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**July 31, 2021 – Ross Nichols**

**Honest to Moses – The Search – Class Eleven**

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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 11 in our series called, "Honest to Moses". Today's class is called "The Search". 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?

-Based on last week's class on Two Conversations, I put out an invitation for feedback. One person was struggling with faith and the other was in a state of excitement over the journey. All of the letters and notes I received were personal stories with many similarities between their journeys. Most expressed a commitment to continue despite any difficulties because of a dedication to the truth. One theme stood out and wasn't lacking in anyone of these letters, even if it wasn't stated exactly the same. The theme that stood out was a core teaching from the Torah of Moses and was inspired by the letters I received from you which defines us all. This is almost a proof that we're going in the right direction. In general, all of us have been on a quest, a search, a spiritual journey, and the odyssey of faith.

-Today I want to talk about the search for truth. Why is the search for truth necessary? Why is it important? What does scripture tell us about it? What does Moses say about the quest / search? To what degree are you to invest in the search with time, energy, and effort and resources? How deeply are we to search? If I just say search, that's a bit vague and I'm not narrowing in on the defining point of all of us. The search / quest can mean anything because there are several subcategories. We are talking about biblical faith and the quest for truth when it comes to the bible. We could talk about the search for God and for the words of God and his authentic message buried as treasure within the text of the Hebrew Scriptures. I believe this quest / search for the truth distinguishes the faithful remnant in every age.

-We know people who are religious and members of faith communities who participate at some level within that world. I'm not talking about that involvement at a superficial level where one receives the traditions of a certain faith from their parents and then parrots that throughout their life. Although they may be good wholesome people, they are not the seekers. They follow that which was handed to them, accepting a package part and parcel, but they haven't done what I'm talking about here. I'm talking about a hyper dedication to a quest to discern that which is true and right. The whole truth, nothing but the truth, so help us God, regardless of where we began. Generally, the people of the quest find themselves in a different place than that which they started. Their research, their prayers, their meditation, their digging brings them to a whole new world.

-These people of the quest, the seekers, all have an insatiable desire to know God's truth and to live their life accordingly based on their discovery. Many are the competing claims for truth. Many are those who claim that their path leads to the ultimate truth. One Rabbi responded to a woman's cry for help, I understand, and said, thankfully, I was born into the truth. No need to search here. I remember thinking, you have no way of relating or understanding what this person is saying. Everyone is required to seek, there is no inheritance in which a person receives the package fully explained, fully explored, fully resolved in every detail. That does not exist, there is no package deal. If you want to know the truth, you've got to search. If you want to know God, you've got to search regardless of what you were born into.

-Jer 6: 16 Thus says YHVH: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'

-What we are looking for truly requires us not to stop at the ancient paths, we are looking for the good way among / upon the ancient paths. The good way is where the search will lead you. First stand and ask for these ancient paths, but it's the good way where we will walk and find rest for our souls, if we choose to walk therein, but many refuse. Those who refuse to walk in the good way and find rest for their souls is most troubling. Many are happy to be born into an ancient path, into a faith tradition which goes back thousands of years, and they believe that because they were born into that ancient path that there's no sense looking, and that's the danger. This causes a false sense of security to an arrogance that comes across as smug, I have the truth. God of truth, deliver us from such thinking.

-If you want to find God, search! If you want to find the words of God, you have to search, there is no package deal. The quest has become increasingly difficult over time, and this is evident in the bible itself. The bible begins with an intimacy that was described that we no longer experience. Many people tell stories of experiential things they've had with the creator, my job is not to weigh into that. I would never say you haven't experienced these things, that's not my place. On the whole, if we read the biblical accounts, we do see a general difference between what the bible describes and our present personal relationship with God. I have no idea if someone will tell me that the Lord meets them in their garden every morning. It's not my place to argue that. It's never happened in my world. Most would agree that there is a difference from what's described in the bible and what they have experienced in an experiential place.

