Parasha 51: Nitzavim (You Are Standing) D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:9 (8)-30:20

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We are now entering into the 'final stage' of Moshe's 'speech' to Am Yisrael. This parasha is usually read together with 'Va'Yeilech/And He Went Out', except when two Sabbaths fall between Yom Teruah, Sukkot and there is no Holy Day that coincides. When this happens, they are read separately. Let us take a moment to review the breakdown of this 'speech' in order to ready us for these last words of the 'Torah proper' to our heart.

- 1) The Introduction- Chapters 1-4
- **2**) The Main Body- Chapters 5-26
- 3) The ReNewed Covenant- Chapters 27-28
- 4) The Call To Repentance- Chapters 29-30

These words of YHWH, which we are about to encounter, have the possibility of one of two outcomes. Either what has been heard is done or it isn't. Let us remember the Word of YHWH does not come 'without producing some effect in our lives'. (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 55:11) Having once heard we can NEVER say 'We did not know'. All excuses for our failure 'to do' are removed. Beloved, just as Yisrael is 'standing before YHWH' here in our Torah parasha, we too 'will stand' before Him, individually, at some point. (Romans 12:10; 11 Cor. 5:10- the Judgment Seat of Mashiach) We will give an account. YHWH is determined that we have every opportunity to fulfill His 'eternal purpose' for which we were created. Let us remember, the 'secret to that fulfillment' is always close at hand. It is not far away. May Abba 'multiply His chesed/grace and His rachamim/mercies' toward us as we go on.

**Special Note- This parasha comes just before the first of the Fall Moedim/Appointed Times of YHWH. All of these celebrations, beginning with Yom Teruah, are all pictures of YHWH's plan and purpose that will find their ultimate fulfillment in the events at the end known as the Tribulation. Beloved, YHWH has a plan for His nation of redeemed Yisrael (both Houses) that are being restored today. At the end of this parasha is a brief glimpse of a portion of this plan. These insights will be expounded upon more clearly as we enter this next cycle of Torah. YHWH has a plan for those who KNOW WHO THEY ARE: The Restored Nation of Yisrael! Amein!

The Essence Of YHWH's Presence: Unity

"Ye stand today ALL of you before Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One]; your rashei shvatim (heads of tribes), your zekenim [elders], and your shoterim [officers], with kol Ish [ALL the men of] Yisroel..." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:10 (9) OJB- definitions mine) As we move into our study, it is important that we realize what YHWH is doing through His Word as it is being delivered to Am Yisrael. His Word is, in fact, having the *'same effect'* on us as we read and study these *'d'varim/words'*. The phrase *'Ye stand today all of you'* is in Hebrew...

(read right to left) אתם נצבים היום כלכם

'atem nitzaviym hayom kul'khem' 'You are all standing today...'

Now, here is the interesting part. The word 'nitzavim' is not the common Hebrew word for 'stand'. The word is 'amad'. YHWH uses 'nitzavim' because it expresses 'how one is standing'. It means 'to stand with determination and courage'. Literally, 'to expect opposition with the determination to resist it!' This 'attitude' comes from the result of having 'internalized' what has been 'learned' through the 'process of following YHWH's instructions' in His Torah. Yisrael, the 'Second Generation', has been 'changed by the process', or at least this is YHWH's intention. It is why He has brought them through all they have experienced. If you remember from our times passing through the sefer/book of Bamidbar/Numbers, YHWH had a very 'clear intent' on bringing Yisrael 'into the midbar/wilderness'. It was a 'controlled environment'. A place that was 'sterile', like a 'petri dish' in a lab. It was an 'environment' where cultures could be grown and allowed 'to become enabled to reach their full potential'. Literally, 'nitzavim' also has the connotation to 'stand firm, to be grounded'. YHWH, through Moshe, is asking ALL OF YISRAEL to 'remember to reflect' on ALL THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH. The severity, but also the joy. The cost, but also the price that was paid and the result. THEY ARE STANDING ON THE VERY GROUND YHWH PROMISED HE WOULD BRING THEM TO! Here's the key: THEY MUST REMEMBER AND KEEP ON REMEMBERING! This was the 'whole point of the speech and its repetitive nature'. REMEMBERING IS THE KEY! REMEMBER what happened when they did what YHWH instructed. **REMEMBER** the provision of the water out of the rock. **REMEMBER** the manna every morning. Their clothes never wearing out. **<u>REMEMBER</u>** how their enemies were defeated. They SAW YHWH's MIGHTY HAND and the 'glory of His cloud and the fire'!

Yet, they were also to **<u>REMEMBER</u>** what happened when they rebelled! The judgments. The lost lives... **ALMOST AN ENTIRE GENERATION FELL IN THAT WILDERNESS!** All of these things will be necessary, because out from this people will come **FUTURE GENERATIONS.** We will see this reality shortly. The essence of YHWH is: **HE IS ECHAD... ONE**. Just as He is, so are His people, His nation Yisrael. Like Tehillim/Psalm 133 declares,

"Hinei, mah tov umah na'im shevet achim gahm yachad (how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity)!

It is like the precious shemen [oil] upon the rosh [head], that ran down upon the beard, even Aharon's beard; that went down to the collar of his robes;

As the tal of Chermon [dew of Hermon], and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Tziyon [Zion]; for there Hashem [YHWH] commanded the berakhah [blessing], even Chayyim Ad Olam [Life Forever More]." (Tehillim/Psalms 133:1-3 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH's *'intrinsic unity causes the atmosphere'* of those who live with Him and are being *'transformed by Him to be pleasant, sweet, delightful...'*. It's the place where His *'anointing is manifest'*. You don't need to seek after **AN** *'anointing'*. Find your place *'under the Head'* of the Body, *'beneath the Mashiach/Anointed One'*, our Adon/Lord Yeshua and eventually **HIS ANOINTING** will *'run down'* to where you are! Too many are wanting **THEIR OWN** *'anointing'...* **THEIR** *'ministry'*. Beloved, one of the greatest things YHWH ever did for me was to **DELIVER**

ME FROM MY MINISTRY! To have YHWH's *'anointing'* is a costly thing. Few are willing to pay the cost.

The woman in the Gospel of Mark (14:3-9 most likely Miriam... sister of Martha and Lazarus?) who anointed Master Yeshua's feet is a good example. The man named Simon here, was also a Pharisee, which makes the other announcement that he was also a 'leper' suspect. **[Because the term 'leper' is itself a 'misnomer'. The Hebrew word for this affliction is 'tza'arat'. It is literally a 'supernatural manifestation of judgment by YHWH for sins associated with misuse of the tongue called 'lashon hara/the evil tongue'. It is NOT a disease!] Those with this 'affliction', according to the Torah mitzvot/instructions (Vayikra/Leviticus 13), were not allowed to live in community within Yisrael. They were to be quarantined. So, in light of this, the 'seeming contradiction' maybe easily cleared up by realizing that the word 'leper and bottle maker' in Aramaic is ONE LETTER IN DIFFERENCE! If this is true, then the confusion is resolved. This Simon in whose house this event happened, was both a pharisee and a 'bottle maker' by trade. In fact, the 'jar' containing the perfumed ointment, may have even come from Simon himself possibly as a gift! Maybe even as a dowry, since its exorbitant worth (300 denarii in that day is over \$50,000 in today's estimation!) is what made it so valuable.

