

Parasha 52: Va'Yeilech (And He Went Out)

D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:1-30

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We have now come to the end of the *'five-week long speech'* we have been following in our parashot/portions here in D'varim/Deuteronomy. We have been allowed to *'touch the burden'* that rests upon the heart of YHWH's dear servant, Moshe. He spoke as a father to his children. He pulled no punches. He was faithful and spoke the good, the bad and the ugly.

Now, we come to the end. Moshe, who, on the day he was born, should have died back in Mitzrayim/Egypt did not. His mother put him in a papyrus basket/ark and let him go into the Nile river. That *'selfless act'*, released Moshe into the hands of YHWH. He was delivered and lived to become Yisrael's greatest deliverer! He now turns toward Mt. Nebo in Moab to ascend to YHWH for the last time.

We are about to hear and read Moshe's last words. It is a multi-faceted message. One of hope, encouragement, sadness, sorrow, dark future intimations and the promise that through it all, YHWH is still *'neheman v'rachaman/faithful and true'*. We saw in chapters 29 and 30 of our present *'sefer/book'* of D'varim/Deuteronomy, YHWH has *'renewed His original covenant'* at Mt. Sinai a *'second time'* with the *'Second Generation'* of Yisrael. This *'renewal'* **GUARANTEES**, regardless of how dark and ominous Yisrael's future will become, **THERE IS HOPE! YHWH HIMSELF WILL COMPLETE HIS REDEMPTIVE PLAN THROUGH HIS NATION YISRAEL... AND... FULFILL ALL HE HAS PROMISED TO REALIZE THROUGH HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE!** Just as this chapter of YHWH's dealings ends with the passing of Moshe, so a new chapter opens with the rising of new leader... one Yehoshua/Joshua. He will lead Yisrael into the Land of Promise. This one points us to the promised coming of the greatest deliverer Yisrael and the world has ever seen... **YEHOSHUA BEN YOSEF... M'lekh HaM'lekhim/King of Kings! YHWH MANIFEST IN HUMAN FLESH... YESHUA OF NAZARETH!** Amein!

YHWH'S Faithfulness

"And Moshe went and spoke these devarim [words] unto kol Yisroel. [all Yisrael] And he said unto them, I am me'ah v'esrim shanah [120 years old] today; I can no more go out and come in; also Hashem [YHWH] hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Yarden [Jordan].

*Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], He will go over before thee, and He will make shmad [destroy] these Goyim [nations] from before thee, and thou shalt dispossess them; and Yehoshua [Joshua] ****[see Nechemyah 8:17 for Aramaic form... Yeshua]**, he shall go over before thee, as Hashem [YHWH] hath said.*

And Hashem [YHWH] shall do unto them as He did to Sichon and to Og, melachim [kings] of the Emori, and unto the land of them, whom He made shmad [destroyed].

And Hashem [YHWH] shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto kol hamitzvot [all the commandments] which I have commanded you. Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of their faces; for Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One], He it is that doth go with thee; HE WILL NOT FAIL THEE, nor abandon thee.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 31:1-6 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Moshe opens this final portion of His address to Am Yisrael, by giving praise to YHWH’s faithfulness in his life. He speaks to the fact he is now 120 years old. The reference given that he is ‘no longer able to go in and come out’ **IS NOT** a reference to some sort of ‘physical frailty or sickness’ on his part. No, quite the contrary, as he affirms later in his final statements here in our sefer/book of D’varim/Deuteronomy.

“And Moshe was me'ah v'esrim shanah [120 years old] when he died; his eyesight was not weakened, nor his natural force reduced.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 34:7 OJB- definitions mine)

The statement is in reference to the fact that it was ‘because of YHWH’s discipline of him’ for smiting the rock in anger, twice at Kadesh. (**Bamidbar/Numbers 20**) Aharon died shortly thereafter and Moshe would not be allowed to cross over with Yisrael into the Land of Promise as he so deeply desired. He was now at the place, where YHWH’s discipline must be exacted.

Let me say something regarding this event. The Torah, along with the body of all the Hebrew Scriptures (**TaNaKh**), as well as the Messianic Writings themselves (**Matthew-Revelation**), all witness to a clear fact. **DEATH IS NOT SEEN AS A FRIEND** of those whose trusting faithfulness is in YHWH. The following are just some of the promises He made to Yisrael. The last is from Rav Sha’ul’s letter to the Corinthian assembly and clarifies the Truth concerning death.

“...the mispar (number) of thy yamim [days] I will fulfill.” (Shemot/Exodus 23:26b OJB- definitions mine)

“Ye shall be shomer to do therefore as Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath commanded you; ye shall not turn aside to the right or to the left. Ye shall walk in kol HaDerech [all The Way] which Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your yamim [days] in ha'arets [the land] which ye shall possess.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 5:32-33 OJB- definitions mine)

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;” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 30:19 OJB- definitions mine)

“The last Oyev (Enemy) to be abolished is Mavet [Death].” (1 Corinthians 15:26 OJB- definition mine)

Life is what YHWH has promised those who embrace His ways as revealed in the Torah. It is not only life, but the **FULL LENGTH OF OUR DAYS** that we are promised. We are told to **CHOOSE LIFE. DEATH IS NO FRIEND OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND TRUST IN YHWH.** Rav Sha’ul says **DEATH** is the **LAST ENEMY TO BE ABOLISHED.** We can know

DAILY VICTORY over death insipient ****[in its many forms of sickness, disease and affliction]**, as well as the **ULTIMATE VICTORY** when our glorious Adon/Lord Yeshua returns for His own. Why bring this up?

