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Signs and Wonders – The Tribes

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TEACHING NOTES

-Today we are in the seventh teaching of a series on “The Tribes”. Today's class is titled “Signs and Wonders – The Tribes” It is essential for us to begin our study at the beginning of the saga wherein we will establish a firm foundation or everything from here forward will be off. This topic on the tribes is the basis of the bible's message and is the very plan of the ages as described in sacred scripture. There is a great deal of confusion on this subject which has led to all sorts of theological error and this series is to ensure that that confusion is taken out of the way and that things are made plain.

-This lack of knowledge causes people to assume and come up with various types or forms of replacement theology which is where something that does not belong is superimposed on the truth. YHVH speaks in Jeremiah about setting up way marks, like bread crumbs along the way. These are bedrock truths that have to be established. Tragically for many people who have attached themselves to the bible and who seek to follow the biblical path, these points are unknown.

-Last week we began to look at things on the World Map of the Bible so that you get a geographic reference. Today we will bring in another element to the story to bring these things to life. I plan to show how certain texts from the Hebrew prophets fit in and correlate with historical narratives and how this also plays out on the World Map of the Bible. Once we bring in the historical and chronological context and orient people to the World Map of the Bible and we put all these things together a picture begins to immerge which makes sense and people will begin to fully internalize the message of scripture. Today I will be talking about signs and wonders. This term occurs a few times in scripture but mostly in Deuteronomy.

-Deu 4: 34 Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which YHVH your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

-Deu 6: 22 And YHVH showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes.

-If you read all of these texts you would immediately recognize that most often this signs and wonders are associated with God's redemption. That which he does on behalf of his people. The miraculous signs and wonders which include taking his people from a mighty nation and bringing them to the place which he designates for them.

-Deu 7: 19 the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which YHVH your God brought you out. So will YHVH your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

-Signs and wonders are most often associated with God's redemptive work of taking Israel out of the land of Egypt and bringing them to the place that he chose.

-Deu 29: 1 These are the words of the covenant that YHVH commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb. 2 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that YHVH did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, 3 the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. 4 But to this day YHVH has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

-Moses is talking to the children of Israel, the descendants of those who have been rescued out of Egypt and even at a very early date we are talking about a heart that doesn't understand, eyes that don't see, and ears that don't hear. Although signs and wonder are mainly used in a redemptive way for God's people it's also used in another way that directly ties to today's class. In regards to blessings and the curses for our obedience the consequences react the same way. If you are obedient the blessings will come upon you and overtake you, if you are not obedient the curses will come upon you and overtake you.

-Deu 28: 45 "All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of YHVH your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. 46 They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever. 47 Because you did not serve YHVH your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom YHVH will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.

-Blessings are wonderful to read and quite often People of the Book proclaim the blessings for their congregations and associations and they focus on this. The wonderful blessings that these prosperity preachers are indeed fact but they come as a result of obedience. The flip side is that curses come for disobedience. The blessings and the curses behave the same. Just like blessings and curses behave the same way, so do signs and wonders. Signs and wonders were used to get the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, yet God's signs and wonders can also be used to get his people out of the land of promise when they are being disobedient but it will be operating against you rather than for you.

-Deu 28: 49 YHVH will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, 50 a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young.

-Deu 28: 64 "And YHVH will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. 65 And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but YHVH will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul.

-The culminating calamity that which comes against the people that God chose to inhabit this place and brought them there with signs and wonders, this same zeal will be used to kick them out. Today we will get into some prophecies that have been widely misunderstood and misapplied and I will show you what they actually refer to and some of you will be surprised. We are going to talk about the bible in the words of the bible.

-Isa 8: 18 Behold, I and the children whom YHVH has given me are signs and portents in Israel from YHVH of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

-We now have a different application for signs and wonders. Isaiah tells the audience to whom he is speaking that he and his children are for signs and wonders. Hosea and his children are also for signs and wonders.

-Isa 20: 3 Then YHVH said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Cush, 4 so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian captives and the Cushite exiles, both the young and the old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered, the nakedness of Egypt.

