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**INTRODUCTION**

“From the time of the Patriarchs to the words of the Prophets, the pages of the Bible echo a promise – that the Holy Land belongs to the people of Israel, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Today, many nations and voices deny Israel this right. But God's promise is unwavering. The title deed to the Holy Land was handed from the heavens to Israel. No nation, no power can revoke what the Almighty has granted. Today, dive deeply into this divine decree with us. Israel's right to the land is more than a present-day dispute; it's a biblical mandate.”

**TEACHING NOTES**

-Who does Israel belong to? We are talking about the place. The land!

**-What Does the Bible Say**

-The land of Israel obvious is the focus of the world. Not just now, but in times past and in the future as well. It is a land most disputed. It is a land most contested. It is situated on a crossroads from ancient times to the present, being the focal point of the world. It's been battled over and fought over and claimed by various religious, political, and parliaments of man who have tried to take a piece of this land. Who does Israel belong to, in all or in part. Everyone feels the desire to weigh-in and vote on, to divide and share this land, but what does the Bible say.

**-They Have Divided My Land**

-Joe 3: 2 I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land,

-The speaker here is God, and he will enter into judgment with all of the nation's mainly as God speaks, they have divided my land. The land of Israel as we know it today, that belongs to God.

-Lev 25: 23 "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me.

-The land belongs to God and it's his to give to whomever he should choose from a biblical perspective. For some who don't believe the bible, this is not the right lecture for you, and you won't come to the same conclusion. From ancient times, we have archaeological evidence that the people of Israel were in this place. We will build up to, who is it that God says the land of Israel belongs to?

-Deu 11: 11 But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, 12 a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

-This land is the LORD's, and he cares for it. His eyes are always on it. He refers to this place as a land flowing with milk and honey.

-**A Land Flowing with Milk and Honey**

-Land flowing with milk and honey (19x) Exodus 3:8, 17; 13:5; 33:3; Leviticus 20:24; Numbers 13:27; 14:8; 16:14; Deuteronomy 6:3; 11:9; 26:9, 15; 27:3; 31:20; Joshua 5:6; Jeremiah 11:5; 32:22; Ezekiel 20:6, 15.

-A good land (10x) Deuteronomy 1:35; 3:25; 4:21-22; 6:18; 8:10; 9:6; 11:17; Joshua 23:16; I Chronicles 28:8.

-According to the text of the Hebrew bible, this land was once referred to as the land of Canaan. Inhabited by a group where the name and numbers vary. As many as seven (7) Canaanite nations, seven Canaanite peoples, generally known as the "ites". The Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, the Jebusites, and the Gergisites. Although the names vary this is, the original inhabitants of the land.

-The Land of the Canaanites (10x) Genesis 50:11; Exodus 3:17; 13:5, 11; Deuteronomy 1:7; 11:30; Joshua 13:4; Ezekiel 16:3; Nehemiah 9:8, 24.

-**A Land Sworn – The Promised Land**

-This land, once inhabited by the Canaanites, these seven groups of nations, was specially chosen by God and it's called a Holy Land. God cares for it and his eyes are on it all the year around. A land flowing with milk and honey. A good land. It's this particular land that God swore to give to someone other than these Canaanites who originally inhabited it. We'll talk about why that is. A land sworn and more popularly known as the "Promised Land". Repeatedly, this land is referred to as a sworn land. In six (6) passages in the bible, it's said that God raises his hand and swears this land to a particular people.

-Exo 6: 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD."

-Num 14: 30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

-Eze 20: 28 For when I had brought them into the land that I swore to give them, then wherever they saw any high hill or any leafy tree, there they offered their sacrifices and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there they sent up their pleasing aromas, and there they poured out their drink offerings.

-Eze 20: 42 42 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers.

