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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION

-Welcome to United Israel World Union, this is our Sabbath morning scripture study coming to you live from the United Israel Center in Saint Francisville, Louisiana. Many of you are in your own place today, alone, Shabbat Shalom and thank you for joining us this morning. We need one another to help us go through what the world is going through today. I pray that all of you and the ones that you care for remain healthy today and throughout the coronavirus.

-We currently find ourselves in a UIWU Teaching Series on The Ten Words (Matters, Things, Articles) / The Ten Commandments. This is one of the central themes in all biblical revelation. Everything that comes before it, builds up to it and everything that follows is either based upon it in a positive or contrary way.

-I will be teaching on several categories, starting with the setting, time, and place of the greatest event in all of human history, the description of the event and what transpired on the day of the giving of the Torah, a detailed study of what are The Ten and what is the meaning of The Ten. The numbering we are going on is based upon the white spaces, the open and closed breaks within the Hebrew text. The translation we are using is a very literal close rendition of what these words say in Hebrew. I prepared a Comparison of the Ten Words in English Chart comparing how the words appear in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Red on the chart indicate variations between the words as recorded in Exodus and Deuteronomy. These classes are all focused on what I call the single greatest event in history. The following scripture is a summary of everything I intend to teach on over the next several weeks.

-Deu 4: 10 how on the day that you stood before YHVH your God at Horeb, YHVH said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.' 11 And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the

mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. 12 Then YHVH spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone.

TEACHING NOTES

-Today's subject on the Sabbath is especially important because it's the key that opened the door to Torah orientation, bringing people from all faiths into Torah faith. People who have a love for God, a desire to find truth and search for God with all their heart and all their soul, one of the things that wakes them up is Shabbat. As you look out upon your brothers and sisters who are becoming oriented towards Torah faith, don't be critical and argumentative of their walk because God is waking these people up. He is using Shabbat among other things to bring people to the light of Torah. Torah observance and Shabbat go hand in hand especially among this awakening crowd. I believe Shabbat is somewhat of a test commandment for these people. What day is the holy day? The Sabbath is the key to unlocking Torah faith and remember it's a test commandment to see whether a person will walk in Torah faith or not. This has always been a test to see if people would adhere to God's covenant or not and it was designed that way. Before the covenant at Sinai and before these Ten Words were spoken, before they were written on tablets of stone, God put this test into force before the children of Israel.

-Exo 16: 4 Then YHVH said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

-From Exodus 16 we get this idea that before the covenant at Sinai this test commandment was put forward for the children of Israel to see whether they would keep the Torah or not. This was already instituting the sixth day as the day of preparation, bring forward enough food because on the seventh day it won't be there.

-Exo 16: 22 On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses, 23 he said to them, "This is what YHVH has commanded: "Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to YHVH; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning."

-The seventh day is a day of solemn rest, a Sabbath given to the children of Israel before the Ten Words were given at Sinai.

-Exo 16: 25 Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to YHVH; today you will not find it in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none." 27 On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. 28 And YHVH said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?"

-After this test is put forward, the people go out on the seventh day, yet they have already been told there was not going to be any manna. The people go out any way and YHVH tells Moses, how long will you refuse to guard my commandments and my instructions? God is saying, there are some who failed the test already because they went out looking for food on the Shabbat. This is the first revelation of the Shabbat to the nation of Israel,

the people whom God has selected as his special treasure to teach the world about his way and they are already failing in this regard on Shabbat.

-Exo 16: 1 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.

-Exodus 16 provides us with the idea that the seventh day is to be set apart and one must prepare for it. Let us next read Word Three from the Comparison of the Ten Words in English Chart, both Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 and highlight and explain the differences.

EXODUS 20	DEUTERONOMY 5
<p>(8) Remember the Sabbath Day to separate it. (9) Six days you shall serve, and you shall do all your work. (10) And the seventh day is for יהוה your Elohim; you shall not do any work – you, and your son, and your daughter, and your servant, and your handmaid, and your beast, and your stranger who is in your gates, (11) because six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that is in them and He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, יהוה blesed the Sabbath Day and separated it. [□]</p>	<p>(12) Guard the Sabbath Day to separate it, as which יהוה your Elohim commanded you. (13) Six days you shall serve, and you shall do all your work. (14) And the seventh day is for יהוה your Elohim; you shall not do any work – you, and your son, and your daughter, and your servant, and your handmaid, and your ox and your donkey, and all of your beast, and your stranger who is in your gates, in order that your servant and your handmaid may rest as you. (15) And you should remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt and יהוה your Elohim brought you out from there with a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, therefore יהוה your Elohim commanded you to do the Sabbath Day. [□]</p>

-Word Three dealing with Shabbat is one of two commandments in the positive. The other Ten Words have a lot of thou shalt nots. Word Three and Word Four are the only two positives, the rest are negatives, what you shouldn't do. The things that you should do can be implied by taking the opposite of the negative. The Words dealing with Shabbat and with honoring and giving weight to parents are the only two.

