

HA'AZINU - GIVE EAR

Deuteronomy 32:1-52 2 Samuel 22:1-51 Romans 10:14-21; 12:14-21 Hebrews 13:5-8 Revelation 2

Today, as we approach the fall feasts, Yeshua's people are coming to recognize their identity and inheritance is in the word and the land called Israel. They realize that Yahweh, through the Covenant given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, appointed the land not only to the Jews but also to them (called Gentiles in Scripture), as part of Israel. To understand this is important as many Nations are gathering against Israel to create a Palestinian state in the very Heartland of Israel. This is Jacob's land, and the land of *our* inheritance (Exodus 6:8; Deuteronomy 33:4).

"Yahweh divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel. For Yahweh's portion is His people; Jacob [Israel] is the place of His inheritance" (Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

The Witness of Heaven and Earth

Deuteronomy 32:1-4 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass. For I proclaim the name of Yahweh: ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He."

Moses calls *heaven* and *earth* to witness Yeshua's words that have been spoken since the beginning. Just hours before his earthly life was to close, Moses passed on the words of heaven to a people saying to them,

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders [prophets], and they will tell you [about His word]" (Deuteronomy 32:7).

3. 1John 1:1-3 "That which was from the beginning [*Genesis/Beresheet*], which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen,

and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*."

- Genesis 1:26-28 "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"
- **Genesis 2:16-17** "And the LORD/*Yahweh* God/*Elohim* commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat [*multiplication*]; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil [*barren*] you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.' "
- **1John 2:23-25** "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning [Genesis/Beresheet]. If what you heard from the beginning [Genesis/Beresheet], abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us eternal life."

Moses reminds the people that when they walked in agreement with Yahweh, they lived under He protection with abundant provision and multiplication. This was the witness of heaven that encircled His people.

"He kept him as the apple of His eye, as an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so Yahweh alone led him, and there was no foreign god with him. He made him ride in the heights of the earth, that he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty rock; curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, with fat of lambs; and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the choicest wheat; and you drank wine, the blood of the grapes" (Deuteronomy 32:10-14).

Moses then warned the people that if they *did not walk* in His truth they would become barren on the earth. He then retold the history of how their parent's lost their lives to idolatry and how they came to wander in the wilderness these forty years. Moses added that this could happen again if they did not honor and follow Yahweh's Word to them.

"Set your hearts on all <u>the words</u> which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe - all <u>the words</u> of this law. For it [*Mosaic Covenant*] is not a futile thing for you, because **it** *is your life*, and by this <u>word</u> you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

When believers embrace and walk as He has asked, they walk in a pure reflection of Him, as His witness on the earth. Those honoring His Feast Days and the Shabbat are found 'singing the Song of Moses, the Song of the Lamb (one in the same). Love is obedience to Yahweh's commandments that releases Yeshua's glory in the heart of His Bride. This is wisdom. (Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 15:3).

John 14:23-24 "Jesus/Yeshua answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word [commandments]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me." (John 15:10).

The Holy Ones

With these last instructions, Moses turns his attention to the individual twelve tribes saying,

"Surely it is You [Yahweh] who love the people; all the *holy ones* are in Your hand. At Your feet they all bow down, and from You, receive instruction, the law [the Ten Commandments] that Moses gave us, the possession of the assembly of Jacob [our marriage covenant]" (Deuteronomy 33:3-4 NIV).

Abraham's seed, the Children of Israel, are called the holy ones, the assembly of Jacob. The word Moses spoke at Mount Sinai is referred to as our *ketubah*, the Wedding Covenant of the Bride. When Yahweh's' people walk in agreement with His *ketubah*, then out of all nations they will be a treasured possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. The Bride of Yeshua and the priesthood of Yeshua are one in the same (Isaiah 54:5; Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9).

The Prophetic Vision

After Moses blessed the twelve tribes, he went to the top of Mount Nebo and there Yahweh showed him all the land from Gilead to Dan, the Naphtali region, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, and the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms as far as Zoar. Yahweh said to him,

"This is the Land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, "I will give it to your descendants" (Deuteronomy 34:1-4, Galatians 3:7, 29).

Notice Yahweh spoke a prophetic Covenant promise over the land, and gave this vision to Moses as already having been conquered and settled by the twelve tribes of Israel. Yahweh is faithful to fulfill His oath to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 15; 26:2-6; 28:13-16).

