you're also to love the "ger". Last week I mentioned that this week I wanted to talk about love of God and for God and what that biblical love means in terms of the teaching of Moses.

-Lev 19: 33 "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. 34 You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am YHVH your God.

-We saw numerous examples last week where one of the main drivers about this love of the stranger is you know how the stranger feels, you know the soul of the stranger therefore you'll treat them this way. I am YHVH your God.

-Lev 19: 17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am YHVH.

-Traditionally this is attributed to the pen of Moses in the Pentateuch, but who do many people give credit for this saying? Many people think of Christianity when they think of love your neighbor as yourself. Yet this goes back before the second temple period. Jesus didn't originate this teaching. It's wonderful that Christianity has embraced this Torah principle that goes back to Moses. What if there are things that others have been given credit for because they made it popular, but it goes back to Moses. Many of the things that we read in the Torah, the Pentateuch, that people look negatively upon get credited to Moses. Love your neighbor as yourself goes back to Moses. Circumcision of the heart goes back to Moses as well. As we identify things which go back to Moses, let's let people know that this begins with the Moses pen, or this begins with the scribe in the time of Moses not in the second temple period. It's wonderful that a later artist makes a song popular, but let's give credit where credit is due.

-Today when we're talking about love, I'm not just talking about an emotion, I'm talking about what is the Torah's idea of love. Particularly, God's love, the love of God for his people and what brings us into that loving relationship with the creator and what does Moses have to say about this? In the Pentateuch there are quite a few expressions about human love and it's the same then as it is now. We have examples of a person falling in love with another person and it's not just a man and a woman.

-Gen 22: 1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." (Here we get the idea of family love)

-Gen 24: 67 Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

-Gen 29: 18 Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. 30 So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

-Isaac's love for Rebekah is quite strong as was Jacob's love for Rachel. We see degrees of love and affection in these books. Then we see another story when we see a man and his love for his son with Jacob / Israel for his son Joseph which exceeded the love that he had for his other children.

-Gen 37: 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw

that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

-In the Pentateuch we have a couple of examples of “commanded love”. What is commanded is clear in what we read in Leviticus 19, love the stranger as yourself.

-Lev 19: 4 You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am YHVH your God.

-Lev 19: 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am YHVH.

-We are to love the stranger and your neighbor as yourself. This brings to the point that in some ways you are to love yourself. If a person hates themselves, how can they love their neighbor? Jesus said, don’t do what you wouldn’t want done to you, don’t do to another person. Rabbi Hillel said, what is hateful to you, don’t do to another person. Convey the same affection to others that you would to yourself. I want to look specifically at, love of and for YHVH. Commanded love is the basis of God’s dealing with his people. Love for those who haven’t felt a connection with the covenants of the Hebrew bible, knowing only a later testament about God’s dealing with people, they consider the latter to be about love and the former to be about law. I’m talking about a law of love. What if the world began to view the law of Moses as a law of love? When you say law, or the Torah, or the Hebrew bible, or the Old Testament, love doesn’t come to their mind first, they think of scripture and rules and regulations, what to do and what not to do. Commanded love is tied directly to being chosen to be in a covenant with God. Abraham is called the friend of God.

-Isa 41: 8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

-The root word of friend in Hebrew means love. It all goes back to a love affair if you will, between God and Abram, later known as Abraham, God’s beloved. He is a lover of God and he is God’s lover. Abraham your friend is your beloved. Abraham my beloved.

-2Chr 20: 7 Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

-The relationship of God’s people with God is not only based on love but it goes back to a love affair between God and Abraham. God loves Abraham and because of that boundless eternal love which he had the benefits carry on into today.

-Deu 4: 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,

-It’s because of the love that he had for the patriarchs. It’s an eternal, boundless, abundant love upon which the covenant is based. It’s a law of love. Torah is the law of Moses which is the teaching of Moses. If you’re going to call it law, at its core the law is about love. It goes back to the love that God had for the fathers.

-Deu 10: 15 Yet YHVH set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

-Deu 4: 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."

