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Yitro-Jethro (Abundance)
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Introduction

Three months after the Exodus, the Israelites arrive at the wilderness of Sinai. The Almighty offers a special covenant confirming the unique relationship between Himself and Israel.

Exodus 19:1-8

1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. **2** They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, **3** while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: **4** You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; **6** and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." **7** So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. **8** All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. (ESV)

This passage of Scripture is the Almighty's affirmation of His covenant with Israel. He had brought them to Mount Sinai, and it would be there the Holy One would lay out His covenant that would make Israel His treasured possession from among all the nations and people who would ever live. When the Holy One of Israel makes a covenant, He does not take it away or break His word because He is not like man.

Psalms 36:6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man, and beast you save, O LORD. (ESV)

Only the Lord, God, Almighty, through His Son Yeshua, can offer salvation to mankind. The adversary, HaSatan, will try to offer you the same thing, but what he offers you is a very bad deal because on the other end of what he is offering is a one-way ticket to eternal separation from the Creator and possibly the Lake of Fire promised to Satan, the Beast

and the False Prophet. What about those who believe the Almighty took His covenant with Israel away and gave it to another people – the Church? The teaching is the Jewish people rejected Yeshua, so therefore, the Lord removed His covenant from them and gave it to the Church. What they fail to remember is that the Shaliach Shaul (the Apostle Paul) clearly said the Jew has been blinded to the truth of Messiah so the message of redemption could be shared with the Gentiles or the Nations. In the end, the blinders will be removed, the Jewish people will see Messiah Yeshua, recognize Him, and accept Him.

Who are we to say who can have God's covenant? Isn't part of His covenant to obey His words? What words has He spoken that He has never taken back? Torah! The Torah is His covenant, and He gave this covenant to Israel -all twelve tribes. His covenant is not just with Judah, but Judah is His recognizable remnant that has returned to the Promised Land, the little bit the world allows them to have or possibly what God wants them to have now to see if they will return to Him and be proper stewards of what He had given to them so long ago. It seems that the world has an undeniable focus on that tiny plot of land and its Holy City Jerusalem. Even now the Muslims and others want it for themselves. Eventually there will be another war to take the land and the city away from Judah, its proper keeper until Messiah comes back.

Psalm 135:4 For *Yah* chose Ya'akov for himself, Isra'el as his own unique treasure. (CJB)

Throughout the Bible, we see the Almighty repeating His promise to Israel. Nowhere does He say there is a new Israel, and no matter how hard man tries to change this and decide who the Promised Land belongs to, they cannot change the Holy One's promise to His people. There is no new Israel but an Israel that has been reconstituted to bring in those who believe in Yeshua and follow Torah. Even the Jew, the natural branch, needs to accept Yeshua as Messiah and walk in Torah. This is the covenant God made with Israel at Mount Sinai, that covenant still stands today, and will always be true because God does not break His word!

Isaiah 7:1-6

1 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. ² When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with Ephraim," the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. ³ And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. ⁴ And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. ⁵ Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, ⁶ "Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it," (ESV)

What we see here is a coming together of Syria and Ephraim to take Jerusalem from Judah. In Scripture, Judah alone is not Israel. The northern ten tribes under Ephraim are

Israel, but Jerusalem was in the territory of Benjamin and Judah. Why does everyone want Jerusalem?

1 Kings 14:21 Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in **Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there.** And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. (NAU)

We are told that the Almighty chose to put His name on the city of Jerusalem, and it appears that those who struggle over this might believe that if they can get control of the city somehow, they can control the Almighty. That would be the worst mistake they could make because no one controls the Holy One, and no one can make Him their God alone as though they could control the world and the universe.

1 Kings 11:36 'But to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, **the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name.** (NAU)

2 Chronicles 33:7 Then he put the carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, "**In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;** (NAU)

In Kings 11:36, the Almighty is telling Jeroboam what He is going to do in Israel and the kingship. Notice He is making a promise to Jeroboam if He follows the Word of the Holy One, Torah, but He does not place his throne in Jerusalem. He will give the Holy city to Rehoboam and his descendants because of David not Solomon. He makes it very clear that He has placed His name in the Temple and in Jerusalem, but a later king would desecrate the Holy house of God by placing an idol in there. This was not limited to the Jewish people, but Christianity, Islam, and other religions have brought idols into their beliefs but refuse to see the truth when it is right in front of them. It will take Yeshua to unite all of them into one nation that truly are His people.

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For *this* is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*," ⁸ and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed. ⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰

for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. (NAU)

We are the people of the Almighty! Believe in that, and you will be able to overcome anything, even when it seems like you can't. The Holy One is there for you, and Yeshua is waiting at the end of the path He has already walked paving the way for us to follow Him. He has already come more than halfway, we must come the rest of the way. He will only do so much for us, the rest we must dig in and work for it by holding onto our faith in Yeshua fighting for every step we take. He has called us out of the darkness and into the light. All we must do is to answer the call to come to Him and accept the gift He is offering. It is not just about eternal life but the right to be called sons and daughters of the living God.

Will you take the road less travelled or follow the one that everyone else is walking on, heading straight to their eternal damnation?

Psalm 118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (ESV)

Torah Man says: "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do, and by the grace of the Almighty, I will do it."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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