-Context is absolutely essential. If you don't understand context and chronology of the biblical text you will be way off in your understanding and interpretation. How many times have you heard, well that's just your interpretation? Interpretation becomes a problem when people don't read. It's not an interpretation when you are reading what it says. To interpret is to read something and give it another meaning. Here's what it says but it means this. A biblical student will read what it says and generally it means what it says. Some people will take a certain text out of context and they apply to it whatever it is that they want it to mean or whatever their purpose is to stress. I want to pull all of these elements back together, the text, the context, the chronology, and the geography so you can look at it and say, that makes sense because it's written in the text.

-Isaiah's life and his children's lives are for signs and wonders and the story that they tell is related to our study on the tribes. Isaiah is the son of Amoz and is a prophet to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Different prophets were prophesying to their specific group to which God called them. There are also different kings over the different groups. Isaiah is prophesying during the reigns of four kings of Judah, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Everybody knows that Hezekiah is a righteous king and according to the chronicler is the best example of a king that was ever in Israel.

-Isa 6: 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

-This vision that Isaiah has doesn't take place in a vacuum, there is a context. He has a vision and he beholds in the vision the throne room of the living God. If you don't put this in its chronological context you are going to miss something. Today we will cover Isaiah Chapters 6 – 9. These are very hotly debated text because people don't know.

-Hos 4: 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

-Uzziah is also known as Azariah and he was a king of Judah and reigned for 52 years. He is not in total control for the full 52 years. For the first 24 years of the reign of Uzziah most scholars believe that he is co-regent with his father Amaziah. For the latter part of Uzziah's reign his son Jotham is managing things in terms of the people in the palace because Uzziah is stricken with leprosy. This happens to Uzziah when he does things that are outside his span of control and goes into the temple to offer incense. In 2 Chronicles 26 Uzziah gets mad when his staff confronts him for offering incense in the temple and when he stretches out his arm he is stricken with leprosy. The leprosy is so bad that he has to be isolated and his son Jotham begins to reign. We know that Uzziah is 16 years old when he begins to reign and he did what was pleasing in God's eyes yet he failed to remove these sacred temples that were scattered throughout the land. The year that Uzziah dies is around 749 to 745 BCE depending upon who you talk to and we are in the general time period just prior to the Northern Kingdom being cast out.

-Isaiah 6 records the beginning of Isaiah's prophetic ministry. It sounds like the initial call of the prophet. This is similar to Jeremiah 1 where there is this hand that touches his mouth and YHVH tells him that he is putting his words in his mouth. In Ezekiel 3 it says, take this scroll and eat it there with I put my words in your mouth. It's the call of the prophet, the beginning of YHVH's words coming to a prophet.

-Isa 6: 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is YHVH of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, YHVH of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." 9 And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'" 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." 11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12 and YHVH removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

-What he is informing Isaiah about is what is about to happen to the people that he has placed in the land. There will be a desertion of the people from the land and only a tenth will remain, the rest are gone. When the rest are gone, there will be a time of repentance there and that part will be like a holy stump. A little bit will be left, just a remnant, and a tenth part will remain. At the time when Uzziah dies in the north we have a prophet named Hosea, he's married to a harlot, and he has three children; God will Scatter, No Mercy, and Not My People. In the south we have a prophet named Isaiah who also has a

family and has children as well and today we are talking about how these families of the prophets are for signs and wonders. Then after Uzziah's son Jotham dies, Ahaz his son takes over as king of Judah. Many people take what's described in Isaiah 6 – 10 and throw it into the future to paint this picture of Messiah. I want to stay biblical with it.

-Isa 7: 1 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it.

-A few years after Isaiah began to prophesy the Syro-Ephraimite War broke out, where Rezin the king of Syria/Aram and Pekah the king of Israel worked together against Judah and they advance against Ahaz the king of Judah. Additional details are noted in 2 Chronicles 28. Rezin takes 120,000 captives from Judah into Damascus and kills them, then Pekah also takes 200,000 captives from Judah and he brings them to Samaria. This is the north making war on their brother in the south and Ahaz the king of Judah is terrified. The Edomites to the east and south of Judah are also picking on him and from the west the Philistines are also attacking him too.

-Ahaz the king has enemies on all sides closing in on him and he needs help so what does he do? Ahaz calls on the king of Assyria to help him out and gives him gold and silver from the temple treasury trying to entice him to come to his aide. Initially the king of Assyria comes to Damascus and kills Rezin the king of Syria but then he also starts to march against the kingdom of Judah. When you make a deal with the bad guys it never works out the way you intended even if you pay them off. What makes things worse is that Ahaz the king of Judah has a man in his cabinet by the name of Isaiah who has already talked to him about all this before he makes these blunders. Isaiah is giving Ahaz hope if he would only listen.

