

Lesson No. 131 – The Cloud Is Darkening In Yisrael

Hosted by Donald Crosswell
February 14, 2020

According to a trade expert on public radio, the trade wars between the U.S. and China may potentially be unresolvable. Another program on public radio disclosed that many nations of the world are looking to see whether or not China or the U.S. should be the nation they should look to for leadership, while also acknowledging that China may have a head start due to its financial commitments to African and South American nations. At the same time the U.S. government issued travel bans to Nigeria, Myanmar, Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Sudan and Tanzania. This move will prevent immigrants, from these predominantly Muslim nations, from moving to the U.S. Except for Kyrgyzstan, these are African nations.

In the U.S., the leadership prior to the Trump administration put in measures to protect citizens regarding the environment, labor and finance, health care, civil rights, worker and consumer safety, government reform, education and immigration. The Trump administration has or is removing all of these protections. If you look at a map of the nations impacted by the corona virus, they are all either Asian, European, or North American. There were no confirmed cases in Africa, South America, or the Caribbean nations. This is very interesting, being that there are many Chinese in the Caribbean, particularly in Jamaica. At the same time, we are learning of various sexual practices that a reasonably thinking person might consider to be unusual, documented to be of European origin, that are now apparently abundantly occurring in Black communities, that are apparently being accepted as the norm. In fact, Christians should recognize these practices as being totally contrary to ELOHIM's WORD.

As I began to consider the spiritual context of all of this, it became apparent that there appears to be an inequitable negative impact, particularly on the cultural community known as the Black community.

This led me to this discussion, Lesson No. 131 – A Cloud Has Darkened In Yisrael, focusing on a certain group of people in modernity, and how their walks in modernity are impacted by the WORD of ELOHIM.

It has been my experience that most Christians are ignorant of what ELOHIM's WORD teaches about Yisrael. Moses wrote the following prophesy to his people, the Children of Yisrael (COY), about the potential of future blessings and curses.

- Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, **if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:** Deu 28:2 And **all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.**

The first thing Christians must note is that the blessings that follow are all conditional to the COY's observance to do all YAHWEH's commandments, hearkening to the voice of YAHWEH. Obviously, if they didn't do this, they would never be set on high above all nations of the earth.

- Deu 28:3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. Deu 28:4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
- Deu 28:7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. Deu 28:8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

- Deu 28:9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. Deu 28:10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. Deu 28:11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. Deu 28:12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. Deu 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*: Deu 28:14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

As we read this prophecy, on the face of it is simplicity, so it would appear. Verse 13 states that if the COY “hearkened unto the commandments of YAHWEH”, “to observe and to do” them, all of these promises will be theirs. These are promises conditional on whether or not this people will observe and do all YAHWEH’s commandments. There was a simple question for this nation. Do you want these blessings or not?

However, there was a downside to these promises of blessings. The failure to observe and do these conditions would result in some serious curses. Why? This was because of the covenant that had been ratified between the COY and YAHWEH.

- Exo 24:7 And **he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.**

- Exo 24:8 And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people,** and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.**

This covenant, the Hebrew word “beriyth” (meaning compact, treaty, pledge), was ratified in blood. It was a binding contract between the COY and the LORD (YAHWEH), the creator of the heavens and the earth (Genesis 2:4). As a result, there were stiff penalties known as curses attached to this covenant.

- Deu 28:15 But it shall come to pass, **if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:**

I believe modernity is now calling this a quid pro quo, you do this for that, or YAHWEH will do this for that. Notice some of these curses YAHWEH promises will for certain come upon the COY for breaking this covenant with YAHWEH.

- Deu 28:18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.
- Deu 28:30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.
- Deu 28:32 **Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people,** and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand. Deu 28:33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

- Deu 28:36 **The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known;** and **there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.** Deu 28:37 And **thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.**
- Deu 28:41 **Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them;** for **they shall go into captivity.**
- Deu 28:43 **The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high;** and **thou shalt come down very low.** Deu 28:44 **He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.**
- Deu 28:45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee: Deu 28:46 And **they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed forever.** Deu 28:47 **Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;**

These are pretty clear and need no explanation. There were more curses that YAHWEH had Moses detail to the COY. These detailed curses testify of the seriousness of YAHWEH's thoughts about this covenant.