-The commanded love in this passage (Verses 35-40) is a covenant text which begins and ends with a witness to the oneness of God and in the middle is a love. It's a testament that we are to proclaim the oneness of God because God loved us and has this covenant with us, and it closes with the message of the oneness again. That commandment to love is at the heart of a relationship surrounded by this testament to the oneness.

-Deu 6: 4 "Hear, O Israel: YHVH our God, YHVH is one. 5 You shall love YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

-This is about the commanded love of God. There is a commandment to listen to the statement about the oneness. You shall understand this, hear O Israel, YHVH our God, YHVH is one. You shall love YHVH, this is a commandment. You shall write these words on your heart. Which words? Could this not have to do at least in part with the love of God? Is that what we're supposed to teach our children. Yes!

-Mal 4: 4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

-This is not what's remembered and is not the thing that first comes to mind. The way this should have played out is that anytime someone said Moses, or the Torah, people would say that it has to do with the love of God.

-Deu 10: 12 "And now, Israel, what does YHVH your God require of you, but to fear YHVH your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments and statutes of YHVH, which I am commanding you today for your good? 14 Behold, to YHVH your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet YHVH set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. 17 For YHVH your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. 18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. 19 Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear YHVH your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. 21 He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now YHVH your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven. Deu 11: 1 "You shall therefore love YHVH your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.

-Deu 11: 13 "And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love YHVH your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. 15 And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full.

-To love YHVH your God is the root of everything. It goes back to love. All of these blessings are tied into this love relationship.

-Deu 11: 22 For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving YHVH your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, 23 then YHVH will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

-The positive results, God moving on behalf of the people, is tied to the love that God had for the patriarchs, but it's also contingent upon that love relationship being carried forward. This love is more than a feeling, more than emotion, it requires obedience to keep the commandments and statutes, but which ones? This is why we are studying to find out. What is it that Moses actually commanded which comes from God? Are there other things we've attributed to Moses that aren't important? We are supposed to remember that which God commanded to Moses, the teaching of Moses.

-Deu 30: 15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of YHVH your God that I command you today, by loving YHVH your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and YHVH your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

-Receiving the blessings of God is contingent upon you loving YHVH your God, which is demonstrated by keeping that which God commanded. It's a path. Nowhere in the bible does it say, love God and don't keep his commandments. Love doesn't take away the obligation for obedience. If you don't show it, your actions speak louder than words. Demonstrate this love according to the Torah by keeping the judgements and statutes and that which God commanded. This love relationship is essential and beneficial and yields great reward.

-Deu 5: 9 You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I YHVH your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 10 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

-Exo 20: 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I YHVH your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

-Some people say I want the blessing but believe they don't have to keep the commandments because that's the law. The law of love associates the guarding and doing of the commandments with that relationship. It's the way that we show God our love for him.

-Deu 7: 6 "For you are a people holy to YHVH your God. YHVH your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that YHVH set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it

is because YHVH loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that YHVH has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that YHVH your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

-Deu 7: 12 "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, YHVH your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. 13 He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you.

-If you listen, learn, guard, and do the commandments, then he will love you and bless you. Many say they love the Lord but don't even try to keep the commandments. They have been told that they can't keep the commandments and that they shouldn't because that's a bad thing and associated with trying to earn your salvation. Some believe you're fallen from grace if you try to do these things. The law of love and the core of the teaching is about love that is demonstrated through obedience to that which God commanded through the hand of Moses. It's incumbent upon us to discern that which can be traced to Moses. If we're attributing things to Moses in this love-based law that can't be attributed, then we get confused on our understanding of love. Does love demand that we offer our first born or sacrifices? What can be associated with the core law of love? Love in its truest form is initiated by God.

-Deu 30: 6 And YHVH your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

-Here it says that God is going to circumcise your heart. This seems to be a two-way relationship; we should make every effort to sensitize our heart in love towards the creator and keep his teachings and at the same time God will meet us in his love and help us along the way. It's a two-way street as is every loving relationship that is true, and real, and lasting. One way love typically doesn't work. It might last but not in the sense I'm talking about. It has to be reciprocal love.