-Let's start by looking at the black text because this is what's consistent between Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. "the Sabbath Day to separate it. Six days you shall serve, and you shall do all your work. And the seventh day is for YHVH your Elohim; you shall not do any work – you, and your son, and your daughter, and your servant, and your handmaid, and your beast, and your stranger who is in your gates. Therefore, YHVH, the Sabbath Day."

-That's what consistent between the two. Each version gives us different reasons and we'll look at that. Remember, both are presented in the text as being the record of what was spoken from Sinai. Let's dig in so we can see what we can learn from this. What's common between the two accounts is that Shabbat is to be separate and there is to be work, six days. Many people talk about how the Sabbath is a day of rest and how they don't work, yet the other part of this commandment is working six days. You shall do all your work six days. The seventh day is to or for YHVH. The Sabbath is for YHVH, work is forbidden. We are to separate the day, to be set apart, to be separate. It's translated as sanctify, make holy, sacred, hollow, and consecrate and all of them are based on a three letter Hebrew root word. It means to set apart the Sabbath, to separate it.

-Exodus says one is to "**remember**" the Sabbath Day and Deuteronomy says one is to "**guard**" the Sabbath Day. Sometimes translated as "observe" the Sabbath Day. Both say

this is what you must do to set it apart and make it holy. What does remember it and guard it mean?

-Exo 20: 11 **because six days YHVH mad the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that is in them and He rested on the seventh day.** Therefore, YHVH **blessed** the Sabbath Day **and separated it.**

-You are to remember the Sabbath Day and separate it because YHVH made the heavens and the earth in six days and he himself rested on the seventh day, therefore YHVH blessed it and separated it.

-Gen 2: 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

-Here is says basically, the creation story presents that Elohim made all that he made, his work of creation, he did that in six days. From all his work he rested, that he did make. It's complete, he finished, and then he rests. Elohim blessed the seventh day and separated it and on it he ceased. Shabbat means to stop / cease. Shabbat is associated with rest. God rested because on it he ceased, Shabbat from his work. He stopped, he ceased. Exodus 20 says that YHVH rested rather than ceased. The point of associating Exodus 20 with Genesis 2 is to say that one is to do likewise. We are to imitate God in this respect. God did all his work in six days and stopped and rested on the seventh day, so are you to do likewise. Imitating God in this sense, you can partake in the divine realm.

-The seventh day is the first thing that is called holy. Most people are drawn into Torah Faith through Shabbat. It's like an invitation to partake of holiness. People have lived a corrupt life, a lawless life, and lived without Torah and the way that they are drawn back in is through the holiest of the holy. I don't know what else is right, but I know Shabbat is holy and that draws us. Shabbat is the first thing called holy. Time is sacred and can be holy. A portion of our time is required to be holy. There is a 24-hour period that is totally set apart. In Exodus, we are to remember to set it apart. In Deuteronomy, we are to guard it, to set it apart. Remember and guard, both are important.

-Psa 103: 17 But the steadfast love of YHVH is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, 18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

-God's loving kindness and his righteousness are eternal to such that guard the covenant and remember his precepts. To guard and remember go hand in hand. Remember doesn't mean you forgot something it means to call it to mind. Call to mind the Shabbat, to separate it. To guard means to watch over and to keep, to post a century. Sometimes guard means to guard something in your mind, to guard it and put it aside in your mind.

-Gen 37: 11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

-He guarded the word. According to Exodus 20 we are to remember the Sabbath Day to separate it and according to Deuteronomy we are to guard the Sabbath Day to separate it and the meaning is not so far apart. Like two ways of thinking the same thing. Now we will talk about why? Why are we commanded to separate the day? If you look at the creation account in Exodus it's because YHVH created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day and therefore he blessed it and separated it, and because he did that we are to imitate his actions. Do all you are going to do in six days and then stop and imitate God.