-Eze 47: 14 And you shall divide equally what I swore to give to your fathers. This land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

-Neh 9: 15 15 You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

-To whom is this land sworn? I don't care what the League of Nations or the United Nations say, that's not for this class. I do care, but I'll talk about that in another class. I want to know what's mandated from YHVH. What do the biblical writers say and to whom does the land of Israel belong? Twenty-two (22) times the land is sworn to the fathers and nine (9) times the land is sworn to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob (The Israelite Tribes).

| Land Sworn           | Fathers            | Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Genesis 24:7         |                    |                              |
| Genesis 26:3         | Abraham ✓          |                              |
| Genesis 50:24        |                    | ✓                            |
| Exodus 13:5          | ✓                  |                              |
| Exodus 13:11         | ✓                  |                              |
| Exodus 32:13         |                    | ✓                            |
| Exodus 33:1          |                    | ✓                            |
| Numbers 11:12        | ✓                  |                              |
| Numbers 14:16        |                    |                              |
| Numbers 14:23        | ✓                  |                              |
| Numbers 32:10-11     |                    | ✓                            |
| Deuteronomy 1:8      | ✓                  | ✓                            |
| Deuteronomy 1:34     | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 6:10     | ✓                  | ✓                            |
| Deuteronomy 6:18     | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 6:23     | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 7:12-13  | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 8:1      | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 9:5      | ✓                  | ✓                            |
| Deuteronomy 10:11    | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 11:9, 21 | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 19:8     | ✓ (Expand borders) |                              |
| Deuteronomy 26:3, 15 | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 30:20    | ✓                  | ✓                            |
| Deuteronomy 31:7     | ✓                  |                              |
| Deuteronomy 31:20-23 |                    |                              |
| Deuteronomy 34:4     |                    | ✓                            |
| Joshua 1:6           | ✓                  |                              |
| Joshua 5:6           |                    |                              |
| Joshua 21:43         | ✓                  |                              |
| Judges 2:1           | ✓                  |                              |

-We'll talk again about other descendants of Abraham. People read this and tend to get confused on the boundaries of the land that should belong to Israel verses these other

tribes that are descendants from Abraham. All it takes is a reading of the text. When people don't read it, they make wrong associations, and they miss the point.

#### **-The Call of Abram to Go to a Land**

-When we talk about the land sworn, I want to begin with Abraham. I want to cover six (6) passages about the swearing of the oath of the land that goes to Abraham from the beginning.

-Gen 11: 31 Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

-Gen 12: 1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

-Gen 13: 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

-Gen 13: 14 The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, 15 for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. 16 I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. 17 Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you."

-Gen 15: 7 And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

-Gen 15: 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, 19 the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

-Gen 17: 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

-Gen 24: 7 The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,'

#### **-Land Given to the Children of Abraham through His Handmaids**

-From the beginning, Abram is called into covenant with God and the central component of the covenant is a land. This is a literal, physical, terrestrial place. We are talking about land and water, the land of Canaan. Does the land of Canaan go to all of the descendants of Abraham who has many sons. But to whom does the land of Canaan belong? Should a big slice of it be given to another group of Abrahams sons? Not if we read the bible.

What about the children of Abraham through Keturah?

-Gen 25: 5 Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. 6 But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country. 18 They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria. He settled over against all his kinsmen.

**-Land Given to the Children of Isaac**

-Gen 26: 1 Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. 2 And the LORD appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. 4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, 5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

**-The Blessing of Abraham – Land Given to the Children of Jacob**

-Gen 28: 4 May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!"

-Gen 28: 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. 14 Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

-Gen 35: 12 The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you."

-Gen 48: 3 And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, 4 and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.'

-This land that God blessed Abraham with was passed to Isaac and then to Jacob. He says to Jacob, your descendants will be scattered, but I'll bring them back. I will not forsake them, God raised his hand in an oath and swore to give this land to this people.

