

## On the Verge of a Brand New Culture

In Dt 12, you can see that they were on the verge of establishing a brand new culture — a new and living way, away from the world and Egypt where they were under the bondage of the evil one. They were on the verge of living a totally new way of life when they crossed over the Jordan River. Crossing the Jordan was their baptism out of the world, out of Egypt, just as we are baptized out of the world and into the Body. They entered the Promised Land. They first had to conquer its inhabitants, just as we have to conquer our iniquities. If we don't conquer them, we are just living by soul power, and not by the Spirit. Soul power cannot conquer.

You might say it was pretty cruel that they would come in and kill and destroy the Canaanites — destroy their religion, bring down the high places and shrines, and all they were commanded to do. It was pretty extreme. But actually, those people didn't deserve to live, especially in the Promised Land. They didn't deserve to live because of their practices. They had already gone over the limit.

**Nun** — It had become like Sodom and Gomorrah.

**Sho'er** — Really, the days we're coming into, as Dan 12:4 is reaching its climax in human history, are a parallel in that the whole world is becoming more and more like Sodom and Gomorrah. They had to come out of Egypt, and Egypt had to come out of them. They had to enter into the new land and start a brand new culture, and they had to drive out these things from the land.

In the same way, we're leaving Egypt, we're leaving Babylon, and those things have to leave us. We have to drive out the iniquities from the land in order to form this brand new culture. We may not be perfect, but we're faithful and we're letting our Father deal with us. He's dealing with the enemies in the land, and we want to see His will come about.

The Canaanites deserved to die, or our Father wouldn't have said what He said. In order to live in that supposedly enemy-free land, they couldn't practice syncretism<sup>1</sup> —

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<sup>1</sup> *Syncretism* — reconciliation or fusion of differing systems of belief, as in philosophy or religion, especially when success is partial or the result is heterogeneous.

take on the practices, culture, and religion of the people who lived there. But that is exactly what they did, which is why He had to take the Kingdom away from them. It was the same with the first church, as Christianity is the epitome of syncretism. The world converted them instead of them converting the world. The inhabitants of the land took over, and the culture of Egypt and Babylon came in.

*You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations, which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things. (Dt 12:2-4)*

Our Master told us in a new and living way how to apply that in Jn 17:14-16. We're in the world, but not of it. Rom 12:2 says the same thing. We can't be conformed to the world. We have to spiritually apply it to what the Israelites had to do if they were going to live in an enemy-free land, in the brand new culture that our Father would establish through them. We also are establishing a brand new culture. If not, we're no better than Christianity, but just another branch of it.

After they drove out the enemies, they were to establish the brand new culture of living for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with the twelve tribes occupying their own tribal areas in the land. They were commanded in Jos 3:12 to select twelve tribal heads. They would be self-governing in that sense — not independent, but self-governing.

It was given to Joshua to take the place of Moses. They answered Joshua, "Everything you have commanded us we will do; everywhere you send us, we will go. We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses in everything." (Jos 1:16)

*When you cross the Jordan and live in the land YHWH your God is giving you to inherit, and when He gives you rest from all the enemies around you and you live in security, then YHWH your God will choose the place that His Name will dwell. There you will bring all your burnt offerings and sacrifices and your personal contributions... (Dt 12:10-11)*

*Contributions* — we are going to be living by contribution in that day, so that no one will have more than he needs. There won't be any needy, because everyone who has more than he needs will *contribute* to the needs of his brothers.

Every part of the land where each tribe would reside would be a reflection or witness, having the same signature, reflecting the nature of the ONE God. That's not denominational, but a *monoculture*.<sup>2</sup>

### Following His Instructions

*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Jos 1:8)*

If we don't live by the Word, we're only fooling ourselves. We can't just have our own man-made laws or things of this nature. We have traditions, but it's according to the Spirit. But we live by the Word. Even the Law was instruction. Our Father wanted them to live by His instructions. There is nothing wrong with that.

*Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. (Jos 1:7)*

Do not turn to the right or to the left. Observe the *whole* instruction. Does anyone's Bible say *law*? The Hebrew is *torah*, which means *instruction*. This one just says *instruction* because it's exactly what it means. The word *law* evokes a bad feeling, like being "under the law." But the Law is *torah*, and *torah* means *instruction*. If we see the law as instruction, we can see it right.

*Above all, be strong and courageous. Be strong and courageous for you will distribute the land that I swore to their fathers and gave them to inherit. (Jos 1:6)*

That's what we're doing. The "land" now is in the world, in twelve different geographical areas. Jos 1:7-8 — If you carefully (care-fully) observe the whole

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<sup>2</sup> *Monoculture* — a single, homogeneous culture without diversity or dissension.

instruction (not just a part), as My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you have success wherever you go. This book of instruction (*torah*) must not depart from your mouth. You are to recite it (meditate on it) so you can apply it. Not just memorize it, but apply it. (Many Christians strive to read through the Bible in one year, but there is no way to apply it.) So the Israelites would now have a land to apply it in. If they would do what the instruction said, they'd be successful and prosperous in the land. And we will, too.

