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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.

EXODUS 20	DEUTERONOMY 5
(14) You shall not adulterate [□]	(18) and you shall not adulterate [□]

TEACHING NOTES

-Today we are on the twelfth class in a series on the Ten Words and we are talking about Word Six of ten if you go by the white spaces, the breaks within the Hebrew text which we are. Word Six is translated as, “Thou shall not adulterate.” The word adulterate is used here as a verb. In order to define the word adultery, we are going to look at context and let the bible tell us what it means in the text. Is the word adulterate, as translated for Word Six, a good fit? What is adultery? A lot of words are used to describe unauthorized sexual intercourse.

-Is our idea of adultery in English properly interpreted? Today’s class will cover adult content presented in a careful and discreet way. Adultery is a sexual sin / crime. The root word for adultery comes from two combined Latin root words. One means too / near and the other means other. When these two are combined it means to pollute, to defile, to come near someone other. By putting something in something that doesn’t belong, you adulterate it, you pollute it, you dilute it, and you contaminate it. The idea is about coming near to someone other and it involves diluting, polluting, putting something where it doesn’t belong.

-Today’s subject matter deals with a sexual offense and is one of the gravest sins / crimes that can be committed in the human realm. It is that bad. It is destructive and is bringing ruination on untold billions of people on our planet today. The bible has a lot to say about sex and it’s clear about what is and is not acceptable. There are also certain times when sexual intercourse is not approved. Today I’m not going to talk about human sexuality from the bible because it’s too broad a subject. Today, I’m going to focus narrowly on one aspect of human sexuality within the Hebrew Bible, “you shall not adulterate”. What does this mean? Biblically, what constitutes adultery for men and for women and are they different?

-Adultery is related to some other commands, both inside and outside the Ten Words. Have you heard the phrase, spiritual adultery? Many examples of adultery in the bible are dealing with spiritual adultery. YHVH our God is supposed to be the one and only, so when Israel goes after other gods, this is explained by the prophets as adultery, sometimes referred to as harlotry. The difference being, with harlotry you make money for it, adultery you do out of passion and lust for no money, it’s just wickedness. When the prophets repeatedly describe Israel’s departure from it’s one true love, YHVH our God, it’s to other gods, to Baal, to another master, Lord, or husband, it’s usually referred to as adultery.

-Hosea is told to go marry a woman of ill repute and you’re going to have children with her because I want you to understand as my spokesman the way I feel. My people have

been unfaithful to me just as Gomer will be unfaithful to you, spiritual adultery. Today's class is not about spiritual adultery. Some also believe that adultery and taking away the exclusivity of God go together.

-Stealing, Word Seven, is associated with adultery. The big three, murder (Word Five), adultery (Word Six), and theft (Word Seven) all come down to the same problem, you're taking something that's not yours to take, whether it's a life, a wife, or anything in general. The people who do bad are unauthorized takers. You can't take it if it's not yours, you must own it. One of the biggest crimes in the world today is unauthorized taking. People think they have a right to go in and take other people's things, theft, robbery etc. It's a crime against God's established order.

-The root word for adulterate occurs in the Hebrew Bible 34 times in 29 verses and most of these deal with spiritual adultery. We can understand exactly what this sin is by looking at some key texts.

-Exo 20: 14 "You shall not commit adultery.

-Deu 5: 18 "And you shall not commit adultery.

-Lev 20: 10 "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

-Notice that it says with another man's wife, this is a key to understanding what it means to commit adultery. A wife in Hebrew is typically the woman of a man. You are in a covenant relationship and you belong, you're a woman of a man and you're connected. The crime is that if a man takes a woman of a man or a woman of his neighbor and has intercourse with her, both should die. This is harsh in our culture but it's destroying the fabric of society. Biblically, this is a ruination causing crime.

-Pro 30: 20 This is the way of an adulteress: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, "I have done no wrong."

-The idea here is an adulteress is carefree and brazen in her sin. I didn't do anything wrong. In our society today, many people think this is ok, yet biblically it's not. Ezekiel 16 is a difficult read and is mostly an allegory about two promiscuous sisters that describe Israel and Judah and they are both naughty.

-Eze 16: 32 Adulterous wife, who receives strangers instead of her husband!

-Wife and husband are not there in the Hebrew, what it says is, the woman who adulterates; instead of her man she takes strangers. Biblically, the woman of a man is betrothed, engaged, or going with someone. The woman who adulterates, instead of her man, she takes strangers, she accepts strangers. Numbers 5:11 – 31 deals with what in Hebrew is called "sotah", which means to turn aside.