In the 'Traditional Jewish Writings' (**Talmud/Mishnah**) it is recorded that Moshe did not go quietly up Mt. Nebo in Moab to die. No, in these writings it is recorded, he did not go passively. He 'continued to ask' YHWH to let him live! Even our blessed Master Yeshua would not go quietly in death. He 'wrestled in prayer' that night in the Garden. (**Mattityahu/Matthew 26:39**) It was not until Abba YHWH made it clear, the 'execution stake and the cup/His death were indeed one'. Then, our blessed Master 'yielded' Himself to die for our redemption.

'Not My will, but Your's be done.'

It was in 'death' that Moshe 'yielded' to make way for the next phase of YHWH's plan through Yehoshua/Joshua. Through 'death will come life' when YHWH is 'allowed to be in control'. The 'power of death' must be broken. Fear must be driven out. Thus, we find this promise in the 'sefer/book' of Ivrim/Hebrews.

"Therefore, als (since) the yeladim [children] share in the basar vadahm [flesh and blood-humanity], and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [King Messiah] likewise shared in the same things, that through the histalkus [progression/ascendency] of his mavet [death] he might destroy the one having power over mavet [death], that is, Hasatan, And he might release these, as many as through eymat haMavet (terror of Death) were subjected to avdut (slavery) all the days of their existence." (Ivrim/Hebrews 1:14-15 OJB-definitions mine)

Thus, our Adon/Lord Yeshua **REMOVED** the 'power of death' from Hasatan (**may his memory be blotted out forever**) who lorded it over all mankind in fear. In like manner, Moshe points to what YHWH will do 'through Yehoshua/Joshua' as Yisrael goes over into The Land. Just as the kings they have already faced on their way to the Yarden/Jordan were given into their hands, so will the 'kings of the seven nations' in The Land also be brought to destruction. They were to 'dispossess their enemies' and **POSSESS THEIR INHERITANCE!** YHWH WILL NOT fail them! **THEY MUST HAVE NO FEAR** but be strong and very courageous!

Yehoshua/Joshua Officially Recognized As Yisrael's Leader

After having charged the nation to follow YHWH's command to go in and possess the Land, Yehoshua/Joshua is 'officially instituted' as Yisrael's new leader. Moshe sets him before the entire nation and with almost the same words, charges him to follow after YHWH. **NO FEAR! ONLY BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS!** YHWH will be faithful to fulfill His promise.

"And Hashem [YHWH], He it is that doth GO BEFORE THEE; He will BE WITH THEE, He will NOT FAIL THEE, NEITHER ABANDON THEE: FEAR NOT, NEITHER BE DISMAYED." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:8 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

This Torah Given With Instructions

"And Moshe wrote this torah, and delivered it unto the kohanim [priests], the Bnei Levi [sons of levi], which bore the Aron Brit Hashem [Ark of the Covenant of YHWH] and unto kol Ziknei Yisroel [all of the Elders of Yisrael]."

And Moshe commanded them, saying, At the end of every shevah shanim [seven years], in the mo'ed (appointed time) of the shnat hashemittah (year of release), in Chag HaSukkot [Feast of Tabernacles],

When kol Yisroel [All of Yisrael] is come to appear before Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] in the place which He shall choose, thou shalt read this torah before kol Yisroel [all Yisrael] in their hearing.

Gather the people together, anashim and nashim, and banim, and ger [men and women, and children, and the sojourner] that is within thy she'arim [gates], in order that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One], and be shomer [on guard] to do kol divrei hatorah hazot [all the words of this torah];

And that their banim [children], which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear Hashem Eloheichem [YHWH your Mighty One], as long as ye live in ha'adamah [The Land] whither ye go over Yarden [Jordan] to possess it.” (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:9-13 OJB-definitions mine)

Now, Moshe begins to give instructions concerning 'this torah' that is being given to Yisrael. It would be good at this point to make a clarification as to what is meant by the phrase... 'this torah.'

We have learned in our parashot/portions as we have studied the 'Torah Proper', that there can be several 'facets or applications' YHWH may wish to bring to our understanding...

- 1.) **The Torah Proper**- this would be the 'first five books of the Hebrew Writings/Scriptures'. [TaNaKh- Torah-Nevi'im (Prophets)-Ketuvim (Writings)] These 'first five books' are THE ROOT of all other Scripture
- 2.) **The Rest Of The Books Of The TaNaKh/Hebrew Writings/Scriptures- [Yehoshua/Joshua - M'lakhi/Malachi] Including The Books Of The Messianic Writings- [Mattityahu/Matthew - Hitgalut/Revelation]**

However, in our present parasha when the phrase 'this torah' is found, it is to be understood in a 'separate-specific context'. It is meant to 'identify the actual sefer/book of D'varim/Deuteronomy' itself and NOT 'the entire five seferot/books of the Torah Proper'. Let's examine this further.

The passage that is quoted below is from the 'sefer/book' of Shemot/Exodus. It is concerning 'YHWH's instruction', as to 'what' is to be placed into the actual 'Aron Brit/Ark of the Covenant'.

“And he took and placed HaEdut (The Testimony, i.e., the Stone Tablets of the Ten Commandments) into HaAron [The Ark]...” (Shemot/Exodus 40:20a OJB- definitions mine)

The above verse clearly shows what this is. It is the 'HaEdut/Testimony', defined as the 'Stone Tablets' upon which are written the 'Aseret HaDeverim/The Ten Words'. This is what Moshe put into the 'Ark Of The Covenant'. In our earlier study of Parasha 17, 'Yitro', we looked at a very interesting 'concept'. We learned that each of the 'Aseret HaD'varim/Ten Words' themselves may be used as 'Headers'. In turn, each of the '613 commandments' of the Torah were actually to be placed 'under each of these' in relation to their 'topical correlation'. ****[248 positive and 365 negative instructions- Click the link below to see this. **](This is a rabbinic insight)**

[The Ten Words/Commandments As Headings For The 613 Torah Commandments](#)

However, in our present Torah parasha, Moshe is given a 'different instruction' as to where 'this torah' is to be placed.

