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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 are currently in a new teaching series called, “Prophet” where I want to talk about the subject, the people, and the message of that mysterious group of men and women that are biblically referred to as the Prophet. We just completed a 12-part series called “Torah”. The primary purpose of that study was to show and teach a method whereby you can determine within the first five books of the bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, the hand of Moses. What is it that Moses wrote? This series was important because it gives us the essential tools to recognize apart from tradition and our beliefs, the voice of Moses in the five books. If we were able to determine the things that Moses said, then our goal in this study on the Prophet is to determine what the mouth of YHVH said from the hands, narrators, characters, people, and voices within the bible.
-The reason that we have prophets and prophecy is that at Horeb / Sinai YHVH spoke in an audible voice, in a day of assembly to an entire group made up of the people of Israel and a mixed multitude who joined with them. There at the foot of Sinai they saw, heard and had an awe-inspiring fearful experience and they were terrified. The people made a request that they not hear again the voice of YHVH their God or see his great fire anymore lest they die.
-Exo 20: 18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let Elohim speak to us, lest we die."
-One of the key things at Sinai was that the people asked for someone who would be between them and the creator. Moses, you go listen to what God says, you come back and tell us, and we will listen, but they didn’t listen to this day. The promise was that if another would go to God and bring back his message, they would listen and do it. The biggest problem in the world today is that God’s message through his prophets is still not heeded.

-Each of the prophets get their own vision of certain key points in the study of the last days, and much of the material deals with the time at hand. All of the prophets are addressing things that are going on around them, yet at other times they look forward to the days to come. In our study, we will talk about the tribes and various aspects of God that the prophets reveal. These prophets encountered God in a way that most humans never do and never will. We get some great insight into various subject matters and into the nature of God himself. As we focus on the prophets and prophecy, I want to also focus on the words of YHVH, the words of God within the word of God, dealing mainly with the text of the Hebrew Scriptures. We are searching the scriptures for those life giving, flaming inspired words of the Hebrew prophets.

-Deu 8: 1 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that YHVH swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that YHVH your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of YHVH.

Please join us as we journey through our teaching series called, “Prophet”.

TEACHING NOTES
-Today we are in the 10th class of our series called “Prophet”. Last week we started a class within the series Prophet on Redemptive Figures and this week I’d like to go a little deeper. Last week I shared a little bit about Messiah and the Messianic Age and this prevalent idea among the people of the book who look to the Hebrew Bible for inspiration. When they think about the end times, they think about a chief eschatological figure, a singular coming Messiah who will usher humanity from our current place into the age to come. The bible talks about the current age and the age to come and what that will look like. Is it biblically correct to call the one who is to bring us from this age to the next age, the Messiah? Is it a singular eschatological figure that’s going to accomplish that, as is generally believed, or is it more than one figure? Thus, the title, Redemptive Figures.

-Is calling it the Days of the Messiah an accurate way to depict the coming Messianic Age? The Rabbis say in Sanhedrin 99a in the Talmud, all the prophets prophesied not but of the Days of the Messiah. Is calling it that right? Sanhedrin 98b says, the world was not created but for the Messiah. My intention is to clarify what the bible says, not to correct what other people think. I want my beliefs to accurately align with the understanding that comes strictly from the text and search for answers that are raised from the text. Throughout history people have identified the identity of that one in their best understanding of the text who this person is or possibly who this person will be. I’m
interested in looking directly at the text and seeing, what does it say through the words of the prophets.

-Deu 18: 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

-When the prophet speaks, he’s not speaking his own words, but the words of the one who sent him, which according to the biblical narrative is YHVH. If we’re looking for the words of YHVH we should look at the words of the prophets who are the spokespersons for YHVH. The reason we are interested in what YHVH said is that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of YHVH. These words and/or spiritual food are nourishment for us. What comes forth from the mouth of YHVH is to be found on the lips and in the hands of the prophets. Many times, the prophets will record in writing the very words of YHVH.

-Amo 3: 3 "Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet? 4 Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing? 5 Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? 6 Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless YHVH has done it? 7 "For Adonai YHVH does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. 8 The lion has roared; who will not fear? Adonai YHVH has spoken; who can but prophesy?"