-Num 5: 29 "This is the law in cases of jealousy, when a wife, though under her husband's authority, goes astray and defiles herself,

-When a woman turns aside to another instead of her man and she's defiled. Numbers 5 gives us the instructions of jealousies and is a strange priestly document. If a man suspects his wife of being unfaithful and sleeping with another person, he brings her to the priest for a bizarre ritual and the woman is caused to pronounce a certain oath and then drinks the water of bitterness; if she is guilty according to the ritual, bad things happen. This is called a ritual by ordeal. The idea behind Numbers 5:29 is that of ritual defilement and is unclean with repercussions on a spiritual level.

-Num 5: 11 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 12 "Speak to the people of Israel, If any man's wife goes astray and breaks faith with him, 13 if a man lies with her sexually, and

it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and she is undetected though she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her, since she was not taken in the act,

-When a woman sneaks around on her husband, if she did this, she is defiled. If she turned aside from her man to accept in her another man, she has broken faith, acted unfaithfully, and defiled herself. The crime is to turn aside to uncleanness, instead of your man. We are also looking at the results of this crime.

-Num 5: 19 Then the priest shall make her take an oath, saying, 'If no man has lain with you, and if you have not turned aside to uncleanness while you were under your husband's authority, be free from this water of bitterness that brings the curse. 20 But if you have gone astray, though you are under your husband's authority, and if you have defiled yourself, and some man other than your husband has lain with you, 21 then' (let the priest make the woman take the oath of the curse, and say to the woman) YHVH make you a curse and an oath among your people, when YHVH makes your thigh fall away and your body swell.

-Num 5: 27 And when he has made her drink the water, then, if she has defiled herself and has broken faith with her husband, the water that brings the curse shall enter into her and cause bitter pain, and her womb shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away, and the woman shall become a curse among her people. 28 But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, then she shall be free and shall conceive children.

-These ideas are important to understand from a biblical perspective, what is the responsibility of a woman of a man, she must not defile herself, breaking faith with her man by turning aside and sexually accepting another man. By doing so, breaks faith and makes her unclean, defiled, and impure. Polyandry is a word which describes a woman having two or more husbands / men. Biblically, polyandry is not acceptable, a woman is to be a one-man woman. Biblically, a man can have more than one woman with restrictions, but there is a difference between can you and should you. Polygamy means a person can have more than one spouse. Polygeny is a word which describes a man having more than one woman and is acceptable in the bible. If you look at the ancient Near East, the patriarchs had more than one woman and all these situations were not ideal and created and introduced great difficulties into a family unit. It's not ideal, but it's acceptable.

-Deu 21: 15 "If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other unloved, and both the loved and the unloved have borne him children, and if the firstborn son belongs to the unloved, 16 then on the day when he assigns his possessions as an inheritance to his sons, he may not treat the son of the loved as the firstborn in preference to the son of the unloved, who is the firstborn, 17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the firstfruits of his strength. The right of the firstborn is his.

-The crime of adultery for a man is not having more than one woman, that's not what adultery is for a man. For woman, adultery is taking any man other than her man. For man, biblically that's not adultery, other things must be part of this to make it adultery.

-Lev 18: 20 And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and so make yourself unclean with her.

-Literally this means, into the woman of your fellow, no you shall give your place of lying for seed, to become unclean with her. Don't take the woman of another and have intercourse. The key phrase is "the woman of your fellow". Someone who belongs to

another is not yours, you can't have sex with them. If she's somebody else's, she's not yours, keep your hands off. If a man or a woman adulterate, they become defiled and unclean. This is a serious offense and biblically brought the death sentence. It's not just a few moments of pleasure, you are affecting more than you know.

-Deu 22: 22 "If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.

-Lev 20: 10 "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

-If a man has intercourse with a woman who belongs to another man, both shall die.

People die from these wrong relationships. Let's look at some of the effects of a relationship outside of the belonging relationship that the Torah describes.

-Pro 6: 20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. 21 Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. 22 When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. 23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, 24 to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. 25 Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes; 26 for the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread, but a married woman hunts down a precious life. 27 Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? 28 Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? 29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished. 30 People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry, 31 but if he is caught, he will pay sevenfold; he will give all the goods of his house.

-If you steal from me and rob my things and you say, just let him go he has an excuse to steal, he's mad, or he's hungry, don't make excuses for criminals.

-Pro 6: 32 He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. 33 He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be wiped away. 34 For jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not spare when he takes revenge. 35 He will accept no compensation; he will refuse though you multiply gifts.

-If you take another man's woman and you're caught, you're ruined. You're going to get burned. The person you have offended, you will never get them back, there's nothing you can do, there's no gifts you can give, and your reputation, others will judge you as scum. Once a person does this, there's no forgiveness.