The Eternal Word

It was on Mount Nebo that Moses would die. He had led the betrothed redeemed Bride of Israel through the wilderness, taught her how to honor her Covenant and walk in her redemption. Through all this, the Israelites learned that the main enemy they confronted was really within themselves. They had allowed this self-rule to have influence over their community (James 4:1). Her obedience to His word matured them and led them to the very border equipped to enter the

Promised Land. They were ready. Joshua would take them from here. There they will have an opportunity to exercise the principles they had learned and perfect all Yahweh's teaching given to them by Moses.

- Matthew 8:8-10 "The centurion answered and said, 'Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.' When Yeshua heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"
- Ephesians 6:10-20 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God [the Gospel], that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God [the Gospel], that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace [Torah]; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

The spirit of Elijah manifests in those who follow Moses <u>and</u> have the testimony of Yeshua upon their lips. Having faith and believing in the witnesses in heaven and earth fills the Bride with Yeshua's Redemptive Spirit, empowering her to walk into the Land and conquer it (1John 5:6-8).

Moses' Life at a Hundred and Twenty Years

When Moses, the servant of Yahweh died, Yahweh buried him. At that time Moses was one hundred and twenty years old. His body was not weak or diseased. He still had his vision and strength. Moses had spent his years in the company and intimacy of his Bridegroom Yeshua, which had transformed him body, soul and spirit. All Israel mourned for Moses thirty days (Deuteronomy 34:5-8).

"Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom Yahweh knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel" (Deuteronomy 34:10-12).

Yahweh designed our bodies to be living Gospel scrolls. The root of Gospel in Hebrew is *basar* Strong's H1319 and in Greek G2097 meaning *glad tidings*, *a good report. Basar* also indicates: When good news is brought a feast with meat is prepared. One of the derivatives of basar is

flesh (Strong's H1320) as in blood relations: bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh Genesis 2:23, and they shall become one flesh Genesis 2:24. With Moses, walking so closely with the Living Torah those words were etched upon his heart and mind and had become one in his flesh, therefore his physical body was still youthful.

- Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good *things*, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"
- Romans 10:15 "And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

The Song of Moses represents the physical presence of Yeshua. Only the true Shepherd's voice, will the Bride hear. This is called *the Gospel*. It contains:

- The pattern of the Tabernacle on our heart
- The service of the royal priesthood
- The identity of the High Priest
- The Ten Commandments
- The Covenant
- The inheritance of the Bride
- Instructions of how to celebrate His Feast Days, His Shabbat and the New Moon
- Conduct instructions for the Bride and Bridegroom in His Kingdom
- Instructions on the dress code and foods to serve at His banquet
- Instructions for the keys that govern His Kingdom
- The blueprint of how to take possession of *the land* (spiritual and physical Israel)
- The knowledge, understanding and wisdom to live in His Sabbath Rest called *eternity*

These instructions held in *the Gospel* are vital for the Bride to embrace. They were in the beginning (Genesis/Beresheet) and are immortal. The Gospel is the seed of the Kingdom of God (Heaven) and contains Yahweh's roadmap – called *the path of righteousness* and *the Highway of Holiness*. It is this pathway, directed by the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh that will transform the Bride. This Gospel was imparted to Abraham and is called *the seed of Abraham*. As partakers of the seed of Abraham we too are betrothed and being transformed into Yeshua's likeness, prepared as a royal priesthood, making ready to serve in His mighty army (Mark 1:15; Galatians 3:8; 1 John ch1; Isaiah chapter 58).

- Matthew 9:35 Then Jesus/Yeshua went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom [the same Gospel that Abraham received and that Moses wrote down at Mount Sinai], and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
- Matthew 13:3-9 "Then He spoke many things [about the Gospel] to them in parables, saying: 'Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of

earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

- Matthew 13:18-23 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower [of the seed/Gospel]: When anyone hears the word [the Gospel] of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it [listens to do], who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."
- Acts 3:25 "You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed [because Abraham believed and walked in the Gospel of Yeshua he was called a righteous man]" (James 2:23).

Yeshua's Love Letter

When the Song of Moses, Yeshua's love letter to His people, was not taught, His people became a lost people with no identity, scattered like sheep among the nations.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 "Thus says the LORD/Yahweh, Who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD/Yahweh of hosts/Tzva'ot is His name): If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD/Yahweh, then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever."