“That Moshe commanded the Levi'im [Levites], which bore the Aron Brit Hashem [Ark of the Covenant of YHWH], saying,

Take this sefer haTorah [book of the Torah], and put it AT THE SIDE of the Aron Brit Hashem Eloheichem [Ark of the Testimony of your Mighty One], that it may be there for an ed (witness) against thee.” (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:25-26 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Please note, the 'Levi'im/Levites' were 'instructed' to place 'this torah'- 'at the side' of the 'Ark of the Covenant'. This was for 'two specific reasons'.

- 1.) It was to be a 'witness' against the 'b'nei/children of Yisrael', for reasons we will discuss more fully below. And...
- 2.) It was to be taken out every 'seventh year' ****[the Sh'mitah/year of release]** and read to all of Yisrael who were gathered for the 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time' of 'Sukkot/Tabernacles', which is also the 'Third and last Ascension Feast' of YHWH'. So, that each 'generation might hear the words of this sefer/book'. This way, the words of 'this torah' might be kept 'fresh on the hearts of all Yisrael' throughout each generation

YHWH Appears To Moshe And Yehoshua

“And Hashem [YHWH] said unto Moshe, Behold, thy yamim [days] approach that thou must die; call Yehoshua [Joshua], and present yourselves in the Ohel Mo'ed [Tent of Meeting], that I may give him a charge. And Moshe and Yehoshua [Joshua] went, and presented themselves in the Ohel Mo'ed [Tent of Meeting].” (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:14 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH calls for Moshe and Yehoshua/Joshua to go to the 'Ohel Mo'ed/Tent of Meeting'. There, YHWH 'appears to them both'. (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:15) ****[Anytime YHWH 'allows' Himself to be 'physically seen' in the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures, it IS NOT YHWH-ABBA/FATHER HIMSELF that is being 'seen'. It is a 'temporary manifestation' of Himself as The Son, 'The Word'. **](see Micah chapter 5:2; Mishle/Proverbs 30:4) ****[We do not have the space here to deal with this subject. We do give a fuller measure of this 'revelatory insight' in our just recently 'republished' 3-part teaching series 'The Sacred Secret of Godliness'. You may click [here](#) to read/study this teaching.]****

At this point, YHWH begins to speak with Moshe 'prophetically concerning the future' as it pertains to the nation of Yisrael. It is not a pleasant tale by any means. We will look more in-depth into what is said momentarily, but for the time being let me quote what Moshe says concerning Yehoshua/Joshua.

“Moshe therefore wrote this shirah [song] on that day, and taught it the Bnei Yisroel [Children of Yisrael].

And he gave Yehoshua ben Nun [Joshua son of Nun (pronounced... 'Noon')] a charge, and said, Chazak [Be Strong]! And of a good courage; for thou shalt bring the Bnei Yisroel [Children of Yisrael] into Ha'Aretz [The Land] which I swore unto them; and I will be with thee.” (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:22-23 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH 'speaks' through Moshe, concerning Yehoshua/Joshua in 'prophetic instruction'. Yehoshua/Joshua is 'instructed to be strong and of a good courage'. YHWH is 'raising him up' to lead Yisrael into the 'next phase of their destiny'. To 'possess the nachalah/inheritance' of The Land. He caps this encouragement with the phrase... 'I will be with you'.

I Will Hide My Face

Now, we will go back and look at the 'prophetic words' YHWH gave to Moshe concerning the 'future of Yisrael'.

"And Hashem [YHWH] said unto Moshe, Behold, thou shalt sleep with Avoteicha [your Fathers]; and this people will rise up, and play the harlot going after the elohei nekhar ha'aretz (g-ds of the foreigners of the land), whither they go to be among them, and will forsake Me, and break My Brit [Covenant] which I have cut them.

Then My anger shall be kindled against them in Yom Hahu [In that Day], and I will forsake them, and I will HIDE MY FACE from them, and they shall be devoured, and ra'ot rabbot (many evils) and tzarot (troubles) shall befall them; so that they will say in Yom Hahu [In that Day], Are not these evils come upon us, because Elohai [our Mighty One] is not among us? And it shall come to pass, when ra'ot rabbot [many evils] and tzarot [troubles] are befallen them, that this shirah [song] shall testify against them as an ed (witness); for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their zera [seed]; for I know their yetzer (inclination) in which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into ha'aretz [the land] which I swore. Moshe therefore wrote this shirah [song] on that day, and taught it the Bnei Yisroel [Children of Yisrael]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 31:16-22 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

If you remember, in the earlier parasha 'Va'etchanan/And I Pleaded', Moshe 'besought YHWH concerning the judgment' of not being able to go with Yisrael into The Land. After much pleading, YHWH 'emphatically responds' with... **NO!** However, He does 'show Moshe a measure of mercy' by taking him up to the top of Mt. Pisgah. It was there that according to the 'Jewish Traditional Writings' (**Talmud-Mishnah**) that YHWH spread out a 'panoramic vision' of Yisrael's history yet future. In that 'prophetic moment', Moshe 'saw many wonderful things': Yisrael's entrance into The Land, the future Heikhal/Temple, even the Mashiach! However, YHWH, in His mercies, 'did not allow Moshe to see' Yisrael's future unfaithfulness, their departure from the Torah and His covenant, their going after false mighty ones, their captivities and scatterings into all the nations for their iniquities/torahlessnesses.

