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**September 28, 2019 – Ross Nichols**

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### **TEACHING NOTES**

-Today we are in the ninth teaching of a series on "The Tribes". Today's class is titled "The Joseph Saga" 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, but tragically for many people who have attached themselves to the bible and who seek to follow the biblical path, these points are unknown.

-1 Chr 5: 1 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, so that he could not be enrolled as the oldest son; 2 though Judah became strong among his brothers and a chief came from him, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph),

-Here we have two major groups that are pulled out in the sense of prominence. The tribe of Judah and the tribe of Joseph, the sons of Joseph. Judah will prevail and have a key role but Joseph, the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel inherit the birthright. Over the next several weeks we will be focusing on these two prominent tribes. Joseph and Judah represent a dominance in history and in prophesy. We are going to go back and look at history because if you want to know what is going to happen you look at what's already happened.

-Ecc 1: 9 What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

-Not long ago we talked about Hosea 12 where the prophet is using the story from the patriarchal narrative and is talking about Jacob and this encounter he has with God at

Bethel and how there God spoke with us. The idea is that the events that took place at Bethel go into the future and what was spoken there speaks beyond that day and into our day at this time. The future is pictured in the past. I want to back into the historical narratives because when we are looking at Joseph and Judah we are looking for certain tendencies and characteristics and story plots that have to do with themes that we find in the prophets, like redemption, salvation and deliverance. When we go back and look at these historical accounts they portray in some ways, what's yet to come. The stories of Judah and Joseph historically provide important information for stories that we find prophetically dealing with Judah and Joseph.

-Today we will go back and take a look at the Joseph Saga. Historically the story of Joseph is contained in Genesis 37 – 50. This is a major shift in the Genesis narrative. The story of Jacob literally becomes the story of Joseph. The story of Joseph is the story of Israel.

-Gen 37: 1 Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

-The Book of Genesis is carried along by the repetition of a phrase, "these are the generations" and it indicates a shift in the plan from Jacob / Israel to his 11<sup>th</sup> son, Joseph who is the favored son of the favored wife. Remember that his mother Rachel was barren and in order for Joseph to even be born, a miracle had to take place. Scripture says that God remembered three people, Noah, Abraham, and Rachel.

-Gen 30: 22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. 23 She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." 24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May YHVH add to me another son!"

-"God has taken away my reproach." In the Hebrew, this means to gather. "May YHVH add to me another son!" In the Hebrew, there are three words associated with the birth of Joseph. Taken away, add, and gather are tied to linguistically with the arrival of Joseph. Names have meaning. Quite often in biblical literature names are associated with one's role that they are to play. Take away, add, and gather come together to give us a description of what Joseph will be associated with throughout biblical literature.

-Gen 49: 1 Then Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. 2 "Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.

-On Jacob's deathbed he is speaking prophetically, assemble yourselves and I will tell you what will happen to you in the last days. Jacob is telling them that what is coming next is associated with prophetic announcement. When he says, gather yourselves together, in the Hebrew this is tied to one of the words associated with the birth of Joseph, to gather yourselves together. Joseph has to do with adding and gathering.

-Gen 30: 25 As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you."

-Genesis 30 is sort of a turning point where Jacob is determined to go home to the land that God has promised to his family. Notice that this didn't happen until Joseph appears in the story. Until Joseph enters into the story of modern times, Israel in its fullness will

not go to inherit the land that God gave to the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When Joseph enters into the story, then the children of Jacob can go home.

-Gen 49: 22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. 23 The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, 24 yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), 25 by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. 26 The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers.

-If you contrast the blessings of Joseph with his brothers there are two that are really interesting, Judah and Joseph. When this talks about, may the blessings be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers, this is only noted one other time in the Hebrew Scriptures.

-Deu 33: 13 And of Joseph he said, "Blessed by YHVH be his land, with the choicest gifts of heaven above, and of the deep that crouches beneath, 14 with the choicest fruits of the sun and the rich yield of the months, 15 with the finest produce of the ancient mountains and the abundance of the everlasting hills, 16 with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favor of him who dwells in the bush. May these rest on the head of Joseph, on the pate of him who is prince among his brothers. 17 A firstborn bull--he has majesty, and his horns are the horns of a wild ox; with them he shall gore the peoples, all of them, to the ends of the earth; they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."

-Again, blessing is very heavy in this particular text which is talking about Joseph. At the end there is something about bringing together, a gathering, and an assemblage of the ends of the earth and Joseph will be used for that and it has to do with Ephraim and Manasseh, his two boys. Is Joseph being separated from his brothers the right translation?

-Num 6: 1 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to YHVH, 3 he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried.

-A Nazirite is one who has separated himself for a special period and time of hyper holiness. There is no commandment against the common person refraining from grapes or wine. However, a person who chooses to make a very special vow, called the vow of the Nazirite, is herein held to a higher standard for a period of time. At the beginning they don't cut their hair, but at the end they do. Joseph is referred to as the one, separate from his brothers.