-Deu 30: 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving YHVH your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that YHVH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

-Love forms the basis for everything when it comes to the teaching. Torah faith can never be or simply become an intellectual exercise. We're talking about a careful study of the text, looking for sources and authors which can be somewhat intellectual and of the head. One thing we have to acknowledge and live by is that the heart of the law is in this love. Just like it can't be simply an intellectual exercise, it can't be simply an emotional exercise. It's not enough to say, I just love the Lord. Saying we love God is not the same as loving God. God's love is reciprocal to those who demonstrate their love to him by keeping the commandments. Who does God love and what is the basis of that love? Love requires more than words. Love requires our obedience. Not only the love of God is

commanded but the love of our neighbor and the love of the stranger. It's a lot easier to say you love God then to love somebody with a face.

-Perhaps the historical Jesus really got this one right, maybe more so than anyone in history. He stated it so succinctly, when an expert in the Torah asks the historical Jesus, what's the most important commandment, he answered, Hear O Israel, YHVH our God, YHVH is one. You shall love YHVH your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and will all your everything. Then he gives them more than they ask for and he says the second one is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these, I agree. No truer words have ever been said. The basis for the law is love. Love God and love your neighbor, love the stranger, and love yourself, it's the basis of everything.

-The Shema is really more of a declaration of the oneness, it's a witness to the oneness. Almost every time that we read about the declaration of the oneness it's tied to this loving relationship between God and his people. A lot of people run around quoting the Shema because they think they have the intellectual, I've got the doctrine right, there's one God. What goes with this is a love of God and love of your neighbor. When it comes to the greatest commandments it has to do with love. An often-overlooked point is that this is credited to Jesus of Nazareth who took one of the greatest hits of Moses and he presented it to the world, but it goes back to Moses.

-Anytime somebody talks about "you shall love God" or "you shall love your neighbor as yourself", let them know that the original author of that was Moses. He also talked about circumcision of the heart. I'm glad these teachings were remade by later authors, but the original author is Moses. Give credit where credit is due, attribute to Moses that which belongs to Moses. If I take credit for something that someone else said, I can get in trouble, that's called copywrite infringement. Attribute to Moses what he said and only what he said and that's the reason that we are taking such care to go through these things. Not being so concerned with what we've been taught from tradition and focusing on the scriptures themselves. Trust the texts.

-The question this raises is what other bedrock, ethical moral teachings can be traced back to Moses as the original author? What else did this Torah of Moses have in it? This is the reason for this particular quest, and we'll continue in the next few weeks to go further into the text and we'll be looking for that which Moses said and what are some of these greatest teachings that can be attributed to Mosaic authorship? Thank you so much for joining us.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, we'll see you next week.

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

JULY 10, 2021

This week's Torah Portion Mattote: "Tribes" (Numbers 30:2 – 32:42) Vows and Oaths, Men and vows, Women and vows, Vengeance on Midian, Moses rebukes the officers, Laws of koshering utensils, Division of the spoils, The request of Reuben and Gad, Moses objection, The request is clarified, Moses condition, Reuben and Gad settle in Gilead.

This week's Torah Portion Masei: "Journeys" (Numbers 33:1 – 36:13) Recounting Israel's journey, Drive out the inhabitants, Occupying the land, The

boundaries of Eretz Yisrael, List of the tribal chiefs, Cities for the Levites, Cities of refuge for unintentional killing, Tribal intermarriage, Marriage of female heirs.