Here in our present parasha, YHWH 'reaffirms these things' to Moshe. However, He uses a 'peculiar phrase' to describe 'how He will respond' to Yisrael during these future times of unfaithfulness as a nation. The phrase is, 'I will hide My face.' What does this mean?

Basically, 'I will hide My face' means, YHWH will no longer be 'in present manifestation/His Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence' as He has been with His Yisrael in times before. Throughout the Torah, we find that YHWH uses the phrase, 'I will be with you' and also 'I will not forsake you' as a 'means of encouragement' to Yisrael. However, YHWH told Moshe after Yisrael's sin with the 'Golden Calf', He would heed his intercessions **NOT TO FORSAKE YISRAEL**. However, He would not 'go with them in physical manifestation' as He had been. Instead, He would send an Angel with them. Moshe cried out that this was not acceptable!

"Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, MAY BE DISTINGUISHED from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?" (Shemot/Exodus 33:15-16 OJB-definitions/emphasis mine)

The 'Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence of YHWH' is the **DISTINGUISHING MARK** that 'identifies Yisrael' from all the other nations of the earth. Without it, Yisrael is **NO DIFFERENT** than any other nation. Moshe knew this. As wonderful as having an Angel go with Yisrael was, even though they would still be brought into The Land, Moshe knew **IT WAS NOT ENOUGH!** Beloved, the 'Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence' of YHWH is a **PHRASE WHOSE IMPLICATION IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THE FULL MANIFESTATION OF HIS FACE... HIS KAVOD/GLORY!** We must ask ourselves... **DOES IT REALLY MATTER?** Can we even tell the difference? Or are we like the kohenim/priests in Gibeah, after David came and took the Ark away to Yerushalayim/Jerusalem? There was **NO** 'Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence' there. Yet, the kohenim/priests **CONTINUED** to carry on their duties day in and day out as though nothing had changed? What about us today?

While it is true, that as a nation, Yisrael no longer experiences YHWH's Presence in its 'full Sh'kinyah/Glory'. However, that should not preclude His 'manifestations to us as individuals or in our corporate gatherings as the Body of Mashiach in our locales'. Read the sefer/book of Ma'asim/Acts in the Messianic Writings. Those who trusted in YHWH experienced Him in manifestation! While we wait on the fullness of YHWH's restoration of His Whole House in this day, **WE MUST EXPERIENCE THE MANIFESTATIONS OF HIS PRESENCE INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY WHEREEVER WE ARE NOW!** There is no 'Amein' at the end of the sefer/book of 'Ma'asim/Acts' in the Messianic Writings. Why? **BECAUSE THIS SEFER/BOOK IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING WRITTEN!**

Beloved, YHWH's 'manifest Presence' in us as individuals and as corporate gatherings of the Body of Mashiach in local areas, should be the norm **NOT** the exception! **WE WILL NEVER SEE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN US INDIVIDUALLY OR CORPORATELY YHWH'S FULL INTENTION IN THE RESTORATION OF THE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL WITHOUT HIS PRESENCE IN MANIFESTATION.** It will take YHWH's 'supernatural influx' to **FINISH** what has been promised. No one, individual or corporate ministry, can accomplish this. It is about YHWH's glory! He will **NOT** share His glory with anyone or anything. **(Yeshayahu/Isaiah 42:8)** Mark it down, the door into YHWH's Presence is **ALWAYS** marked by the **EXECUTION STAKE. (Luke 9:23-24)** Just as surely as having once entered the Mishkan/Tabernacle compound, the first thing encountered was the Mizbe'ach Hanechoshet/The Bronze Altar... a representation of the **PHYSICAL EXECUTION STAKE!** No flesh may glory here. No matter how learned. How eloquent. How equipped. There is only one requirement. **ALL WHO WOULD PASS BEYOND THIS POINT MUST DIE! DIE TO THEMSELVES. DIE TO THEIR FLESHLY PEDIGREES. BE REDUCED TO EMPTINESS, IN ORDER TO BE FILLED WITH YHWH'S HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS IN THE POWER OF RESSURECTION LIFE!**

Beloved, I come out of that section of the church of Christendom known as the Pentecostal/Charismatic element. I have tasted the glorious Presence of YHWH in manifestation. I have known times of such influx of the divine anointing when all I could do was lie before Him.

I have seen demons driven out, sickness healed, miracles manifest. Yet, I have also seen the excess. What happens when man pushes the limits just to see or feel something! It will always be the case as long as the flesh can divert its will from the **WAY OF THE EXECUTION STAKE**.

