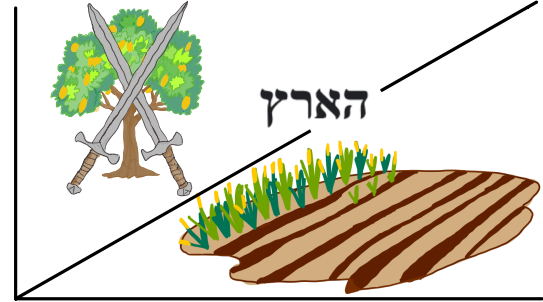


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Ki Teitzei



“When you go out”

First Pray

Father God,

Your plans and purposes are perfect! You have set them in place in order to bless all those who submit to Your authority. Help us submit to all Your plans and purposes with a joyful heart and a great desire to know and serve You in a way that would bring honor and glory to Your Name. In Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen

Next Read

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

When you go out to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hand, and you take them captive, ...

Deuteronomy 21:10

As we begin our study of this week's Parasha, it is important to remember that the heavens and the earth were created by God and belong to Him. Therefore, God is able to do as He pleases with His land, and it pleased Him to set the Land of Yisra'el (Israel) apart from all other land on the face of the earth for a purpose.

It is also important to remember that God created everything that exists in the heavens and the earth. Because God created all things, He is able to do what pleases Him with what He has created. It pleased God to redeem the descendants of Ya'kov (Jacob) from slavery in Egypt, so they could dwell in His presence - worshiping and serving Him as their King in the Land of Promise He set apart for this purpose.

God established the nation of Yisra'el in the Land of Yisra'el to be a light to all the other nations of the world just as He had promised His servants Avraham (Abraham), Yitzchak (Isaac) and Ya'kov (Jacob). After He redeemed them, God gave the Children of Yisra'el everything that would be required to know and serve God including His Word, His Law, His Feasts, and His Priesthood. In this way, God set the Children of Yisra'el apart as a light to the world illuminating the way to be restored in Him. The Children of Yisra'el were given everything that is required to teach the nations how to submit to the authority of God in order to be blessed by Him. God is always faithful to keep His promises. Therefore, He judges all those He has redeemed by their faithful response to His Word.

This week's Parasha teaches how the set apart people of God are to interact with the nations of the world while living in the presence of God. Submissive obedience to the full counsel of the Word of God demonstrates God's purposes, plans and promises for His creation and brings blessing to the entire world.

~ Focus Passage of Scripture ~

Deuteronomy 21:10-23

God commanded the Children of Yisra'el to totally destroy seven nations that were living in the Land of Promise to take possession of it as their heritage from Him. God commanded this because the sin of these nations had reached its full measure (Genesis 15:16). In other words, these nations had continually rebelled against the plans and purposes of God and consistently ignored the consequences of their actions. These two willful responses to the truth of God resulted in one final outcome as a testimony to their evil opposition ~ **total destruction** ~ from God. If they had submitted to the Word of God, this would have allowed them to make a change in their lives and live. A refusal to repent with a determination to oppose God always leads to this one final result. Do you remember what happened to Pharaoh and his army? This purging of evil from the Land of Promise prepared it to receive the indwelling presence of God in a unique way.

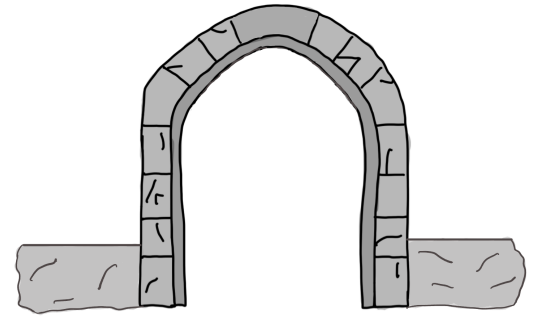
When the Children of Yisra'el had taken possession of the land God set apart for His purposes, the land could be prepared for the Kingdom of God to be established that would richly bless the entire world. The blessings of God in the land would serve as a witness to the surrounding nations of God's plans, purposes and promises for His creation.