-YHVH is going to speak through his prophets and announce things ahead of time. Unless he announces it through his prophets, nothing will happen. His work will always be preceded by an announcement from the prophets. God does nothing unless he reveals his secret to his servants the prophets. We cannot add to or take away from the words of YHVH.

-Deu 4: 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your God that I command you.

-Deu 12: 32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

-Both texts warn us that to guard the words we must adding to or taking away from the word which YHVH has spoken.

-Pro 30: 6 Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

-I take it very seriously when I look at scripture I want to stay as close to what the scripture says particularly with that which comes forth from the mouth of YHVH. It’s incumbent upon us to guard that word. Great problems come when you add to or take away from the word of God. By keeping to the text, we can base our understanding of scripture on these words. I don’t want to bring in the words of someone of great learning who has other ideas which aren’t scriptural. I want to call bible things by bible names. If someone begins to describe messianic passages and they say this is talking about the coming of the messiah, I want to see if it mentions the messiah in that text. Call it by what the bible calls it and be a literal as possible.

-Where associations can be made by similar words or phrases, where we can pull different descriptions together, that’s acceptable. Many shall stumble, so we have to look for clues from this section of the prophets which associate with this section of the prophets and by doing so we can expand the vision and begin to understand more about the context. In Psalm 118 we have information about a stone that’s rejected by the
builders, and about the testing of the stone, the stricken and the falling. This begins to
describe what many believe is the identity of a coming figure, the stone.

-Dan 2: 31 "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of
exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32 The head
of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of
bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 As you looked, a
stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay,
and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold,
all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing
floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But
the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. 36
"This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

-In Isaiah 40 and Malachi 3 when I talked about the messenger in Malachi 3 the
description is clearly about a messenger who will prepare the way. We can connect these
passages and get a deeper understanding by looking for like phrases. In Malachi 3 the
messenger is the one who prepares the way. If you go to Isaiah 40: 1 is says Comfort yea,
Comfort yea my people we enter into this prophetic end times picture that it paints for us
and the preparation of the way. Here there is no mention of the messenger. However,
because it mentions prepare the way, we know that these should be brought together with
Malachi 3 for a better understanding. We also looked at Isaiah 57: 14 and Isaiah 62:10
which talks about preparing the way. By pulling all of these together we get a full picture.
-People of the book have associated Daniel 7 with a singular coming on the clouds,
messiah. Most people have always looked at this scripture as a messianic figure coming
on the clouds. However, in Daniel 7 the interpretation is given and that’s not what it’s
talking about. We touched on Genesis 49 and prophetic things from that chapter. We
touched on Numbers 24:17 – the scepter and the star. We talked about Micah 5 and the
ruler. By digging deeper, we will be able to nail down the identity of this one who is
coming. A last one who will arise upon the dust.

-Last week we took Genesis 49 where Jacob took his sons and called them together.
Gather yourselves together so that I might tell you that which will befall you in the latter
days. Then Jacob made utterances over the 12 tribes, his descendants. We talked about
until Shiloh comes. We will spring into today’s class from Genesis 49:4 where there is
mention of a shepherd stone from Joseph. In the blessing of Joseph, it uses the phrase, a
shepherd stone of Israel. Last week we talked about the biblical significance of the
shepherd associated with the prophetic redemptive figures. The stone is used in several
prophetic biblical passages so we must ask, is the stone a hint at the identity of the
prophetic figure which is to come and usher in the end of days? Some of the texts which
are categorically called messianic mention a stone seemingly referring to a person.

-Gen 49: 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),

-Psa 118: 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

-It doesn’t say the stone, in the Hebrew it says, a stone. A stone which the builders
rejected has become for a cornerstone. A cornerstone is at a place of turning and is quite
important. That which is the foundation has been rejected by the builders. Why would the
builders put a cornerstone in place and then reject it? Is this in any way pointing towards
a redemptive figure?
-What does this Shepherd Stone of Israel mean? What do both of these passages mean as they are both considered to be messianic passages. Is this a rejected stone and what builders are we talking about that rejected the stone? Does this look to another who is to come that would be rejected? Many before us have referred to this as a coming one.

- Isa 28: 16 therefore thus says Adonai YHVH, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'

- Here we get this announcement abruptly about Adonai YHVH putting in Zion a stone. Assuming that this stone is a redemptive figure, whoever they are, they will be greatly tested. It’s a precious or rare foundation and we have to wonder what else is around this that can provide us with clues? So far, we have a stone that’s rejected by the builders, and a stone that’s tested and is rare.

