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Introduction

In the first portion of Deuteronomy, Moses begins his final address to the Children of Israel, who are about to enter the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 3:21-22

21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. **22** You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.'

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Meaning: to fear, revere, be afraid, to stand in awe of, be awed, honor, respect, be dreadful, to cause astonishment, to inspire reverence or godly fear or awe, terrify, to shoot, pour

Origin: a primitive root; TWOT - 907,908; v

Usage: AV - fear 188, afraid 78, terrible 23, terrible thing 6, dreadful 5, reverence 3, fearful 2, terrible acts 1, misc 8; 314

As Moses continues his final speech to the Children of Israel he makes reference to what God had done to the two kings, Sihon and Og, who came against Israel. Moses brings what happened to them as a way to build up the faith and courage of the Children of Israel for the taking of the Promised Land. Moses tells Israel that should not fear the nations who are already in the Land because the Land had been promised to Israel starting with Abraham, his son Isaac, and his son Jacob. It was to be through this family that the promise of the Land would be based on down from one generation to another until the time when Messiah would return to set up His earthly kingdom with Jerusalem at its center. I wonder of anyone will dare to even think about taking the Land from Him. I don't believe they will voice that but with God even the thought's of man cannot be kept hidden.

Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

Exodus 33:1 The LORD said to Moses, "Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your offspring I will give it.'

These are just a few of the Scriptures that speak about the blessing of the Land. The Land was given to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants. Through Jacob, who would become Israel, the promise would pass to his twelve sons who would become the twelve tribes of Israel. Our Islamic brethren would deny the Holy Writ and claim the land as the promise to Abraham and Ishmael. Their bible says the son of promise is Ishmael and not Isaac. The Hebrew Scriptures are the oldest of all the Bibles that exist. The Koran came later, much later.

Today there are Arabs who dwell in the land of Israel who are equal citizens of that state. When questioned by various reporters these Arabs tell them they do not want to come under the rule of the PLO or any other Arab country or militia (for want of a better word). They prefer living under Israel's rule. Yet the world is hell-bent on bringing the Jewish state down to nothingness, aided in this quest, by Jews who believe that placating the Moslem with land, land that was given to them by God, is the answer to all their problems.

The Germans tried their answer in World War II by attempting to exterminate every last Jew that lived in their country and in the countries they conquered. They almost succeeded but God had other plans for His people and He allowed a remnant to survive all over the earth. Even without a country to call their own the Jewish people were unique because they had been called by the Holy One of Israel, and do not mistake this, but Israel has been called out from among all the nations of the earth to be His. In our day the physical representative's of Israel are the Jewish people. His people include not just the Jews but those of the other even tribes as well plus those who have chosen to come alongside and become part of Israel.

Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

In verse 2 the Lord tells Abram that He would make of him a great nation and bless him and make his name great. There is probably very few people in any part of this planet who has not heard of Abraham or the nation of Israel. So, while the nation of Israel may be small, by the standards we apply to what a nation means, the name of Israel is known all around the world. Israel is a lightning rod for good or bad, God and Satan. Make no mistake about it my friends but we are in a war and its outcome is already known and that cannot be changed.

So, you may say, "Then what do we have to worry about?" We have to worry about becoming too complacent and handing over control to the enemy whose stated intention and of those he controls is to wipe Israel and every Jews and in turn every Christian off the face of the earth. This has all been prophesied – it is right there in your Bibles to read and meditate on.

Isaiah 1:24-27

24 Therefore the Lord declares, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: "Ah, I will get relief from my enemies and avenge myself on my foes. **25** I will turn my hand against you and will smelt away your dross as with lye and remove all your alloy. **26** And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." **27** Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and those in her who repent, by righteousness.