All nations living adjacent to the Children of Yisra'el were to submit to God's redeemed people, the Children of Yisra'el, as a testimony that they were submitting to the plans and purposes of God. Any nation who did not submit to Yisra'el was demonstrating they opposed God. Therefore, when a nation chose to fight against God instead of submitting to His will, the Children of Yisra'el were to put the men to death by the sword and take the women and children captive. However, they were not to treat their captives as other nations did when they were victorious in battle. Let's take a look at a few of the commandments God gave the Children of Yisra'el to obey while living in the land that would demonstrate God's promises, purposes and plans to the world.

In Deuteronomy 21:10-23 we learn that when God delivered Yisra'el's enemies into their hands and an Yisra'elite saw a beautiful widow he wished to marry among the captives, he was to take her home. She was to shave her head, trim her nails and change her clothes. This demonstrated her submission to a change in status. She was to be cared for in his home for a period of thirty days. This allowed her to grieve the death of her husband. Then, and only then, was he permitted to marry her. If for any reason after they were married he no longer wished to keep her as his wife, he was to set her free. He was not permitted to sell her for money nor treat her brutally. These commandments from God demonstrated that only when one fully submitted to God could they be joined to the nation of Yisra'el. They also taught that once a person was joined to Yisra'el, they had attained a superior status that could not be changed for any reason.

In Deuteronomy 23:15-17 we learn if a man has two wives and loves one but not the other, he must give the firstborn status to his firstborn son with no preference to his wives. When he distributes his possessions to his sons, he must give a double portion of all he has to his firstborn son even if he is not the son of his beloved wife. The man's first born son is the beginning of his strength and should be given priority because he has the unique responsibility to live faithfully in submission to God just as his father had done who gave him the double portion. This commandment from God also protects and blesses the wife who demonstrated obedience to God but is not loved by her husband. When we are submissively obedient to God, He protects and blesses us even when the world we live in does not love us.

In Deuteronomy 21:18-21 we learn if a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who refuses to obey his parents and ignores their discipline, his parents are to take him to the elders at the city gate for judgment. His parents are to speak to the elders of the city, charging their son of disobedience demonstrated by his stubborn and rebellious behavior. Then all the men of the city were to stone him with stones in order to put this type of evil to death in the Land of Promise. When a son of the Children of Yisra'el opposes his parents, he is also opposing God. The judgment of stoning the rebellious son served as a testimony for all of Yisra'el to hear and fear God's judgment so they would not oppose Him.



In Deuteronomy 21:22-23 we learn that when a man received the death penalty as determined by God for his sin and his body was placed on a tree, his body must not remain hanging on the tree overnight. His body must be removed and buried before nightfall. To leave a dead body on a tree overnight would defile the land that the LORD God set apart for His Kingdom.



~ Deuteronomy 22:5-12 ~

In Deuteronomy 22:5 we learn that women must not wear anything that pertains to a man nor should a man wear a woman's garments. To do so would be an abomination to the LORD God! God created man out of the dust of the earth and woman He created out of man. Since the day God created them male and female, there have been distinct differences between a man and a woman because God created them for different purposes. God's plans and purposes for humanity are perfect and must not be altered. To wear the opposite sex's clothing or perform their roles in society is a rebellious act of opposition to God.

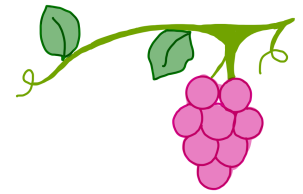


In Deuteronomy 22:6-7 we learn that if one comes upon a bird's nest, the young birds or eggs can be taken but the mother bird must not be taken with her young. She must be set free. Obeying this commandment of God while living in the Land of Yisra'el came with a promise from God to prolong the Children of Yisra'el's days in the land.

In the last days the Land of Yisra'el will be transformed by God as He demonstrates His great faithfulness to keep His covenant promises to His set apart people. New life will burst forth from the Land of Yisra'el in the future! Setting the mother bird free would allow her to reproduce again. This served as a testimony that one understood and eagerly awaited the promises of God. Even though destruction of life would occur, God has future plans for the Land of Yisra'el to be abundant with life.

In Deuteronomy 22:8 we learn that the Yisra'elite living in the Land of Promise must take every measure possible to protect life against accidental death. For this reason when one builds a new house in the land, a parapet or guard rail must be placed at the edges of the flat roof of the home. By following this commandment from God, the house would not be guilty of bloodshed should anyone accidentally fall from its roof. Obeying this commandment of God demonstrated knowledge that the Kingdom of God would one day be established in the Land of Promise and all life would be protected by Him.