-Gen 3: 8 And they heard the sound of YHVH Adonai walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of YHVH Adonai among the trees of the garden. 9 But YHVH Adonai called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

-Have you violated the command? In the story prior to this God had given the command to not eat of this particular tree. This was a dietary rule and that was the only prohibition in the garden that we know of. When asked by the serpent, has God said you shall not eat of every tree? The woman, maybe for good intent, added to the word. She said, God has said we shall not eat from it nor touch it lest we die. The violation of the commandment

was caused by, at least in part, someone adding to the words of God. The question, of what is the authentic word of God goes back to the garden of Eden.

-Sin has caused and will continue to cause separation between the human and the divine. The bible stories as they unfold, we see that separation grow. We begin with an intimacy in the garden of Eden where God comes to enjoy fellowship and walking in the breeze of the day with his creation. He expects to find man, but man sinned and hid himself causing God to say, "where are you?" As the bible continues, God appears less frequently to humans and speaks less frequently to humans. The manner of that communication between the divine and the human changes over time as well. Divine miracles and messengers and other signs also become a lesser part of the story as we progress through.

-Patriarchal narratives are filled with this sort of interaction between the human and the divine. We read over the encounter of YHVH eating with Abraham at his tent. That presence is manifested and when Abraham lifted up his eyes, behold three men. One, according to the text is YHVH. Later we read of two messengers. The text says Jacob wrestles with a man, but it seems to be more than a man. According to Hosea 12, the one that Jacob wrestles with, is it an angel of God or YHVH of hosts? Exodus 3 brings us the burning bush story, the story of the bush. Moses is shepherding the flock of his father-in-law; he comes upon the far / western side of the wilderness, and he sees a bush that's on fire, but it's not consumed and he goes to check it out. As he approaches, we get this encounter with, is it Elohim, is it the angel of God or is it YHVH? The miracle of the departure from Egypt of the children of Israel with miracles, the plagues, and the splitting of the sea. The meeting at Horeb, the awesome signs and displays of wonder, darkness and the loud shofar sounding. The voice of God speaking out of the midst of fire to an entire assembled nation plus a mixed multitude.

-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.

-The historical books continue to speak of this waning closeness with God. It still exists throughout the biblical narratives with Elijah in a showdown with the prophets of Baal. Where Elijah challenges the false prophets and says, you get a sacrifice ready, and you pray to your god and Elijah tells YHVH to bring down fire and he does, and the argument is settled. Today there are all sorts of disagreements as to who's got the truth. What determines what is truth? Are you more persuasive in your argument? Do you know the text better? You can't call down fire. Dreams and visions are one way that God communicated, and some would say, still communicates to this day. I'm not arguing that that doesn't happen. When was the last time we were able to consult the Urim and the Thummim? After Horeb, the people requested, don't let us see this anymore, you Moses go speak and tell us and we'll hear, and we'll do.

-Through much of the biblical period a prophet would hear from God and convey that communication to the people whether they would hear and listen or not, and most often,

they did not. It wasn't as if there was one holy group or nation who maintained the truth throughout the ages and was totally obedient. The people who were called to be the servant nation, they too rebelled and did not listen. By the time we get to the Persian Period and the Book of Ester, there's no mention of God or even religion parse. By the end of the biblical period, what you are left with is a possibility that the creator is working behind the scenes, an unseen hand, guiding his people in unseen ways.

-God has disappeared. How this happened, why it happened, and how that relates to you, and me is what I want to tackle this morning. The disappearance of God over the period of biblical history is called the hiding of the face. How did we go from a place where God's intent was to commune with his creation to the place where people have to look for and hope for a still small voice at best or an unseen hand guiding and working behind the scenes? Adam and Eve hid themselves from the face of God.

-Gen 4: 13 Cain said to YHVH, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

-Both of these phrases speak of man being hidden from the face of God. With Adam and Eve hiding from God and with Cain's reference to being hidden from the face have to do with man hiding from God. This is why you and I have to dig so deeply and search so intently to find God. I'm not talking about man hiding from God, I'm talking about God hiding from man. God's hiding of the face occurs more than 30 times in the Hebrew Bible.

-Deu 31: 17 Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' 18 And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods.

-God tells Moses to write a song to warn of this potential that he would hide his face and thus become difficult to find. If God were easy to find, if voices still came from the heavens, if fire still came down to determine who was right and who was wrong, if when I spoke and I said my teaching is correct and lightning went off, that would be more impressive, and people might be more inclined to believe it. God says he's going to hide his face from the children of God because of their departure.

