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Introduction

This section concludes the second address from Moses to Israel: "These are the terms of the covenant which the Holy One commanded Moses to conclude with the Israelites in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which the Almighty had made with them at Horeb." Moses's third address urges ratification of the additional covenant "Therefore observe faithfully all the terms of this covenant, that you may succeed in all that you undertake."

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

16 "This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁷ You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules and will obey his voice. ¹⁸ And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, ¹⁹ and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised." (ESV)

Israel was set apart as a nation to the Lord. He called them special-a treasured possession and the people reaffirmed they would keep His covenant, walk in His statutes, rules, and commandments. This is the way of Torah, and Torah is a covenant that the Holy One of Israel used Moses to teach the people. The generation that was twenty years of age and up were to die in the wilderness because they would not keep His ways, His Torah. A relationship with the Almighty is based on faith in Messiah Yeshua who offers us the gift of redemption through His death and resurrection. That brings us to the other part of the covenant where we, by declaring He is the Lord God, will follow His Torah. So, what happens? Some cannot bring themselves to acknowledge Yeshua is the Son of God, and others cannot accept they must walk in Torah. Many say we are freed from the keeping of the "law" when in truth it is by His "law" or better put, His teachings and instructions that come to understand how we are expected to live our lives.

So, the Torah is not a movable "law," but how the Almighty teaches His people the way they must go. We walk in faith in Messiah Yeshua and following the Torah, the covenant of Israel.

Isaiah 60:10-16

10 Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor, I have had mercy on you. ¹¹ Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession. ¹² For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste. ¹³ The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious. ¹⁴ The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵ Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age. ¹⁶ You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. (ESV)

The day is coming when the nations will build up Jerusalem. Why, because the Lord God Almighty struck at Israel because they lost His favor, but He has mercy on His people. Jerusalem will open its gates continually. They will be opened day and night, so the nations can bring tribute. Those who came against Israel will come bending low and all who despised them shall bow down at their feet. Yet, the truth of this passage is He is talking about Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the City of the Lord and the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Nations have fought and still fight over Jerusalem as though they believe they can own what belongs to the Holy One of Israel.

That day is drawing closer and time is ending. We have over a thousand years left, but time is short. The tribulation is beckoning us, and the Great tribulation is following on its heels. There will be a group the Holy One will protect during this time. Where He chooses to do this and who it is, is up to Him, not us. Some say this is the “*rapture*,” I choose to call it the “*Catching Away*.” The thinking on the *rapture* is the church will be taken to heaven where they will spend the three and one-half years of the *Great Tribulation* in safety watching what is happening on the earth. It is my belief that many in the church and others will be here on the earth during the *Tribulation* and *Great Tribulation*. The Lord needs to refine His people, and they will have to endure the fire of affliction. As water cleanses, fire refines and removes the impurities. We are a people in need of refining, but He will keep one group of people safe during the time of trial. No matter where we wind up in His plan, the result is to endure by your faith and live a life in the covenant of Torah with Him.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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)

^a Isa 43:20f; Deu 10:15

^b Isa 61:6; Isa 66:21; 1Pe 2:5; Rev 1:6

^c Exo 19:6; Deu 7:6

^d Exo 19:5; Deu 4:20; Deu 14:2; Tit 2:14

^e Isa 9:2; Isa 42:16; Act 26:18; 2Co 4:6

We, a reborn Israel, are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. Our calling is to proclaim the greatness of the Holy One who called us out of darkness into His light. We were once not a people, but now we are the people of God who had no mercy but now we have received mercy. Hallelujah!

Acts 26:9 "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Yeshua of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities. ¹² "In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³ At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴ And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' ¹⁵ And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Yeshua whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶ But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷ delivering you from your people and from the Nations-- to whom I am sending you ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' (ESV)

The Shaliach/Apostle Shaul shares his testimony and holds nothing back. He was convinced that he was to oppose Yeshua. He sent believers to prison on the authority of the chief priests, and when they were put to death, he cast his vote against them. He went after them in the synagogues and tried to force them to blaspheme. He went after them to foreign cities in his anger, but then on the road to Damascus he saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around him and those with him. They fell to the ground, and Shaul heard a voice speaking in Hebrew asking why he was persecuting Him. Shaul asked who He was, and the answer was "**I am Yeshua whom you are persecuting.**" This had to be a very sobering moment for Shaul. Here he was persecuting believers in Yeshua and chasing them to other lands; going as far as to ensuring many were put into prison and were executed. Now, he faces the one who he has been persecuting people for believing in, and he is called to a new walk, where he will be protected by Messiah, from his own persecution from the Jewish people and even from the nations. Now he will go the Jews and to the nations with the message they can turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. The people would receive forgiveness for their sins and a place among the believers sanctified by faith in Yeshua. Also, faith in Messiah so they can receive forgiveness from their sins and then walk the

covenant of Torah so that all, Jew and the Nations, can become one in the Israel made up of believers in Messiah Yeshua.

Torah Man says: “No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer.”

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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