In Deuteronomy 22:9-11 we learn that every aspect of life in the Land of Yisra'el should reflect the character and commandments of God. For instance two different kinds of seed must not be sown in the same vineyard. Planting two different types of seed in the same vineyard would defile the land because it is set apart by God for only one purpose ~ His promised Kingdom purpose.

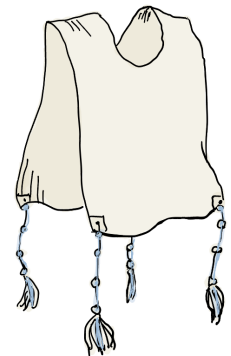


When working the fields in the Land of Yisra'el one must not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together. Not allowing different animals to work together for a common purpose demonstrated the understanding that two must be of like mind and body in order to worship and serve God together in the Land of Promise.



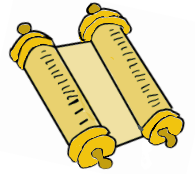
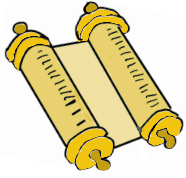
Finally, the Children of Yisra'el living in the Land of Promise were commanded not to wear garments made from wool and linen mixed together. The garments worn by the Children of Yisra'el must reflect that their works or deeds were to be done only in service to God. They had not been redeemed by God to serve the world.

In Deuteronomy 22:12 we learn that the Children of Yisra'el living in the Land of Promise must make tassels on the four corners of their garment to cover themselves. These tassels represented the 613 commandments of God and served as a constant reminder that they had been redeemed and set apart by God to worship and serve Him in the Land of Promise where His Kingdom would be established in the future.



~ Torah Test ~

Directions: Fill in the blank using the Word Bank provided



Word Bank

Serve	King	Light	World	
Joined	Garments	Submission	Abundant	
Yisra'el	Protected	Death	Promise	Presence
God	Changed	Kingdom	Defile	

1. The descendants of Ya' kov are called the Children of _____.
2. God redeemed the Children of Yisra'el so that they could worship and _____ Him as their _____.
3. The Land of Yisra'el is also called the Land of _____.
4. The Children of Yisra'el were set apart by God to be a _____ to the nations.
5. The purging of evil from the Land of Yisra'el prepared it to receive the indwelling _____ of God.
6. When a nation chose to fight against Yisra'el instead of submitting to them, they were opposing the plans of _____.
7. Only when one fully submits to God can they be _____ in Him through the nation of Yisra'el.
8. Once a person has become a part of the nation of Yisra'el, their status can not be _____.
9. A man's first born son has the unique responsibility to live in _____ to God as his father did.
10. A son who consistently rebels and disobeys his parents must be put to _____ as an example of the outcome of opposing God.

11. To leave a dead body hanging on a tree overnight would _____ the Land of Yisra'el.
12. To wear the opposite sex's _____ or perform their duties in society is acting in opposition to God.
13. Even though destruction and death have occurred in the Land of Yisra'el, _____ life will burst forth from the land in the future.
14. When the future Kingdom of God is established in the Land of Yisra'el all life will be _____ by God.
15. The Children of Yisra'el were redeemed to serve God, not the _____.
16. The Land of Yisra'el is set apart for only one purpose, God's _____ purpose.

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~ Haftarah ~

Isaiah 54:1-10



As we read the Words of God spoken by His prophet Yeshayahu (Isaiah), it is very important for us to understand that the purposes, plans and promises of God cannot be abolished by the sinfulness of man. God set the Land of Yisra'el apart for His Kingdom purposes, and He redeemed the Children of Yisra'el as His vessel to fulfill His Kingdom purposes in the Promised Land of Yisra'el. Nothing can stop the will of God! Because this is true, all rebelliousness and opposition to the purposes, plans and promises of God will be punished by Him!

Although God has punished the Children of Yisra'el for their disobedience and lack of faithfulness to His Word, He is not finished with the people of Yisra'el or the Land of Yisra'el. We can clearly see evidence that supports this truth today because God has re-established the nation of Yisra'el in the land He set apart for the establishment of His Kingdom.