- Isa 8: 14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken."

- He will be for a sanctuary… Who will be for a sanctuary? This stone is a stone of offence, like a strike or a plague and many shall stumble because of this stone. We have this stumbling stone from Joseph, a stone which the builders rejected, a rare-tested cornerstone, a stone of offense, and many shall stumble because of this. We are looking for identity stones. Earlier we looked at Isaiah 28:16.

- Isa 28: 13 And the word of YHVH will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little, that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

- Some believe this type of study is good, but what this is talking about is a trap. Ultimately, in this context, this causes the falling, the breaking, being captivating, snared and taken. The English word fall backward, in Hebrew we read earlier as, they shall stumble. We are looking for clues as we go from Psalm 118 forward which all describe what many believe is the identity of a coming redemptive figure, the stone.

- Dan 2: 31 "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32 The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. 36 "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

- Is this stone related to the other references and does this stone speak of a coming figure? Here we have a stone pictured in the Book of Daniel, is this stone related to the other references and does this stone speak of a coming figure? This certainly indicates some breaking going on and a stone being associated with the breaking of a great image.

- Dan 2: 44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in
pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.

-If the stone in Daniel 2:31-35 is one which shall destroy these other kingdoms and if we've learned that the stone represents not an individual but another kingdom which YHVH will rise up, have we not begun to see the meaning of this text? Is the stone which the builders rejected, is that the kingdom or is it an individual. Is the tested stone a people, a kingdom, or an individual? In Daniel 7 it talks about a vision of the night and one like unto the son of man was brought before the ancient of days. Everyone says, he’s on the clouds of heaven, it’s the messiah. But does the text indicate that the vision is really of a coming kingdom?

-What if these texts about the one coming on the clouds, the son of man, is actually about the kingdom of Israel which has been tested and tried, which has come through and ultimately to be a surprise and a shock to the people of the world. What if the stone is another way of describing this kingdom which shall never be destroyed?

-Zec 3:9 For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares YHVH of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

-In Hebrew it says, Behold, the stone which I am putting before Joshua, upon one stone I will put seven pairs of eyes. What does this mean? Is there anything in this passage in the surrounding verbiage that can give us a clue? If it’s a person, who is the stone and who are the seven pairs of eyes? Are they individuals throughout history?

-Zec 3:10 In that day, declares YHVH of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.

-Where have we heard that phrase? I want to get a little more context around this stone with seven pairs of eyes, the manifestation of which takes place in a single day in which the iniquity will be removed. What day is that? Where have I seen under his vine and under his fig tree?

-Mic 4:1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of YHVH shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2 and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHVH, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YHVH from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; 4 but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of YHVH has spoken. 5 For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of YHVH our God forever and ever.

-In Zechariah 3:9 was an interesting reference which said around the time of the manifestation or revelation of the stone with seven pairs of eyes the iniquity of the land would be removed in one day and in that day, people would be sitting under their vine and under their fig tree. This connects to Micah 4 which also mentions sitting under the vine and under the fig tree. We can not associate the things which are being described in
Zechariah 3 with what Micah 4 is describing. Isaiah 2 also has similar words to Micah 4, but with significant differences.