-Isa 7: 1 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. 2 When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with Ephraim," the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. 3 And YHVH said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. 4 And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, 6 "Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it," 7 thus says the Lord YHVH: "It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. And within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered from being a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.'" 10 Again YHVH spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask a sign of YHVH your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put YHVH to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For

before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. 17 YHVH will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah--the king of Assyria."

-This passage has nothing to do with something that is going to take place 700 years in the future. This is something that is happening in the 8th century BCE even though Ahaz didn't want to ask for a sign, God gave him one any way. Isaiah says, here's the sign, a woman is with child, and before 65 years, these two who are coming against you will be as nothing were there, it will be totally vacant; and before this child learns to reject the bad and choose the good, within a few short years, these two kings will be abandoned. Isaiah didn't tell Ahaz he has to wait for centuries for this sign to come about. The Lord will cause to come upon this people the worst of times since Ephraim departed from Judah around 931 BCE. What's about to happen upon this place will be the worst thing to happen in the past 200 years and it involves the king of Assyria, the guy you're dealing with for help.

-Isa 8: 1 Then YHVH said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, 'Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.'

-What 'Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.' means is pillage hastens, looting speeds, the end is coming fast. It's going to be bad and it's coming fast.

-Isa 8: 3 And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then YHVH said to me, "Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz; 4 for before the boy knows how to cry 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria." 5 YHVH spoke to me again: 6 "Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, 7 therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, 8 and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel."

-What does this mean? He is saying pillage hastens, looting speeds – Assyria is coming in and there is going to be an invasion of the land of Israel. When it concerns Judah it's going to reach to the neck, you think you're going to drown but you're not. Be calm, there is only going to be a tenth left and that's you Judah, but with us is God, in Hebrew it says Immanuel. When this child was predicted God says through Isaiah call the child Immanuel. Elsewhere it's not left as a name, it's translated. The difference between Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 8:8 in Hebrew is nothing, it says exactly the same thing. The reason this child who will be born during this time is called Immanuel is that Judah will be ok, it's going to be deep but you are going to be ok because, God is with us. He made a sworn oath to David not to destroy and he won't.

-Isa 8: 9 Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered; give ear, all you far countries; strap on your armor and be shattered; strap on your armor and be shattered. 10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us.

-“for God is with us”, Immanuel. The message to Judah is about a child's name. Yes “Maher-shalal-hash-baz”, pillage hastens, looting speeds, God is with us, it's going to get to the neck but God is going to have mercy on Judah. Relax and be calm.

-Isa 8: 11 For YHVH spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: 12 "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 But YHVH of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken."

-The message that Isaiah gives is that Ahaz is told that a child will be born, trouble is coming, one child is called pillage hastens, looting speeds, and the other is called God is with us. Pillage and looting will reach to the neck, war is going to be at the door but the names tell us the story.

-Amo 3: 7 "For the Lord YHVH does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

-In the north we have a prophet by the name of Hosea whose children's names are God will scatter, no mercy, and not my people. However we did learn that he will have mercy on Judah. Hosea prophesying to the north says, gave is over for the north but God will have mercy on Judah. Those that listened from the north, some of them went to Judah and to the house of David. It's going to be bad there too but not that bad, the majority don't go to Judah and the majority are exiled.

-God doesn't just announce this the week before it happens. If you go back to before Hosea was a prophet to the north Amos was a prophet to the north and do you know what he said?

-Amo 5: 27 and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus," says YHVH, whose name is the God of hosts.

-It's all about the sins and what is going to be the consequences. The prophet Jonah is too the north as well even before Amos. Jonah is told to go to a place called Nineveh, the capital of Assyria and is trying to prepare the heart of a people who are going to be used by God to thrash the Northern Tribes for their disobedience. The event of Jonah according to Jonah is going to be earlier but it's still interesting.