Regardless, in this day of restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael, let us turn from our excesses. Let us turn from our infringing upon *'touching the glory'*. Let us **EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE EXECUTION STAKE** and cry out to YHWH until the heavens open above us and within us and we are filled with the **GENUINE MANIFESTATION** of YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. What YHWH did in those days of our journey through the church of Christendom, was a foretaste of His future glory. Today, for those of us who have been given chesed/grace and rachamim/mercies to have our eyes opened to know *'who we are'* as the *'nation of Yisrael in restoration'*: **WE MUST BE FILLED... WE MUST BE IMMERSSED IN YHWH's HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS!** Go read the 11th chapter of the sefer/book of Ivrim/Hebrews. Those listed there in YHWH's *'Hall of Fame of Faith'* all knew the **POWER** and **MANIFESTATION** of YHWH. **IT WAS THE NORM NOT THE EXCEPTION!** Will you echo the words of Moshe? **IF YOU DO NOT GO WITH US. IF YOU DO NOT ANOINT US. IF YOU DO NOT POUR YOUR HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS HOLINESS UPON US, WE WILL NOT GO!** Here's the truth... **IF HE DOESNOT... WE ARE DESTINED TO FAIL! THERE WILL BE NO RESTORATION. And if there is: IT WILL BE BECAUSE SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE ELSE, RECEIVED WHAT WE DID NOT! I CANNOT AND I WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT POSSIBILITY!!!**

'Oh YHWH, You have hid Your face from us, the Returning House Of Yisrael. We have failed You, just as YOU said it would be. But, oh Abba, this is the hour of restoration! This is the hour You told us would come. Hear our cry. You have caused us to know and realize WHO WE ARE, the restored/returning House of Yosef/Ephraim! You have awakened in us this holy reality and now we stand as it was, with our avot/fathers before us at the waters of the Yarden/Jordan River. WE CANNOT DO THIS IN OUR OWN STRENGTH. WITHOUT THE HEAVENS BEING OPENED ABOVE US. WE CANNOT FINISH WHAT YOU HAVE RAISED US UP TO DO. Therefore, we humble ourselves. We empty ourselves before You. Immerse us in Your HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of Your Holiness. Saturate us in Your Presence and GET WHAT YOU WANT... DO ALL YOU WILL... FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED! Let us be that generation of Yisrael that breaks through so You may have back what You have longed for... A WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL! That there might be ONE KING... ONE SHEPHERD... ONE SHEEPFOLD... AND ONE KINGDOM. Amein and Amein!'

The Fullness Of Teshuvah/Repentance

Beloved, do you know what will bring YHWH's answer to the prayer above? It is found in our parashah from last week, *'Nitzavim/You Are Standing'*. Read the opening verses. What is the *'trigger'* that will cause YHWH to respond to the nation of Yisrael here? It is **TESHUVAH/REPENTANCE!**

"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 [ALL 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 [THE TORAH] according to all that I command thee today, thou and thy banim, bekhoh levavcha uvekhol nafshecha [you and all of your children, with all of your heart, and all of your soul];” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 30:1-2 OJB- emphasis/definition mine)

Now, here is YHWH’s response to that generation’s FULL SPIRIT OF TESHUVAH/REPENTANCE...

“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 NATIONS] whither Hashem Eloheicha [YHWH your Mighty One] hath dispersed thee.” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 30:1-3 OJB- definitions mine)

Please note, the ‘trigger’ was NOT that they learned Hebrew first or that they began wearing Hebrew style garments, read out of Hebrew style Bibles... etc. Those things maybe the FRUIT of this ONE THING, but it is NOT THE THING! The ONE THING was a BROKEN SPIRIT and a BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART. (Tehillim/Psalms 51:17) Why? Because YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/Spirit of His Holiness ‘broke through into their heart’. There, the revelation began to dawn as to who they were. They were NOT merely a member of something called ‘church’. The realization became clear... WE ARE YISRAEL! In that moment, their heart opened to SEE THEIR RELATION TO THE GREATER WHOLE. Not only did their Savior have a Hebraic Root, SO DID THEY! Deuteronomy 30 came alive in the heart!

I remember standing in Barnes & Noble that day, pulling that Jewish Book off the top shelf. As I opened it to the front, I was looking at the back. As I opened it to the back, I was looking at the front. There, in that moment, the reality began to break upon my heart! That’s why I’ve wanted to read backwards all my life! (You can’t do that with English) That’s the reason why I read magazines from the back to the front. I was trying to satisfy the desire to read backwards. WHY? BECAUSE HEBREW IS READ FROM THE RIGHT TO THE LEFT! THE HEBRAIC ROOT YHWH HAD LEFT IN MY GENERATIONS WAS BEING AWAKENED AT THAT MOMENT. It was Abba’s HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness nudging me... ‘Wake up son. Wake up. It’s time to realize who you are!’ I stood there in that aisle, wiping the tears from my eyes. It was the same when I came to realize the reality of the Torah and that it was the ‘center and circumference’ of all Scripture. My heart broke and I literally laid on my bed weeping, remembering how I used such terrible words to describe YHWH’s Torah as a pastor in the church system of Christendom. ****[Calling it law, bondage...etc.]** Crying for YHWH to forgive me. He did, and the journey into this restoration and the Hebraic deepened.

Now, if you read on down in chapter 30 to verse 9, you will find YHWH’s response to your ‘teshuvah/repentance’. It says... HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU!

“..for Hashem [YHWH] will AGAIN REJOICE OVER THEE FOR TOV [GOOD], as He rejoiced over Avoteicha [your Fathers]...” (D’varim/Deuteronomy 30:9b OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)

Here is what is so powerful over this. Stay with me here as we go on. ‘Rejoice’ in Hebrew is spelled שׂוּעַ [sin-yod-sin- read right to left] and is pronounced ‘s-oo-s’. The literal meaning of the Hebrew lettering alone is... ‘El Shaddai’s hand of blessing’. Our being AWAKENED TO

REMEMBER who we are, will cause YHWH to ‘*extend His hand to us*’ in blessing, but there’s more. In Hebrew, the letter **ש**/*sin* can also be pronounced as ‘*sheen*’. Now, by adding the Hebrew letter **נ** ‘*nun*’/n-oo-n’ to the end, you have the Hebrew word **שִׁישָׁן**... ‘*sh-oo-shan*’, which can mean ‘*lilies*’. However, it may also be a kind of ‘*ancient musical instrument*’ resembling ‘*pipes*’, whose shape is like a ‘*lily*’. There are some scholars that say it may have been like unto the Scottish instrument, the ‘*bagpipe*’! Nonetheless, it does remind you of the verse in Tzephanyah/Zephaniah 3:17. It speaks of a ‘*prophetic future time*’ of Yisrael’s being gathered by YHWH back to Yerushalayim/Jerusalem and His response of joy and rejoicing over her with singing.