- Isaiah and Micah are shown the same vision, one of the prophets says, look, many gentiles are coming. Another prophet sees the same group and says, I see many people streaming to it. Maybe they are not gentiles and just appear to be gentiles? Perhaps they are the return of the tribes? See how we can begin to build? If I read Isaiah 2 and Micah 4 side by side and note every difference, we get more details to help us flesh out the story.
- Zec 3: 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.
- Who is this servant, the Branch? In Hebrew its, behold, I am bringing my servant, the branch. Is this to be translated as branch or is the one who is coming, the servant of YHVH known as the branch like that’s his name. Is this a name or a title?
- Zec 6: 12 And say to him, "Thus says YHVH of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of YHVH. 13 It is he who shall build the temple of YHVH and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.""
- In Zechariah 3 we were introduced to the branch which is coming. Now in Zechariah 6 we get that this is the name of someone whose coming who will build the temple.
- Isa 4: 2 In that day the branch of YHVH shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel.
- Zechariah 6:12 clearly indicates that the branch appears to be a person who will build the temple, but he’s not called the messiah and none of these passages mention, messiah. We’ve seen a shepherd and we’ve seen a stone, a rejected stone, a sure stone, a tested stone, and none of that mentions anything about messiah. We get a coming figure and a stone with seven pairs of eyes and no mention of messiah. Let’s call bible things by bible names. When we look at the branch, what else is there?
- Jer 23: 5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: YHVH is our righteousness.'
- Where it says to David a righteous branch, this is talking about a branch of righteousness. Here it’s not a name as much as it is to describe a righteous branch. Perhaps because this is a righteous branch, his name will be called branch, because names in the bible have meaning? When this one comes who is to be a descendant of David, who is to reign on a throne, he is coming and is the promised one. This match’s because in Zachariah we read that he’s going to build the temple etc. This person here is going to reign as king. This person is going to be a righteous branch and his name whereby he will be called, branch, YHVH our righteousness. He’s later shown the same vision but with more detail.
- Jer 33: 14 "Behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: YHVH is our righteousness.'
Now we have some interesting filling out of the details. Notice that in Jeremiah 23 the name of the righteous branch for David is, YHVH is our righteousness. But in Jeremiah 33 that’s not the name of the righteous branch, that’s name he will call Jerusalem maybe? The name whereby she shall be called, namely, YHVH our righteousness.

- Isa 1: 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of YHVH shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of YHVH. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of YHVH. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

In Hebrew, the word for branch in Isaiah 11:1 is a different word. In part (a) of verse 1 is says, a shoot will go forth from the stump/stem of Jesse, and part (b) says, a branch will bear fruit his roots. Here we have two complimentary clues identifying the figure. The shoot is the branch, both of these are describing in different words the same figure. The shoot who goes forth from the stump of Jesse is the same as the branch who bears forth fruit from his roots. The branch and the shoot are the same and go together. Isaiah uses the word branch a lot. If you look in the Hebrew and do a search for the word, “nazar”. A nazar is tied to the root idea of keep, as in, I will keep you.

- Isa 42: 6 "I am YHVH; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
- Isa 49: 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

- Whoever the servant is of Isaiah, assuming there’s only one, which there’s not, this servant’s job is to bring back the servant. The servant Jacob is to be brought back by this servant and this has to do with the idea of nazar. We can’t always associate nazar (I will keep) with a positive figure of Isaiah 11:1.

- Isa 14: 19 but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled underfoot. 20 You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have slain your people. "May the offspring of evildoers nevermore be named!

This branch is an abominable branch. You have to be careful when you associate certain text with the identity of your figure. It could be your figure, but if you’re not careful, you associate certain things that you don’t want to associate with your redemptive figure. As an example, many Christian study bibles will take Zechariah 13 and the passage that says, what are these wounds in your hands and say it’s talking about Jesus. However, if you’re a Jesus person you don’t want that text because that text is talking about a false prophet. There are texts within texts which pile upon one another and we have to be very concerted in our effort to focus on the details. Details matter. When we consider the stone, some of these references really do talk about rocks. Some of these references might just be poetic, but some of these might provide clues as to the identity of a coming figure.

- Will a redemptive figure come from Joseph who is referred to as the shepherd stone of Joseph? Will this stone be rejected by the builders? Will the stone be tested and tried? Will this stone have the seven pairs of eyes on it? These things begin and you can begin
to draw a portrait. Be careful, because we don’t want to insinuate that the texts are saying something that they are not. We must take careful notes and begin to identify the best we can with everything that we have to identify the details about these particular prophets.

-Write out Jeremiah 23:5-6 and Jeremiah 33:14-16 and compare the differences between the two. Look at Isaiah 2 verses Micah 4 and you’ll see what I’m explaining in great detail. The quest to understand the prophets must be planted firmly in their words. We have to be careful in our associations and base on the words, in connection with the words, and on the basis of the words all that we come out with. We need to call bible things by bible names. If the figure is being described and is called branch, let’s call him branch. Let’s not call him the messiah. If your theology is hung up on the messiah or a messiah, then do your altar call and say, how many of you would like to accept the branch into your heart? Call the subject according to the way the bible calls it. It’s foundational, if we don’t get the name right, we are going to have problems as we get into more detail. Our connections must be based on textural clues and where possible we need to look at the Hebrew. Next week we will search for more clues as to the identity of our redemptive figure or the series of redemptive figures that we’ve begun to uncover.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov, Have a Beautiful Week, Thanks for joining me.