-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.

-I will hide my face is the promise that God made. When Isaiah 8 is written the hiding of the face has already happened. He's waiting on YHVH. That's a theme that's consistent in Isaiah. Those that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall walk and not be wearied, and they can run and not faint. These waiting ones have stored up the testimony and sealed the Torah among the disciples. They're waiting for the one who hides his face from the house of Jacob. Man's sin separates him from God.

-Mic 3: 4 Then they will cry to YHVH, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.

-Eze 39: 23 And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them

and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. 24 I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

-The hiding of the face is a result of the bad actions of the people and man's rebellion to God's ways. Mankind has behaved ill towards the creator. Sin always brings about a hiding of the face.

-Isa 64: 7 There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8 But now, O YHVH, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

-This statement is troubling. None calls upon God. None seeks after God in Isaiah's time. Isaiah states that it directly resulted from God hiding his face from the people. This idea of God covering his face so that he can't see what happens to the people, it's a horrible feeling on the side of the people. I suggest it's bad for both. A person who feels forgotten associates that with the hiding of the face. This idea of the hiding of the face the psalmist cries out.

-Psa 13: 1 How long, O YHVH? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

-Psa 44: 24 Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression? 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground. 26 Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

-Psa 69: 16 Answer me, O YHVH, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. 17 Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. 18 Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

-Psa 88: 14 O YHVH, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me? 15 Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am helpless. 16 Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me.

-Psa 89: 46 How long, O YHVH? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire? 47 Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man!

-This idea of the hiding of the face the psalmist on and on cries out. How many of us can relate or admit or appreciate that in the biblical story we see more and more of a separation of the human and the divine. It's not just that the masses experience this and some select few don't.

-1Sam 3: 1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to YHVH in the presence of Eli. And the word of YHVH was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

-He's asleep and he hears Samuel, Samuel. He gets up and he thinks it Eli and Eli says, I didn't call you go back to bed. After the third time Eli says YHVH is speaking, go back and when you hear it next time say, speak YHVH for your servant is listening. The word of YHVH was rare in those days, how much rarer is it now? People say I hear from the Lord every day, it's not my job to weigh into that.

-Psa 74: 9 We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is none among us who knows how long.

-That's fairly apt to describe today. There are a lot of people guessing, a lot of people are teaching this or that, but we are not experiencing a prophet. There is no one who is able

to decide, to prove that they are the true speaker on behalf of YHVH by calling down fire. We don't see signs, there is no prophet. Some people today say they are prophets, but no they're not. Amos 8 describes a famine in the land, not of bread and water but of hearing the words of YHVH.

-Amo 8: 11 "Behold, the days are coming," declares Adonai YHVH, "when I will send a famine on the land-- not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of YHVH. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of YHVH, but they shall not find it.

-What causes the people to go searching for the message? They're hungry. The word of YHVH is rare. A famine means that people are starving to hear the words of God. It's just so rare. I believe that we are in a famine of hearing the words of God and because of that I believe you are searching so deeply to find it. Welcome to biblical faith. Welcome to the quest my friend.

-Hos 5: 15 I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. Hos 6: 1 "Come, let us return to YHVH; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him (in His face).

-YHVH left. YHVH departed. Ezekiel even sees it. It doesn't matter whose lineage you are born into. It's who's going to seek God's hidden face that matters. As you're search some will say, come this way it's over here, but seeking the hidden, the search is what drives you because you desire truth and truth only. Everybody told me in their notes, I just want to know the truth. The center of the Torah between Genesis 1:1 and Deuteronomy 34:12 as written by the scribes has a repeated word written in Hebrew which means to seek, to thresh out, to dig deeply. The heart of the Torah then is the diligent search.

-Deu 4: 29 But from there you will seek YHVH your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

-From there you will seek YHVH your God and you will find him. Seek him from there is talking about the dispersion. People are going to be scattered because they did the wrong thing. There's the hiding of the face. This says, but it's not forever. In Hosea 5 and 6 remember that God struck us but he's going to heal us. What's going to heal us and what's going to bring us back is when this hiding of the face is gone. What causes the hiding of the face to be fixed? It's when people turn to God and seek him. But from there you will seek YHVH your God and you will find him, because you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

-How much do you have to invest in the search? How deep do you have to dig? You have to search after him with all your heart and your soul. Let me tell you who's going to find YHVH, those who seek. You will seek and find him because you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. Many are called to the quest and begin to search after God, but when the cares of this world choke them down or when they find a little bit that puzzles them or they find out they were wrong and they don't want to dig anymore and they stop the search, that not all your heart. How deep do you dig?