It was too much for the pious religious Pharisees and guests who watched in shocked disdain at what was happening. One spoke out, '*This is waste*!' There was an echo in the room of agreement. That's what they called it. Yes... yet our Master did not argue. He did not defend Miriam/Mary. Do you remember the words of M'lekh/King David, when he went to purchase the threshing floor to build YHWH an altar? ****[later the site of the Heikhal/Temple]** The owner, Ornan, in humility offered the threshing floor to David for nothing, because he was the M'lekh/King of Yisrael. (**Sh'muel Alef/1 Samuel 24**) Yet David refused saying,

"No, but I will surely buy it for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD [YHWH], or offer a burnt offering WHICH COSTS ME NOTHING." (Divrey HaYamim Alef/1 Chronicles 21:24 NASB- New American Standard Bible)

Dare any of us go that far? **TRUE WORSHIP IS A COSTLY THING.** So, is true ministry. Too many serve YHWH for the glory. Whether it be for monetary blessing, fame and recognition or simply a name applauded by men. Beloved, there is a *'place of hiddenness'*. A *'place of humility'*. Men may never know your name, but our Master will. Our Abba in heaven will. Is that enough?

Read the rest of the words of the Tehillah/Psalm. There's **REFRESHING** in this 'place of unity'. There's **BLESSING** in this place where Yisrael 'dwells in unity'. **THERE'S LIFE NOW AND FOREVER MORE! AMEIN!** All that we are 'going through'. All that we have 'been through' and **ALL THAT WE WILL YET GO THROUGH,** will all make sense in time. We must **STAND** in the 'bond of unity'. It's all about to bring us into **YOM HAHU...** 'that prophesied promised Day' of the **RESTORATION OF THE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL.** Your Kingdom come... Your will be done... Here... **IN US...** and then **AT THE CULMINATION OF ALL** that has been promised. **HU YAVO!** He, our blessed Master Yeshua, M'lekh HaM'lechim/King of kings... **HE WILL RETURN!**

The Absolute Necessity Of Embracing The Hebraic Mind

The one 'absolute necessity' of attaining the 'blessing of unity' is, learning 'how to embrace the 'Hebraic mindset'. Learning how to 'develop it' in conjunction with the Presence of YHWH's

HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness in our life. I am going to load the Torah gun here and shoot a 'theological holy cow'. Beloved, we must 'return to YHWH's holy ways'. I am thankful for every step I took through the church of Christendom. It brought me to where I am today. I wouldn't trade any of it, but I am more thankful for what YHWH has done in my heart today. He brought me to the 'Ancient Paths of His Torah'. (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16) He is 'restoring my soul', delivering me from the 'fragmentation' that sin imposed on me. Abba is making me ECHAD/ONE with Himself.

In last week's parasha, we read something very important. YHWH did something with this 'Second Generation' of Yisrael gathered here on the banks of the Yarden/Jordan. As they stood there poised, ready to go over into the Land of Promise, He 'cut a covenant' with them. We read...

"These are the devarei HaBrit [words of the Covenant], which Hashem [YHWH] commanded Moshe to cut with the Bnei Yisroel [Sons/Children of Yisrael] in Eretz Moav [the Land of Moab], besides the Brit [Covenant] which He cut with them in Chorev [Mount Horeb]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:1 OJB- definitions mine)

It is important as you read over the above verse, that you let those words 'sink down' into your heart. YHWH says He is about to **CUT A COVENANT** with this 'Second Generation' of Yisrael, **BESIDES THE COVENANT WHICH HE CUT WITH THEM **[THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST GENERATION OF YISRAEL] AT CHOREV/MOUNT HOREB.** Now, of course Mount Horeb, is also Mt. Sinai which was located in the land of Chorev/Horeb. The place where YHWH 'cut the original covenant' with the Bnei/Sons of Yisrael, the 'First Generation' that came out of Mitzrayim/Egypt. Almost that whole generation died in the wilderness 'because of unbelief'! Now, the 'Second Generation' is ready to 'cross over' the Yarden/Jordan. They are ready to 'begin the process of possessing their inheritance' promised them forty years ago. Forgive me if I sound redundant, but it is for a purpose.

You see, this 'Second Generation' is as much Yisrael as the 'First Generation' was. Now, YHWH CUT A COVENANT with that 'First Generation' AND HE IS ALSO CUTTING ONE WITH THIS NEXT GENERATION! However, note, that YHWH says this SECOND COVENANT IS BESIDES THE ONE that was cut to begin with at Chorev/Horeb. So, here is my question. Is this 'next covenant' DIFFERENT or to be considered SEPARATE from the first one? The answer is of great import.

You see, the 'theology of Christendom' (regardless of denominational flavor) says it is! In fact, this 'covenant' is known in this 'theological system of thought' as the 'Covenant of Moab'. However, the 'Hebraic mind' SEES THEM BOTH AS ONE IN THE SAME! In fact, the 'Hebraic mind' calls this covenant A RENEWAL! Furthermore, the 'original covenant' given at Mt. Sinai has ALREADY BEEN RENEWED once before! When? After Yisrael, the 'First Generations' sin with the Golden Calf while Moshe was up in Mt. Sinai. If you remember, when Moshe came down from the mountain, He found Yisrael in 'full on worship of the image of the Golden Calf'. He threw down the tablets containing the 'HaDibrot D'varim/The Ten Words/The Torah' and broke them. **[Please note- The TORAH and the COVENANT <u>ARE NOT THE SAME</u>! The <u>COVENANT</u> is the means by which the <u>TORAH</u> is applied. The <u>TORAH</u> remains the same. <u>THE COVENANT</u> ALONE IS WHAT CHANGES]

After Yisrael's sin with the Golden Calf, a very interesting conversation ensued between Moshe and YHWH. It culminated in *'intense intercession'* by Moshe on behalf of Yisrael for YHWH's mercies

and forgiveness. As a result, YHWH agreed to honor Moshe's intercession. He would be moved to show His mercies, graciousness, longsuffering, great lovingkindness, and forgiveness of Yisrael's sin and **CONTINUE** to journey with Yisrael on to the Land of Promise. (Shemot/Exodus 33-34)

So, here is what we are seeing. YHWH MADE A COVENANT with Yisrael, the 'First Generation' at Mt. Sinai. (Shemot/Exodus 19-20) Then, as we saw above, HE RENEWED THAT SAME COVENANT AGAIN AFTER MOSHE'S INTERCESSION for YHWH's mercies and forgiveness for their sin with the Golden Calf. (Shemot/Exodus 34:10) Now, pay attention... EACH TIME YHWH 'renews' His ORIGINAL COVENANT made at Mt. Sinai, HE ADDS SOMETHING TO IT THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE! The 'original covenant' made at Mt. Sinai DID NOT HAVE FORGIVENESS IN IT! That's what YHWH added AFTER Moshe's intercession.