### **Worship**

So they were to be a witness and reflect the nature of their one God — *one* God, not 37,000 — keeping His commandments. It would keep all the tribes together in unity, and all the people would have only one purpose to live for. They wouldn't be living for their own individual purposes, but for their God, YHWH. He wanted a people that loved Him and worshiped Him alone. He required *all* of their worship and *all* of their adoration. It's not as if God was selfish or something, but you had to give everything to Him, or you would be giving it to other things, other loves, other idols. It has to go to Him and Him only. If you're fully devoted to one thing — one God — then you're not going to be worshiping idols. 1 Jn 5:21 says to keep away from idols. That doesn't mean that we are going to make something out of stone and fall down and worship it, but it's our own iniquities, the pleasures and songs of the world.

### **Purity and Holiness**

He wants a people who love Him and worship Him alone by keeping His instructions. They would demonstrate their commitment to Him by keeping to all that is holy, that would keep them from being defiled. That's devoting yourself to Him, to keep yourself clean from all that would defile you, so that you could carry out His will and do His purpose on the earth.

People say, "Well, you're just under the Law. I'll do what I want to."

“Well, go ahead and do it, and go to hell if you want to.” That’s what I would say. If a person doesn’t love our Father then he’s going to make up all kinds of things to do, and he deserves to reap what he sows. Who deserves it more than the person raised here in the Body of Messiah, with the law and the instruction and the Word, and he goes against it? He certainly deserves it 10 million times more than people in the world who never heard of the law. They have the natural law. We have something greater than natural law.

His people demonstrate their commitment to Him by keeping clean from all that would defile them, which shows their love for our Master by their inward purity. It is not just outward purity, but inward purity. You might just want to obey the law and be clean on the outside, but the inside is corrupt. Our Master talked about that. The inside of the cup was dirty, but the outside was pretty clean. Our Master is pure, and He wants a people who are pure.

God is pure, and we’re supposed to be holy and pure (1 Pet 1:14-16). Israel wasn’t to engage in the impure practices of the nations around them. Our Father has to be seen in His people, whom He has set apart to bear witness to His holiness. We’re holy; He’s holy. We have to be holy as He is holy. He was set apart for us, and we’re set apart for Him. It’s reciprocal.

God is holy. There’s a Holy Spirit that is set apart. He has nothing on His mind except us; He’s set apart for us. That’s all He does right now. That’s why He is called the Holy Spirit. There’s only one thing He has on His mind, and that’s purifying a people for Himself, in order that they will rule the universe. Our Father doesn’t just want to rule the universe on His own. He has to have a people that can be seen, a people who reflect His holiness. That’s what He created man for, especially the redeemed man. Our Father does things through them to rule over the nations. So we have to reflect His holiness, not be as the rest of the nations who reflect the unholiness of their gods. The unrighteous people in the world reflect Satan.

## A Distinct Culture

By following our Father's instruction, His people could establish their society by the just laws of the living God. They had the just God and His just laws. This brand new culture, separate from the cultures of the nations around them, would be very, very distinctive. It's got to be very distinctive, or we're not the witness that the people in the world can observe by our behavior (1 Pet 2:12).

The witness has to draw or repel. Our Master would always draw or repel. There was a polarization, a galvanizing effect. It has to draw or repel those who observe your behavior. The neighbors observe us over a period of time. You can't expect them to just look at us and know what they are looking at. They don't even know what they are seeing, but after a while they will observe our behavior and be drawn and be saved.

The distinctives of Israel were signs of a set-apart nation. When they entered into the land, our Father wanted them to follow His instruction, worshiping Him and Him only, devoted to Him, keeping their mind on Him. But they kept putting their mind on the other gods and taking on their ways — syncretism. It's a word we need to learn. They didn't really cut down all those high places; they quit doing it. Even some of the good kings didn't do it to the fullest extent. They let a little bit in, and it was like leaven. They let the little bit of leaven in, and pretty soon it leavened the whole lump.

*Therefore purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump since you truly are unleavened for indeed Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us. (1 Cor 5:7)*

You can just see it as doctrine, but that old leaven, if you leave a little bit in, what is it going to do? A little leaven leavens the whole lump, and that's what happened to old Israel. So here we are, and we have a great opportunity to let a little leaven in, don't we? We've got radios, the Internet, books — we have everything under the sun. I know we have to learn history in the nation we live in. It's good to learn it; we don't want to be totally ignorant of it. But if we're not careful it might preclude us learning our own history of Israel. It might displace it, supplant it, so that we would be more interested in

world history. Maybe it's good that Chets Barur learned the history around the area here, but sometimes it can be more appealing to our children than the history of our own nation, Israel.