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Mattot-Masai – A Good Report of Israel – Numbers 30:2 – 36:13 (Pulling up stakes; Summarizing Israel’s journey in the wilderness; Confessing the same sins today; We are able; Caleb’s and Joshua’s good report; The Sons of Korah; Keepers of the entrance to the tent; YHVH will guide us forever; Latter Days)

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(1) Honest to Moses – Class One (My Servants the Prophets; Moses the Servant of YHVH; Moses His Servant; Moses Your Servant; Moses My Servant – My Servant Moses; Moses will be for God – Aaron will be Your Mouthpiece; The Word Prophet is Rare in the Pentateuch; Do you Believe in Moses; Remembering Moses in the Latter Prophets; Isaiah – The Exodus from Egypt and the Division of the Waters; Micah – Moses in Association with Miriam and Aaron; Daniel – An Oath and a Curse; Malachi – Remember the Torah of Moses I Commanded at Horeb; The Memory / Role of Moses is Associated with the Servant of YHVH)

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(2) Honest to Moses – What’s in a Name – Class Two (Remembering Moses in the Latter Prophets; Exodus / Shemot – These are the Names; The Birth of a Child; Tevah – The Basket of Moses & The Ark of Noah; Sargon the Akkad; Pharaoh’s Daughter Takes Pity on the Child; The Book Called Names is Missing Names; Translation vs. Transliteration; Moses vs. Drew and the Hebrew Pun; He Drew Me Out of Many Waters; Son of / Born of an Unknown Father; The Child Grew Up; When YHVH Called, Moses & David Responded – Who Am I; Mosheh is Both Hebrew and Egyptian)

May 15, 2021 – Ross Nichols

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(3) Honest to Moses – The Family of Moses – Class Three (Do You Believe in Moses; What Does the Bible Say About Moses; Myth and Legend vs. the Texts of the Hebrew Bible; Faith Should be Informed by Fact; What do We Know About the Family of Moses; Initially, Moses is the Only Name we Get; Amram Marries His Father’s Sister Jochebed and Bore Aaron and Moses; Amram – a Levite From the House of Levi;

Jochebed – Daughter of Levi; How Many Children do Amram and Jochebed Have; Miriam the Prophetess; Aaron Your Brother – The Levite; A General Idea of Brothers; Who are Shubael and Jehdeiah; Why Does the Book of Deuteronomy Treat Aaron Differently)

May 29, 2021 – Ross Nichols

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(4) Honest to Moses – The Levitical Link – Class Four (Moses – a Descendant of Levi; God Sees and Hears Leah's Plea; Hebrew Names Mean Something – Reuben(See), Simeon (Hear), and Levi (Connect); Dinah and Shechem; Assemble Yourselves Sons of Jacob; Simeon and Levi – Scattered and Landless; Levi, Kohath, and Amram; Foreigners Who Attach Themselves to YHWH; Levi (Lamed-Vav-Yod) vs. Levah (Lamed-Vav-Heh) – An Alliteration; The Levitical Link; Examples of Levitical Names with Egyptian Origins; An Interesting Connection Between the Levites and Egypt; Burning Questions)

June 5, 2021 – Ross Nichols

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(5) Honest to Moses – The Midianite Mystery – Class Five (Egyptian Influence in the Hebrew Text; Moses and Joseph as Human Saviors; Rags to Riches and Marrying Foreign Wives; How Long did the People of Israel Live in the Land of Egypt; Who are the People of the Land; Mistaken as Egyptians; Heavy of Tongue; Moses' Father-in-Law – One Man Three Names – Ruel, Jethro, and Hobab; The Kenite Connection; The Mountain of God; The Sons of Keturah – Midian; Moses Returns to Egypt; Gershom and Eliezer; Moses' Family Reunion; Jethro – Blessed be YHWH – Now I Know That YHWH is Greater Than All Gods; The Midianite Connection into and out of the Land of Egypt)

June 12, 2021 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-the-midianite-mystery-class-five/>

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(6) Honest to Moses – The Kenite Key – Class Six (Tracking the Family of Moses; The Levitical Link; Moses Flees the Land of Egypt and Meets the Midianites; Who is the Cushite Woman; The Habakkuk Poem; Geographic Markers; Tent Cloths / Flaps; The Tents of Cushan; The Midianite Kenites; Dwellers in Tents; Path Walkers / Masters and Winding Roads; Jael – The Wife of Heber the Kenite; Moses' Father-in-Law, The Kenite; Dwellers in Cliffs; God Tells Moses to Go Back to Egypt; Where is the Mountain

of God; Jethro's Advice; The Kenites Association with the House of Rechab; YHVH of Teman)