(1) Prophet – Hath God Said? – Class One (The Secret of the Torah; The Greatest Question in the Bible – What Hath God Said; Discerning the Words of God; Eve in the Garden – Neither Shall you Touch It; Purified and Refined by Fire – Identifying the Pure Words of YHVH; Talmud Quote – He Who Adds Subtracts; Guarding the Words of YHVH – Do Not Add to or Subtract from It; Horeb – Let Them Hear My Words; The People were Afraid and Asked Moses to Intercede; All That YHVH has Spoken – We will Hear It and We will Do It; Who is a Prophet – He Who Speaks the Words of YHVH and Not His Own; YHVH Does Nothing without Revealing His Secrets to His Servants the Prophets)

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(2) Prophet – The Word of Jehovah – Class Two (The Word of YHVH; A Lack of Spiritual Food – A Famine of Hearing the Words of YHVH; No Vision is Breaking Through; YHVH’s Word Comes in a Vision; Abraham – The First Prophet; “The Word of YHVH Came To”; Prophets Hear the Word of YHVH; The Spirit of the Holy Gods is in You; Different Types of Prophets – Dreams, Visions, and Interpretation vs. YHVH Communicating Mouth to Mouth and Face to Face with Moses; The Angel of YHVH – Encounters with the Divine; When the Spirit of YHVH Comes – They will Prophesy and Become Another Man; Balaam’s Vision; YHVH’s Words in the Mouth of His Prophets)

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(3) Prophet – Ehyeh / I Will Be – Class Three (Prophet – The Sanctioned Office of YHVH’s Messengers; God’s Words in the Mouth of His Prophets; Once Chosen – There is No Excuse for Nonobedience; I Will Be with Your Mouth to Teach My People; Receiving the Burning Words of YHVH; Prophets Must Speak the Words of YHVH; The Calling of God is Without Repentance; Prophets Don’t Ask to be Prophets; Ehyeh – I Will Be; I Will Be With You; God’s Covenant – You Shall be My People and I Will Be Your God; YHVH’s Prophet’s Speak – For God and as God; Servants Within the Servant; A Heart to Understand, Eyes to See, and Ears to Hear)

December 5, 2020 – Ross Nichols
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(4) Prophet – The Unheard Words – Class Four (This Great Thing – When YHVH Spoke He Added No More; We Will Listen and We Will Do It; Fear YHVH and Keep / Guard His Commandments; A Heart to Know YHVH – Oh That They Had Such a Heart as This; Return Wholeheartedly and Listen to the Voice of YHVH; Faithless Israel & Treacherous Judah; Hearts of Understanding, Eyes to See, and Ears to Hear; YHVH Sent His Servants the Prophets But the People Did Not Listen; A Move to Silence and Kill the Prophets; In Josiah’s Day Everything was Great, Then Came Destruction; YHVH Tells His Prophets to Speak My Words Whether They Choose to Hear Them or Not; Ultimately the Wisdom of the Wise Shall Perish; Isaiah’s Vision is Like the Words of a Book That is Sealed)

December 12, 2020 – Ross Nichols
Audio/Video Link: https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-unheard-words-class-four/

(5) Prophet – End From Beginning – Class Five (I Am God and There is No Other; Parallelism; The Prophets Describe Things Yet to Be; The Torah, The Prophets, and The Writings – Studying the Prophets Wherever They Are; Daniel’s Study of Jeremiah’s 70-Week Prophecy; God Fulfills His Word – Come Let Us Go Up; Look Into the Word and Consider the Vision; Destruction is Decreed from YHVH; Similar Words and Phrases Between the Prophets; Isaiah – In That Day; Daniel’s Vision for the Time of The End; Shut Up the Words and Seal the Book Until the End; The Deaf Shall Hear and The Blind Shall See; In The Latter Days You Shall Understand This; Who is the Servant of Isaiah)