So these distinctives were signs of a set-apart nation, the one and only God, and of His plan and His purpose. The most distinctive sign was the absolute allegiance to the one God. Everyone thinks he is serving the one God, but they're not. The one God is Creator of all. *Israel's entire society was to be a brand new social order. We have talked about this, and called ourselves a new social order with its legal system, its economic structure, family life, ethics, education, etc. This new social order would bear witness, or reflect their allegiance to our Father, while the nations around them worshiped a variety of gods.* That's why they always say the "one God." Our allegiance would be to one God.

That sounds like no big deal, but Christianity doesn't serve one God, even though they might say so. All the nations around Israel worshiped a variety of gods at numerous shrines located all over the land they had just come into. That meant they were going to have to do something about it. We can't bring the world into the Community when we're baptized. So many people have tried to bring the world in by their way of doing things.

When the Israel of Elohim came into the land, they were to worship the one and only God in the one and only way. That's why He gave them instructions about offerings and sacrifices, about the place He caused His name to dwell. They could only go there to offer sacrifices. They couldn't do it in every place, doing what seemed right in their own eyes. All those things that we learn in the Scriptures have to be applied to us in a new and living way.

**Hakam** — It has to be applied to us, so that we understand that the instructions are there to create the culture, the environment of Israel. There's an environment of the world, as ha-êmeq was talking about the other day. If you want to watch television, you can go out there. There are plenty of TVs out there, excellent ones with great big screens, but here we love Yahshua. She was talking about the recipe, and how putting the wrong ingredients in the recipe destroys it.

We ought to write simple stories about the recipe, and let people understand that there is only one set of instructions, and there was someone appointed by our Father to have that anointing to teach them that set of instructions. If they wanted to follow that God, they would follow that person's instructions which he got from Elohim. That created the culture. If they didn't follow that, they were taken over by the ways of the nations. The nations were full of those ways, because they are the nations.

**Mevaser** — It's not just what *not* to put in, but what you *need* to put in, e.g., all the things that have to be established before the Race begins are all ingredients that comprise the recipe.

**Hakam** — That's the difference between Christianity and the Body of Messiah. Christians who don't want the world talk about what *not* to put in, but they don't know what *to* put in, because that requires apostolic authority and obedience to it.

### The Spirit of Wisdom

*My brothers who went with me caused the people's heart to melt with fear, but I remained loyal to YHWH my God. (Jos 14:8)*

"I remained loyal" — We have to have people of this nature as leaders — the Calebs and Joshuas — who have the same spirit of wisdom. Dt 34:9 says Joshua, the son of Nun, was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid hands on him. We have to have a spirit of wisdom upon us. He'emin has to have the spirit of wisdom upon him for governing the ship or a clan. We haven't laid hands on too many people lately, in the last fifteen years, but the time will come when we will. We are trying to find out who is real and who is not real, who can be leaders and who can't.

They were to worship the one and only Elohim in the one and only way that you can at the one and only place. That's the place we are talking about now, the place where He causes His name to dwell, where the sacrifices and offerings and incense are lifted up (Mal 1:11).

### In Every Place

You can't just do that anywhere. You can't do it *anywhere*, or *everywhere*, as some translations say. *Everywhere* is not the right translation. It says "in every place" — in



every locality. There is only one place in every locality where you can offer the minchah. Otherwise, we will all be doing what seems right in our own eyes, everywhere. Some translations say *everywhere*, but in 1 Tim 2:8 it's not *everywhere*, it's "in every place."

It's the place that He chooses to give witness to the true and living God, the one God. In every place you're going to see the same thing. Right now, you can see that. Everyone gives witness to it when they go to Naftali or Reuben or Levi. They all say, "It's as if I've been here before," and that gives witness to the one God, not many gods. Christianity has many gods. The Pentecostals do it one way, the Baptists another way, and the Catholics still another way — all the different flavors. But there is only one God — one Spirit that teaches us.

In the Promised Land, YHWH planned to bless them exceedingly, abundantly, but in turn, He expected them to live according to His instruction, to live responsibly. *Responsibly* means "able to respond." It's got to be a reciprocal thing. He's going to bless them, but they have to respond.

It's a brand new culture like none other that has ever been seen. If we're not that way, we're not a true witness. It's going to have a galvanizing effect. It's going to be a witness, an *edah* (you've got to change your name or your behavior). The brand new culture is one that has never been seen or even thought of. No one has even thought of it. The brand new culture is unlike any that has ever gone before it. There has never been anything like it, and never will be. That's the witness of the Kingdom. If it's not the witness of the kingdom, it's not real, and our Master can't come back. This age can't come to an end unless it gives witness to the kingdom to come — the evidence that produces the witness, setting the evidence before all.

I don't think Christianity has got the evidence. Do you think some people will say, "Goodness me, it couldn't be. I don't think *we're* the evidence. We're scattered. Every place we are, there is another denomination across the street, all different."