Now, here as the Second Generation is 'standing on the banks of the Yarden/Jordan', YHWH is about to ADD SOMETHING ELSE to that 'original covenant' with Yisrael that WASN'T THERE BEFORE. He adds GENERATIONAL CONNECTEDNESS <u>AND</u> THE PROMISE OF REGATHERING AND RESTORATION. Why? Because YHWH prophesies through Moshe that Yisrael, in the future, will suffer TERRIBLE JUDGMENTS. They will be SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS. YHWH also promises that in time, He will REGATHER His nation from wherever they have been scattered. (D'varim/Deuteronomy 30) Then, He will COMPLETE what He determined to accomplish through Yisrael in the eternals!

The 'Hebraic mind' sees ALL that we have discussed in Yisrael's history and dealings with YHWH as <u>ONE CONTINUOUS COVENANTAL ACT</u>. ONE GIVING of the covenant. TWO RENEWALS of the SAME COVENANT. The 'Hebraic mind' understands 'distinction' NOT 'division or separation'. IT IS ALL ABOUT UNITY. YHWH is ONE complete Elohim/Mighty One... NOT 'Persons'. He is ONE PLURALITY OF DIVINITY MANIFESTING in 'three dimensions/measures of holiness'. **['kedushah meshuleshet' in Hebrew] This ONE Elohim/Mighty One has made ONE COVENANT with His ONE NATION of Yisrael. He has 'renewed' this covenant TWICE thus far and WILL RENEW IT YET ONE LAST TIME! (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:27-34) Why is all of this important?

Yisrael's Oneness In Redemption

Ye stand today all of you before Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One]; your rashei shvatim (heads of tribes), your zekenim [elders], and your shoterim [officers], with kol Ish [all the Men of] Yisroel,

Your little ones, your nashim [wives], and the ger [stranger] that is in thy machaneh [camp], from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy mayim [water];

That thou shouldest enter into Brit [Covenant] with Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], and into His alah (oath, imprecation) which Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] cuts with thee today:

In order that He may establish thee today for a people unto Himself, and that He may be unto thee Elohim [Mighty One], as He hath said unto thee, and as He hath sworn unto Avoteicha

[Your Fathers], to Avraham [Abraham], to Yitzchak [Isaac], and to Ya'akov [Jacob]."

(D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:10 (9)-13 (12) OJB- definitions mine)

The 'theology of Christendom' discounts and even removes Yisrael from the 'equation of redemption'. THIS CAN NEVER BE! This is because Hasatan (may his memory be blotted out forever) knows YISRAEL IS THE KEY. Yisrael is the 'prophetic instrument' by which YHWH will work to FULLY ACCOMPLISH His 'redemptive plan'. Accomplishing this 'redemptive plan' is the means by which YHWH will FULLY REALIZE the 'original intention of His eternal purpose'. This 'eternal purpose' ORIGINATED with YHWH in the 'eternals' BEFORE the 'need of redemption' ever existed! (Ephesians 3:11; Hitgalut/Revelation 13:8) Thus, Yisrael is the REFLECTION OF HIMSELF. Yisrael is ONE. In our passage above ALL OF YISRAEL are included from the leadership, to the men, to the wives, their children and even the strangers who come to live among the nation.

It is here in our parasha that YHWH presents us with an interesting thought. Moshe speaks a '*Hebraic idiom*'. We are given a comparison between '*the one who chops the wood, even to the one who draws the water*'. What does this mean? While there are a number of compatible suppositions, the Rabbi's see it as a reference to Abraham. Why? Because it was, he who '*cut the wood*' for the '*mitzbe'ach/altar*' where Yitz'chak/Isaac was offered. (**B'resheet/Genesis 22:3**) It is through Abraham that YHWH '*brought forth*' the nation of Yisrael. This is also one of the first glimpses in Scripture of the '*redemptive promise*' of the coming of The Mashiach/The Messiah.

Next, the one who 'poured the water' is an inference to the 'navi/prophet Eliyahu/Elijah'. He was the one who 'poured the water' on the wood on the mizbe'ach/altar on top of Mt. Carmel when the nevi'im shekerim/false prophets of Ba'al were challenging him. YHWH answered with fire. It lapped up the water and burned the wet wood too! (M'lekhim Alef/1 Kings 18:33) Eliyahu/Elijah will herald the 'final realization' of YHWH's promised 'Messianic age' for Yisrael before our blessed Mashiach Yeshua returns. (M'lakhi/Malachi 4:5) Everything that is a part of this 'redemptive process' is here. This includes Yisrael as the 'catalyst' in the process. ALL of Yisrael MUST 'enter into this covenant'. Therefore, YHWH includes this 'Second Generation' in this process, because they were not 'physically present' when He 'cut the original covenant' at Mt. Sinai. 'Physical/spiritual perpetuity' was not a part of that 'original covenant'. It is being ADDED now in this SECOND RENEWAL of YHWH's 'covenant being cut' here with this 'Second Generation'. It is through this 'second covenant renewal' here on the banks of the Yarden/Jordan that YHWH is 'continuing His redemptive process' with His nation, Yisrael. He 'seals that process' by INVOKING THE NAMES of the three patriarchs' through whom Yisrael was brought into being: Abraham, Yitz'chak/Isaac, and Ya'akob/Jacob. YHWH CANNOT LIE!

The Addition Of Covenant Perpetuity

"Neither with you only do I cut this Brit [Covenant] and this alah (oath, imprecation); But with him that standeth here with us today before Hashem Eloheinu [YHWH your Mighty One], and also with him that is not here with us today;" (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:14-15 OJBdefinitions mine)

Here is the key to understanding YHWH's purpose in *'renewing His covenant'* with Yisrael as His *'prophetic instrument'*. It **RETAINS CONTINUITY** in their essence. It **PERPETUATES THAT CONTINUITY** in their purpose. Yisrael is intended to be a **PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF YHWH TO ALL HIS CREATION!** Remember the words of our Adon/Lord Yeshua?

"...He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Yochanon/John 14:9b NASB New American Standard Bible)

YHWH created Adam, so when creation 'looked upon him' **THEY WOULD SEE** the Creator! (**Tehillim/Psalms 8:4-5**) Adam is the 'moon' to YHWH as the 'sun'. The moon has no power or ability apart from its relationship to the sun. Its light is 'reflective'. If ever it loses its orbit it ceases to have viability. So, Yisrael **MUST RETAIN ITS ORBIT** around its Creator.