-Psa 105: 8 He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, 9 the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, 10 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, 11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

**-The Sworn Land of Israel has Borders**

-The sworn land has borders. I'm talking about the land that belongs to Israel. To whom does the land of Israel belong to? It belongs to Israel. Why – it's what the text says. The borders of this land are found in three texts, but people don't study these closely.

-(1) Num 34: 1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the people of Israel, and say to them, When you enter the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan as defined by its borders), 3 your south side shall be from the wilderness of Zin alongside Edom, and your southern border shall run from the end of the Salt Sea on the east. 4 And your border shall turn south of the ascent of Akrabbim, and cross to Zin, and its limit shall be south of Kadesh-barnea. Then it shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon. 5 And the border shall turn from Azmon to the Brook of Egypt, and its limit shall be at the sea. 6 "For the western border, you shall have the Great Sea and its coast. This shall be your western border. 7 "This shall be your northern border: from the Great Sea you shall draw a line to Mount Hor. 8 From Mount Hor you shall draw a line to Lebo-hamath, and the limit of the border shall be at Zedad. 9 Then the border shall extend to Ziphron, and its limit shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your northern border. 10 "You shall draw a line for your eastern border from Hazar-enan to Shepham. 11 And the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah on the east side of Ain. And the border shall go down and reach to the shoulder of the Sea of Chinnereth on the east. 12 And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its limit shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land as defined by its borders all around."

-(2) Jos 15: 1 The allotment for the tribe of the people of Judah according to their clans reached southward to the boundary of Edom, to the wilderness of Zin at the farthest south. 2 And their south boundary ran from the end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that faces southward. 3 It goes out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, passes along to Zin, and goes up south of Kadesh-barnea, along by Hezron, up to Addar, turns about to Karka, 4 passes along to Azmon, goes out by the Brook of Egypt, and comes to its end at the sea. This shall be your south boundary. 5 And the east boundary is the Salt Sea, to the mouth of the Jordan. And the boundary on the north side runs from the bay of the sea at the mouth of the Jordan. 6 And the boundary goes up to Beth-hoglah and passes along north of Beth-arabah. And the boundary goes up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. 7 And the boundary goes up to Debir from the Valley of Achor, and so northward, turning toward Gilgal, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the valley. And the boundary passes along to the waters of En-shemesh and ends at En-rogel. 8 Then the boundary goes up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom at the southern shoulder of the Jebusite (that is, Jerusalem). And the boundary goes up to the top of the mountain that lies over against the Valley of Hinnom, on the west, at the northern end of the Valley of Rephaim. 9 Then the boundary extends from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and from there to the cities of Mount Ephron. Then the boundary bends around to Baalah (that is, Kiriath-jearim). 10 And the boundary circles west of Baalah to Mount Seir, passes along to the northern shoulder of Mount Jearim (that is, Chesalon), and goes down to Beth-shemesh and passes along by Timnah. 11 The boundary goes out to the shoulder of the hill north of Ekron, then the boundary bends around to Shikkeron and passes along to Mount Baalah and goes out to Jabneel. Then the boundary comes to an end at the sea. 12 And the west boundary was the Great Sea with its coastline. This is the boundary around the people of Judah according to their clans.

-(3) Eze 47: 13 Thus says the Lord GOD: "This is the boundary by which you shall divide the land for inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. 14 And you shall divide equally what I swore to give to your fathers. This land shall fall to you as your inheritance. 15 "This shall be the boundary of the land: On the north side, from the Great Sea by way of Hethlon to Lebo-hamath, and on to Zedad, 16 Berothah, Sibram (which lies on the border between Damascus and Hamath), as far as Hazer-hatticon, which is on the border of Hauran. 17 So the boundary shall run from the sea to Hazar-enan, which is on the northern border of Damascus, with the border of Hamath to the north. This shall be the north side. 18 "On the east side, the boundary shall run between Hauran and Damascus; along the Jordan between Gilead and the land of Israel; to the eastern sea and as far as Tamar. This shall be the east side. 19 "On the south side, it shall run from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribah-kadesh, from there along the Brook of Egypt to the Great Sea. This shall be the south side. 20 "On the west side, the Great Sea shall be the boundary to a point opposite Lebo-hamath. This shall be the west side.