The witness must be unlike anything that has ever preceded it. So what are we going to do about it? We've got to produce the fruit of the Kingdom. Our Master said, "I am going to take the kingdom away from you and give it to a nation who will produce the fruit of it." (Mt 21:43)

That nation has to produce the fruit of it. What is the fruit? I guess it's the evidence of what kind of tree is growing. The fruit is being a witness of the kingdom to come. We have to live as if Satan were already in the abyss. We have to treat him as if he had no power over us. We have to say, "Father, deliver us from the evil one," because we can't do it in our own strength. If we are not praying that, then we are trying to do it in our own strength, and we'll learn that we can't do it in our own strength. Unless we're praying to be delivered from the evil one, praying at our minchah, "Deliver us, Father, today," we won't be delivered. And you can pray your own private prayer, "Deliver *me* from the evil one," because we can be deceived; we can look really nice. That's the greatest deception, wanting to be recognized, wanting to be first. That was Satan's sin. He wasn't satisfied being a creature. He wanted to be above God.

**Hakam** — Pride comes out in a tendency to rationalize and reason against the instructions. Even if you do 95% of the instruction, but you have a little stronghold of doing things your own way, that's the subtle leaven that creeps in. It's pride not to go all the way down to receive what our Father has.

### **Restoration of All Things, or another Reaction?**

Mt 21:43 can't be the first church, as it's obvious that they fell, too. And now Mk 9:11-12 has got to come forth. There has to be a restoration of all things that are fallen in the first-century church. They were supposed to restore everything fallen in old Israel. Now we have to restore everything that was fallen in the first-century church. Therefore, Isa 49:6 comes on the scene. That's a prophecy that has nothing to do with old Israel and their way of being. They should have been that way, but this is prophecy for the end of days. Mt 24:14, the fruit of the Kingdom, brings about the end of this age (Mt 21:43; Mk

9:11-12; Isa 49:6). Mt 24:14 goes with Dan 2:44 and Dan 7:24 — “in the days of those ten kings” (Rev 17:12).

Christianity can't be Mt 24:14. There is no way they can produce the fruit of the Kingdom and bear witness of the Kingdom. Phil 2:14-16 is the light that shines. There are so many other verses to add to this: Jn 13:35; Jn 17:23; 1 Pet 2:5-17; etc.

The mixed multitude who came out of Egypt with them had to be cut off in the wilderness before entering into the Promised Land (Num 11:4; Ex 12:38; Lev 24:22; Ex 20:10).

We've got to be the witness of who His people are. We're on the verge of being born. Jos 1:6-9 — Unless they did what they were commanded to do, the Kingdom would be taken away from them and given to a nation who would produce the fruit of it. So here we are — are we those people? Are we becoming that nation?

### **Iniquities and Idols in Your Soul**

**Chets Barur** — I was thinking about all the places it talks about how they would prosper if they got rid of all the idols, and all the verses that talk about being spewed out of the land. Our Father is having us take the land, even though the land is a temporary dwelling place for us. Tolerating our iniquities and spiritual enemies is just like tolerating the asherah poles, causing us to not be that witness, that light. But we should be careful to observe His statutes, and meditate on them. Meditating is not just saying, “It says this, so do this,” but considering what was in our Father's heart. What kind of distinct people was He wanting? These instructions were the outpouring of His heart so that there could be that distinct people who could be blessed. Deuteronomy 28 talks about the curses and blessings. The blessings will overtake you if you observe all these things, and the curses will overtake you if you don't observe all these things.

We apply Ex 20:4 in a different way from the way they would apply it. We apply it to our own iniquities and all worldly things that would be idolatry. 1 Jn 5:21 — “Keep yourselves from idols.” That's the last thing John said in his epistle, not speaking of graven images, but it's applied spiritually.

**Sho'er** — An idol is something that would make you transfer your affection from our Father to something else.

Exactly. That's what it is. The world is full of it, and Christianity is full of it, because if you love the world, the love of the Father is not in you. Do not make an idol for yourself. It goes on and says you must not bow down to them. We can bow down to those iniquities. They overtake us. "Do not bow down to them or worship them, for I, YHWH your God, am a jealous God punishing the *children* for what's passed on to them from the fathers..." Wow, He can't do that, can He? "... punishing the children for the fathers' sins to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me."

You have to overcome your father's iniquities passed on to you. If you don't, you hate God. And your father had better do something about them, too, because it goes down to the third and fourth generation, and that's the Male Child. The Male Child puts all those enemies under our Master's feet. There aren't any iniquities that overcome them. They don't bow down to them. "Those who hate Me" means those who don't love Him, who don't worship Him, who transfer their affections to something else, and that is what *hating* means. 1 Jn 3:14-15 teaches us that not loving is hating. (That's how your father or mother take it when you have to leave them in order to become a disciple.)

Ex 20:6 — "... but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." They show how much they love Him by cutting off their iniquities. It's very difficult for us to do. It's only been done in a few cases, so far. The iniquities of the fathers have overtaken the children.

### **The Holy Spirit in our Souls**

Only if the Holy Spirit is in your soul can you overcome those iniquities that were passed on to you. Where did you get your soul from? Did God create it at your conception? Was it a pure, unfallen soul? If so, why does it need to be restored? Or was it passed on from your father, with his same iniquities? Only by the Holy Spirit occupying the soul can we overcome those iniquities.