‘In that Yom [In that Day] it shall be said to Yerushalayim [Jerusalem], Fear thou not; and to Tziyon [Zion], Let not thine hands hang limp.

Hashem [YHWH] thy G-d [Elohim/Mighty One] amid thee is gibbor [mighty]; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with simchah [joy]; He will quiet [you] in His ahavah (love), He will joy over thee with singing.’ (Tzephanyah/Zephaniah 3:16-17 OJB- definitions mine)

The timing of the above verse is set in the Millennial Kingdom. A time when Yisrael will be gathered back to Yerushalayim/Jerusalem, the city called ‘YHWH’s daughter’. YHWH rejoices over her with singing and joy. He will play the ‘*pipes of joy*’ at her being restored to His wedding gift... **THE LAND OF YISRAEL!** However, preceding this, Yisrael will ‘*awaken to herself and come to her senses... remembering who she is*’ and will begin to make teshuvah/repentance. **(D’varim/Deuteronomy 30)** YHWH responds with **JOY AND REJOICING** here too. It should cause us to realize how much YHWH ‘*yearns for Yisrael’s/our return and how full His heart is*’ as He sees us **AWAKENING!**

The Prophetic Culmination: The Return Of The King

Having said all of the above, what is the culmination of all we have been speaking of? Why the ‘*teshuvah/return*’ to the understanding of **WHO WE ARE... YISRAEL?** It is nothing less than **THE RETURN OF OUR M’LEKH MASHIACH YESHUA, OUR KING MESSIAH! IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TORAH!** To become acclimated and in our case, as the **RETURNING HOUSE OF YOSEF/EPHRAIM, REACCLIMATED TO OUR HEBRAIC HERITAGE.** We, along with our elder brother Yehudah, the Jewish House, will be made again... **THE ONE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL... THE TRUE BRIDE OF YHWH.** A Bride made clean without spot or wrinkle. Only a Bride immersed by YHWH’s HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness in The Torah will understand ‘*how that process*’ is to be achieved.

With the above in mind, it is no accident that the ‘*weekly Haftorah portions*’ from the ‘*prophetic books*’ (**Yeshayahu/Isaiah-M’lakhi/Malachi**) of the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures, aligns so perfectly with these portions from the ‘*weekly Torah*’. This is so beautifully witnessed here this week. In the Haftorah portion, **Yeshayah/Isaiah 61:10-63:9** the question is asked,

*“Who is this that cometh from Edom, with crimson begadim (garments) from Botzrah?”
(Yeshayahu/Isaiah 63:1 OJB)*

Before we answer this, let’s digress for just a moment to look at the previous chapter. It is here we are presented with the ‘*marriage preparations*’ of the Bride.

*“For the sake of Tziyon [Zion] will I not hold my peace and for the sake of Yerushalayim [Jerusalem] I will not remain quiet, until her tzedek [righteousness] go forth like nogah (brightness), and her Yeshuah (Salvation) like a blazing lapid (torch),
And the Goyim [Nations] shall see thy tzedek [righteousness], and kol melachim [all kings] thy kavod [glory]; and thou shalt be called by a shem chadash [new name], which the mouth of Hashem [YHWH] shall designate.*

Thou shalt also be an ateret tiferet [crown of beauty] in the Yad Hashem [Hand of YHWH], and a tzanif melukhah (royal turban, diadem) in the palm of thy G-d [Elohim/Mighty One]. Of thee it shalt no more be said, Azuvah (Forsaken); neither of thy land shall it anymore be said, Shemameh (Desolate); but thou shalt be called Cheftzi-Vah, (My Delight is in her) and thy land Beulah (Married): for Hashem [YHWH] delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

For as a bochur [young man] marrieth a betulah [virgin], so shall thy banim [sons] marry thee; and as the choson [bridegroom] rejoiceth over the kallah [bride], so shall thy G-d [Elohim/Mighty One] rejoice over thee.” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 62:1-5 OJB- definitions mine)

All of the above is a description of Yisrael, the ‘Bride of YHWH’. He, YHWH, the Abba/Father, has overseen the ‘journey of the Bride’. She has ‘passed through’ the many ‘stages of her preparation’. Even the darkest and most devastating. Yet, she stands in the ‘glory of her redemption’. No longer forsaken and desolate. She has been given a **NEW NAME**. She has become YHWH’s delight. Just as the Bride has been restored, so has ‘The Land of her inheritance’. She is called **MARRIED**. All things are new. The **BRIDEGROOM**, YHWH the Son, rejoices **OVER HIS BRIDE**. **YHWH, THE ABBA/FATHER REJOICES TOO!** Now, let’s consider the Bridegroom.

This brings us to chapter 63 of Yeshayahu/Isaiah. It is here we see the ‘great redemptive process’, that was necessary for the Bride, Yisrael, to pass through. A ‘process’ just as needful for the Go’el/Kinsman Redeemer... **THE BRIDEGROOM**.

“Who is this that cometh from Edom, with crimson begadim (garments) from Botzrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, striding in the greatness of His ko'ach [strength]? It is I, speaking in tzedakah [righteousness], mighty to save.