YHWH insures that Yisrael 'will fulfill' its created role of 'manifesting Himself' by ADDING PERPETUITY TO THE ORIGINAL COVENANT given at Mt. Sinai. What is being done here in our Torah parasha ADDS 'generational connectiveness to the covenantal relationship' between Yisrael and YHWH. So, not only are those of Yisrael who are present 'connected to YHWH and His covenant'. Even those who are POTENTIALLY PRESENT IN THE SEED OF THE FATHERS who are 'standing there that day' <u>ARE ALSO INCLUDED</u>! There's a literal 'physical' as well as a 'spiritual' GENERATIONAL CONNECTION to those who are Yisrael. In fact, modern genetic study within the medical community has identified that human cells have memory! YHWH did this because He knew that the house of Yosef-Ephraim would 'forget their Hebraic culture and identity' throughout their future judgments. All the years of captivity, being scattered throughout the earth, mixing genetically with the nations, would leave them 'lost in remembering' WHO THEY ARE and WHERE THEY CAME FROM. YHWH knew that at the right time He could awaken them.

This 'awakening' of the Northern house of Yosef/Ephraim began in the 1990's. Many within the 'church system of Christendom' began to realize that not only did their 'faith have a Hebraic root', **THEY HAD ONE TOO!** For 2730 years that 'root' lay quietly within their genes. Suddenly, Abba YHWH 'began to whistle' in the spirit (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 5:26) just as He had promised. It was then those 'sleeping Yisraelites from the northern house' BEGAN TO AWAKEN in the nations just as He had promised! (Zecharyah/Zechariah 10:6-12) The reality of this phenomenon has been playing itself out ever since!

The Danger Of Obsession: Self-Deception

"For ye know how we have dwelt in Eretz Mitzrayim [Land of Egypt]; and how we came through the Goyim [Nations] which ye passed by;

And ye have seen their shikkutzim (abominations), and their gillulim (idols), etz va'even [of wood and stone], kesef and zahav [silver and gold], which were among them:

Lest there should be among you ish, or isha [man or woman], or mishpochah [family], or shevet [tribe], whose lev [heart] turneth away today from Hashem Eloheinu [YHWH your Mighty One] to go and serve the elohei hagoyim hahem (the g-ds of these Goyim/Nations); lest there should be among you a shoresh [root] that beareth bitter poison and wormwood;

And it come to pass, when he heareth the divrei haalah (words of this oath, imprecation) that he bless himself in his lev [heart], saying, Shalom [Peace] be with me, though I walk in the stubbornness of mine lev [heart]—thus bringing disaster on both the watered and the thirsty. Hashem [YHWH] will not spare him, but then the wrath of Hashem [YHWH] and His kina (jealousy) shall burn against that ish [man], and kol haalah (all the curses) that are written in this sefer [book] shall fall upon him, and Hashem [YHWH] shall blot out shmo [name] from under Shomayim [the Heavens]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:15-20 OJB- definitions mine) What we are about to look at is a most serious affliction. When understood properly, we see how 'twisted the weaponry' of our adversary is. He knows the Truth but has convinced himself that he can change it. In turn, he moves toward that 'same scenario' with those who follow after YHWH. He has 'lost his domination' outright (Colossians 2:15) through our Adon/Lord Yeshua's redemptive work. So, he searches for a 'less obvious' form of attack. We know about 'deception'. However, there is a 'mutation of that affliction' that is worse. IT IS CALLED OBSESSION. A person who is 'obsessed will acknowledge the truth', <u>BUT</u> in the same breadth say, 'but it doesn't apply to me'. They may cleverly give their best reasoning as proof. The result? They are lulled into a 'false sense of security', believing beyond all doubt that they are right. All the while, rushing headlong toward a terrible end.

In our above passage, we have just such a scenario being brought before us. YHWH reminds Yisrael about what it was like when they were in the bondage of Mitzrayim/Egypt. He further reminds them of the evils and dangers they faced when they encountered the nations as they passed through the midbar/wilderness. The wickedness of these nation's *'occult practices'* and how YHWH warned Yisrael **NOT** to delve into that *'dark realm'*. They were to *'utterly destroy'* such things and to *'deveykut/cling to* YHWH *and His Torah'*. He then issues a *'clear warning'* to those who choose to disregard His Words. He gives this phrase, *'lest there should be among you a shoresh* (**root**), *that beareth bitter poison and wormwood'*. What does that mean?

In the Hebrew the phrase is transliterated...

'sheresh parah ro'sh v'la'anah'

It translates out fully as,

'A root that is planted, becomes foundational and then bears fruit that is bitter and poisonous to the head and noxious.'

YHWH is warning Yisrael and us today in very clear terms. If Yisrael 'stubbornly chooses to turn away' from Him, to go after the false mighty ones that will be encountered in The Land, then this will be their end result. They will 'eat of the ways' of these false mighty ones. Their 'practices and knowledge' will become a 'foundational root' in their heart. In time, this 'root will bring forth fruit' that is 'bitter and poisonous' to their own 'mental and spiritual well-being', <u>BUT</u>... it will be with terrible consequences. IT WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT THEM, BUT THOSE WITH WHOM THEY SHARE THIS FRUIT! Let this 'sink down' into your heart for a moment.

Now, let's bring this around full circle. It's easy to nod our heads with affirmation, but what about when this comes to us? You say, '*Well, I'm not guilty of worshipping false gods. I haven't turned away from* YHWH's *Word'*. Really? Let's think about that a little more.

You see, what YHWH is saying to Yisrael then, He is **ALSO SAYING** to us today as the 'returning house of Yosef-Ephraim'? **DO NOT TURN AWAY FROM MY TORAH!** Yet, isn't that what the 'church system of Christendom' has done? The Torah has been vilified. It is derogatorily called Law. Everything is about grace. The anthem of the 'church system' is, 'Don't put me under The Law'. The **ONE** book we know as the Bible, has been made **TWO** 'separate books'. They are designated as 'Old and New Testaments'. Oh, we have kept the other side of the book to the left of Matthew for reference, history, types and shadows, certain details, but certainly **NOT TO BE PRACTICED.** The house of Jewish Yisrael has been on one hand rejected or at best ignored. The other house of Yosef-

Ephraim has been given another name... 'the church', and then erroneously designated by much of Christian theology as 'the True Israel of God'! On and on we could go. Yet, in the end, has not what YHWH said would happen come to pass? Has not the 'fruit of our turning away' from YHWH and His Torah become a 'source of bitterness with a poisonous effect'? Have not our 'torahless doctrines' become 'noxious' to us and those we teach. We are left to 'learn sin and evil' according to the 'faulty detector of a subjective heart'. Right and wrong becomes relative. The 'church of Christendom' is reeling from the bitter, poisonous effects of such moral subjectivity. However, we must continue, because deep are the 'roots this poison' has reached within us.