**Mevaser** — This is such a key for us. Without His Spirit in our soul, we'll automatically revert to that natural being, that soul that we inherited. Our only hope is that His Spirit would fill our soul.

There are three kinds of people: natural, carnal, and spiritual. We're either the spiritual or the carnal, and the natural are the people who don't have the Holy Spirit in their spirit. The carnal man has the Holy Spirit in his spirit, but not in his soul. The spiritual man has the Holy Spirit in his spirit *and* in his soul, and it affects the way he thinks, the way he sees, the way he loves — everything. If the Holy Spirit has to withdraw to the recesses of your spirit, He can't work through your bodily members, since the only access to them is through your soul. He's outside knocking for entrance into your soul. He's dormant, but He wants to enter in and take the land.

**Sho'er** — Num 11:4 says, "Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving..." If His Spirit is not in our souls, we are left to our iniquities, to try to overcome our iniquities with our own strength — a futile endeavor.

Soul power. You have to read Deuteronomy 8 to find out what was going on:

*The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Dt 8:1-3)*

He had to test them so that they could see what iniquities were in them, so that they could do something about them, in order to go into the land and make it an enemy-free land, but they never did it. We have to know what's in us. It's helpful for the abba to confess it to his sons — confess his own iniquities so they can see it also.

**Chets Barur** — As Isaac from Nelson said in the meeting at Fort Myers, if someone is not getting saved every month, he starts looking to the camp to see where the leaven is. They always find it when they look for it, and then

after that our Father sends someone. It's a spiritual thing. Leaven is tolerating things that should have been dealt with.

In order for the nation to be established it takes order, and no one can do what is right in his own eyes. If there is a king in the land, no one does what is right in his own eyes (Jdg 17:6; 21:25). That is how Christianity is, but sometimes it's that way in the Community, isn't it? It takes order — governmental authority in every locality. Everyone knows that he has to answer to that governmental authority — if there's a united front among the leaders. There is no way a child can go wrong if the parents are a united front. It's just like a wall, and there is no way you can get around it. As soon as the child knows that he can get his way by appealing to the imma or the abba (the sugar daddy), it destroys the child. The father and mother have to be one, united, together, praying together for their children. The governmental authority in the community has to be the same way — united. In the elders' meeting, the first thing you talk about is yourselves, to see whether there is anything going on there. Don't just assume that everything is okay.

*“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments... Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” (John 14:15,21)*

There are some people in the Community that our Master doesn't reveal Himself to. There are so many He cannot disclose Himself to. They act as natural men, unless our Master is disclosing, revealing Himself to them, which He cannot do unless they keep His commandments and the traditions of the apostles. The apostles bring the Word from our Father, and they have certain traditions that the Bible might not even say explicitly, like, “Don't let your pants hang down below your bottom or drag on the floor.” We don't look like the world. We make the world envious, whoever still has a concept, a little bit left in them of what's right.

Jos 1:1-11 — A nation was on the verge of being born, but what happened? Mt 21:23-45 gives the whole story of Israel, and even the Pharisees understood it, saying, “Hey, He's talking about us!”

**Nun** — Jos 1:7-9 says to meditate day and night on His laws, and in Ps 1:2 it says that he who meditates is blessed. It's about Him abiding in our soul — the will, the intellect, and the emotions. You can see the devastating effect of not getting in touch with what works in us because we are not absorbed in His instruction. The curse will come upon you unless you take action in this way.

Dt 6:6-7 means being totally occupied with His instruction, passing it on to our children, who do the same, or else we are just blind. People say, "I never dreamed anything like this would happen with my son." We have to be proactive. We have to give our children understanding. That's why we may have to confess our iniquities to our children, or it's not going to be unlocked to them.

The instruction is the objective mirror for us to see what we're trapped in. We're in the Community, and as we relate to one another, things are exposed. And they are exposed not just for our own good, but to help our children so they are not passed on to the third and fourth generation. They have to overcome these iniquities that would hinder us from being that full, glorious witness of our Father's kingdom that reflects that He is dwelling there.

1 Pet 1:15-16 says, "Be holy for I am holy." If I am holy and you are My people, then you will be holy. This is what our Father is calling us to. It's exciting to know this is what our Father is calling us to, and this is the key to the Kingdom, teaching us to love His instruction.

Many years ago, I was in a government meeting (I was about 18 or 19), and Yônêq said, "You know, you should read Leviticus. It's a love story." I looked at it, and all I saw was the instruction; I didn't get it. But His instruction is where His attentiveness is. It's a love story. As you walk along, passing it on to your children, the generation gap dissolves.

It's so important that we understand what happened to them. A nation was on the verge of being born. They had instruction, but they didn't pass it down to their children. They didn't pass it down from one generation to another. We have three or four generations in which to make up for it, and we have to do it in order for the land to be given to Israel, as our Father promised Abraham. Our Father is looking to us to do it for them. We have to pass it on to our children to the third and fourth generation. I've heard that some of the first-generation parents do not discipline their children for disobedience on the first command.