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saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

-The sons of Bilhah and Zilpha are Dan and Naphtali and Gad and Asher. Joseph brings a bad report to Jacob about Dan and Naphtali and Gad and Asher. These four are the sons of the handmaids. When Jacob was going into the land and he was concerned about the safety of his family he puts these four boys and their mothers at the front in case something bad were to happen. They must have realized that their moms are not the favorite as everyone knew that Rachel was the favorite and it's obvious that Joseph is the favorite. Jacob is not very good at hiding the fact that he has some favoritism going on.

-We will see in these tribal groups that it's important to keep straight who we are talking about. If you read this story and you just say that Joseph told on the other sons you don't get the full picture, this is the sons of the handmaids.

-The Joseph Saga is filled with drama from the very beginning and is a wonderful story full of emotions, love, hate, lust, and passion; and Joseph and his mother are both favored which leads to a deep seated jealousy in the boys. Joseph begins to take center stage and every eye is on Joseph, and from here forward he is separate from his brothers. In the story of Joseph, every time you see a change of garments it indicates something very essential to the story.

-Joseph enters our story as the favored boy and walks up in a garment, is it a colored or stripped garment or does it imply a coat with long sleeves, or as many think of it, a coat of many colors. It's probably gorgeous and expensive and Joseph probably walked up to his brothers with his arms stretched out and said, look what Daddy made me. Clothing will play a big part in the Joseph narrative. Remember that Jacob gets his blessing through deceit and it has to do with a garment. The one with the garment in this story which indicates favoritism ends up with the birthright. There is only one other time that we get the phrase,

-2 Sam 13: 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him." 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked the cakes. 9 And she took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Send out everyone from me." So everyone went out from him. 10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. 11 But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister." 12 She answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing. 13 As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you." 14 But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her. 15 Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up! Go!" 16 But she said to him, "No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her. 17 He called the young man who served him and said, "Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her." 18 Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out

and bolted the door after her. 19 And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she wore. And she laid her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

-2 Sam 13: 18 Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her.

-This story is about Tamar being abused by her brother Amnon and he takes her by force. He pretends to be sick and requests her to make food for him and when she brings the food to him he forces himself on her. Here we have in only two places in biblical literature this special robe which leads to the abuse of a sibling. If we look deeper it also has something to do with recognizing the status of the wearer as someone who is elevated. Tamar is wearing a coat like a virgin daughter of a king and ironically she is abused in this garment. Outwardly there is this picture of something which denotes who this person is and the story depicts the enemies of that position.

-Joseph is a dreamer like his father. Early in the narrative we get the impression that Joseph has a gift and he is not mature in it yet. He has dreams and sometimes it's better if he does not share the full details of the dream with others because it doesn't come out right.

-Gen 37: 5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: 7 Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

-This particular dream, though it does speak of Joseph's rise to prominence, I think is says even more and gives us an indication of in what way he will be brought up to the position that is described in dream. Not only does his sheaf stand up and the others bow down but it has to do with food and his role that later will become evident and ultimately with salvation.

-Gen 37: 9 Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." 10 But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" 11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

-Again, his dream has to do with others bowing down to him and he lets people know about his dream. Siblings sometimes do things like this and don't know in their innocence. Jacob witnesses this and keeps it in mind but the brothers don't respond well at all to it. We need to lay the historical first as it's important to work through this and unfold it more in coming weeks.

-Gen 37: 12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.

-Shechem plays a very interesting part in the story of Joseph, later he ends up being buried there. When he does die, he's in Shechem. Joseph is going to a place as the younger brother whose not respected, to a place where his descendants will ultimately rule and own but not yet.

-Gen 37: 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." 14 So he

said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15 And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" 16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." 17 And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

-How do we bring prophesy in here? In the Song of Songs is a story about a returning one and there is a question; where do they feed the flocks? It's talking about a reunion of God and his people. Go after the footsteps of the flock. Joseph is seeking his brothers and he's told, I think they went to Dothan.

-Gen 37: 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"--that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. 24 And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

-They are plotting, they see him coming and they say let's kill him. I think Reuben sees an opportunity to bring himself back into favor with his father. He knows that Joseph is the favorite and he's already lost his place of honor with the father as the firstborn. This says a lot for Reuben, he is trying desperately to get back into his father's love. He says, let's not kill him, let's just throw him in there, he has a plan that later he will come back get him out and bring him to the father and say, look I brought your son.

-Gen 37: 25 Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. 28 Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt. 29 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes 30 and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?"

-One of the main points of today's class covering this introductory material it to introduce you to a phrase that is associated with Joseph. Remember that with the Nazarites, Joseph is separated from his brothers. Here we have the second one, it says that Joseph "is not", the boy is gone. Joseph now becomes known as the boy that's not.