-Deuteronomy's account gives another reason to separate the Sabbath Day. Deuteronomy doesn't mention the creation account it mentions that in order that your servant and your handmaid may rest as you. The reason that you are to guard the Sabbath Day to separate it in order that your servant and your handmaid may rest as you.

-Exo 23: 12 "Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.

-While Exodus 20 doesn't associate the reason for Sabbath with rest being allowed for others, in Exodus 23: 12 it does. What Deuteronomy wants us to see in the Ten Words is the benefit of Shabbat, not just for you but for others. The people who we depend on, we are not to make them work. It's about giving and allowing rest to others. Allowing people to breath and be refreshed. Deuteronomy 5 says that the reason for Shabbat is so that the rest occurs on earth, as in heaven. Just as rest occurred in the heavens, rest can occur on the earth because of Shabbat. Everyone is to benefit from Shabbat.

-Exodus says "your beast" and Deuteronomy says "**your ox and your donkey, and all of your** beast". Then both accounts say, "and your stranger who is in your gates." I love that it includes everyone in this rest, all humans and all beast. Exodus wants us to remember the Sabbath Day to separate it, yet Deuteronomy wants us to remember something else as one separates the seventh day.

-Deu 5: 15 **And you should remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt and YHVH your Elohim brought you out from there with a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, therefore YHVH your Elohim commanded you to do the Sabbath Day.**

-Remember that you were a servant. In order to separate the Sabbath Day what God is telling us is this, remember where you came from. You know why I stress so much to not debate and fight with people who are learning and coming into the faith? It's because it's a commandment. We are not the boss of these people. We are fellow servants on a path seeking truth. Let God lead them to the place of Torah observance and he's going to use Shabbat most likely. While you are thinking about Shabbat, you know what you need to remember, remember you were a servant, you were a slave. Treat strangers with goodness and kindness because you ought to know how it feels. Use these lessons, it makes sense. You know how it feels to not have rest, but you also know the benefit of rest. Rest and redemption take on a sort of universal status if you will.

-Deu 15: 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and YHVH your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.

-Deu 16: 12 You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

-Deu 24: 18 but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and YHVH your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

-Deu 24: 22 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.

-Repeatedly God looks at the children of Israel and tells them, remember you were a servant in Egypt and I'm commanding you this. It's connecting where you came from to the obligation that the Torah now places you in. Don't forget your status and where you came from. God didn't redeem slaves to be kings. In a way he redeemed servants to be servants, but the rulership changed. God's calling of a people is called to be a kingdom of priests, but really the kingdom of priests is a kingdom of servants. If you want to be in

God's kingdom you must be a servant. There is only room for one King, everyone else is a servant.

-Deu 17: 14 "When you come to the land that YHVH your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you may indeed set a king over you whom YHVH your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16 Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since YHVH has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' 17 And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. 18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear YHVH his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, 20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

-It's about the servant's responsibilities. This is what the Torah is driving for. When we talk about Shabbat, we are to be productive and creative, but everyone is entitled to the benefit of the rest that goes along with Shabbat, human and animal life as well.

-Exo 31: 12 And YHVH said to Moses, 13 "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, YHVH, sanctify you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to YHVH. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. 16 Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. 17 It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days YHVH made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.'"

-Shabbat is a sign throughout your generations so that you may know that YHVH separates you. The Sabbath is a sign that you have been made holy, you have been made separate in a biblical sense. In Israel, on Friday the Muslim shops are closed, on Saturday the Jewish shops are closed, and on Sunday the Christian shops are closed. Imagine the whole world keeping Shabbat. We are to guard the Sabbath Day because it's holy for you. Guard the Sabbath Day and do the Shabbat as a sign forever between me and the children of Israel. In six days, he created the heavens and the earth and on the seventh day he ceased and was refreshed.

-Exo 34: 21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

-We tend to put burdens on ourselves and allow business affairs to bleed over into the day when they don't have to. This rest is needed if you don't, you are going to wear yourself out. This is not in alignment with the Torah.

-Exo 35: 2 Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to YHVH. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. 3 You shall kindle no fire in all your dwelling places on the Sabbath day."

-It doesn't mention fire in the Ten Words, but it did in Exodus 16. When they were going out and getting the bread, they were told to cook it on this day but not on the seventh day. This day is a day of total rest, prepare the day before so that you can rest.

-Lev 19: 1 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I YHVH your God am holy. 3 Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am YHVH your God. 4 Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am YHVH your God.

-Leviticus 19 is part of what's called the Holiness Code by scholars is sort of a priestly commentary on the commandments, but the order is flipped backwards. He's talking about the Ten Words these are the commandments.