The Kingdom is going to be given to a *nation*. Acts 26:6-7 — The William's translation says "for them" — produce the fruit of the Kingdom *for them*. This Bible says, "And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve Him night and day." It doesn't say "served Him," but "serve Him" — in the present tense. Paul is not talking about apostate Israel serving with the sacrificial system that was done away with by our Master's sacrifice. It's not talking about old Israel, which every Christian thinks it is. The William's translation is right when it says we do it "for them."

Then in Acts 26:8 it says, "Why do you think it is incredible that God raises the dead?" You could think it meant individual resurrection, but I apply it to the resurrection of old Israel, as Paul said in Rom 11:15. We're living to resurrect old Israel in the millennium when the twelve tribes will have an enemy-free land (Mt 19:28).

Isa 49:8 says, "... that they may inherit the desolate heritages." If the prophetic twelve tribes in Isa 49:6 will be a light to the nations (Mt 24:14), it will bring about the end of this age, but also the beginning of the twelve tribes of Israel in the next age and the ruling of the nations. In Isa 49:8 it says restore the *land*, not the *earth*. Of course, the earth will be restored, but it specifically means the *land* there. Land and earth are the same word in Hebrew.

### **Going Into the Land**

*Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them — the children of Israel. (Jos 1:2)*

There is a preparation going on. For 35 years now, we've been preparing. Then the nation will be born, and we will have three years to prepare for the Race, if that's what our Father is saying. The foundation is prepared. Old Israel was preparing to enter the land. They had instruction for what to do when they got over there.

"Be careful to observe My instructions. The book of instructions must not depart from your mouth."



“Everything you have commanded us we will do; everywhere you send us we will go.” You know the song: “I’ll go where You want me to go, O Yah; I’ll do what You want me to do; I’ll say what You want me to say, O Yah; I’ll be what You want me to be.”

Our Master said in Mt 21:43, and Peter said in 1 Pet 2:9, that they were a *nation*. Look up the word *nation* and see what it is. Is Christianity a nation? Once a nation is divided, it’s no nation. If a house is divided against itself, it cannot stand.

Jos 1:2 — It depends on a *whole* nation who will heed His voice as Abraham. “You’re Abraham’s seed if you do what Abraham did.” Christianity is as Jn 8:44; their father is Satan. I don’t mind saying that.

Jos 1:6 simply says, “Be strong and courageous for you will distribute the land I swore to their fathers to give them as an inheritance.” He swore to Abraham that He was going to give them the land, enemy-free. He told them to destroy the shrines, the high places, and the gods of the nations, and serve only Him. That hasn’t happened. Even Solomon went after other gods, so our Father took the Kingdom away from him.

Old Israel will be resurrected from the dead:

*Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? (Rom 11:12-15)*

“Life from the dead” — that’s what we’re working towards. We’re the *servant* Israel put in their place. We’re special agents in this age, put in place for our Father to bring about the promise. Our Father would have to be like those split animals and be cursed if He didn’t bring that promise to fruition. We’re the ones that He’s entrusted His Spirit to in order to bring that about. He entrusted it to the first-century edah, but they didn’t bring it about (Isa 26:18). They didn’t bring about the end of the age, so it’s been entrusted to us (Mt 24:14).

I just keep on repeating all these verses until we do it. Are we doing Jn 13:34-35? I don't think so. We might be in some cases, but we *all* have to. We have to be one as the Father and Son are one (Jn 17:21). Are we one as the Father and Son are one? We have to maintain it. That's why we have to have government.

Anyway, Jn 13:34-35 and Jn 17:21-23 are left for a nation to produce the fruit. It's left to us. It's not left to Christianity. Christianity is a defunct religion. Acts 3:21 talks about the restoration of all things *in the next age*, speaking of natural Israel being restored in the land. When our Master returns, He and we will restore everything. But heaven won't release Him until we produce the fruit of the Kingdom *in this age*. Heaven holds Him. He can't come back in a billion years until we produce the fruit of it, until we love one another as our Master loved, until we are one as the Father and Son, as a twelve-tribed nation.

Heb 10:13 — We have to put all of His enemies under His feet. That means our iniquities that divide us, that curse our children, the things that are in us and that we passed on to them. They didn't just come up with a new soul. Our Father didn't create a new soul at conception. He doesn't create anything in a fallen condition. Their soul came from you, and the corruption in your soul and in your father's soul is passed on to them — to the third or fourth generation.

Eph 4:2-3; Phil 2:2-5,14-16; 1 Pet 2:9-10,12 — These scriptures are our instructions to do as we are led by the one Spirit. Eph 4:4-6 speaks of the *one* Spirit. If we're led and taught by *one* Spirit, we're not going to have division. We're going to follow instructions. Christianity is not led by the one Spirit; they are led by many spirits. Eph 4:4-5 says there is only *one* Spirit, *one* baptism, *one* Lord. If we're not that way, we're false. We're a house divided. We have to be that way, but we have to *pray* to be that way. We have to pray to be delivered from the evil one. We have to pray that His Kingdom would come, His will be done, His name be hallowed.