In Genesis 28:14 God promised Avraham that his seed would be like the dust of the earth, and it would burst forth to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south. God promised Avraham that through his seed all the nations of the world would be blessed. Do you know that all those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God, Messiah Yeshua, have entered into the new covenant with God becoming a part of this blessing from Him? God's promises confirm that the whole world will be blessed through Yisra'el to include all those from the nations who have become a part of Yisra'el by their faith in Messiah Yeshua.

At the end of days Messiah Yeshua will return to Yisra'el and completely judge all the nations who oppose His establishment of the Kingdom of God in the Land of Yisra'el. After His judgment and establishment of His Kingdom, the Children of Yisra'el will live obediently and safely in the Land of Promise. They will be a light illuminating the way of salvation to the nations of the world.

Giving birth to children is the first commandment from God to humanity. When a woman gives birth to a child, she receives a blessing from God. When God achieves His purposes and plans for the Land of Yisra'el and her people, He will bless the women who have never given birth to a child with more children than those who already have families. These women will have so many children that there will be a need to expand the borders of Yisra'el! In this way the barren women of the Kingdom of God will be blessed and life will burst forth to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south.

When Messiah Yeshua returns and establishes God's Kingdom in the Land of Yisra'el, the desolate cities will be inhabited by the descendants of Ya'kov again. Yisra'el should not fear anyone because God will make these things happen! When God fulfills all His promises to Yisra'el, she will forget the shame of her past faithlessness. Yisra'el's Creator is her Husband, and the LORD of hosts is His Name; her Redeemer Who is the Holy One of Yisra'el will make all these things happen for her.

Although Yisra'el was like a woman who was abandoned, making her sad in spirit, the LORD will call Yisra'el again. For only a little while God left Yisra'el, but with great mercies He will gather her up. God hid His face from the Children of Yisra'el due to His fierce anger concerning her disobedience to Him, but with eternal grace, He will surely be merciful to her in the future. God is going to redeem Yisra'el and the people will be one with Him through His mercy.

Just as in the days of Noach (Noah), God will save a remnant from the Children of Yisra'el to achieve His plans and His purposes. Just as God swore He will never destroy the earth with water again, He has also sworn not to completely destroy Yisra'el with His wrath. One-third of the Children of Yisra'el will be transformed into God's Kingdom people! When all these things occur the mountains will be removed, and the hills will collapse, but the Grace of God will not fail. The covenant of His peace will stand forever. All these promises to Yisra'el have been made by God and nothing nor anyone can stop His will to achieve His promises!



For the mountains shall be removed and the hills will collapse but My Grace shall not depart from you, nor shall a covenant of My Peace collapse, said the LORD, who has mercy on Yisra'el.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

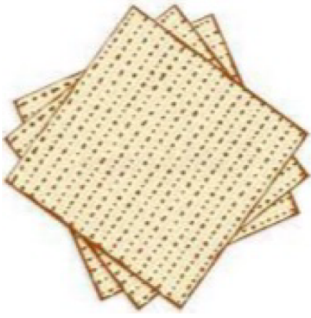


The Children of Yisra'el were redeemed by God from their bondage of slavery in Egypt by the blood of a lamb in order to worship and serve Him. Likewise, the Children of God were redeemed from the bondage of sin by the blood of the Lamb of God, Messiah Yeshua, in order to worship and serve Him. Believers in Messiah Yeshua are called just as the Children of Yisra'el were called to be a peculiar people by not living our lives the way the rest of the world does. The Children of Yisra'el were redeemed to fulfill God's plan to be a light for the nations while living obediently in His presence in the Land of Promise that was set apart for this purpose. Their obedience to God in the Promised Land would serve to bless the nations of the world so that they too might live obediently in the presence of God. Although the Children of Yisra'el did not fulfill this purpose in the past, they will fulfill this purpose in the future because God is faithful to His promises and His Word.

Following the death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah Yeshua the Son of God, believers in Yeshua have the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift allows a believer to dwell in the presence of God no matter what land we live in. No matter where we live on the face of the earth, we are called to live obediently to God as His faithful servants.