YHWH shows us that as a result of our 'turning away' from Him and His Torah, we would not simply be deceived. NO, WE WOULD BECOME OBSESSED! We would 'convince ourselves' that what we believe and why we are doing what we do, is right. So 'strong is this power' and the hidden dark influence behind it, that though we 'hear the Torah's call' to love YHWH with all our heart and soul and keep His commandments we instead 'turn away'. We 'sooth the uncomfortableness the words of Torah' bring to our heart by immediately saying, 'Peace, peace. Sure, I've got issues, who doesn't? God knows my heart. Jesus will make it all better somehow!' LIES BELOVED! THEY ARE SIMPLY LIES! The sad thing is, YHWH warns us, that to keep travelling this way will end in a state where the 'latter end will be worse than the first'. He says, this stubbornness will end in judgment upon both 'the watered AND the thirsty'. What does that mean?

The terms 'watered and thirsty' are, as we have seen, 'Hebraic idioms' used to describe 'types of sinful practice'. 'Watered' is used of one who 'slips into a sinful indulgence' that is more 'happenstance or accidental'. Therefore, it is considered to be 'unintentional'. They are not 'driven' toward such sinful action. They are 'watered', meaning there is a 'degree of satisfaction' in their relationship with YHWH. However, in a 'momentary lapse of reason' they give into an 'enticement to sin'.

On the other hand, to be 'thirsty is a picture of those who are driven toward sinful appetites and indulgences'. The thirst for righteousness' has been replaced by a 'thirst for the flesh'. Therefore, their 'sinful actions are intentional, stubborn and premeditated'. Unfortunately, they become a 'means of judgment' to themselves and others. The one who is 'driven becomes a source' that challenges the one who is not used to giving into their occasional lustful thoughts and desires. Could this be why Scripture refers to 'rebellion as witchcraft and stubbornness as idolatry'? (Sh'muel Alef/1 Samuel 15:23) 'Witchcraft' has to do with 'overcoming the human will' against its own ability to make choices. This is the means by which the demonic asserts itself. Demons 'assail the mind and the imagination until the will is worn down' and becomes inert. (unable to move or make choices) YHWH NEVER DOES THIS! He 'deals' with our heart. He 'waits for us to choose His will', then 'empowers us' TO DO what He has called us to do by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness.

DEPARTURE FROM TORAH IS A SURE MEANS TO DESTRUCTION! The judgment of YHWH on the 'thirsty' is severe. They have 'lost their ability' to 'determine the difference' between the state of being 'watered and thirsty'. Their moral compass is useless. **THEY ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO SEE SIN FOR WHAT IT IS.** In fact, when 'convicted' they immediately 'sooth the discomfort' their conscience brings by 'rational arguments'. The inordinate 'exaltation of grace' by the 'theology of Christendom' has resulted in a 'pseudo sense of righteousness' in opposition to YHWH's Torah. A 'false sense of shalom/peace' that will end in present and ultimately eternal judgment!

The Generation That Is Last

"So that the dor ha'acharon (later generation) to come of your banim [sons/children] that shall rise up after you, and the ger [foreigner] that shall come from an eretz rechokah (a far land), shall say, when they see the makkot [plagues] of that land, and the diseases which Hashem [YHWH] hath laid upon it;

And that the whole land thereof is gofrit (sulfur), and melach (salt), and serefah (burning), that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any esev [grass] groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Amora [Gomorrah], Admah, and Tzvoyim, which Hashem [YHWH] overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath:

Even Kol HaGoyim [All the Nations] shall say, Why hath Hashem [YHWH] done thus unto this land? What meaneth the heat of this af hagadol (great anger)?

Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the Brit Hashem Elohei Avotam [Covenant of YHWH the Mighty One of their Fathers], which He cut with them when He brought them forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim [Land of Egypt];

For they went and served elohim acherim [other strange mighty ones], and worshiped them, elohim [mighty ones] whom they knew not, and whom He had not allotted unto them; And the Af Hashem [Anger of YHWH] was kindled against this land, to bring upon it kol hakelalah [all the curses] that are written in this sefer [book];

And Hashem [YHWH] uprooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is yom hazeh [this day]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:22 (21)-28 (27) OJB- definitions mine)

As we have gone through the book of D'varim/Deuteronomy, we have a seen a few messages 'hidden in the Hebrew'. These messages are intended for the 'generation of Yisrael' that would be living 'toward the end'. In our above passage, there are 'two other hidden messages' YHWH is wanting us to see.

First, in the opening sentence we read, "So that the dor ha'acharon (later generation) to come of your banim [sons/children] that shall rise up after you..." The words 'dor acharon', as you can see, are transliterated by the Orthodox Jewish Bible to be 'later generation'. Other Bibles translate the words simply as, 'generation to come'. The OJB is closer in its phrasing as to how the literal Hebrew reads. The words 'dor acharon' literally transliterate out as... 'the generation that is last or the last generation'. So, what is YHWH wanting to get across to us?

The next chapter in our parasha is a 'prophetic promise'. In reading through our passage above, we see, that the 'coming generations of Yisrael' will experience 'many times of dark judgments'. Yet, there will be a time of 'promised redemption' which is the 'promise made by YHWH' in chapter 30. Though Yisrael is to be 'scattered out among the nations' even as far as the ends of the earth, the time will come when they will be <u>AWAKENED</u>. They will 'begin to remember, and they will' **RETURN TO YHWH'S TORAH.** He in turn, will **RETURN TO THEM! HE WILL BRING ALL OF YISRAEL BACK TO THE PHYSICAL LAND HE PROMISED THEM AS AN INHERITANCE.** An inheritance that **NO** generation of Yisrael has **EVER** fully possessed... **EVER!** This 'last generation' of Yisraelites however, will view the history of Yisrael's unfaithfulness, judgment, scattering and the like from a much 'fuller perspective' than any other. This one fact will 'identify them' as being the one's to whom the words 'dor haacharon/the last

generation' are referring. This 'generation' will **SEE ALL** that YHWH has 'promised to Yisrael' and their avot/fathers realized!

The Galut: A Portion Of The Land Of Exile Revealed

The Hebrew word 'galut' means 'exile'. Now, in verse 27 (vs. 28 in other translations) of the above passage, another 'clue' is given concerning Yisrael's 'future judgment and scattering among the nations'. Here we are told that in YHWH's great anger for Yisrael's unfaithfulness, He will 'uproot them and cast them into another land'. Now, here again, the Hebrew gives us a 'clue' as to the meaning and 'possible location' of this 'other land'.

In Hebrew 'another land' is... ארץ אחרת (read right to left)/'eretz acheret'. The word 'eretz' is 'land' or may also be, a 'section of the world'. The Hebrew word 'acheret' may also be transliterated as 'another or later'. The connotation may be, a 'land or section of the world that is revealed later or is newer'. So, it could also be a 'new world'. In the 'Jewish Traditional Writings of the Mishnah', Tractate Sanhedrin 10, this fact is confirmed. It is said here that the Ten Tribes of the 'northern kingdom', Yosef-Ephraim, would be exiled to a 'new world and would remain there until the time of the end'.