#### -Other Lands for Other People

-Other descendants of Abraham have other lands as do members of the greater household of Abraham. The descendants of Lot are from the household of Abraham and their land is east of the Jordan River in the area of Moab and Ammon. In Deuteronomy 1 – 3, it charts a travel itinerary, and it says not to mess with these other lands because they are not yours. These lands were given Ammon and Moab. I've given these to Esau. These lands that are given to other related peoples, Israel is not allowed. It's the wicked Canaanite people's that God says to take out. The sworn land is an integral part of the covenant as we shall see.

#### -Israel is Called Out of Egypt Back to the Land of Canaan

-Exo 6: 2 God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. 5 Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.'"

#### -Israel Inherits a Land and a Torah

-His covenant is to give land to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In Genesis 15, before Abram even has any descendants God gives him this vision. Here he tells him that his descendants will be in Egypt. Not all of his descendants, it's a specific group of his descendants that are captive in Egypt. God says that they'll come out after a few hundred years, and they'll come back to this land, a heritage. He's not talking about all of them. This is the heritage or possession of the children of Israel.

-Exo 6: 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.

-Deu 33: 4 when Moses commanded us a law, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob.  
-What are the two reasons that God brought Israel out of Egypt?

-Lev 25: 38 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

-This is a covenant which is connected to the land. By God, that's why Israel is there now. Against all odds. Every nation of the world can beat their chests and rattle their swords and commit heinous acts, but Israel is not going anywhere because God said this is their land. Someone else was in that land when they went there, and this is known biblically. Their iniquity it would seem, finally was full.

-Gen 15: 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**-The Fullness of the Iniquity of the Amorites**

-God gives the picture of what's to come to Abram. He tells him that the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. The name Amorites is sometimes given to the people who dwelled in Canaan as a whole. The name Canaanites does this as well, but sometimes it's the Amorites. Israel is told to go to the mountain of the Amorites. The fullness of their iniquity finally reached a certain point such that the land would finally vomit out the inhabitants.

**-Amorites Vomited Out of the Land**

-Lev 18: 24 "Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, 25 and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. 26 But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you 27 (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), 28 lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

-Lev 20: 22 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.

**-God Drives Israel's Wicked Enemies Out of the Land**

-Exo 23: 29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land. 31 And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.

-Deu 7: 22 The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you.

-The idea is that Israel was to drive out the inhabitants of Canaan because they were wicked as hell. They were to drive these people out. You cannot have someone who is your neighbor hacking your families to death in their sleep. So, how are you going to drive them out?

-Exo 33: 2 I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.



-Exo 34: 24 For I will cast out nations before you and enlarge your borders; no one shall covet your land, when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.

-Deu 7: 1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you,

-Deu 9: 3 Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you. 4 "Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. 5 Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 6 "Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

-Deu 11: 22 For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, 23 then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. 24 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. 25 No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

-Israel is inheriting the land because God said that they are his covenant people and he promised with a raised hand to give it to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There are other lands for other descendants of Abraham, other peoples, but not this land. They can live there if they follow the rules.

-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, 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,

**-Israel Must Eradicate the Thorns in Their Side**

-If these people of Israel didn't eradicate the bad it's going to be a major source of trouble to you. If Israel doesn't get rid of these people who are bad, the people that the land is vomiting out for their wickedness, they are going to be barbs in your eyes, thorns in your side, a whip to your sides, a snare, and a trap.

-Num 33: 55 But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall be as barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land where you dwell.

-Jos 23: 12 For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, 13 know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations

before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

-Jdg 2: 3 So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you."