-Lev 23: 1 YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of YHVH that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts. 3 "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to YHVH in all your dwelling places.

-A lot of people get into studying the feasts and the festivals but the most important is a weekly occurrence. Notice that these are appointments with YHVH. You are to do this every week. Six days you will work and do all your work but on the seventh day is an appointment with YHVH, it's a holy convocation, what is called holy. It's a holy calling, an assembly of holiness which occurs every week and it's one of the festivals of YHVH.

-The Torah, Prophets, and Writings have much to say about Sabbath observance and about the profaning of the Sabbath as well. There are many passages describing how the children of Israel forsook the Sabbath; see Isaiah 1 and Ezekiel 20 as an example. Throughout the text of the bible the observance of Shabbat is testified of. This commandment, like the other nine of the Ten Words, has universal implications. Shabbat, like these others, are the foundation, the bedrock of a society based on justice, truth, righteousness, and peace.

-Isa 56: 1 Thus says YHVH: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." 3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to YHVH say, "YHVH will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." 4 For thus says YHVH: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, 5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. 6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to YHVH, to minister to him, to love the name of YHVH, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant-- 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." 8 Adonai YHVH, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

-Isa 66: 22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says YHVH, so shall your offspring and your name remain. 23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares YHVH.

-All flesh will come before YHVH on the Sabbath, and on the new moons. Imagine people from all nations of the earth coming to worship before YHVH on Shabbat.

-Zec 14: 12 And this shall be the plague with which YHVH will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. 13 And on that day a great panic from YHVH shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other. 14 Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance. 15 And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps. 16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, YHVH of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. 17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, YHVH of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

-Isa 58: 1 "Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. 3 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. 4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to YHVH? 6 "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of YHVH shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and YHVH will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, 10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. 11 And YHVH will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12 And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. 13 "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of YHVH honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; 14 then you shall take delight in YHVH, and I will make

you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of YHVH has spoken."

-All the good things to come according to Isaiah 58, hypocrisy and the pointing of the finger have to go, the genuine concern for the afflicted and the poor and those that are in bondage, those things are what set the stage for a light to go forth to the nations. So long as the group that has the light refuses to share the light the whole world walks in darkness. The true light bearers are those who say, enter the comfort and rest of Shabbat. Separate the Shabbat, join with those who keep Shabbat with foreigners who grab hold of the covenant.

-Separate the Sabbath Day, these words were engraved on stone with the finger of God. In order to separate the day, we must remember it and we must guard it. Just as YHVH did all his work in six days and ceased on the seventh, so are we to do the same. We are to remember this and memorialize it and we are also to remember where we came from and what it's like to be in the place of some of these who are just discovering Shabbat. Deuteronomy says to remember where you were. As YHVH freed the children of Israel allowing them to rest so is Israel to free servants and animals that they might rest. It's an act of imitating God. Just as YHVH rested and was refreshed so too shall all, animal and human be allowed to rest. While the benefits belong to the entire creation the day is to or for YHVH. The benefit of Shabbat is for all of us but the day itself is for YHVH, it's holy.

-Imitate God, create and be created, be productive, do much, go forth and be blessed and be creative, may your businesses prosper and your life grow into a beautiful garden before your eyes, but on Shabbat – stop, rest, and give that time to the one who created all. Be free. The covenant of Ten Words before us is a document which drives freedom and in so doing, enjoy your freedom, remember was slavery was like and set forward in every way of your life to ensure that others benefit from total freedom. Look around us, let's find ways to bring everyone to that free place. What will come of this if we do it is a universal time of refreshing will come upon this world. God's will and his ways will be done on earth as they are in heaven. Next week, Word Four where we talk about honoring parents.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, See you next week!

The Ten Words – Day of Assembly – Class One (The Ten Words – The Setting, The Description, and The Details; The Burning Bush and The Mountain of God; Listen and Learn to Internalize the Words of YHVH Given to You; Listen, Learn, Guard, and Do; See These Things Through Your Eyes; Martin Buber – Read the Bible; Exodus and the Pilgrimage Festival; A Holy Journey to a Holy Place to Worship the One True God; The Three Pilgrimage Festivals; In the Day of the Assembly; The Unnamed Festival; Judah's Great Revival; Return to YHVH Your God with All Your Heart and Soul)

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Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Teaching-Notes-2020.5.2-The-Ten-Words-The-Fire-Law-Class-Two.pdf>