It is interesting, that when America was discovered the name given to it was... the 'New World'! It seems apparent that YHWH 'knew of the section of the world' He would be sending His people, Yisrael to. After all, the term 'lost tribes' used to identify the 'northern house' of Yisrael, Yosef-Ephraim, is used 'in relation' to their having forgotten their 'own culture and heritage', <u>NOT</u> to YHWH's own 'lack of knowledge' of their location. HE HAS KNOWN WHERE THEY WOULD BE ALL ALONG!

The Secret Things Belong To YHWH

"The nistarot (secret things) belong unto Hashem Eloheinu [YHWH our Mighty One]: but the niglot (those things which are revealed) belong unto us and to baneinu ad olam [our sons/children forever], that we may do all the divrei haTorah hazot [words of this Torah]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:29 (28) OJB- definitions mine)

Beloved, when it comes to 'what we know' concerning YHWH and His Torah, it is only a drop-in comparison to what CAN BE KNOWN. HOWEVER, WHAT WE DO KNOW WE ARE **RESPONSIBLE FOR.** We will not 'give account for what we did not know', what the above verse identifies as the 'secret things'. We will however 'give account' for what we **DO** KNOW and whether we 'guarded and kept those words'. It is interesting that in Hebrew, there is no 'actual word for obey'. Instead, the 'Hebraic idea of hearing or to shema', carries with it the 'concept' of **DOING.** So, in the 'Hebraic mindset' you cannot be said to 'have heard' UNTIL you have **DONE SOMETHING WITH WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD!** This is why Ya'akob/Jacob/James in his letter in the 'Messianic Writings' exhorts,

"Now be Shomrei HaDvar Hashem [Doers of The Word of YHWH] and not Shomei HaDvar [Listeners of The Word] only, thereby causing yourselves to fall under remiyah (deceit, deception)." (Ya'akob/James 1:22 OJB- definitions mine)

Restoration Added To The Original Covenant At Sinai

"Therefore be shomer [guard] over the divrei HaBrit hazot [words of this Torah], and do them, lema'an (in order that) ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Ye stand today all of you before Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One]; your rashei shvatim (heads of tribes), your zekenim [elders], and your shoterim [officers], with kol Ish [every Man of] Yisroel,

Your little ones, your nashim [wives], and the ger [stranger] that is in thy machaneh [camp], from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy mayim [water];

That thou shouldest enter into Brit [Covenant] with Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], and into His alah (oath, imprecation) which Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] cuts with thee today:

In order that He may establish thee today for a people unto Himself, and that He may be unto thee Elohim [Mighty One], as He hath said unto thee, and as He hath sworn unto Avoteicha [Your Fathers], to Avraham [Abraham], to Yitzchak [Isaac], and to Ya'akov [Jacob].

Neither with you only do I cut this Brit [Covenant] and this alah (oath, imprecation); But with him that standeth here with us today before Hashem Eloheinu [YHWH your Mighty One], and also with him that is not here with us today;" (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:9 (8)-15 (14) OJB- definitions mine)

I wanted to go ahead and quote the whole passage which opened our Torah parasha. We have already looked at the first verse of chapter 29 earlier. This is where YHWH speaks of 'cutting this covenant' with Yisrael, the 'Second Generation'. YHWH says specifically, this 'covenant' was BESIDES the one He 'cut' with Yisrael, the 'First Generation', at Mt. Sinai in the land of Chorev/Horeb. (Shemot/Exodus 20) Yet, He also 'renewed that covenant' immediately following this same 'First Generations' sin with the 'golden calf' while Moshe was still with YHWH on Mt. Horeb. (Shemot/Exodus 34) This 'Second Generation' was NOT 'physically present' there at that time. The 'covenant being cut' here with the 'Second Generation', was **BESIDES** or in **ADDITION** to the 'original one' cut at Mt. Sinai. This 'covenant' with the 'Second Generation' here, is a SECOND **RENEWAL/EXTENSION** of that 'original one'. The 'Hebraic mindset' sees/understands all this to be ONE 'continual covenantal process'. THERE IS NO FRAGMENTATION! THERE IS **UNITY!** Even though Yisrael itself has experienced 'fragmentation' due to their sinfulness and will experience 'further fragmentation' in their 'future generations' due to their stubbornness and rebellion, YHWH AND HIS COVENANT PROMISES REMAIN ONE. The 'essence of YHWH and His covenantal unity' provides the 'means of redemption' for Yisrael's sinfulness and deliverance from 'fragmentation' to again be RESTORED AS YHWH'S ONE NATION IN THE LATTER **DAYS!**

The secret is in **RENEWAL**, not in 'starting completely over again' with another entity called **CHURCH!!!** The 'theology of the church of Christendom' requires this 'do-over mentality'. Why? Because it **DEMANDS THAT YISRAEL BE EJECTED FROM THE PROPHETIC PROCESS!** Yisrael failed. They rejected Yeshua. YHWH supposedly then, rejects them. He then, starts over by creating 'another entity' called 'church'. This 'entity' supposedly now becomes the **TRUE YISRAEL** of God and YHWH commits Himself to achieving redemption through it.

Beloved, **THIS IS THE LIE!** It is what has become known as *'replacement theology'*. **YHWH DOES NOT LIE!** He has *'promised clearly'* (**Vayikra/Leviticus 26:44-45**), that He will <u>NEVER</u> *'fully reject'* Yisrael, though they fail Him utterly. He will <u>NEVER</u> *'completely destroy'* them, though He will bring judgment upon them. Instead, He will <u>REMEMBER</u> the *'covenant'* He made

with them at Mt. Sinai. Now, in chapter 30 of our present parasha, He is revealing **HOW** Yisrael will be **REGATHERED** and **RESTORED** to be His **ONE PEOPLE/NATION again**. Through this <u>ONE PEOPLE</u>, He will rule by His <u>ONE</u> 'perfect physical manifestation' of Himself, His Son, our blessed Mashiach Yehoshua/Yeshua, M'lekh/King over all the earth in the glory of His <u>ONE</u> <u>KINGDOM</u>. THIS PLAN OF UNITY WILL WORK! If you don't believe it, then look into the last book of the Messianic Writings '*Hitgalut/Revelation*'. Look at the 'gates' of the New Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. What are their names? There is NO Baptist gate. There is NO Methodist gate. NO Catholic gate... etc. NO! The TWELVE GATES of that City are named after the <u>TWELVE SONS OF YA'AKOB/YISRAEL</u>! (Hitgalut/Revelation 21:12) Beloved, if you are not a part of YHWH's ONE NATION OF YISRAEL in that day, what gate will you enter?

The Full Regathering And Restoration Of Yisrael

"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the berakhah [blessing] and the kelalah [curse], which I have set before thee, and thou shalt cause them to return to thy heart among kol HaGoyim [The Nations], whither Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath driven thee,

And shalt return unto Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee today, thou and thy banim [sons/children], bekhol levavcha uvekhol nafshecha [with all your heart and all your soul];

That then Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will bring you back from the golus [exile], and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from kol ha'amim [all the peoples] whither Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath dispersed thee.

If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of Shomayim [Heavens], from thence will Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] gather thee, and from thence will He bring thee back;

And Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will bring thee into ha'aretz [the land] which Avoteicha [Your Fathers] possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above Avoteicha [Fathers].

And Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will circumcise thine lev [heart], and the lev [heart] of thy zera [seed], to love Hashem Eloheicha bekhol levavcha uvekhol nafshecha [YHWH your Mighty One with all your heart and with all your soul]; that thou mayest live.

And Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

And thou shalt return and obey the voice of Hashem [YHWH], and do all His mitzvot [commandments] which I command thee today.

And Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] will make thee abound in every work of thine hand, in the pri [fruit] of thy womb, and in the pri [fruit] of thy animals, and in the pri [fruit] of thy adamah [ground], for tovah [good]; for Hashem [YHWH] will again rejoice over thee for tov [good], as He rejoiced over Avoteicha [Your Fathers];

If thou shalt give heed unto the voice of Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], to be shomer [guard] over His mitzvot [commandments] and His chukkot [ordinances] which are written in this sefer hatorah [book of the Torah], for thou will turn unto Hashem Eloheicha

[YHWH Your Mighty One] bekhol levavcha uvekhol nafshecha [YHWH Your Mighty One with all your heart and all your soul]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 30:1-10 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH has a plan. It is called His 'eternal purpose'. (Ephesians 3:11) The 'origin of this purpose' is in the 'eternals' of YHWH, BEFORE TIME even existed! What most people fail to realize is, it was ALWAYS 'in YHWH's plan' for Him to send His Son. The 'eternal purpose' was NEVER

'predicated upon the need of redemption'. (Ephesians 3:11) It existed BEFORE there was a 'need for a recovery plan'. It was ALWAYS in YHWH's 'eternal purpose' that He would 'manifest' Himself in 'human flesh'. This 'manifestation' would be called THE SON. (Shemot/Exodus 4:22) THE SON, as the 'Head of creation', would in turn become 'manifest through a corporate Body' made up of MANY SONS! (Tehillim/Psalms 8; Ivrim/Hebrews 2:6-10) This CORPORATE SON was ALWAYS intended to be YISRAEL. The 'corporate Son', Yisrael, was ALWAYS intended to RULE AND REIGN over all of YHWH's creation with its Head, Adon/Lord Mashiach Yeshua. The 'sphere of this reign' was ALWAYS to be known as the 'Malchut HaShomayim/Kingdom of the Heavens'. All of this was YHWH's 'plan and purpose' <u>BEFORE</u> there was ANY NEED FOR REDEMPTION!!!!

When YHWH gave man the 'right to have a free-will' in order to CHOOSE HIM, this 'automatically precluded' that man could 'possibly' CHOOSE AGAINST HIM! YHWH, by 'virtue of foreknowledge', <u>KNEW</u> what man would do. It was His glory that DEMANDED 'man be allowed' TO CHOOSE. It was His love that REQUIRED MAN TO CHOOSE. Everything YHWH had created 'served Him by default'. In that 'service' was the glory. ONLY MAN WAS GIVEN THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE! In that CHOICE was YHWH's glory to be revealed. Yet, 'knowing what man would do', CHOOSE AGAINST HIM... YHWH Himself CHOSE to 'answer the great need for redemption' this would create. The 'redemptive plan' would 'deliver all creation' from the 'consequences' that was brought about by mankind's 'choice to choose his own will' over that of his Creator. (Romans 8:17-19; 22) Redemption would 'give man back' the right to CHOOSE YHWH AGAIN. It was through the redemption (death, burial, and resurrection) provided by YHWH through The Son, that our blessed Mashiach Yeshua would also bring 'tikkun/rectification/elevation' TO YISRAEL... <u>ALL</u> HUMANITY AND <u>ALL</u> CREATION. In this way, YHWH's 'original plan' contained in His 'eternal purpose' would finally be realized.

This is why the development of the 'Hebraic mindset' is so imperative. It understands the 'eternal' aspects of YHWH's 'creative purpose'. It keeps the 'redemptive purposes' of YHWH in its 'proper sphere'. THE ETERNAL PURPOSE IS ABOUT YHWH'S GLORY. If the 'redemptive element' is made 'preeminent', then EVERYTHING IS PUT OUT OF KILTER AND DISTORTED! YHWH becomes the 'Great Fix It Man'. Man is lost... YHWH must save him. Man is sick... YHWH must heal him. Man has a need... YHWH must meet it... etc. Unwittingly, YHWH 'becomes the servant' of mankind. This is the reason the 'theology of the church of Christendom' fails. IT IS BASED SOLELY UPON THE REDEMPTIVE ELEMENT ALONE! Everything must be placed within its perfect setting. Then and only then, will all that is done achieve YHWH's glorious intention!

So, in our above passage from chapter 30 we see 'how' YHWH intends to work 'redemptively' to bring Yisrael back into the 'realization' of His ETERNAL PURPOSE. The 'action of judgment' was necessary. That 'process' would take time, but it would, in the end, bring cleansing and heart-felt willingness to receive 'rectification' on Yisrael's behalf. To RECOVER what YHWH ORIGINALLY INTENDED Yisrael to <u>HAVE</u> and <u>BECOME</u>. The despair, the brokenness, the scattering, the loss of the sense of destiny, prepares the heart FOR THE TIMING of the message of teshuvah/repentance. Our way has failed miserably, but SUDDENLY the 'voice of YHWH calls'.

'I have not forgotten you. It's time to turn (make teshuvah/repentance) and RETURN to the Ancient Paths of my Torah. I promised this day would come. There would come a
GENERATION AT THE END who would understand. Return O Yisrael. Come to Me with all your heart, all your soul. I WILL RETURN TO YOU. You will remember and fulfill your destiny. I will regather you from wherever you have been exiled. No matter how far away you may find yourselves. Even to the uttermost parts under the heavens. I WILL BRING YOU BACK TO THE LAND I PROMISED YOU. The blessings will once again overtake you in every way, on every level. You will once again be Mine. You will POSSESS ALL your inheritance. YOU WILL BE MINE AND I WILL BE YOURS!'

The Two Witnesses And YHWH's Safe Zone

**Beloved, what you are about to read I hinted toward at the outset of our parasha. This is a small part of what I believe YHWH is saying to us in this restoration of the Whole House. What you will read here is a *'small introduction'* to the full message YHWH is desirous to speak to us. I ask you to prayerfully read.

"I announce unto you today, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your yamim [days] upon ha'adamah [The Land], whither thou passest over Yarden [Jordan] to go to possess it.