-In the south, Isaiah has children, and a remnant will return from his children. He talks about how a tenth will remain, just a remnant. Just like Hosea is shown a picture to communicate to the people in the north, Isaiah is shown a picture to communicate to the people in the south. Both of them are being used in their own lives and in the names of their children to illustrate and demonstrate what is coming to the people of God. His one child's name means pillage hastens, looting speeds and the other, Immanuel – God is with us. Some think that in context that this second child is Immanuel's as well. Behold the maiden has conceived. It is definitely a child born in that day, we know that before the child knows to choose good and evil the king of Israel and the king of Syria will be gone in the 8th century BCE. Isaiah prophesied that before 65 years, everything will be done.

-Isa 8: 22 And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness. Isa 9: 1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

-For the people in the north it's a gloomy heavy darkness, Assyria has taken Syria, the north and the east side of the Jordan. It's a time of darkness and gloom. In Chapter 9 we begin to talk about the birth of a righteous king but it's not 700 years in the future. Contextually we are talking about this time in the 8th century BCE and in Chapter 9 there is an ideal Davidic ruler.

-Isa 9: 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of YHVH of hosts will do this.

-That doesn't sound like anybody ever came close to fulfilling this. Naturally people have taken this and projected it 700 years into the future. Even if you go back to the promises to David there are times in the Davidic dynasty where things appear to be totally over. One solution to that is to say the real king is in heaven now. These texts are looking at and predicting very good things to come. What I will tell you is that a child that is born at this time by the name of Hezekiah. According to Chronicles there is no king greater than Hezekiah. Never has a man arisen greater than Hezekiah.

-Often students of scripture fail to bring in context and chronology when trying to make sense of things. Behold this child's name will be wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, and prince of peace. People tend to deify the child that is described here similarly to Isaiah 7 & 8 with Immanuel. These names which contain the element of God's name or attributes attributed to God doesn't mean that the child is God. Yet people take things and transpose things to another period, often taking something that is historical and make it look prophetic or take something that is prophetic and make it look historical.

-YHVH announced his plan to his servants the prophet to give to his people in an attempt to lead them towards repentance. These warnings were at times illustrated and demonstrated in the lives and actions of the prophets. In the north and in the south we have prophets who bare children whose names indicate what is coming. God does nothing according to Amos 3 unless he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets. These prophets and their children are for signs and wonders. Both houses of Israel were warned of the coming calamity for Israel in the north and both houses were told the same message from YHVH that Judah would be ok. The north will be scattered. Isaiah says similarly, only a remnant will remain, pillage hastens, looting speeds but he says that the water will only reach up to the neck as God is with us. Hosea says no mercy to the north but mercy will be extended to Judah and only a tenth would remain and the ten tribes were carried away captive to Assyria just as spoken. Things are bad in Judah, a tenth remains, but they don't stay forever. We will pick up here next week.

Shabbat Shalom

(Part One) The Tribes! An Introduction (Ultimately Genealogy Doesn't Matter; UIWU – Objects and Purposes; The Lost Tribes of Israel; All Israel – God's Treasured Possession; One Man's Family; This Great Nation; Covenants; All Can Join Themselves to YHVH; Who is Israel; The Jewish People; Jacob and Israel; Return to YHVH and

Choose Life; Hosea – At Bethel God Spoke with Us; Jacob’s Dream; Israel Shall be Your Name; Mahanaim – Two Camps; Put Away Your Foreign Gods; God will Restore His Land and His People)

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(Part Two) Abraham’s Seed (A Firm Foundation; Chasers of Righteousness; Who are the Lost Sheep; The Call of Abram the Hebrew – The One Who Crossed Over; Walk Before Me and Be Perfect; Where is the Promised Seed of Abram; Look Towards Heaven and Number the Stars; The Promise of a Miraculous Birth; I’ll Come Back and You’ll Have a Son; A Child is Born; The Binding of Isaac; Abraham Listened to God’s Voice; To Sacrifice and to Cease; Touch Not My Anointed Ones and Do My Prophets No Harm; Abraham My Friend)

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(Part Three) The Passing of the Patriarchal Plan (All the Families of the Earth will be Blessed; What Does God Know About Abraham; Guarding the Way of Justice and Righteousness; The Authentic Plan of Salvation; YHVH’s House of Prayer for All Peoples; A Message and a Mission; If you Return – Return to Me; An Irrevocable Oath to One Man’s Family; VaEtchannan – And I Pleaded; The Shema; You Are a Chosen People and a Special Treasure; YHVH’s Two Part Plan – Land and Seed; The Land Belongs to Israel; YHVH’s Heritage / Possession for the People – His Land and His Torah)