We must now take the land for them, for Israel, to give them an enemy-free land. What is an enemy-free land? We'll put all of His enemies under His feet. We have to do that. Heaven holds Him until there is the restoration of all things now in this age in order for Him to come and restore everything in the next age. We must now take the land *for them* (Acts 26:7, as it says in the William's translation).

*Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses... Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. (Jos 1:3,6)*

### **Swarming**

We have to be like that, as sent ones. Joshua was a sent one. We have to swarm, but lots of people don't even think about swarming. As sent ones we have to say, "Everything You have commanded us we will do, and everywhere You *send* us we will go" (Jos 1:16). Apostles swarm. They are queen bees. They go where He wants them to go; they do what He wants them to do. We've got to be in every place.

Is Oak Hill ready to swarm? Are they even thinking about it? Is there a queen bee? Are their houses full? Are they ready to get going? I hope Ithaca will be swarming pretty soon. Shores is in Oneonta. I hope that's swarming, that we establish a community there. We've got to keep swarming until we take the land. Where's the land? It's in every place, every township in our tribal area. That's thousands. In one state alone, there are so many towns. New York has so many towns. There are so many, but we've got to go and take the land. What if one town never even sees our life? What if they can't observe our behavior? So what is our Father going to do?

Here we are along the East Coast, one of the most populated areas on the earth, and we have to be in every place. That means queen bees have got to come forth. We've got to go to the streets. Take a table downtown. We've got to make ourselves known; we can't be embarrassed. We can't be ashamed of the gospel. We can't be ashamed to take ridicule or persecution. We can't just wait until someone has a flat tire outside our house

and wants to use the phone. We have had several come in that way. But we can't just keep on thinking that that's how our Father is going to do it.

Mal 1:5,11 — We have to be in every place outside the borders of natural Israel. You know these things. You've heard me a hundred times, but everyone else hasn't. You're supposed to pass it on to them. Jn 13:35 has got to be a reality. Our Father didn't speak it in vain, did He? He said, "If you love one another as I have loved you, all men will know you're My disciples." Does every man know who His disciples are?

*Ask of Me and I will make the nations your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession. (Ps 2:8)*

So what did He say that for? I guess the nations will be our inheritance in the next age, which is the fruit we're now in the process of producing (Mt 21:43; Ps 2:8). Mt 19:28 — The apostles of old will be sitting on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel in the next age, in the age to come, the regeneration. That will be the fruit of all of our labor. That is why we're serving Him.

In Ps 2:11 it says how we are to serve Him; it's our instruction. If we're not serving this way, we're just being disobedient. "Serve YHWH with reverential awe." Are we doing that? No, we're not doing that. Can we do it? Yes, we can. Are we going to do it? "Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling." Rejoice with trembling! How do you do that? What does that mean? Verse 12 — "Pay homage to the Son or He will be angry and you will perish in your rebellion. For His anger may ignite at any moment. All those who take refuge in Him are happy."

Are we going to be forced into it by fear? What kind of fear is this "reverential awe"? Eph 5:21 — "Submit to one another out of fear of Messiah" — reverential respect, reverential awe. So what if we don't submit to one another? What if we do? We're not humble if we don't submit. You've got to be humble to submit. If you don't submit, you're proud, and God will oppose you. Has our Father ever opposed anyone in the Body?

Of all that's been recorded in the Old Testament and New Covenant scriptures, Christians can't seem to get it that disciples are to live in another culture altogether. They can't seem to get it. They think they have a dual citizenship. They have to go to church on Sunday, and work in the world, which Paul says you can't do. You can't serve two masters. A soldier can't be involved in civilian affairs. He can't do it. It says it right there in 2 Tim 2:4. "Well, what did Paul really mean?" People misunderstand Paul more than anything. That's why there are so many denominations.

If we obey the Master's instructions, the Community will prosper. We can't live together unless we obey His commandments. If you're obeying from the heart, from the Spirit, you can't do anything else except live together as in Acts 2:44. "All who believed were together and had all things in common," fulfilling the prayer of Jn 17:21-23. In Acts 4:32 they had *one heart and one soul*, meaning the Holy Spirit was in their souls. Unless the Holy Spirit is in our souls, we can't live together. There is no way we can live together except in torment. But if the Holy Spirit is in our soul (Jn 17:23), then Acts 4:32 is the fulfillment of our Master's prayer.

### **The Missing Ingredient**

Is Christianity doing that today? No. We're barely doing it, fulfilling His prayer in Jn 17:23 and obeying His commandment to love as Jn 13:34-35 for all the world to see. The missing ingredient in Christianity is the Holy Spirit, and that's the reason they can't do it, and they don't do it. They can't do it without the Helper. That's the reason they're not living as in Acts 2:44 and 4:32.