I call Shomayim [Heavens] and Ha'Aretz [The Earth] to record today as witnesses against you, that I have set before you HaChayyim [The Life] and HaMavet [The Death], HaBerakhah [The Blessing] and HaKelalah [The Curse]; therefore, choose Chayyim [Life], that both thou and thy zera [seed] may live;

That thou mayest love Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH Your Mighty One], and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest have deveykus [cling] unto Him: for He is Chayyeicha (your life), and the orech yameicha (length of your days); that thou mayest dwell in ha'adamah [the land] which Hashem [YHWH] swore unto Avoteicha [your fathers], to Avraham, to Yitzchak [Isaac], and to Ya'akov [Jacob], to give them." OJB- definitions/emphasis mine)

These are the last verses of our parasha. It is a 'return to the reality' of where things stand at this present moment. As we will see, the future, both immediate and in time, is quite ominous at best. YHWH, through Moshe, warns those of this 'Second Generation' standing on the banks of the Yarden/Jordan His instructions to **HEAR** and **DO** the Words that have been brought before them this day. Why record these things? Why allow there to be such a bleak forecast? Because, in a 'future day' there will **ARISE A GENERATION THAT WILL BE THE LAST**! This 'generation' WILL **SEE** Yisrael's terrible history. They **WILL SEE** the horrible devastation that sin and rebellion have caused both The Land and their nation to suffer. They **WILL SEE** clearly 'who they are'. **THEY ARE YISRAEL!** They **WILL SEE** the 'faithfulness of YHWH', in both the **BLESSING** and the **CURSE.** They **WILL SEE** His faithfulness in 'redemption', in Torah, in His **ONE COVENANT** with Yisrael. The **RENEWALS** and **THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL** that they are reading. They **WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS FAITHFULNESS** to raise up a **LAST GENERATION. ONE UPON WHOM THE ENDS OF THE WORLD HAVE COME. ONE** through whom YHWH will culminate **ALL HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE.**

These days are what the Scriptures call, 'The Time of Ya'akob's/Jacob's Trouble'. Beloved, WE ARE YA'AKOB/JACOB/YISRAEL! THE WORLD AROUND US IS BEING ENGULFED IN THE BIRTH PAINS OF A NEW KINGDOM. The 'coming forth of a Son'. A <u>CORPORATE</u> <u>SON</u> no longer divided. ONE CORPORATE MANIFESTATION OF THE SON, Who is its HEAD and KING... M'LEKH/KING MASHIACH YESHUA! The 'god of this world, the prince of the power of the air', that old dragon' Hasatan himself (may his memory be blotted out forever), he is raging in one last attempt to defeat YHWH's 'promised ultimate victory stroke'. ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WILL FEEL THESE BIRTH PANGS. ALL THOSE NATIONS WHOSE god IS THE DRAGON ARE BEING DRAWN INTO THAT FINAL AND LAST **CONFRONTATION.** What are we to do? Many of those in the 'replacement entity called church are recognizing the signs'. They clamor and determine to find so-called 'safe zones' into which to run and hide in order to ride out the coming storm. Others wait for something called a 'secret rapture/a catching away'. Beloved... THERE ARE NO SUCH PLACES FOR THEM! THERE IS NO SUCH SECRET RAPTURE. There is only ONE SAFE PLACE that YHWH has prepared for His NATION Yisrael. Here it is:

"And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of Yahweh come.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered: FOR IN MOUNT ZION AND IN JERUSALEM SHALL BE DELIVERANCE, as Yahweh hath said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call." (Yoel/Joel 2:30-32) WOY- Word Of Yahweh Bible)

The whole 2nd chapter of Yoel/Joel is about an *'end time invasion'* of The Land of Yisrael. YHWH promises there would be **SIGNS**. Where? In the **HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.** Just as He promised that the **HEAVENS AND THE EARTH** would be *'witnesses against His people Yisrael'* for their sins and unfaithfulness. (**D'varim/Deuteronomy 30:19**) But, notice what He says...

"For it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved." (Yoel/Joel 2:32a WOY- Word Of Yahweh Bible)

Now, beloved, where have we heard 'those words' before? Yes... from our precious brother Rav Sha'ul/Paul, who was quoting in Romans chapter ten which is actually from chapter 30 of our present Torah parasha here in D'varim/Deuteronomy 30:11-20! Remember, in our parasha Moshe used the word **TORAH**, but Rav Sha'ul is using the Title **MASHIACH!** <u>THEY ARE THE SAME!</u> Our blessed Mashiach Yeshua is **THE LIVING TORAH!** What are we being told? Do you want salvation during the times when the 'final stages of YHWH's eternal purposes' are being realized? When all the earth is reeling in travail? When the nations are all locked in the birth pangs as the **RESTORED NATION OF UNITED YISRAEL** is being birthed? When the nations of the Anti-Mashiach are ready to invade the land of Yisrael for that final showdown? Do you???

Then, you must know WHO YOU ARE! YOU <u>MUST KNOW</u> THAT YOU ARE YISRAEL! You <u>MUST KNOW</u> it is NOT a 'replacement entity' that will be delivered in that day. No! IT IS THE REDEEMED, RESTORED NATION OF THE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL THAT WILL BE DELIVERED. That nation from whom has come the GENERATION THAT IS LAST! THE GENERATION who has 'returned to YHWH and His Torah'! THE GENERATION who has made teshuvah/repentance. Whose hearts have been 'circumcised' and who have in turn, 'circumcised' their own hearts to love YHWH with ALL THEIR HEART AND WITH ALL THEIR SOUL, ALL THEIR STRENGTH. Now notice one last important point given to us in our passage from Yoel/Joel chapter two we quoted.

"...for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh hath said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call." (Yoel/Joel 2:32b Word of Yahweh Bible)

Beloved, here is your SAFE ZONE: MOUNT ZION... YERUSHALAYIM/JERUSALEM... THE MOUNTAINS AROUND YERUSHALAYIM/JERUSALEM... THE HILLS OF SAMARIA! This is the place He has created for Yisrael. Only those WHO KNOW WHO THEY ARE, WILL KNOW AND BE READY WHEN THE CALL TO GO HOME COMES! Will you be ready? Will you be like Abraham who left everything when YHWH called him to leave Ur of the Chaldees and go to **THE LAND OF HIS INHERITANCE?** Or will you be like Lot? He escaped from the judgment and destruction of the city of S'dom/Sodom where he had gone to live. But, at what cost? What about his wife? What about his children? Those that did escape with him, did their deliverance truly end in salvation? Who has ears to hear?

Beloved, I know that this Torah parasha has been lengthy, but there is such a burden on my heart for all who are reading these words. There is so much more to say, but will you read back over these words, and let YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness 'brood over your heart'? DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE? More importantly... DO YOU KNOW WHOSE YOU ARE? Remember, ONLY THOSE WHO KNOW THEMSELVES TO BE YISRAEL, WILL CALL IN THAT DAY UPON THE ONLY NAME THAT WILL SAVE. The Name Torah has taught His nation alone to call upon...YHWH! They who know themselves to be Yisrael, they ALONE shall be saved. They will have **HEARD** His Voice (THE SON/THE LIVING TORAH) and will have been GATHERED to the ONLY place on earth that is their SAFE ZONE: MT. ZION **SAMARIA** AND THE MOUNTAINS OF THAT SURROUND YERUSHALAYIM/JERUSALEM. AMEIN!

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Chazak u'Barukh... Strength and Blessings

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