- Deu 28:49 **The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;** Deu 28:50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

- Deu 28:51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. Deu 28:52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

We will see that these curses did happen as the COY were taken from their lands by two mighty nations.

- Deu 28:63 And **it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.** Deu 28:64 And **the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.** Deu 28:65 And **among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:**

It is amazing how that these specific scriptures have been untaught to the majority of Christians within the communities of the descendants of the trans African slave trade. A reasonable question would be why. It is clear here that if the COY broke this covenant, YAHWEH would scatter them among the nations from one end of the earth unto another, where they will exist in a state of terrible discomfort. There is to be no middle ground.

Some in modernity teach that there is an unconditional aspect to this covenant. ELOHIM's WORD does not speak to that.

- Deu 28:66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: Deu 28:67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. Deu 28:68 And **the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.**

Finally, for breaking this covenant, the COY shall be taken by ships unto slavery. For Christians of modernity that desire to “put on the whole armor of ELOHIM”, the only question is whether or not the COY obeyed YAHWEH and kept HIS covenant. If not, it is simple. All of these curses have fallen upon them and they now reside scattered amongst the nations, haven eventually been taken back to a metaphorical Egypt in ships to a slave-like existence. You see, the blessings were conditional. Obedience! Blessings! Disobedience! Curses!

Now, there are European Christians, that claim the COY as their ancestry, that also teach that the COY are back in their land today in modernity, enjoying a measure of prosperity there, as well as in several other European-led nations. Now, there is absolutely no historical evidence that any European-led nation has incurred any of the curses of the covenant. However, these Europeans believe that there was an unconditional material component, primarily because of a prophecy about Joseph and his two sons. It began with Jacob (Yacob).

- Gen 35:11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

Now, this actually is the same promise made to Abraham and Isaac.

According to this teaching, these are unconditional promises that shall come upon the descendants of Yoseph at some future time, after the COY are scattered amongst the nations. And, in addition, these prophecies were transferred to Yoseph's two sons.

- Gen 48:16 **The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.** Gen 48:17 And **when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim,** it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. Gen 48:18 And **Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.** Gen 48:19 And his father refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*: **he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.** Gen 48:20 And **he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.**

These verses describe how Yisrael (Yacob) prophesied that Yoseph's son Manasseh shall become great people and Ephraim shall be greater than his older brother, and also become a multitude of nations. And just before his death, Yacob prophesied about all twelve of his sons and had this to say about Yoseph.

- Gen 49:22 **Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:** Gen 49:23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot *at him*, and hated him: Gen 49:24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

- Gen 49:25 *Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: Gen 49:26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

Now that we have read of this promised prosperity regarding Yoseph and his two sons, we must also recognize the context. This was prior to the COY becoming slaves in Egypt. This was prior to the coming of Moses, the COY's first prophet. This is prior to the COY being delivered from slavery in Egypt. This is prior to the COY being led into the land flowing with milk and honey. This is prior to the covenant made between YAHWEH and the COY.

The one thing we now know is that this covenant was conditional to the entirety of the COY, including Yoseph and his two sons. This is what ELOHIM's WORD says was the outcome of HIS covenant with the COY.

- Jer 11:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Jer 11:2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; Jer 11:3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed *be* the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, Jer 11:4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: *so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:*

This was the offer. It was conditional.

- Jer 11:8 **Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked everyone in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.** Jer 11:9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

This documents the choice the COY made. As Christians read these words YAHWEH gave to the Prophet Yeremayah, some might teach that they applied only to the House of Yehudah. Christians should know that as a result of the sins of King Solomon, the Nation of Yisrael was split into two nations, the Houses of Yehudah (3 tribes) and Yisrael (9 tribes) (1 Kings Chapter 11). Knowing this, YAHWEH is not slack in giving those who are HIS the needed understanding of HIS WORD.

- Jer 11:10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: **the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.** Jer 11:11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, **I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape;** and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

Both Houses broke the covenant that has come to be known as the Old Covenant. Christians should know that this covenant includes the first two of the three covenants made between YAHWEH and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Yacob). These were the fathers mentioned in verse 10.

Except for a period of prosperity under King David and King Solomon, the COY never achieved the blessings we read in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. Ultimately, both Houses were scattered.