The Ten Words – Some Burning Questions – Class Three (Shavuot and the Time of Covenants; This Great Thing; The Work of God; Moses Smashes the Tablets; God Writes the Same Words a Second Time; The Ark of the Covenant of YHVH is Gone; What was Written on the Stones; The Giving of the Ten Words; Blessed is the Man Who Keeps the Sabbath; Two Accounts of the Ten Words – Exodus 20 & Deuteronomy 5; And YHVH Added No More; Differences in the Two Accounts; Identical Words – Similar Words – and Different Words; Some Burning Questions; What was Written on the Tablets; I Am YHVH Your God)

May 9, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links:

<https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-some-burning-questions-class-three/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Teaching-Notes-2020.5.9-The-Ten-Words-Some-Burning-Questions-Class-Three.pdf>

The Ten Words – Counting the Ten – Class Four (What was Written on the Stones; Two Sets of Tablets; Some Burning Questions; Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 – A Comparison of the Two Accounts; How do We Number the Ten; Spaces Within the Text; Major / Open and Minor / Closed White Spaces; Individual Words Within the Ten Words; A Comparison of the Ten Words in English – A Chart; The Missed Word of the Ten Words)

May 16, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-counting-the-ten-class-four/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Teaching-Notes-2020.5.16-The-Ten-Words-Counting-the-Ten-Class-Four.pdf>

A Comparison of the Ten Words in English: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Ten-Words-Comparison.pdf>

The Ten Words – I. Exclusive Allegiance – Class Five (Understanding and Applying the Ten Words; Word One – Between the White Spaces; The Exclusive Allegiance to

YHVH; I Am YHVH Your Elohim; YHVH Speaks to Us First Person; A Comparison of Template Components – The Ten Words Covenant vs. Ancient Near East Covenants; (1) The Introduction of the Overlord, (2) The Historical Prologue, (3) The Prime Stipulation, and (4) The Other Stipulations; No it will be to You Other Elohim Above My Face; A Biblical Transition from Monolatry to Monotheism)

May 23, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video/Dialogue Links:

<https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-i-exclusive-allegiance-class-five/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Teaching-Notes-2020.5.23-The-Ten-Words-I-Exclusive-Allegiance-Class-Five.pdf>

The Ten Words – I. Idolatry – Class Six (Prohibitions Against Idols – The Original Intended Meaning; Idols and Images – What were They; Ancient World Beliefs about the gods They Made and Brought to Life; The Mouth Opening Ceremony; The Hebrew Prophets View of Idol Makers; What is an Idol – Chipped, Chopped, Shaped, and Poured; Isaiah’s Glimpses of Idols; Jeremiah – YHVH is Our Creator – The Other gods are Stupid; Cut Cedars of Lebanon for the House of YHVH; Cut Two Tablets of Stone Like the First; Tables of the Heart and the New Covenant)

May 30, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-i-idolatry-class-six/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Teaching-Notes-2020.5.30-The-Ten-Words-I-Idolatry-Class-Six.pdf>

The Ten Words – I. Love and Guard – Class Seven (Dealing with the Why of Word One; Two Groups – Lovers and Haters of YHVH; Because I YHVH; YHVH’s Way for All Humanity; YHVH’s Love for Israel; The Oneness of God; Love and the Love of God; The Shema; What Does YHVH Your God Require of You; Love Requires Action; Love YHVH and Keep / Guard His Commandments; Righteous Prayer Includes Confession; His Loving Kindness Endures Forever; What YHVH Delights In – Truth, Justice, and Knowledge of God in the Earth; Haters / Enemies of YHVH; For Ones Hating Me; We are All Held Accountable for Our Own Sins – Ezekiel 18; Turn and Live; The Self-Description of God; YHVH is a Jealous / Zealous God; YHVH – The Passionate One)

June 6, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links:

<https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-i-love-and-guard-class-seven/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Teaching-Notes-2020.6.6-The-Ten-Words-I-Love-and-Guard-Class-Seven.pdf>

The Ten Words – II. False Oaths – Class Eight (You Shall Not Take the Name of the LORD Your God in Vain; You Shall Not Lift the Name of YHVH Your God for Falsehood; Three Translations – To Lift, Bring, and Take Up the Name of YHVH Your God; Lot and Abram’s Possessions Burden the Land; The Word of YHVH is Heavy – A Voice to be Lifted Up; Do Not Lift Up a False Report; A False Witness vs A Lying Witness; Not Carrying God’s Name into a False Oath; Oath Taking in the Biblical Period was Common Practice; Swearing by the Name of YHVH – As