The third and fourth generation in the first century were almost apostate. James was written when they were almost apostate. The last thing Paul told the Ephesians was to have an undying love (Eph 6:24). Then 30 or 40 years later, they had lost their first love. Their love died. When love dies, the church dies. They had the Holy Spirit in their spirit, but not in their souls.

*Remember then how far you have fallen and repent and do the works you did at first, or I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. (Rev 2:5)*

So all those instructions apply totally to us taking the land. We're on the verge of a nation being born, a brand new culture, and we have to follow His instructions, being obedient. It's amazing how our Master will reward His servants, the ones who are faithful to the very end. He is going to come back for the faithful ones (Rev 17:14). He'll come back for the called, the chosen, and the faithful. The faithful are the ones who have the Spirit dwelling in their souls. They can't be faithful unless the Holy Spirit is dwelling in their souls. We've got to keep ourselves clean.

**Chets Barur** — I'm thankful for what we heard. I want our Father's Spirit to be in my soul, not just fascinating things and historical facts. There are things that I have given my soul to in the past, and the Holy Spirit was not in my soul communicating something from the anointing that would pass on life to other people.

**ha-êmeq** — I remember when it dawned on you that it wasn't just mean people telling you not to listen to worldly music that might have expanded your musical gifting. You had thought that you could benefit from worldly music, but then it dawned on you that the motive of the instruction was that what would come forth from you would be pure, that there was something very special that you might lose if you gave yourself to that worldly music. That fear of losing something special made you want to turn away from it. Then it wasn't somebody telling you, "Don't turn on the radio. Don't listen to that high-brow music." You had vision to understand the instruction so that you would have something beyond your highest imagination. Then you just weren't interested in worldly music because you wanted to hear that new sound from our Father.

When we see our Father's word not as the law coming down to somehow make life hard, but rather as instruction, as a recipe that is going to make the best thing you could ever imagine, then we cling to every single tiny aspect of it. We have vision for what we're doing.

It's not that we can't find lessons from history, or that every interest we have is evil, but it must be something more than just the facts. There is something deep in history that we can learn. There are lessons to learn. There are different facets of it that have something to do with the word of our Father that we can't ignore, or else it will just dissipate what we have.

It's a fine line, a precarious place. It is interesting to know the history of this place right here, but you can't center around it.

**ha-êmeq** — Always within these history stories, like the story about the Little Landers, there are hidden pointed lessons of history. In everything you study there is something that shows how humans are: Don't you see how man needs salvation? Don't you see this tactic of war is just like what the evil one does with us? You have to have the ability to bring this out in the spiritual realm.

News today is the same. "47 people killed today in Iraq," and you can just spout it off and it doesn't even touch you. You can spout history from yesterday, and it doesn't change your perspective on life. People love news. They could talk about it all day. If you hear it the right way, it should affect you. The evil one takes something that should affect you, and makes you dull to it. Does history not matter anymore? Like that song, "You've studied it your whole life and you've not seen that men need Yahshua?"

The first festival is Passover, so we could learn the deep history lesson from the story of the Passover. It was earth-shaking what they were supposed to learn. How many times is that story going to be told? It's the festival that marks the beginning of the year. It is vital to us to remember it every single year.

**Nun** — *Meditate* means to empty the mind of thoughts, or to concentrate the mind on one thing in order to develop the mind or spirit; to contemplate; to think about something seriously for some time, so as to draw a conclusion; to plan, to consider doing something, to know which way to go.

Joshua was exhorting the people saying, "Be strong and courageous; we're gong to take the land, but only [there's a condition in there] be careful to ensure that you are strong and courageous *based* on observing the instruction we have received. If you do this, meditating on this day and night, you will prosper, and you will have good success in all that you do. Wherever your foot goes, that will be the land."

We're on the verge of the nation being established. We're right there, just as it was with Joshua. The land is before us. We've had 35 years of preparation, so let's be careful to take the instruction our Father has shown us through the anointing, and give our whole heart to it, day and night, and we will swarm and we will prosper. Swarming is "wherever your foot goes."

Get a map out and look at the cities. Without the Holy Spirit it would be unbelievable. Can we do it? Is it supposed to be that we would be in every place in our tribal area? Is it possible? Can we do it in 50 years? If we have exponential growth and increase, then it has to be. We'll be forced to.

**Mevaser** — If we are to be born as a nation then our faith can't be any less than the faith Israel had in Jos 1:16 when they said, "All that you command us, we will do; wherever you send us, we will go." Our faith can't be any less than that.

It is going to be a witness to the whole world. It has to be a witness everywhere we are. "All men will know that you are My disciples." It has to be a phenomenal thing. It can't be that our Father would judge the whole world by what they see in Hillsboro right now, or anywhere else. It has to be something that polarizes the world.

It's good you're giving yourselves to building that café. It's great. It's going to be a witness. You will be able to meet people that we would have never met. But it has to be more than just a nice plate of food.