- Jer 50:17 **Israel is a scattered sheep**; the lions have driven *him* away: **first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.**

There was no mention of the COY receiving those blessings after they broke the covenant and the curses fell upon them. Christians should know that the Assyrians took the House of Yisrael from their land.

- 2Ki 17:22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; 2Ki 17:23 **Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.**

The scattered House of Yisrael was never to return, even until this time of modernity. The Babylonians took the House of Yehudah from its land (2Kings, 25th chapter). Christians should know that a remnant of Yehudans were allowed to return to the land.

What about Yoseph and his two sons? Because we know that the curses were applicable to all of the COY once they entered the land, and, the prophecy Yacob made had nothing to do with the covenant, it should be obvious that this prophecy was fulfilled while the COY dwelt in their land. Once they were removed from their land, their destiny was set, based on the covenant.

One of Yacob's prophecies to his sons also was specific to another event that had nothing to do with that conditional covenant. Later, ELOHIM's WORD has informed Christians the following.

- Joh 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

Christians should know that this was YESHUA.

- Joh 1:10 **He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.** Joh 1:11 **He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**

When YESHUA, the WORD, became flesh, HE came unto HIS own. It was the remnant of the House of Yehudah that HE came unto. Why were these HIS own? Christians should also know the following prophecy regarding Yacob's son Yehudah.

- Gen 49:9 Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? Gen 49:10 **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.** Gen 49:11 **Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:** Gen 49:12 His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

This scepter mentioned in verse 10 represents the throne of David YESHUA will sit upon in the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 1:32-33). Furthermore, the first chapter of Mathew confirms that YESHUA was born into the line of Yehudah. So, they indeed were HIS people.

Now, history teaches us that as was the House of Yisrael, this remnant of the House of Yehudah was scattered from its land in 70AD and 135AD. The 11th Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica teaches that the Romans resettled a people from the nation of Idumea into the land of Yehudah, such as Herod the Great, to become known to the world as Yehudans.

The true Yehudans were scattered into the Land of Ham, known as Africa, where many of them were taken into slave ships to the Americas, both South and North.

However, just as we have now read about the COY being scattered amongst the nations, if they failed to obey YAHWEH's commandments, ELOHIM's WORD also teaches Christians of the return of the COY to their land. If one studied all of the scriptures about the return of the COY in the future, one would discover that there is no indication of any national prosperity mentioned. Here are a few examples.

- Isa 11:10 And **in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.** Isa 11:11 And it shall come to pass **in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.** Isa 11:12 And **he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.**

Wherever the COY shall be recovered from, they are outcasts. Also notice the nations from whence they shall be recovered from (Egypt, Cush, Elam, etc.). Christians should know that the true COY shall not return unto their land until this time ELOHIM's WORD refers to as "in that day". It is this "root of Jesse", who was David's father, that shall gather the COY at this future day. Another Prophet also confirms this truth.

- Amo 9:11 **In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:**

- Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. Amo 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. Amo 9:14 **And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.** Amo 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

And several prophets confirm that “in that day” is also when YESHUA shall reign for 1,000 years.

- Zec 14:9 And **the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.**
- Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.** Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

What we have summarized thus far is that 1) the COY made and broke the Old Covenant, which was passed down through the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Yacob. 2) Wherever they are on this earth, for breaking this covenant, the COY exist as a scattered people, as 2nd class citizens. 3) This will be the COY's status until the time known as "in that day", which just so happens to be the day when YESHUA the CHRIST shall reign with HIS saints for 1,000 years. Thus, it is totally impossible that Europeans' existence on the earth, even up until this time in modernity, meet any of the many prophecies applicable to the descendants of the COY.

As we continue, we must briefly remember the third covenant made with the fathers of Yisrael.

- Gen 22:16 And said, **By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing,** and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*: Gen 22:17 That **in blessing I will bless thee,** and in multiplying **I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore;** and **thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;** Gen 22:18 And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** **because thou hast obeyed my voice.**

If Christians "study to show themselves approved", they will determine that these three promises in verses 17 and 18 were all unconditional because as verse 16 says, Abraham did not hold back his son of the covenant, Isaac. He obeyed YAHWEH's voice. In studying, Christians can also learn that the promises in verse 17 are included with the other conditional promises made also to the COY about the land of Yisrael and the material conditional promises we read earlier. The seed in verse 17 is the COY, who did possess the gates of their enemies when they were given the land of Canaan after they were delivered from Egypt.

