

Attaining an Enemy-Free Land(Acts 26:7)

Dt 6:3-6 — Our Father is talking to the children of Israel about going into the Promised Land. Of course it has everything to do with us. They never did what they were told to do with their children. So it is left to another people to carry out what our Father committed to Abraham for his true offspring. In verse 3 it says, “O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as Yahweh the God of your fathers has promised you — a land flowing with milk and honey.” And verse 2, “this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which Yahweh your God has commanded me to teach you, so that your sons and your grandsons might fear Yahweh your God and keep all the statutes and commandments which I command you all the days of your life, and your days [your culture] will be prolonged.” Your *culture*, your *witness*, will be prolonged. It was not just that they would live many years necessarily, but that *the ir days of being a nation* would be prolonged. Otherwise it would be taken away from them and given to another people (Mt 21:43).

Of course this depends upon continual revelation (Jn 14:21). Our Master said, “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father in heaven, therefore the gates of the underground won’t overtake you” (Mt 16:17-18).

Therefore if the revelation stops, then the underground will overtake you and you’ll become Christianity. We hold the keys of the Kingdom. Christianity doesn’t hold the keys. *We* have the keys and we can unlock the door to the Kingdom and invite people in. What we bind and what we loose will be done so in heaven. So if we keep the commandments that we have, then that means we love Him as He says, with all of our heart and soul and strength (Dt 6:5). Verses 6-7 — *And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*”

“...when you sit in your house” — *this formal*

“...when you walk by the way...” — *this informal*

Speaking of our culture, the same principles in the old apply in the new. We have to teach our children these commandments so that they can obey them. They don’t know the commandments except that they hear what they are. He will continue to reveal Himself to us *if* we teach these to our children, formally and informally. This is the abba’s responsibility. Then we will go from glory to glory.

In Dt 6:4-6 Moshe begins speaking to this new generation (the old generation had passed away) in their preparation to enter the Promised Land. Whatever we read in the old has to be brought into the new. We have to apply it in the new if it’s applicable, and it’s up to us to judge whether it’s applicable or not. That’s the job of the apostles (plural).

So Moshe is instructing them about what family life is all about. Having children entails being responsible for Dt 6:4-9 and Gen 18:19. This goes right along with Jn 14:21 — *if we have His commandments and keep them*, we will have continuous *revelation* which we will pass on to our children, which will keep the cycle going. This will bring us into the Promised Land, which is Heb 10:13 — we have to put all of His enemies under His feet so our Master Yahshua can return and establish His millennial reign (Rev 11:15). Then the promise of Gen 15:18 — an enemy-free land — will be given back to the natural offspring of Abraham. This promise is irrevocable. Gen 17:1-8 — The land will be for the kind of children who deserve it — those who walk before Him blameless.

Old Israel never had an enemy-free land. They never really took the land. They took parts of it, but they let the enemies live, made treaties with them, etc. Acts 26:7-8 — Old Israel has to rise again from the dead, which will come about when new “servant” Israel overcomes *for them*. The one third that will be saved someday will take the land. Those one third of the “Jews” will have mixed in among them descendants of all the tribes, who will end up propagating the tribes in the next age according to Mt 19:28. This is what our Master taught, and if we don’t teach these things then we are not legitimate and we don’t know what we’re doing. We have to know these things in order to talk to the Jews. We have to know what we’re serving night and day for — for the hope of the promise given to Abraham when our Father walked through those split animals (Jer 34:18; Gen 15:17). He said, in effect, let this be done to Me if I don’t

fulfill this promise. But how can the Jews fulfill it? They can't! They were exiled from the land because they didn't obey His commandments.

Just apply Jn 14:21 to everything we're saying — the continual revelation we have to have in order for the gates of hell, the underground, not to prevail against us. We've seen what the underground is. We face it every day that we live in every place, especially among our children — but it comes from the adults. It puts the fire out, quenches our love. I hear that someone has an opinion about a person, and if I receive it then I don't have the fellowship that I need to with that person.

Hakam — That's why that teaching about naming our enemies is so important, about keeping the Sabbath. That's what the Sabbath is all about — fellowship *koinonia*. That our communion with one another — the warmth we have, how we greet each other, the way we are with each other — has everything to do with fulfilling this. If we have some uneasy feeling about something going on in our life, or something between you and another person, and those things aren't judged, then that's the breeding ground for the spirits of the unseen realm to take over. You go to the minchah day after day without rest and there's no basis for ongoing revelation. You're not going to be one that our Master can use to speak to us in the gathering to give us the revelation to live by.

We talked in our last meeting about how our Master at His baptism finally realized without a doubt who He was when our Father spoke to Him. It was probably the first time He heard His Father's voice audibly when He said, "You are My Son in whom I am well pleased." Then the power of the Holy Spirit came upon Him and He went out to be tempted and tested. Where was He going after He was baptized? He was going somewhere; He had a destiny to fulfill. Three years later He was on the cross. But if He had done anything that Satan tried to get Him to do at the outset, He wouldn't have reached His goal. He wouldn't have been able to do what He was sent to do in order that we could do what we are sent to do, which is to put all of His enemies under His feet so that the next age can come in and the promise to Abraham can be fulfilled. Israel is going to become the center of the greatest nation on the Earth.

When the Race begins our preparation will have ended and our task begun, and we will have to walk just like our Master did in order to do what we are on the Earth to do.

Qatan — This is a very difficult revelation to get because you cannot get it with a selfish motive. We're doing all this to give the land to the Jews, and if you don't see how important that is, that our Father's self-cursing oath wouldn't come upon Him... He's placed that in our hands, depending on the power of His love to cause our love to respond so that everything wouldn't STOP.

That's the unconditional promise. It's actually *conditional* based upon Israel fulfilling what they're supposed to do, and since they didn't then the first Edah was supposed to do it, and now it's up to us. But our Father has infinite foreknowledge and so He knew there was going to be a people who would do that in the very end. So that is the basis of His unconditional covenant. Now it all depends upon us. Acts 26:7 — "Now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise that our Father made to Abraham, the promise to which *our* twelve tribes hope to attain *for them* as they earnestly serve night and day." Paul thought he was fulfilling Isa 49:6 (Acts 13:47), and that he would be alive and remain at our Master's return. But he realized later that his life was being poured out as a drink offering (2 Tim 4:6). So there has to be someone fulfilling that commission today, attaining an enemy-free land *for them*.