We have seen this prophecy before and it has been fulfilled before. The beauty of prophecy is that the Lord can show us the future through events that have taken place in history. We are to learn from these events but we rarely do. If we did learn anything it should be **never** to go against the will of the Almighty because in the end it is only His opinion that counts. As the Children of Israel, whether Jew or Greek or Barbarian, man or woman, etc. within Israel we are all equal in His eyes and that's whose eyes we count in. Despite our differences we are all equal as seen through the eyes of God. The difference comes when we are viewed through our faith in Yeshua or without having Yeshua as our covering.

When God covered the nakedness of Adam and Chava in the Garden after they had sinned by disobeying Him He covered them with the skins of an animal whose blood had been shed for this specific purpose. Man had tried to cover his sin with leaves but they were insufficient because of what man had done.

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" **10** And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." **11** He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" **12** The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." **14** The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. **15** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." **16** To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." **17** And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **18** thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. **19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." **20** The man called his wife's name Chava [living], because she was the mother of all living. **21** And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Our first parents, Adam and Chavah, laid a burden on us that we can never do away with through our own power. Yet, we know that God is all-knowing, so He knows the beginning and the end and

He knew we would sin. So there was no way out of this for us because God knew our nature and what we would do when given enough freedom. As our first parents made the decision to disobey their Creator they would be passing down a decision that would haunt mankind forever or until the Creator made a way out of this mess we find ourselves in. His solution was His Son Yeshua. It would be through the death and resurrection of His Son that He would redeem mankind if they called upon the name of the Lord.

There is so much talk going around that we are living in the Last Days and that the Great Tribulation is right around the corner. If it's true then we should be seeing the anti-messiah at any moment. Some believe this person could be from a host of different people already alive right now. I won't join in the speculation, but I will say this: if it is true and you have been putting off professing your faith in Yeshua, why? If you have made Yeshua into something less than the Son of God and you claim there is nothing special about Him, I would pose this question to you: "If Yeshua is not the Son of God, possessing the attributes of His Father, and you pray to Him for the forgiveness of your sins, what good does that do? Everything I have read in Scripture is that only God can forgive sin!"

John 20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

There are those who say that this verse shows us that we can forgive the sins of others. I would beg to differ my friends. Let's look at another Scripture and search for the truth of what Yeshua is saying here.

2 Corinthians 2:10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Messiah.

This is not forgiveness in the sense that we can forgive the sins of others for the purpose of redemption. This is not holding the sins of someone against them but showing them the way to true redemption through Messiah Yeshua. If our fellow forgives a sin then we must also. We are not the judge, jury and executioner here – only God is!

Matthew 6:15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

People say they have forgiven trespasses against them or someone they know but most of the time we discover they have not. If we do not forgive those who have trespassed against us neither will He. If you say you do but your actions indicate otherwise God knows your heart in the matter.

Revelation 21:1-7

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." **5** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the

end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. **7** The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

This is almost the culmination of all things. The Bible is drawing to close but there are still events that have to play themselves out because it is the way the Lord requires it. When God has put forth His word it cannot return to Him void.

Isaiah 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Word that goes out from His mouth is Yeshua and Yeshua will not come back to the Father forever to be by His side until He accomplishes all that the Father has given Him to do. He was in the beginning with the Father and it was through Him and the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) that the Father brought into being everything that is. The heavens and the earth – He is not called the King of the universe for nothing. He is the King and His Son is the Savior of Creation because it was made by Him and for Him. Perfect unity – echad – they were from the beginning and before that.

I desire unity in my home, my congregation's, with other Believers in Messiah and most importantly with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Some of us will be the bride of Messiah, others will be the guests at the wedding banquet, and others will be the servants. Which group will you be in? Will you have a place at the wedding banquet of the Son put on by His Father? Our custom is the bride and her family arranges the wedding details. In ancient days it was the father of the groom because it was up to him when to send his son to go get his bride from her father's house. He brought her to the place he had prepared for her. Sounds kind of familiar doesn't it?

Who is wise? One who learns from everyone...Mishnah

May the Lord bless you and yours... *Mordecai Silver*

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