That portion of verse 17 was fulfilled. And, wherever the COY exist in their scattered state since their removal from their land, they continue to multiply. That portion of verse 17 continues to be fulfilled. However, verse 18 is another matter. This is a separate promise, which was also a third covenant.

- Gal 3:16 **Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.** Gal 3:17 And this I say, *that* **the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ,** the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

This covenant is now the New Covenant, which the Prophet Yeremayah wrote of, to which the Apostle Paul gave the understanding.

- Jer 31:31 Behold, **the days come, saith the LORD,** that **I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:** Jer 31:32 **Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake,** although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: Jer 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Now let's get some further understanding.

- Heb 8:7 **For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.** Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Verses 9 to 12 are basically a repeat of Yeremayah 31:31-34.

- Heb 8:13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.**

So, we now have a New Covenant that replaces the Old Covenant. The Apostle provides more.

- Heb 12:18 For **ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,** Heb 12:19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

The Apostle explains to Christians what they are walking into as they accept this New Covenant.

- Heb 12:22 **But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,** Heb 12:23 **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,** Heb 12:24 **And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,** and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

YESHUA is the mediator of the New Covenant to reconcile what was included in the Old Covenant to what is to be included in the New Covenant. And believe it or not, this is also where darkness has entered into modernity, because Christians and the physical seed of Yisrael have determined for themselves, rather than the WORD of ELOHIM, what they should or should not obey.

You see, the New Covenant was unconditional only to Abraham, Isaac and Yacob because of their obedience. However, just like the Old Covenant, the New Covenant had to be ratified and accepted.

- Heb 9:14 **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** Heb 9:15 And for this cause **he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**
- Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Heb 9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Heb 9:28 So **Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

The New Covenant was ratified by the blood of YESHUA, whom Christians should also know was YAHWEH of ELOHIM come in the flesh.

However, there was and is another key component to this New Covenant that applied to all who would agree to partake of it. Unlike the entire COY saying that they would obey all that YAHWEH had commanded them, the New Covenant, even though it was to be made with the House of Yehudah and the House of Yisrael, was and is on an individual basis, for both men and women.

Christians should know that this New Covenant began with the calling and choosing of YESHUA's disciples, who became apostles. It later was offered to those Yehudans who were in attendance to the Appointed Time of Weeks, called Pentecost by most in modernity (Acts 2). The Apostle Peter amplified the new requirements for entering into this New Covenant with YAHWEH, now YESHUA.

- Act 2:36 Therefore **let all the house of Israel know assuredly**, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** Act 2:39 For **the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

Notice the promise. It was not prosperity and material wealth. It was the emission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Here was a disciple of YAHWEH exercising his commission given by the Prophet Isaiah.

- Isa 8:16 **Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.**

This just what the Apostle Peter, a disciple of YESHUA CHRIST, was doing at that first New Covenant Appointed Time of Weeks. What all Christians must accept is that Peter spoke only as directed by the Spirit of Truth. These were not his words. They were given to him. Yehudans, repent and be baptized in the name of YESHUA to receive the promise. We now know what this promise was.

So, it was members of the House of Yisrael and the House of Yehudah to whom this New Covenant was first offered. As individuals, they had to repent and be baptized in the name of YESHUA. Christians should know that with the Apostle Peter's mission to the Roman Cornelius and his family, this New Covenant was given to "those whom the Apostle earlier referred to as "all that are afar off". Christians also should know that the Apostle Paul was later sent to those that were afar off, known as Gentiles, which simply means the nations. Christians should also remember that the third covenant made with Abraham was for "all of the families of the earth to be blessed".

Now, the Apostle Paul wrote the following about his commission.

- Act 13:44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. Act 13:45 But **when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.** Act 13:46 **Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.**

Paul first spoke to Yehudans, as was required by the New Covenant. With their rejection of it, he turned to the nations, as YAHWEH desired all alone. This brings me to something that must be discussed. These Yehudans rejected the Gospel of the Kingdom, which is the essence of the New Covenant, which was not offered to the COY under the Old Covenant. Has anything changed in modernity? Later, the Apostle would write this.