-Pro 7: 1 My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; 2 keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; 3 bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call insight your intimate friend, 5 to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words. 6 For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, 7 and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, 8 passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house 9 in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. 10 And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. 11 She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home; 12 now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner she lies in wait. 13 She seizes him and kisses him, and with

bold face she says to him, 14 "I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; 15 so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. 16 I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love. 19 For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; 20 he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home." 21 With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. 22 All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast 23 till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.

-You get the sense that the woman is going to all these extremes and that the woman is bad and enticing the man, yet the man is just as bad as she is. He doesn't resist and goes right along with it and she probably did way more than she needed to do to get him. In this story the man is away, he has a bag of money and is not coming back for a while, yet she belongs to someone else. The prohibition for a man is taking another man's woman. As soon as she said, my husband is away, he should have realized she was married and up and left. Let us see next how men are supposed to act.

-Gen 39:1 7 And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. 9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

-This story is the example we ought to teach our boys. If someone belongs to another, your answer is no. It's not a matter of two consenting adults and what harm is it going to be, what harm is it going to do, it destroys and ruins the family. This is serious because the family is the bedrock of society. To introduce sin into the family is the most heinous crime I can imagine. Boys need to hear, if someone approaches you and they are a person who belongs to another, your answer must be no. Find someone who doesn't belong to someone else, a single person. In the story of Joseph, Potiphar's wife continues, it probably wasn't easy for him to say no. At one point she grabs his garment and he had to run out without his garment, she says he took me, then he gets in trouble and goes to jail. It doesn't matter, you can't succumb to bad at the threat of what someone might say. We must be willing to stand on principles like Joseph. As identified in the text, having sex with her would have been a sin to God.

-An example of how not to act can be found in 2 Samuel 11 describes David and how he responded when the time of war was going on and he stayed back. He goes out on his roof and he sees a beautiful woman bathing and he asks a question, who is that? He was told, that's the wife of another man, Uriah. That should have been enough, but he doesn't care, and he took her and got her pregnant. To save face he has the husband killed, who from the biblical account was a noble and righteous man. We can't defend David's actions in this. David did wickedly, he knew it, YHVH knew it, and Bathsheba knew it. This is one of the worst stories in the bible. Temptation is strong when it comes to sexual urges, this is bad.

-2Sam 12: 1 And YHVH sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very

many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As YHVH lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." 7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

-Think about how powerful this story is, it and it alone, anyone with a conscious, anyone with a heart should never take the woman of another man. A lot of time men move in where a relationship is troubled and the woman might be thinking how she wished her husband looked, behaved, dressed, or had a job like the other man. Likewise, a lot of time women move in where a relationship is troubled and the man might be thinking how he wished his wife looked, dressed, cooked, or had a job like the other woman. We tend to focus too much energy on looking what others have. No matter what you see, that's not the whole story. No matter how pretty she/he is, no matter how much she/he laughs at your jokes, somewhere somebody is probably fed up with her/him too. We tend to look at what the other person might have that ours doesn't and that might be true, but people are complex and what you get with that is a packaged deal. The story of David and Bathsheba is a horror filled story bringing about death and ruination. Uriah is killed, a child dies, and families are wrecked and destroyed.

-Psa 51: 1 A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. 18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; 19 then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

-There's a good reason why adulterers are called home wreckers, men and women. Children grow up with people other than the parents that are theirs because of this crime, it destroys lives. Some people are ruined forever because they never see the nuclear

family that was supposed to be around them. This is one of the most destructive sins in the world today because of what I just said and because people have almost accepted it. Divorce is bad enough and we hear about it and it must happen, and the Torah talks about divorce. Sometimes when we hear about a divorce people ask what happened, then they see this person with that person and they put together what might have happened, infidelity, adultery. Somebody thought somebody was better than the one they had.

-Biblically, if a man wants to have sex with a woman, she can't be the woman of another man otherwise he has adulterated. If a woman wants to have sex with a man, she can't be the woman of another man whether married or engaged, otherwise she has adulterated.

The ideal is simple and pure. Ruth said, I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me. In marriages you go through ebbs and flows and once or twice we may be the spouse that our spouse hates. Yet many times we may be the spouse that our spouse loves and through it all we stayed true to one another.