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(Part Four) The Reason for the Ratio – Ten to One (The World in Two Groups; Jews & Gentiles; Escaping the Nations; Different Glimpses of Redemption; The Houses of Judah and Israel; Israel Rejects YHVH as King; Solomon Departs the Faith; Ahijah the Prophet Divides the New Garment into Twelve Pieces; Solomon Dies; Jeroboam’s New Authority Over the Ten Tribes; Rehoboam Rejects Jeroboam’s Request to Lighten the Load; YHVH Stops the War – This Thing is From Me; Jeroboam Changes Times and Seasons – Two Golden Calves; The Northern & Southern Tribes Remain Separate – Ten to One)

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(Part Five) Exiled! (The Formal Severance of Ephraim and Judah; Northern Idolatry – Until there was no Remedy; Beyond the River; Banishment as Punishment; Cain is Driven Out; A Fugitive and a Wanderer; Hidden from the Face of God; This Good Land; Those who Defile the Land are Driven Out; Blessings and Curses; A Sabbath for the Land; Idolaters – Scattered Among All Peoples; Sheep Without a Shepherd; Harlotry Against God; The Unfaithfulness of Oholah and Oholibah)

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THIS WEEK IN TORAH

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This week’s Torah Portion KiTetzay: “When You Go” (Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19) The woman of beautiful form, Marrying female captives, Inheritance rights of the firstborn, The wayward and rebellious son, A man hanged on a tree is cursed, Hanging and burial, Concern for property of another, Male and female garb, Sending the mother bird from the nest, Protective fence, Tzitzis, Laws concerning sexual immorality, Defamation of a married woman, If the accusation was true, Adultery, Betrothed Maiden, Forbidden and restricted marriages, Sanctity of the camp, An escaped slave, Sexual purity, Interest, Vows to God, Those excluded from the assembly, Uncleaness in the camp, Laws concerning divorce, A worker’s right to eat, Divorce and remarriage, Millstone, Kidnaping, Tzaraas and slander, Dignity of a debtor, Timely payment of workers, Individual responsibility, Consideration for the orphan and widow, Gifts to the poor from the harvest, Lashes, Levirate marriage and releasing the obligation, Penalty for embarrassing another, Honest weights and measures, Remembering Amalek.

“This Week in Torah” FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

-UIWU Sukkot Camp (2019): (10 /18/19 – 10/20/19)

<https://uiwu.unitedisrael.org/sukkot-camp-meeting/>

-Tanakh Tours of Israel 2019: (11/11/2019 – 11/19/2019)

<https://www.truth2u.org/tanakh-tour/>

-Blossoming Rose Israel Tours (2019 – 2020): (Sep 2019, Oct 2019, Feb-Mar 2020)

<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/>

-Tabor & Nichols Israel Tour 2020 – Walking the Ancient Paths: 2/28/2020 – 3/10/2020

<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/tabor-nichols-walking-the-ancient-path-tour-2020/>
& <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGyJyOmQCI8>

-UNCC Mt. Zion Archaeological Project, Dig Mt. Zion (2020): June/July 2020

<https://digmountzion.uncc.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/digmountzion/>

UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION (UIWU) WEBSITES

-UIWU Official Website: <https://unitedisrael.org/>

-UIWU YouTube Website:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg/videos?view_as=public

-UIWU Facebook Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitedisraelworldunion/>

-UIWU Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/unitedisrael/>

-UIWU President, Tabor Blog, Religion Matters from the Bible to the Modern World:
<https://jamestabor.com/>

-UIWU Executive Vice-President, Ralph Buntyn, "Remembering David Horowitz":
<https://unitedisrael.org/category/remembering-david-horowitz/>

FRIENDS OF UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION

-Blossoming Rose, Official Curator of Biblical Tamar Park: <https://blossomingrose.org/>
& https://www.facebook.com/groups/97078180601/?ref=group_browse

-Kol Yehuda, A Voice from Judah, Connecting you to Israel:

<https://www.kolyehuda.com/> & <https://www.facebook.com/groups/470824226357829/>

-Simcha Jacobovici: The Naked Archaeologist:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/57979546982/>