-Gen 42: 13 And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more."

-Gen 42: 32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.'

-Gen 42: 36 And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me."

-Gen 44: 30 "Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, 31 as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol.

-Gen 37: 31 Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." 33 And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. 35 All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. 36 Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

-Jacob, when he sees the coat, he understands that Joseph is dead. Jacob is weeping and refuses to be comforted and uncontrollably sobbing. While at the same time we see the caravan taking Joseph to Egypt. Joseph is not dead, he is thought to be dead.

-Then the story shifts in the Joseph saga. The one born of the favored one miraculously, the name Joseph indicates the purpose for which Joseph comes into the story. From the time that Joseph enters the story, only then does Israel go home to the Promised Land. Separate from his brothers. He becomes known as the one who is separate from his brothers, the one who is not. Jealousy and hatred by the brothers becomes front and center of the story.

-This dreamer who is now on his way to Potiphar's house is given a glimpse through dreams of what it is that he is to do in life. He is stolen away from his home, in Dothan. Remember that Dothan is in the area of Jezreel which play prominently in the prophecies of Hosea where his first son is called Jezreel, God will scatter. Joseph going into Egypt is a picture of this. Joseph is thought to be dead and is referred to as, Joseph is not and so it is with Joseph's descendants today. When Jacob hears and believes that his son has been killed he begins to weep and sob uncontrollably and he refuses to be comforted.

-Jer 31: 15 Thus says YHVH: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

-Just like Jacob weeping for Joseph, Rachel is prophetically also seeing weeping for Joseph. Just as Jacob refused to be comforted so in this prophecy, Rachel refuses to be comforted. Just as in the story Joseph is referred to as Joseph is not, so in this prophecy Rachel's children are referred to as they are no more. Just as in the Joseph saga he's not dead, only thought to be dead, so it is in the prophecy in Jeremiah. If you only read this verse in Jeremiah you would think that the child was dead.

-Jer 31: 16 Thus says YHVH: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares YHVH, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope for your future, declares YHVH, and your children shall come back to their own country.

-When Joseph was not, if someone could have told Jacob, refrain your voice from weeping father because the son you think is dead is not dead, he'll come back. It would have made a difference, but he didn't know. So to, people who read these prophecies assume that this speaks of the death of children but the truth of the matter is, it doesn't. In context it deals prophetically with the historical reality of Joseph and the descendants who are taken captive, but the voice of YHVH says stop crying they are coming back.

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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**(Part Six) Tracking the Tribes** (The World Map of the Bible; The People of God and Their Migrations; Mesopotamia / Aram – Land Between Two Rivers; Travel Routes in the Ancient World; Abram’s Journey – Ur to the Land of Promise; Hebrews – To Cross Over; Abram the Wandering Aramean; The Exodus Route – Egypt to the Land of Promise; The Land Vomits Them Out; The House of Judah – Southern Tribes; The House of Israel / Joseph / Ephraim – The Northern Tribes; Hosea’s Prophecy to the Northern Tribes, He Will Scatter, No Mercy, Not My People; Assyrian Deportations – None was Left but the House of Judah; God has Mercy on the House of Judah)

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**(Part 7) Signs and Wonders – The Tribes** (Signs and Wonders in Association with God’s Redemption and Exile; Both Blessings and Curses can Chase you Down; A Sampling of Misunderstood and Misapplied Prophecies; Isaiah (Southern Kingdom) and Hosea (Northern Kingdom) and Their Children are for Signs and Wonders; Context vs. Interpretation; Isaiah’s Prophecies of the Four Kings of Judah; Uzziah is Stricken with Leprosy; The Call of the Prophet Isaiah; The Syro-Ephraimite War; Ahaz Makes a Deal with Assyria; The Lord will Give You a Sign; Pillage Hastens – Looting Speeds; Immanuel – God is With Us; God’s Mercy on Judah; The Birth of a Righteous King)

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**(Part 8) Births of Israel’s Children – The Tribes** (Origins of the People of Israel; YHVH Reveals His Way to the Nations; The Story of One Man’s Family; Turn to YHVH Our God; The Restoration of All Humanity – The Way of YHVH; Be Ye Holy; The Son of God; The Birth of the Holy Family; Jacob Flees and Becomes Two Camps; God Changes Jacob’s Name to Israel; Put Away the Foreign Gods; Jacob’s Dream; Rachel Dies; Bethlehem – Ephrathah; The Clans of Judah; The Consequences of Reuben; The Birthright is Given to the Sons of Joseph; Two Sons Rise to Prominence – Judah and Joseph)

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## **THIS WEEK IN TORAH**

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This week’s Torah Portion Nitzavim: “You Are Standing” (Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20)  
The covenant renewed in Moab, Warning against idolatry, Eventual repentance and forgiveness, The Torah is accessible, The choice of life and death, Choose life.

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## **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](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](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/>