- Rom 1:16 For **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

- Rom 1:17 For **therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith**: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Here the Apostle proclaims his lack of fear for the gospel of CHRIST. Just what is the gospel of CHRIST? Whatever it is he described it as the power of ELOHIM unto salvation to everyone that believes; “to the Yehudan first, and also to the Greek”. This happened first with the apostles and some others, and later at the first Appointed Time of Weeks in the 2nd Chapter of Acts.

And before we continue, Christians through study should recognize the duality principle that exists in ELOHIM’s WORD. We read “to the Yehudan first” in verse 16. We also read how that the Gospel was first offered to the Yehaudans at Weeks, or Pentecost, if you prefer. However, this metaphorically refers to both the Houses of Yisrael and Yehudah. He also says secondly, “and to the Greeks”. The Apostle wrote this epistle to the following.

- Rom 1:7 **To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

He wrote to those in Rome “called saints”. As such, Christians should recognize that his use of the word Greek here is metaphorically referring to all nations other than Yisrael, often called Gentiles. The Greek influence had a major influence in the entire world at that time, even as Rome had now succeeded Greece as the world-dominant power. Back to the gospel.

- Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

YEHSUA taught the Gospel of the Kingdom.

And here is where the cloud has darkened in Yisrael. Yisrael was removed from its lands because of disobedience. Whom did YAHWEH blame for this disobedience?

- Jer 23:1 **Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!** saith the LORD. Jer 23:2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; **Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them:** behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

YAHWEH blamed the pastors. When YAHWEH described to the COY the curses that would befall them, HE spoke how that they would serve the gods of wood and stone of the nations where they would be scattered. Well, speaking of the scattering in ships back to Egypt, what are the pastors of modernity teaching their flocks?

In the history of the world, there is only one people documented to be sold into slavery and shipped to many nations in a manner that totally meet the curses prophesied to the COY by Moses in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. We most commonly know them as those who now reside in both North and South America called African Americans, Jamaicans, Belizeans, Trinidadians, etc., etc.

From a spiritual perspective these have primarily adopted Hebrew Yisraelism and Christianity. Many of these in modernity claim to be both Hebrew Yisraelites and Christian. Other Hebrew Yisraelites do not recognize the New Covenant. And yet, most of the Christians have been taught very little about the Old Covenant, and have accepted a teaching based on various European interpretations of the New Covenant.

We read where the Apostle spoke of the gospel of CHRIST, i.e., the Gospel of the Kingdom, to the Yehudans first. He also wrote the following:

- Rom 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Rom 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: Rom 2:8 But **unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,** Rom 2:9 **Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;**

For Christians who can see it, the Apostle Paul is speaking to the called-out ones” in Rome the New Covenant version of the blessing and the curses that have transitioned to the COY in modernity. He already discussed that salvation would be offered to the Yehudan first, prior to the Greek. Now, he teaches that for disobedience to the truth under the New Covenant, indignation and wrath, and, tribulation and anguish, shall come upon all that do evil, beginning first with the Yehudans (i.e., the COY).

Why do all of these different spiritual beliefs exist amongst the descendants of those slaves who came to the Americas in those slave ships? Are they being taught the Gospel of the Kingdom, or some other gospel? And, what is the result of the acceptance of what is being taught to these communities?

Last week I witnessed a somewhat tumultuous discussion between a woman claiming to be a Christian and a Hebrew Yisraelite, who appeared to not accept the New Covenant. The woman was chastising the men of the descendants of those aforementioned slaves for their abusive language towards their women in the musical industry of modernity. The Hebrew Yisraelite spoke of the fact that in this community, there exists a major imbalance between the number of men and woman. As such, the men are taking advantage of a situation that has been presented to them.

Now, there are other cultures where this is an accepted practice such as in eastern and Muslim cultures. Many Hebrew Yisraelite men have read the following from scripture and believe that such is their birthright.

- Isa 4:1 And **in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.**

This is a prophesied occurrence that is to happen in a future time that YAHWEH of ELOHIM refers to as “in that day”. Apparently, many believe that if they jump start this practice in modernity, they are simply doing what YAHWEH has said they will do later, a little early. The problem from a Biblical perspective is that they may have failed to read the true context of this verse.