The *ordinances* of the moon announce all of the Feast Days of Yahweh. If the new moon/*Rosh Chodesh* is not celebrated, the *ordinances* (Feast Days) are lost to the people. Therefore, the seed of Israel ceases from being a nation before Him. This is what happened when Constantine changed the biblical *lunar* calendar to a *solar* calendar. The sun does not initiate ordinances. When believers return and live by observing His instructions, the seed of Israel, that has lain dormant for so many generations, will once again flourish and become a nation (Matthew 16:19).

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 "That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one might say, 'See this, it is new?' Already it has existed for ages which were before us." (NAS)

2 Corinthians 3:3 "Clearly you [believers] are an epistle [testament of the ancient written Gospel] of Christ/Messiah, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart."

Yeshua chose to lay down His life to uphold the words He spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai (John 5:46-47). So too was Stephen's life laid down as he stood before his accusers. Stephen knew heaven and earth were called as witnesses to the words given at Mount Sinai and that Yahweh's Covenant was *firmly* established through Yeshua. Because Stephen walked and talked the truth, the law of sin and death had no hold over him. When Stephen was being brutally stoned under the direct orders of Rabbi Saul/Paul for declaring *the truth of the Gospel*, <u>heaven responded</u>. The *door* to Yahweh's heavenly Tabernacle opened and received him.

"Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" (Acts 7:20-60).

Later, after Stephen's death, Rabbi Saul/Paul came to the same saving knowledge of the truth of Yeshua's Gospel - *that the Father's word from heaven was indeed made flesh on the earth as witnesses at the cross*. After Paul's encounter on the road to Damascus he too expounded Yeshua's ancient Gospel, the exact same Gospel Moses revealed at Mount Sinai. For this he also was imprisoned and eventually put to death (Acts 9: 3-6).

Acts 28:23 "So when they had appointed him [Paul] a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God [Yahweh in heaven], persuading them concerning Jesus/Yeshua [the Father's word manifested in the flesh on earth] from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening." (1 Peter 2:9-12)

Revelation 15:3 "They sing the *song of Moses*, the servant of God, <u>and the song of the Lamb</u> [one in the same song], saying: 'Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"

The Sabbath Rest - the Mosaic Covenant - Called *Today*

Hebrews 3:7-4:16 "Therefore, as the *Spirit of the Holy One [Yeshua]* says: 'Today, if you [believer] will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness [at Mount Sinai], where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways [My Gospel].' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest [Sabbath; Mosaic Covenant; Bridal Chamber, Land]' (Psalm 95:7-11).

"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ/Messiah if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice [which you have heard from the beginning], do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion'" (Psalm 95:7-8).

"Therefore, since a promise [Covenant] remains of entering His rest [Sabbath/Land], let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the Gospel [the word legalized on earth through the Mosaic Covenant] was preached to us as well as to them [believers at Mount Sinai]; but the word [Gospel] which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith [obeying what it says] in those who heard it. For we who have believed [in His word and obeyed it] do enter that rest [Sabbath; Marriage Covenant], as He has said: 'So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest,' (Psalm 95:11) although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day [Sabbath day] in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all His works' and again in this place: 'They shall not enter My rest.' Since therefore it [the instruction] remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it [the word] was first preached did not enter because of disobedience [blessings and curses], again He designates a certain day, saying in David [Davidic Covenant – priestly walk], "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice [the word/Gospel], do not harden your hearts.' (Psalm 95:7-8) For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not afterward have spoken of another day [the Davidic Covenant]" (James 1:25, 2:12).

"For he who has entered His rest [Sabbath] has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience [not honoring the vow we made to observe His Words]. For the word of God [the Gospel/Torah] is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account [on our wedding day/Yom Kippur]. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [to obey His word]. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of needs."

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says [about the Gospel] to the churches/assemblies. To him who overcomes [temptation/the law of sin and death] I will give to eat from the Tree of Life [of the Law of Life in Yeshua], which is in the midst of the Paradise of Yahweh. ...He shall not be hurt by the second death. ...To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

Those who have an ear let them HA'AZINU ~ GIVE EAR!

Chazak Chazak VeNitchazak Be Strong Be Strong! And May We Be Strengthened!

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