-There are always opportunities for us to commit crime and sin, even if love the one you're with. In Fiddler on the Roof, Tevye asks his wife, do you love me? While folding cloths she looks at him with a scowl and says, do I love you? Yea, do you love me? She says, do I love you? Twenty-five years I washed your cloths, I cooked your meals, and she makes the point. The point is, sometimes our definition of love is only visual and that's the wrong way. You can't see love so stop trying. What you'll see is not love, don't use your eyes because they only pick up on lust etc. I'm not saying you shouldn't admire the beauty of your spouse, that's not where the love is, don't think it is because you'll look for it somewhere else.

-Focus your energy on the one you have. Adultery ruins! Everyone who thinks another will be better is generally wrong. The grass is greener, don't be fooled by green grass. Leave other people's people alone.

-Pro 5: 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, 19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. 20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? 21 For a man's ways are before the eyes of YHVH, and he ponders all his paths. 22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. 23 He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.

-Ecc 9: 9 Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

-Men who think that biblically because of Deuteronomy 21 that they have a free pass to have more than one woman, there is a difference between can and should and be careful what you ask for. The ideal is found in Genesis 2.

-Gen 2: 18 Then YHVH God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

-I will make him a helper like his opposite. You don't have to get somebody else because you don't have any things in common. Good, that's probably who you're supposed to have. Work on your differences and work on ways that they compliment one another. You might be in the perfect relationship?

-Gen 2: 21 So YHVH God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that YHVH God

had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

-You know the old marriage vows that say, what God has joined-together let not anyone tear asunder. Don't be that one. We say examples of adultery made, whether male or female makes one unclean and defiled. It comes down to this, don't adulterate, meaning don't draw near to one that isn't yours who is another's. Love yours and yours alone and leave others other alone. Love the one you're with.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, See you next week!

A Comparison of the Ten Words in English – Revision 2 (June 26, 2020)

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EXODUS 20	DEUTERONOMY 5
[א] (2) I am יהוה your Elohim who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from a house of servants.	[א] (6) I am יהוה your Elohim who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from a house of servants.
(3) No it will be to you other Elohim above my face. (4) No you shall make for yourself an idol, and every form that is in heaven above and that is on the earth beneath, and that is in the waters beneath the earth (5) no you shall bow down to them and no you shall serve them because I, יהוה your Elohim – Zealous El, am accounting iniquity of fathers upon sons, upon third and upon fourth, for ones hating Me (6) and doing loving kindness to thousands, for ones loving me and for ones guarding my commands. [ב]	(7) No it will be to you other Elohim above my face. (8) No you shall make for yourself an idol, every form that is in heaven above and that is on the earth beneath, and that is in the waters beneath the earth (9) no you shall bow down to them and no you shall serve them because I, יהוה your Elohim – Zealous El, am accounting iniquity of fathers upon sons, and upon third and upon fourth, for ones hating Me (10) and doing loving kindness to thousands, for ones loving me and for ones guarding his commands. [ב]
(7) No you shall lift the name of יהוה your Elohim for falsehood, because יהוה will not clear one who lifts His name for falsehood. [ג]	(11) No you shall lift the name of יהוה your Elohim for falsehood, because יהוה will not clear one who lifts His name for falsehood. [ג]
(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 blessed the Sabbath Day and separated it. [ד]	(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. [ד]

(12) Give weight to your father and to your mother in order to lengthen your days upon the land that יהוה your Elohim is giving to you. [□]	(16) Give weight to your father and to your mother as which יהוה your Elohim commanded you , in order to lengthen your days, and in order that it will be well for you upon the land that יהוה your Elohim is giving to you. [□]
(13) You shall not murder [□]	(17) You shall not murder [□]
(14) You shall not adulterate [□]	(18) and you shall not adulterate [□]
(15) You shall not steal [□]	(19) and you shall not steal [□]
(16) You shall not answer against your neighbor as a lying witness [□]	(20) and you shall not answer against your neighbor as a false witness [□]
(17) You shall not desire your neighbor's house . You shall not desire your neighbor's woman , and his servant, and his handmaid, and his ox, and his donkey, and all that is for your neighbor. [□]	(21) and you shall not desire your neighbor's woman , [□] and you shall not crave your neighbor's house, his field and his servant, and his handmaid, and his ox, and his donkey, and all that is for your neighbor. [□]

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)

April 25, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video/Dialogue Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-day-of-assembly-class-one/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Teaching-Notes-2020.4.25-The-Ten-Words-Day-of-Assembly-Class-One.pdf>