- Isa 4:2 **In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.** Isa 4:3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:*

These verses establish a time period when this occurrence shall happen. It will be when “the BRANCH of YAHWEH shall be beautiful and glorious”. Now in order for this to be understood, one must identify this BRANCH of YAHWEH as well as this time period called “in that day”. This is when the prophecy of the seven women to one man shall be fulfilled.

Obviously, something has happened that has created a major divide in the communities of the descendants of what is called the trans African slave trade. Later I mentioned to this woman that according to ELOHIM’s WORD, the issue is spiritual. I stated that the problem is the pastors. She disagreed because of her pastor, a Sunday teaching pastor.

I said that he was the problem. I spoke of the appointed times of ELOHIM, beginning with the Sabbath, that the woman said were strictly Old Covenant stuff given to the Yehudans. This allowed me to prove to her that the New Covenant was first given to Yehudans, not Gentiles, as she had been taught by her pastor.

What about the man, who believes it to be appropriate to have the multiple women as well as the negative language in the music industry? Perhaps neither have been taught about the foundation of the New Covenant church.

- Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; Eph 2:20 And **are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**; Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

There are many descendants of slavery who have now been taught much about the Appointed Times of ELOHIM, that also have been taught that European dominated nations such as the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Australia, France and others are the true descendants of the COY, as we discussed earlier. There are many descendants of slavery, like the woman I spoke to that believe that pretty much all of the commandments of the Old Covenant were strictly for the Yehudans and not applicable under the New Covenant. For these two groups, descendants of the same heritage, where did they get their teachings from? Well, both teachings can be traced historically to European pastors. And let me say right away that I know Europeans, who are knowledgeable and admit this.

However, for the descendants of the trans African slave trade, there is one thing those who are Hebrew Yisraelites and Christians should agree upon.

Their communities, even though there exists a minority of wealthy individuals, are decimated with a variety of practices and beliefs, taught to it primarily by Europeans, that are causing such a negative impact that seemingly is blind to this community at large. This impact is far greater in these communities.

The prophets of the COY wrote this:

- Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me. Isa 6:9 And he said, **Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.** Isa 6:10 **Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.**

This is what happened to the COY before they were removed from their land. Because they were taught to follow the ways of the nations by their pastors, their hearts were made fat, their ears heavy and their eyes were shut.

The Apostle of the New Covenant wrote the following:

- 2Th 2:7 **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:** only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. 2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 2Th 2:9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2Th 2:11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**

- 2Th 2:12 **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

And while the Apostle is teaching all “called-out ones” here, remember he also taught, “to the Yehudan first”.

The New Covenant has been made available to all of the nations of the earth in modernity. However, the Apostle Paul’s writings strongly suggest that the descendants of the COY shall bear a heavier burden for their failure to walk in the Covenant that was first given to them by YAHWEH HIMSELF when HE came in the flesh and assigned HIS disciples. HE assigned them the commission to bind the testimony and seal the law.

He also spoke these words while HE remained with them in the flesh.

- Mat 7:21 **Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

Christians should know for themselves that every appointed time given to the COY under the Old Covenant continued to be maintained by the disciples of YESHUA under the New Covenant, yet with newfound and updated protocols and commandments, and with far greater and spiritually-based knowledge regarding the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, for anyone who may be offended by my mentioning the European teachings that the descendants of slavery primarily follow, Christians should know this.

- Dan 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

- Dan 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. Dan 7:25 And **he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws:** and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

There are literally thousands of Europeans that are knowledgeable of the fact that these verses refer to Rome and the so-called holy Roman empire. Most if not all credible reference guides teach that the appointed times given to the COY were replaced by other times that had existed in Rome, even prior to YESHUA walking on this earth. Through the Prophet Daniel, Christians were provided with the knowledge of these truths. Remember also, we read of the New Covenant promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What should Christians know about this gift?

- Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Comforter is the Spirit of Truth. For the COY of modernity, this is the only truth that can eliminate the cloud that continually darkens their communities. YESHUA also said this.

- Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? Mat 7:23 And **then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

What is iniquity?

- Joh 14:23 **Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. Joh 14:24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:** and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Iniquity is the failure to keep YESHUA's commandments and sayings given to HIS disciples, and HIS prophets. These disciples gave guidance to Christians as to what the Passover sacrifice of the Old Covenant was truly all about in the 5th chapter of 1st Corinthians. They gave guidance to the Old Covenant Appointed Time of Unleavened Bread in the same chapter.