Why art Thou adom (red) in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winepress?

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the amim (peoples, nations) there was none with Me; for I will trample them in Mine wrath [i.e., Moshiach’s work of wrath], and trod them down in My fury; and the juice of their life blood splattered upon My garments, and I stained all My raiment.

For Yom Nekam (Day of Vengeance) is in Mine lev [heart], and My Shanat Geulah (Year of Redemption) is come.

And I looked, and there was no ozer (helper); and I was appalled that there was no supporter; therefore Mine own zero'a [arm] wrought Salvation for Me; and My wrath, it upheld Me. And I will trample down the amim (nations) in Mine wrath, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will pour out the juice of their life blood down on the earth.

I will rehearse the chasadim (lovingkindnesses) of Hashem [YHWH], and the tehillot Hashem [praises of YHWH], according to all that Hashem [YHWH] hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the Bais Yisroel [House of Yisrael], which He hath bestowed on them according to His rachamim [mercies], and according to the multitude of His chasadim [lovingkindness].

For He said, Surely they are My people, banim [sons] that will not be sheker (false); so He became their Moshi'a (Savior).

*In all their tzoros [trouble] He was afflicted, and the malach [angel] of His presence saved them; in His ahavah [love] and in His mercy He redeemed them; and He lifted them up, and carried them kol y'mei olam [all their days...**literally past, present and future].”*
(Yeshayahu/Isaiah 63:1-9 OJB- *definitions mine*)

Within the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures, 'Edom' has represented the 'anti-thesis' to YHWH's 'nation of Yisrael'. As a people (**Muslim/Arabic nations**) driven by the 'spirit of Esau', it has represented the desire for the destruction and annihilation of YHWH's chosen nation, Yisrael and its people from the Jewish house. Yet, in our passage above, the question is asked... 'Who is this that is coming from Edom?' As we examine this closely, it will become surprisingly clear.

First off, the spelling of 'Edom' in Hebrew is אֶדוֹם (**mem-yod-dalet-alef- read right to left**) Hebrew is a very versatile language. Depending on 'vowel placement', it could be pronounced 'adam', as in 'man'. It would then read, 'Who is this coming from man?' It could also be אֶדְמָה/adama/earth. (**heh-mem-dalet-alef- read right to left**) Making the question, 'Who is this coming from/up from the earth?'

Add to this, the next word 'crimson or dyed', the word is חַמּוּץ/'chamutz', which is a derivative of the word... חַמֵּץ/'chametz'... 'leaven', which in Scripture can be a 'type/picture' of sin. Further, this same word can also mean in Hebrew... 'dyed'. Why is this important? Because in verse 2 above the question is asked, 'Why art Thou adom (**same word in Hebrew as 'Edom'**) meaning... (**red**) in Thine apparel and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winepress?' The answer? 'I have trodden the winepress alone...' Hold this thought as we go on.

Next, the above is connected to the word בְּגָדִים/'begedim', plural of 'beged' the Hebrew word for 'clothes'. Now, it's interesting, because the 'literal meaning' of 'beged' in Hebrew is 'treachery or deceit'. This is because what do 'clothes do'? They 'cover'. So, in a 'sense they hide'. Thus, the Hebrew also uses 'beged' in its inference of 'hiding' to also 'define the act' of being 'treacherous or deceitful'.

Going further, the word 'Botzrah', a pastoral city in ancient biblical times, was also the 'capitol of Edom'. (**modern day Jordan**) It means 'sheepfold'. Bear with me here. Abba is desiring to bring something out that is not readily apparent to our understanding.

In our verse, this 'One' pointed to as 'coming up from Edom is glorious in his apparel'. The Hebrew is חָדָר לְבוּשׁ/'hadar l'boosh', which means, he 'puts on his esteemed, honored apparel'. Finally, we read, this one is 'striding in his greatness'. The Hebrew word used for 'striding' is צָעָה/'tsa'ah'. The word means 'to bend, bow or to be poured or emptied out'.

So, having gathered all of the above, what is it that YHWH is desiring us to see? We have learned through our studies here in D'varim/Deuteronomy, YHWH has 'hidden many messages' for His people within the Hebrew text. Messages that were to be revealed 'at their proper time'. What is here when we piece all of the above together? What we have amassed may literally be translated out as...

‘Who is the Man that is coming, that has taken on the leaven, treachery, deceit from the sheepfold; Who has now put on esteem and honor, and has poured Himself out for us in His strength and power?’

He answers...

IT IS I WHO SPEAKS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND IS MIGHTY TO SAVE!

Beloved, it is **NONE OTHER THAN OUR OWN MASTER, ADON/LORD YESHUA HAMASHIACH, THE MESSIAH!** There is such a ‘convergence here of conflict’ over this nation Yisrael, identified as ‘His people’. (**Yeshayahu/Isaiah 63:8**) The conflict is spread over time past, as well as time further into the future... at **The End**. We read above in verse 9a,

“In all their tzoros [trouble] He was afflicted, and the malach [angel] of His presence saved them; in His ahavah [love] and in His mercy He redeemed them...” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 63:9a)

We are told here that those ones YHWH loved at ‘The End’ were in ‘trouble’. It was for them, that He was ‘afflicted’. What a terrible ‘affliction’ our Master Yeshua suffered on that ‘physical execution stake’, as our ‘Seh Elohim/Pesach/Passover Lamb of the Mighty One’. He was ‘The Last Adam **AND** The Second Man’ (**1 Cor. 15:45-47**) The ‘Earthy Man’ who took on our ‘likeness’ among the ‘sheepfold of humanity’. Who, as a result, could bear our ‘leaven, treachery, deceit’ in His mercy and **REDEEM US!** Our blessed Adon/Lord Yeshua! He ‘brought an end’ to all that the sin of YHWH’s ‘original man’... the ‘First Adam’ who had released corruption into creation. As the ‘Second Man’, YHWH, the Father’s ‘manifestation of Himself as His Word, the Son made flesh’ by the power of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. Our Adon/Lord Yeshua was raised in resurrection. As a result, YHWH is able to ‘raise up a New Humanity’... The ‘redeemed nation’ of Yisrael... **MANY SONS UNTO GLORY! (Ivrim/Hebrews 2:10)** He accomplished this through His own resurrection!