December 19, 2020 – Ross Nichols
Audio Link: https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-end-from-beginning-class-five/
(6) Prophet – The Hiding of the Face – Class Six (How God Communicates with His People; The Urim and the Thummin; Above the Ark; At the Mountain of God; God will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses; To Whom is the Word Addressed; Thus Says YHVH; From the Days of Old; Those Who Announce Good Tidings; A Series of Prophets; Where are the Prophets; Prophets Without Vision; Samuel - Speak YHVH for your Servant is Listening; Servants Who Don’t Hear; The Hiding of the Face; Restoration and the Outpouring of the Spirit; The Valley of Dry Bones and the Two Sticks; Insincere Worship; The Deaf Shall Hear and the Blind Shall See; Believe in YHVH; Believe in His Prophets)

January 9, 2021 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-the-hiding-of-the-face-class-six/

(7) Prophet – The Messenger – Class Seven (Intricate Aspects of Bible Study; How to Better Understand Scripture; Sealed Until the Time of the End; The Fierce Anger of YHVH; Words, Phrases, and White Spaces; Behold, I Send My Messenger; Who is the Messenger and What is Their Task; Malachi 3:1 – Burning Questions; Isaiah 40:3 – A Voice Cries in the Wilderness – Prepare the Way of YHVH; Who is the Voice; The Mission of the Messenger: Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People; Build Up, Build Up the Highway; Pass Through, Pass Through the Gates)

January 16, 2021 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-the-messenger-class-seven/
Teaching Notes Link: https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Teaching-Notes-2021.1.16-Prophet-The-Messenger-Class-Seven.pdf

(8) Prophet – Malakh YHVH – Class Eight (The Defeat of Jericho; Joshua’s Curse; Hiel of Bethel Rebuilds Jericho and His Sons Die; The Dark Days of Ahab and Jezebel; Elijah Controls the Rain; Elijah Sustains the Widows Flour and Oil; Elijah Revives the Widows Son from the Dead; Elijah Calls Down Fire from Heaven; Elijah Kills 450 Prophets of Baal; Elijah Flees to Horeb from Jezebel; Malachi – The Second Coming of Elijah; Either or Prophecies; Who is the Messenger That Prepares the Way; The Still Small Voice; As YHVH Lives; Elijah Picks His Replacement; The Spirit of Elijah Rests on Elisha; Manifestations of the Messenger of YHVH to Hagar, Abraham, Moses, Manoah, and Jacob; Bless the Boys; Though Prophecy Tarry – Wait for It)

January 23, 2021 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-malakh-yhvh-class-eight/
January 30, 2021 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Links: https://unitedisrael.org/prophet-redemptive-figures-class-nine/

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

FEBRUARY 6, 2021
This week’s Torah Portion Yitro: “Jethro” (Exodus 18:1 - 20:23) Jethro’s arrival; Jethro rejoices; Jethro’s advice; List of requirements for leadership; Jethro leaves; Israel’s arrival at Mount Sinai; God’s proposal; Preparing for the Torah; The day of revelation; The Ten Commandments. 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 (2021): https://blossomingrose.org/

UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION (UIWU) WEBSITES
-UIWU Official Website / YouTube Website / Facebook Website: https://unitedisrael.org/ (UIWU Main Website)
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAllo9zC1eXDzrEVzlg (YouTube Videos)
https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitedisraelworldunion/ (UIWU Facebook)
https://unitedisrael.org/remembering-david-horowitz/
-UIWU President, Biblical Scholar/Professor at UNCC, Tabor Blog, Dr. James D. Tabor: https://jamestabor.com/
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.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

-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

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

-UIWU UI Minister, Weekly Teachings, UI Bulletin Contributor, Ronnie Fulcher

-UIWU Board Director, United Israel Bulletin Contributor, Betty Givin

-UIWU Music Minister, Weekly Teachings, Glenn Chatterton

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

-UIWU Teaching Notes Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/UIWU-Teaching-Notes-103999335011360

-A 95 Page Summary of UI “Weekly Teaching Notes” (April 2007 to May 2020)

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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=hanchoch+young+israel

-Truth2U, Tanakh Tours, The Kingdom Chronicles, Talk Radio Host, Jono Vandor:
https://www.truth2u.org/author/admin/
https://truth2u.org/category/james-tabor/ (Gleanings from Genesis, with Tabor/Nichols)
https://www.facebook.com/Truth2Uorg-116835708352238

-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

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