June 19, 2021 – Ross Nichols

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(7) Honest to Moses – Blotting Out the Sons of Moses – Class Seven (The Mountain / Name of God; The Sons of Moses; Gershom – A Stranger There; Eliezer – El is My Help; Moses Returns to Egypt; Exodus – This Great Thing; Moses – Forgive Them or Wipe Me Out from Your Book; Unpacking Biblical Genealogies; Micah's House of God; Jonathan the Young Levite from the Family of Judah – The Grandson of Moses; Attacks Against the Mosaic Priesthood; There Was No King in Israel; Everyone Did What was Right in His Own Eyes; The People Reject YHVH as King; Samuel Writes the Torah of the King; Listen to the Voice of YHVH Your God and Do What is Right in His Eyes)

June 26, 2021 – Ross Nichols

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(8) Honest to Moses – Stranger in a Strange Land – Class Eight (Hebrew-Egyptians; The Biblical Significance of the Name Gershom; What is the Biblical Idea of a Ger; Other Ger's Besides Moses; Remember You Were in Egypt; Commanded Inclusivity & Kindness; Don't Delay Justice for the Needy; Seeds of Freedom; Love the Stranger as Yourself; Whether a Native or Sojourner – Keep My Torah; Going Up Not Down – The Head and the Tail; Dwelling in a Place Not Ours; We Are Our Brother's Keeper)

July 3, 2021 – Ross Nichols

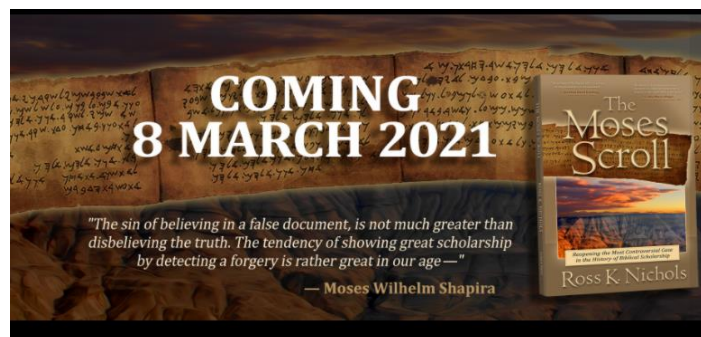
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UIWU ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Moses Scroll book release date of 8 March 2021 was purposely chosen. Moses Shapira died on 8 March 1884, and as far as we know, the last public sighting of his scroll was 8 March 1889. It seemed apropos to share the scroll anew with the world on that same fateful day.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

-Blossoming Rose Israel Tours (2021): <https://blossomingrose.org/>
-Walking the Ancient Paths – (2022): Tabor – Nichols Israel Tour March 4-15, 2022;
<https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/israel-tours/>; <https://blossomingrose.org/2022-walking-the-ancient-paths/>
-UNCC Mt. Zion Archaeological Project, Dig Mt. Zion (2022): June/July 2022;
<https://digmountzion.uncc.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/digmountzion/>
-Accessible Adventure Israel Tour – (2022): Nichols – Young; October 17 – 27, 2022;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyUGXC4fUvU> &
<https://blossomingrose.org/accessible-adventure-israel-tour-2022/>

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-UIWU Founder, United Nations Correspondent, Author, (1903 – 2003) David Horowitz:
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-UIWU Executive Vice-President, Historian, Researcher, Author, Ralph Buntyn:
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<https://www.amazon.com/Book-David-Horowitz-Nations-Founder/dp/1630515833>
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-UIWU Vice-President, Weekly Teaching and Study Sessions, Ross Nichols:
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BsCXrGttxo> (The Song of Moses by Patricia Tyler)
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-A 95 Page Summary of UI “Weekly Teaching Notes” (April 2007 to May 2020)
<https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/a-summary-of-ui-teachings-by-john-baruch-perry/>
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-Nehemia’s Wall, Uncovering Ancient Hebrew Sources of Faith, Nehemia Gordan
<https://www.nehemiaswall.com/>;
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