The word used in verse (9) for ‘redeemed’, is the Hebrew verb גָּאַל – lamed-alef-gimel ****[read right to left/‘ga’al’ (gaw-awl)]** It’s ‘noun counterpart is go’el’ and it defines the ‘Hebraic concept’ of a male person from within a family, who is ‘designated with the responsibility of administering justice’ for those within the family unit on their behalf when needed. The ‘go’el’, was known by the title of ‘kinsman redeemer’. YHWH became our ‘Go’el/Kinsman Redeemer’ when He ‘sent forth the manifestation of Himself’ as The Son, our Adon/Lord Yeshua- ‘The Word’ to take on human flesh’. We won’t take the time here to go into this concept in-depth, only to ‘identify’ that this was the ministry of our Adon/Lord Yeshua!

Further, we are told, immediately following YHWH ‘identifying Himself in manifestation’ as our ‘Go’el’, that He will ‘lift up’ those who are being redeemed. The Hebrew word for this is a derivative of נָטַל (Lamed-Tet-Nun) ‘natal’ (naw-tawl). Does it look familiar? How about our English word used to describe the care of infants? (eg. **pre- and post-natal?**) Next, is the promise He will ‘carry them’. The meaning is ‘to sustain’. YHWH ‘created us, redeemed us and He alone will sustain us’ that we might **ALWAYS** find ‘rest and comfort’ in His love. Can we not see the glory of YHWH’s love as we ‘look back to the redemption He has provided’ through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son for us, but there is more!

Most translations render the last portion of verse 9 above as, ‘all the days of old.’ However, the phrase in Hebrew is... כָּל יְמֵי אוֹלָם - ‘kol yomi ha olam’. This literally translates out as, ‘all my

days- implying... past, present and future! Why is this important? Because our 'trouble' making us 'needful for redemption' not only 'points back' for our 'spiritual rebirth', but also 'points ahead' **TO THE FUTURE!** As Yisrael, there is also a 'time of trouble' awaiting us, prophesied in both the TaNaKh (**Hebrew Scriptures**) and in the Messianic Scriptures. (**Matthew-Revelation**) It is known as the time of 'Ya'akob's Tzoros/Jacob's Trouble'. (**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 30; Mattityahu/Matthew 24**) Beloved, YHWH has even this 'future time of great travail' covered for all who **KNOW WHO THEY ARE** in relation to the Whole House of Yisrael. We looked at this in our previous parasha, 'Nitzavim: You Are Standing'. YHWH has a 'safe zone' for **ALL** those who know **WHO THEY ARE AS YISRAEL**. It is Yerushalayim/Jerusalem, Mt. Zion, and the Hills of Samaria (**Yoel/Joel 2:30-32**) As we have seen, there is **NO** 'secret rapture/catching away'. There is **NO** 'biblical pattern' for that. ****[eg... Yisrael in /Mitzrayim/Egypt; Three Hebrew Children in the furnace...etc.)** YHWH His way is not up... **IT IS THROUGH!** He alone can save. He alone can provide the way. We are seeing this right here in our portion. **HE HAS MADE A WAY FOR HIS PEOPLE YISRAEL!** Even now He is calling. The redemption for Yisrael is **FOREVER** and in **EVERY SITUATION**. Even in the 'dark days' of the coming 'Tzoros/Trouble/Tribulation', **YHWH IS MAKING THE WAY**. It's why we at Gates To Zion Ministries are publishing these Torah studies. It is not to expand our brains with more knowledge or to simply learn Hebrew for Hebrew sake. **NO!** It is so we may become acclimated to **WHO WE ARE... THE RETURNING HOUSE OF YOSEF-EPHRAIM YISRAEL**. To be ready to become **ONE NATION AGAIN**. No longer for our Elder Brother to be called the 'Jewish house', Yehudah/Judah. Or the 'Northern Scattered non-Jewish house' to be known as 'Yosef-Ephraim'. But that together we might be called... **HINEI HAKOL BEIT YISRAEL/BEHOLD THE WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL!** To acclimate all who will listen and receive the **REVELATION OF YHWH TO BE READY!** There is a **SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH**. (**Tehillim/Psalms 91**) YHWH 'can hide us in plain sight' when necessary, **BUT** there is a time coming when He will sound the 'shofar of return' for all those who **KNOW HIS VOICE**. (**Yochanon/John 10:27**) Those who have been listening, preparing, rehearsing, **RETURNING IN THEIR HEARTS** to the 'Voice of His Living Torah', Adon/Lord Yeshua our M'lekh/King. These will experience the **MIGHT... POWER... AND GLORY OF HIS DELIVERANCE!** **THIS IS THE DAY! THIS IS THE HOUR! HE IS PREPARING!** Let all who have ears to hear, hear what YHWH is saying by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. Amein!

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*Chazak u'Barukh...
Strength and Blessings*

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