YHVH Lives; Jeremiah 44 – The End of Taking Oaths; A Restoration Promise – As YHVH Lives will Return)

June 13, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-ii-false-oaths-class-eight/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Teaching-Notes-2020.6.13-The-Ten-Words-II.-False-Oath-Class-Eight.pdf>

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

JUNE 20, 2020

This week's Torah Portion Shelach: "Send For Yourself" (Numbers 13:1 – 15:41) Command to send spies into Canaan (Eretz Yisrael), Moses prays for Joshua, Report of the spies, Caleb shouted down and the people rebel, Israel is threatened with extermination, Moses intercedes for the people, God promises judgment with forty years of wandering in the wilderness, Israel defeated in battle, Laws about sacrifices, Laws about unintentional sins, A Sabbath breaker executed, Tassels (Tzitzis) on garments.

"Shavua Tov" and Have a Great Week!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Blossoming Rose Israel Tours (2020 - 2021): <https://blossomingrose.org/>

-Limited Mobility Israel Tour – 2020: Nichols – Young; October 19 – 29, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyUGXC4fUvU> & <https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/limited-mobility-israel-tour-2020/>

-Connect to Israel Tour – 2020: Clayton – Young; November 1 – 13, 2020

<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/connect-to-israel-tour-2020/>

-Walking the Ancient Paths from Abraham to Jesus: Tabor – Nichols Israel Tour; March 2021; <https://www.facebook.com/unitedisrael/videos/1519585374879147>,

<https://blossomingrose.org/>

-UNCC Mt. Zion Archaeological Project, Dig Mt. Zion (2021): June/July 2021

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

UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION (UIWU) WEBSITES

-UIWU Official Website / YouTube Website / Facebook Website:

<https://unitedisrael.org/> (UIWU Main Website)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nShN1HpRDBA&list> (Weekly Service Promo)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg> (YouTube Videos)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitedisraelworldunion/> (UIWU Facebook)

-UIWU Founder, United Nations Correspondent, Author, (1903 – 2003) David Horowitz:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Horowitz_\(author\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Horowitz_(author))

<https://jamestabor.com/the-extraordinary-life-of-david-horowitz-documented-at-last/>

<https://unitedisrael.org/remembering-david-horowitz/>

-UIWU President, Biblical Scholar/Professor at UNCC, Tabor Blog, Dr. James D. Tabor:

<https://jamestabor.com/>

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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=james+tabor

-UIWU Executive Vice-President, Historian, Researcher, Author, Ralph Buntyn:
<https://unitedisrael.org/category/remembering-david-horowitz/>
<https://www.amazon.com/Book-David-Horowitz-Nations-Founder/dp/1630515833>
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ralph+buntyn

-UIWU Vice-President, Weekly Teaching and Study Sessions, Ross Nichols:
<https://unitedisrael.org/author/rknichols/>
<https://rossknichols.com/about-ross-nichols/>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg>

-UIWU Vice-President, Temple Beth Shalom, Hickory, NC, Rabbi Dennis Jones:
<https://www.hickoryjewishcenter.com/index.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hickory-Jewish-CenterTemple-Beth/125461817509689> & <https://unitedisrael.org/faith-without-borders/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BsCXrGttxo> (The Song of Moses by Patricia Tyler)

-UIWU Historical Research Specialist, Weekly Teachings, Author, Jodell Onstott:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jodell+onstott
<https://www.amazon.com/YHWH-Exists-Jodell-Onstott/dp/0975337505>

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<https://blossomingrose.org/>
https://www.facebook.com/groups/97078180601/?ref=group_browser
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLCdRzFRy90> (Biblical Tamar – 7 Periods)
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=biblical+tamar+park+israel

-Kol Yehuda, Facebook United 2 Restore, Israeli Tour Guide, Hanoch Young:
<https://www.kolyehuda.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/470824226357829/>
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hanoch+young+israel

-Film Director, Producer, Freelance Journalist, Author, Simcha Jacobovici:
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simcha_Jacobovici
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Simcha+Jacobovici

-Archaeologist, Professor of Practice at UNCC, Dr. Shimon Gibson:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=shimon+gibson
<https://history.uncc.edu/people/dr-shimon-gibson>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimon_Gibson

-Nehemia’s Wall, Uncovering Ancient Hebrew Sources of Faith, Nehemia Gordan
<https://www.nehemiaswall.com/>;
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nehemia+gordan