-Jer 29: 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.

-Isa 55: 6 "Seek YHVH while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to YHVH, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares YHVH. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

-Part of the search is not just reading your bible, that's not searching, that's just reading. There's a difference. I'm talking about reading and studying and meditating and praying and calling out to God and saying, what does this mean? What do you want from me? That's what you're doing. You've forsaken your traditions that you grew up with and left the comfort. You are Abraham today. The thing that sets Abram apart, he left everything with which he was familiar. He was standing on the ancient paths already, but he was looking for the good way. Do you know what God gave him, here's the good way, pass it on.

-2Chr 15: 1 The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, 2 and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: YHVH is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, 4 but when in their distress they turned to YHVH, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. 5 In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 They were broken in pieces. Nation was crushed by nation and city by city, for God troubled them with every sort of distress. 7 But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded."

-How different are our days? There are troubles and nation against nation, what if the message is the same? What if the message is turn to God, seek him with all your heart and you'll be found by him? What if searching with all our heart is something some have not committed to? I believe you have and that's what keeps us on the track.

-Isa 54: 7 For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. 8 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says YHVH, your Redeemer.

-Humans were created to be in fellowship with God, to hear his voice. To not hear from God creates an emptiness in individuals and our world. It is truly a famine to not hear God's words. We were not designed to live on physical sustenance alone.

-Deu 8: 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.

-We are demanding ourselves to discern that which God really spoke. Why, because it's your food, it's your lifeline. If we truly are a physical with a spiritual component, you need physical food and what it is that fuels the quest. The spiritual food which is the word of God. People are starving all around, and some things don't give us the true nutrients. What is it that we lack the most today in this world? It's the word of God. The rarity of hearing from God is on purpose and it's part of the plan. It's on purpose that people are not hearing from God. He says, I'm going to hide my face and see what their end will be.



-Man hid from God and became separated more and more through sin and that gap widened. Even among the religious world, religious leaders as we see in 1 Samuel. Samuel is in the holy prescient, but the word was even rarer then, how much more so now? Many will seek. Only those who search with all their heart will find him. If you don't search with all your heart, you're not going to find him. When you're searching with all your heart, there are times of discomfort. You're not going to be in line with what everyone around you believes. There's a wide way that many people go, but there's a narrow way that leads to life and only a few find that way. That's true.

-Don't be weak, take courage, your search will be rewarded. The true word of the true God is rare in these days too, diligently search for it. The face of the true God has been hidden, diligently search for it. May your search lead you to the truth and in a time when the word is rare and the face is hidden, except this blessing. YHVH bless you and keep you. YHVH make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. YHVH lift up his face upon you and give you peace.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, join next Saturday to listen to Dr. James Tabor and I will update you later on the adventures of Ross and the Tyler's and let you know what that exciting trip is all about later.

### **THIS WEEK IN TORAH**

JULY 31, 2021

This week's Torah Portion Ekev: "Because" (Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25) A chosen people, Remember YHVH your God, Reward and assurance, The lesson of food, Not because of righteousness, A warning against the lure of prosperity, Remembering the Exodus and the tribulations in the wilderness, The golden calf, A temporary ark and the second tablets of stone, Aaron's death, Elevation of the Levites, God's reconciliation, Circumcise your heart, Firsthand knowledge of God's miracles, The great virtues of the land, The second passage of the Shema, Love and serve YHVH. "Shavua Tov" and Have a Great Week!