Why haven't the pastors of this community taught this to these descendants of slaves claiming to be Christians? This failure has created an environment that the Apostle Paul taught about – **“indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile”.**

When YESHUA says what will happen for iniquity “in that day”, this protocol of “the Yehudan first” will be in play. Because of the failure of the pastors of the COY to do what YESHUA commanded through HIS words to HIS disciples, many who believe themselves to be Christians are falling short.

- Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

While this commandment is for all Christians, the pastors have a greater burden to be converted and become as little children. The failure to abide by this not only prevents the pastors themselves from entry into the Kingdom of Heaven, it allows false teachings to permeate and destroy communities.

As a result, the communities of the descendant of slavery fall primarily into the following spiritual groups:

1. Hebrew Yisraelites who do not accept the New Covenant, many of whom do not obey the commandments of the Old Covenant, in full.
2. Hebrew Yisraelites who are also Christians, who accept the commandments of Old Covenant, except for the sacrificial laws. These tend to maintain the physical circumcision. They tend to not adhere to all of YESHUA's sayings, while keeping a form of adherence to the Appointed Times. These also tend to promote other beliefs, based on their pastors, that ELOHIM's WORD does not support.
3. New Covenant Christians who keep Roman-based appointed times rather than YAHWEH's appointed times. Their knowledge of ELOHIM's WORD is based on a Roman-based teaching that accentuates a form of the New Covenant with very little understanding of the Old Covenant.
4. Christians who have been taught a fuller understanding of both covenants, yet with a European-based perspective on relevant prophecies and understandings of appointed times, many of which ELOHIM's WORD does not support.

Of course, there are other religious beliefs maintained, which is not the primary focus of this lesson.

With so many varieties of spiritual beliefs with these communities, confusion obviously exists. The failure to become as one, which YAHWEH commanded throughout ELOHIM's WORD, has been saturated throughout these communities, regardless of which group one follows.

The Apostle Paul also wrote this after teaching that the Yehudans would suffer first.

- Rom 2:10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: Rom 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

The Yehudans that choose to obey shall have glory, honor and peace, first. YAHWEH told the COY the following, which the disciples of YESHUA continued to teach.

- Exo 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exo 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for **I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;** Exo 20:6 **And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.**

If those who are Christians searched their traditions, they would find a very long list of “lies” and “pagan” (idol) traditions. Would the “Spirit of Truth” teach such things? Paul says in Romans 10:13-17 that to believe (the truth) one must hear. To hear someone must preach. To preach, they must be sent.

Paul in 1st Thessalonians states: “Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.” How then do all Hebrew Yisraelites and Christians prove all things? The prophets in Isaiah 8:20 wrote: “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them”.

If the dark cloud is to be broken from over these communities, YESHUA’s words to them in Matthew 24:4 about deceit must be taken extremely seriously. Pastors must teach YEHSUA’s words in John 5:29 about the first and second resurrections.

Pastors must observe the practices of the people and condemn any untoward activity that obviously is corrupt based on ELOHIM’s WORD. Fear is not an option.

These dark clouds can be lifted only by faith by the COY of modernity in YESHUA. In Luke 24:44, after HIS resurrection, the MESSIAH reminded some of the COY of the words HE had spoken to them while HE was still with them. And then in verse 45 “HE opened their understanding that they might comprehend the scriptures”. HE is still in the business of opening eyes.

There are examples provided in the scriptures of this “veil” being lifted. The veil is what has caused and is causing these dark clouds. To the COY, the commandment to study and put on the whole armor of ELOHIM is an individual commandment. Each of us have the opportunity to study for ourselves, regardless of whether we are physically Yehudans or Gentiles. However, the scriptures have taught us that the Yehudans bear a greater burden for failure to obey the WORD of ELOHIM.

As such, those COY who have been called, and who have chosen to walk according to the WORD of ELOHIM, must also be diligent to follow the Apostle’s words where their fellow Yisraelites and others are concerned.

- 2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, 2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 2Ti 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

And finally, we can lift these dark clouds with the following:

- 1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 1Ti 2:2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1Ti 2:3 For *this is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Shalom!