The Ten Words – The Fire Law – Class Two (The People Believe Moses Forever; On the Far Side of the Wilderness; Go Back to Egypt; Return to Sinai; The Day of the Assembly – The Third Day; YHVH Comes Down; The Ten Words – We Will Hear It and We Will Do It; The Fear and Awe was Intentional; This Great Thing; The Mountain Burned with Fire to the Heart of Heaven; A Voice from the Midst of the Fire; A Devouring Fire and the Second Coming of YHVH; The Glory of YHVH; YHVH Spoke the Ten Words and He Added No More; Testimony – Covenant; Moses Breaks and Makes the Tablets; Moses' Face was Shining; The Little Box that Moses Made; YHVH's Fire Law)

May 2, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video/Dialogue Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-the-fire-law-class-two/>

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>

A Comparison of the Ten Words in English – Revision 1 (June 14, 2020)

<https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Ten-Words-Comparison-Chart-Rev.-1.pdf>

The Ten Words – III. Shabbat – Class Nine (Shabbat – The Key that Opened the Door to Torah Faith; The Sabbath as a Test Commandment; Prepare for the Seventh Day; Positive and Negative Commandments; Similarities and Differences – Exodus 20:8-11 vs. Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Separate the Sabbath for YHVH – You Shall Do No Work; Stop and Rest on the Seventh Day; Shabbat is the First Thing Called Holy; Remember and Guard; Allow Others to Rest on Shabbat; Remember that You Were Servants; Shabbat is a Sign Forever; Isaiah 58 – Call the Sabbath a Delight; Imitate God – Be Creative, But on Shabbat – Stop and Be Refreshed)

June 20, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-iii-shabbat-class-nine/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Teaching-Notes-2020.6.20-The-Ten-Words-III.-Shabbat-Class-Nine.pdf>

The Ten Words – IV. Parents – Class Ten (A Biblical Understanding of the Role of Parents; Remember the Sabbath Day; As Which YHVH Your Elohim Commanded You; Paul's New Testament Teaching Regarding Parents; Dysfunctional Family Units; Remember Your Heavenly Father; Parents – The Border Between Blessing and Utter Destruction; Word One to Four – Man Interacts with God; Word Five to Ten – Man Interacts with Man; Man and Woman become One Flesh; The Highest Order of Divinity on Earth; Translating the Hebrew Root Word for Honor; Contrasting Light and Heavy; Give Weight to Your Parents; Esteem Lightly Your Parents and Be Cursed; Keep the Commandments)

June 27, 2020 – Ross Nichols

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

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Teaching-Notes-2020.6.27-The-Ten-Words-IV.-Parents-Class-Ten.pdf>

A Comparison of the Ten Words in English – Revision 2 (June 26, 2020)

<https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Ten-Words-Comparison-Chart-Rev-2.pdf>

The Ten Words – V. Homicide – Class Eleven (Interactions Between Humans and God and Mankind to Mankind; No Murder – No Adultery – No Theft; The Idea of Homicide; Voluntary and Involuntary Manslaughter; Biblical Conquests and Warfare; Biblical Texts and Modern Ethical Questions; Cain and Abel; Blood Cries Out from the Ground and God Hears It; Differentiating Between Murder, Killing, and Execution; Cities of Refuge; The Avenger of Blood Murders the Murderer; Blood Shed Pollutes the Land; The Value of Human Life is Precious; Life Belongs to YHVH; Slogan – All Lives Belong to God; Was Intent and Hatred Involved; Body Plus Spirit Equals a Living Soul; Striking a Soul; Regaining Our Respect for Human Life)

July 4, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/the-ten-words-v-homicide-class-eleven/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Teaching-Notes-2020.7.4-The-Ten-Words-V.-Homicide-Class-Eleven.pdf>

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

JULY 11, 2020

This week's Torah Portion Pinchas: "Phineas" (Numbers 25:10 – 30:1) The zeal of Phinehas, A new attitude toward Midian, Census of the new generation, The count of the Levites, Grievance of the daughters of Zelophehad, Laws of Inheritance, God shows Moses the land, Joshua to succeed Moses, Daily offerings, Sabbath offerings, monthly offerings, Passover offerings, Offerings of the Feast of Weeks, Offerings of the Feast of Trumpets, Offerings of the Day of Atonement, Offerings of the Feast of Booths, Shemini Atzeres. "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/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tabor
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/>

-UIWU Ministers/Board Directors, UI Center Northeast, Rome, NY, Dave & Patty Tyler:
<https://www.facebook.com/UIWUNortheast>
<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>

-UIWU Audio/Visual Technical Support, Weekly Teachings/Meals, Dave & Sherry Cole

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-UIWU Scribe, Weekly Teaching Notes, This Week in Torah FB, John “Baruch” Perry

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<https://blossomingrose.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/groups/97078180601/?ref=group_browse

<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:

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

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.nehemiaswall.com/)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nehemia+gordan