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**The Chosen – Torah Reading Ekev (Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25)** (Sabbaths of Consolation; Discomfort vs. Disdain; Israel is Chosen; Ekev – Because; Abraham Listens to the Voice; God Tests His People; God's Blessings are Transferrable; Holiness is Commanded; Israel is God's Treasured Possession; Israel is a Holy People; God Sets His Love on Israel; Circumcise Your Hearts and Return to YHVH; Prepare Your Heart for God's Word; Keep God's Commandments; Set Your Love on YHVH to Fear and Serve Him)

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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)

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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**

**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-the-family-of-moses-class-three/> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVsG0f6VqB4>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021.5.29-Honest-to-Moses-The-Family-of-Moses-Class-Three.pdf>

**(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 YHVH; 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**

**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-the-levitical-link-class-four/> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9V9pSOtAMQ>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021.6.5-Honest-to-Moses-The-Levitical-Link-Class-Four.pdf>

**(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 YHVH – Now I Know That YHVH is Greater Than All Gods; The Midianite Connection into and out of the Land of Egypt)

**June 12, 2021 – Ross Nichols**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMKeNKB33dg>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021.6.12-Honest-to-Moses-The-Midianite-Mystery-Class-Five.pdf>

**(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**

**Audio/Video Links:**

<https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-the-kenite-key-class-six/> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZStv9y5TVk>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021.6.19-Honest-to-Moses-The-Kenite-Key-Class-Six.pdf>

**(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**

**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-blotting-out-the-sons-of-moses-class-seven/> & [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_EyJq-oUm0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_EyJq-oUm0)

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021.6.26-Honest-to-Moses-Blotting-Out-the-Sons-of-Moses-Class-Seven.pdf>

**(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**

**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-stranger-in-a-strange-land-class-eight/> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyIFttYzLzY>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.7.3-Honest-to-Moses-A-Stranger-in-a-Strange-Land-Class-Eight.pdf>

**(9) 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)

**July 10, 2021 – Ross Nichols**

**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-law-of-love-class-nine/> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdfCCsLotq4>

**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.7.10-Honest-to-Moses-Law-of-Love-Class-Nine.pdf>

**(10) Honest to Moses – Anachronism Explained – Class Ten** (The Pentateuch Was (View 1) and Wasn't (View 2) All the Product of Moses and His Time; First & Third Person Narratives; Taking Liberties with the Text; Remember the Torah of Moses; The Pentateuch – Before and During the Life and Times of Moses; Biblical Clues to the Who and When of the Ancient Pen; Anachronism – Backwards Time; The Beetles – A Modern Example; Exodus 16 – Keep the Sabbath / Manna from Heaven for 40 Years; Where is the Testimony; There's No Earlier or Later in the Torah; Let the Text Speak for Itself)

**July 17, 2021 – Ross Nichols**

**Audio/Video Links:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/honest-to-moses-anachronism-explained-class-ten/> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAwtXWjXrFE>  
**Teaching Notes Link:** <https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021.7.17-Honest-to-Moses-Anachronism-Explained-Class-Ten.pdf>

### **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.



<https://themosesscroll.com/>  
<https://www.amazon.com/Moses-Scroll-Ross-K-Nichols/dp/1736613405/?pldnSite=1>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iud2k6HwTL4&t=16s>  
<https://www.facebook.com/themosesscroll/videos/535074677630755>

### **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/>

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

-UIWU Official Website / YouTube Website / Facebook Website:  
<https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/> (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://unitedisraelworldunion.com/category/remembering-david-horowitz/>  
-UIWU President, Biblical Scholar/Professor at UNCC, Tabor Blog, Dr. James D. Tabor:  
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-UIWU Executive Vice-President, Historian, Researcher, Author, Ralph Buntyn:  
<https://unitedisraelworldunion.com/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:  
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<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://unitedisraelworldunion.com/faith-without-borders/>

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<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)  
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-UIWU Scribe, Weekly Teaching Notes, This Week in Torah FB, John “Baruch” Perry

-UIWU Teaching Notes Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/UIWU-Teaching-Notes-103999335011360>

-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/>

-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)  
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-Truth2U, Tanakh Tours, The Kingdom Chronicles, Talk Radio Host, Jono Vandor:  
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<https://truth2u.org/category/james-tabor/> (Gleanings from Genesis, with Tabor/Nichols)  
<https://truth2u.org/2021/01/15/the-moses-scroll-a-new-book-by-ross-k-nichols/>  
<https://israelnewstalkradio.com/news-anchor-jono-vandor/>  
<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)

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

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