In our New Testament passage of Scripture this week, the apostle Paul wrote to the congregation of believers in Corinth concerning an individual who was having inappropriate relations with his stepmother, his father's wife. The nations that lived in the Land of Promise prior to the Jewish people/the Children of Yisra'el had sinned against God in this way defiling the Land God had set apart for His Kingdom. God cast them out of the land allowing the land to be vindicated as it vomited them out.

Paul stated in his letter to Corinth that instead of the congregation being remorseful of this individual's sinful behavior, the congregation was arrogant or puffed up like a loaf of leavened bread. They had been deceived and believed in the false teaching that they could behave in any way they pleased because of the saving grace of God. Paul made it very clear that God's standards for one to serve Him had not changed because they had been freed from their bondage to sin by the death, burial and resurrection of Messiah Yeshua. He emphasized that because they had been redeemed from their bondage to sin, God's standards for service should still be obeyed to demonstrate gratitude and love for the LORD God our Redeemer. This relationship with God would illuminate the way for others to be restored in Him.



Paul advised them to do the only right thing to honor and bring glory to God - remove this sinner from the congregation and the community of believers. Paul stated that although he was not with them in person, he was the spiritual authority of their congregation and his words and judgment should be carried out as though he were

present in Corinth. He instructed them to take action against this sinner in the Name of the LORD Messiah Yeshua the next time they gathered together. If immorality is tolerated within a congregation, it will remove the spiritual power from the believers.

Paul stated that this sinful man who was a believer must be put out of the congregation or delivered to Satan for the destruction of his flesh so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the LORD Yeshua. In other words this one must experience the judgment of the congregation so that he might repent and turn from his evil practices to live a victorious life in light of the day of our LORD Messiah Yeshua's return to earth to establish the Kingdom of God.

Our goal as Children of God must never be to sin more because we are saved by the Grace of God. Instead, we must obediently live our lives as an example to the unredeemed of the world in order to show them the way to salvation. We have exactly the same purpose the Children of Yisra'el had living in the Land of Promise before Messiah Yeshua came to earth in human form. We are to teach the nations of the world the way to salvation by living obediently with regard to the promises, purposes and plans of God.

Evil cannot stop God's promises, purposes and plans for His creation. It can only rob humanity of the temporal and eternal blessings of God. Therefore, the Land of Yisra'el will be inhabited by the Sons of Ya'kov/the Children of Yisra'el! The Children of Yisra'el will be a light to the nations of the world as they live obediently and safely in the Land of Yisra'el in the future! The borders of the Land of Yisra'el will expand because of the blessings from God! All those who submit to God's purposes and authority will live and prosper. The Children of God will return with Messiah Yeshua to rule and reign with Him in the Land of Yisra'el. The whole world will be blessed through the Children of Yisra'el when they are obediently living in the presence of Messiah Yeshua their God in the Land He set apart for this purpose.

~ Recap Review Fun ~

Directions: Answer the following questions and place the corresponding letter of each answer in the blanks in order to correctly complete the statement.

Messiah Yeshua will return to the Land of Yisra'el to fulfill His
_____ !

1. What can stop the will of God?
2. What will Yeshua do to the world when He returns?
3. Who will once again inhabit the desolate cities of Yisra'el?
4. How will God redeem Yisra'el to make her one with Him when He returns?
5. How long will God's covenant of peace with Yisra'el last?
6. What type of people should those who have been redeemed by Messiah Yeshua be?
7. What does the gift of the Holy Spirit allow a believer to do?
8. Why should believers obey the commandments of God?
9. What happens to a congregation who tolerates immorality?
10. What robs humanity of temporal and eternal blessings from God?
11. Who will return to earth to rule and reign with Messiah Yeshua?
12. What will happen to the borders of Yisra'el in the future?

13. Who will the whole world be blessed through?
14. What are God's children supposed to illuminate for the world?
15. Because God is faithful to keep His Word what can we do?

Answer Bank

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| M. Dwell in the presence of God | P. To demonstrate our love for Him |
| D. Forever | G. Through His great Mercy |
| K. Nothing | N. The descendants of Ya'kov (Jacob) |
| S. Always trust Him | O. Evil behavior |
| R. The believers loose their spiritual power | M. Redeemed Believers |
| I. They will expand | S. Yisra'el |
| I. Judge it | E. The Way of Salvation |
| O. Peculiar | |