#### -Israel's Possession is Land and Law

-Israel was to uphold very high standards in the land. You don't just get the land that God gave you and act however you want. There are very strict rules which are clearly laid out as a companion to the covenant. The covenant has two parts, with the land comes the Torah. A law which says all sorts of things. The possession is land and law. There is the law of the land and the land of the law. The land of the law has to have the law of the land governing it and they didn't do it. I'm not saying everyone, I don't want to over generalize. They too were dispossessed. The children of Israel who were covenanted for the purpose of inheriting the land were kicked out. The land vomited them out. They were scattered. They received no mercy. They were called not my people and lost their identity. They were scattered throughout all the nations as corn is sifted through a sieve, yet not the least grain will fall to the ground says God.

-Amo 9: 9 "For behold, I will command, and shake the house of Israel among all the nations as one shakes with a sieve, but no pebble shall fall to the earth.

-Jer 32: 41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. 42 "For thus says the LORD: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I promise them.

#### -Ask the Way to Zion

-For nearly 2,000 years the children of Israel remained in the diaspora. Many were scattered throughout all nations. Then in the 19<sup>th</sup> century there was a larger Jewish presence in the land when this starts then there are other Arab peoples. Among those in the dispersion there has always been a longing to return. We set by the rivers of Babylon is a beautiful picture of this. You can't sing songs of Zion in the diaspora and many of the people said, "I want to go back". They were inspired by the hopes and promises that the oaths contained within their ancient scriptures. They began from their places of exile to ask the way to Zion. Jeremiah says ask the way to Zion, with their faces turned towards it. It means they didn't know, but something inside directed their focus in the right way and they began to come back. Out of Jacobs darkest hour, Jacob was once again saved.

-The modern State of Israel is the beginning of the fulfillment of many prophecies. Judah began back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with large waves or returnees. Judah has begun the return to the land sworn to them by oath with the raised hand of God. Listen, it hasn't been easy. It will not be easy, but the oath of God can't be broken. Listen to me! Neither can the resolve of the people of Judah.

-I want you to pray for Israel.

-I want you to pray for the captives.

-I want you to pray for the IDF as they execute their enemies who have brought such horror upon innocent civilians.

Shabbat Shalom

## THIS WEEK IN TORAH



### **The Flood – A Tale of Reset and Renewal**

(Background – A History of the Flood Story; The Genesis Flood Narrative; Priestly and Yahwist Sources; Exercise; Who Was Noah; Righteousness, Obedience, and His Covenant with YHVH; A World Gone Astray; Noah's Commission; The Flood; The Water; God Remembered Noah; First Month – First Day; The Aftermath; Be Fruitful and Multiply; The Rainbow – A

Covenant Signed by God; The Generations of the Sons of Noah; Nimrod – A Mighty One on the Earth; Haftarah – A Perpetual Covenant of Peace; Conclusions)

**October 29, 2022 – David & Patty Tyler**

#### **Audio/Video Links:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_L3G5TaXhas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_L3G5TaXhas)

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=notif&v=1272553506871183>

#### **Teaching Notes Link:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitedisraelworldunion/permalink/1598758880542460>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

-Blossoming Rose Israel Tours (2023): <https://blossomingrose.org/>

-Skeptics & Scholars Expedition 2024, October 27 – November 4, 2024: Derek Lambert – Host of MythVision, Ross Nichols – UIWU, and Neal Sendlak – Gnostic Informant  
<https://www.lipkintours.com/index.php?dir=site&page=catalog&op=item&cs=3487>

-James Tabor Blog: <https://jamestabor.com/>

-James Tabor YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/jamestaborvideos>

-Ross K. Nichols YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9-ZXSjHKN6L0N4EbjhJ2fA>

-UIWU YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg/featured>

-Ross and Jono LIVE: Hebrew Bible Insights YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzmkIBloXBL8ZPUPmjr5sJ-N4cRvKnDL>

-The Moses Scroll – Authors Blog

<https://themosesscroll.com/authors-blog/>