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Ki Teitzei

(When you go out)

D'varim [Deuteronomy] 21:10-25:19

הפטרה כי תצא

Haftarah Ki Teitzei

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:1-10

Song of the Redeemed

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:1

“Sing barren one, you that did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you that did not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife,” says YHWH.

In order to understand this verse and the verses that follow it, one must identify who the barren one is that YHWH is talking to in these verses.

Galatians 4:27-28

27 For it is written,

Rejoice, you barren that bear not;

Break forth and cry, you that travail not;

For more are the children of the desolate than of her that has the husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Yitzchak was, are children of promise.

In this passage Shaul is clearly identifying the barren woman as Sarah. However, while this understanding is certainly within the scope of Scripture, it is not the end of the matter. For when we consider other passages of Scripture, we can see that the “barren one” also applies to more than those

who are born to Yitzchak. As we know, Esau was also born to Yitzchak and he was not to inherit the promises of YHWH our Elohim.

Ivrim (Hebrews) 12:16-17

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright.

17 For you know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place for a change of mind, though he sought it diligently with tears.

So the blessing passes on from Yitzchak to Ya'aqov. However, after the days of King Sh'lomo, after he died and his son became king in his place, the nation was split into two parts which to this date have not yet been joined back together again. While both the southern and northern kingdoms were later carried off into captivity at different times, the southern kingdom repented and returned to the land that YHWH promised to Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'aqov. Let us take note of a couple of passages concerning the northern kingdom.

Yirmeyah (Jeremiah) 3:6-8

6 Moreover YHWH said to me in the days of Yoshiyahu the king, "Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the harlot.

7 And I said, 'after she had done all these things, she will return to Me'; but she returned not; and her treacherous sister Yehudah saw it.

8 And I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Yehudah her sister feared not; but she also went and played the harlot."

It is important to note that YHWH is speaking first about the northern kingdom of Israel which consisted of ten tribes. Then He makes reference to the southern kingdom of Yehudah which consisted of two tribes. When studying the prophets, and if they are making reference to Israel, it is important to note whether they are making reference to all of Israel or only to the northern kingdom.

What is important for us to note in this passage as it deals with our current study, is that YHWH divorced the northern kingdom and sent them away from the covenant relationship that they had with Him. If the wife (in this case the northern kingdom of Israel) no longer has a husband, then she is in effect barren and without children. So what we find then is that this passage is ultimately spoken to the ten tribes of the north, the ten tribes of Israel. In fact, one can read Yeshayah 54 alongside Yirmeyah chapter 3 and see the very close parallel, with the difference being that in Yirmeyah we are given more information as to who the barren woman is.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:2

"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations; spare not; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes."

What is being described in verse two above is increasing the size of one's dwelling place, particularly a tent. The reason that this is being done is found in the previous verse because of the increase in children of the barren one.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:3

"For you shall spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

Surely, over the years of dwelling in captivity this has come to pass. The ten tribes of the north have spread throughout all the nations of the world and filled up the cities with their children. The major difficulty is that while this was happening, their true identity and inheritance was lost and forgotten. The children of those who were taken away into captivity no longer know who they are. Even as long as two thousand years ago, this reality had pretty much come to pass, even though many of those dwelling in the Diaspora at that time still knew their ancestry. Please note what Yeshua said.

Matithyah (Matthew) 15:24

But He answered and said, "I was not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Matithyah (Matthew) 10:6

"but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

According to Mashiach Yeshua's own words He did not come to gather anyone except the children of those who had been taken into captivity from the northern kingdom of Israel. One of the sad things about Christianity is that they are by and large unaware of this truth, even though it is right there in front of them in Scripture. The truth is that if you have accepted Messiah as your Savior, then most likely you are one of the lost seed of the house of Israel. This is simply what Yeshua taught us. Whether you accept this truth or not will not change this reality.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:4

"Fear not; for you shall not be ashamed; neither are you confounded; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth; and the reproach of your widowhood shall you remember no more."

It would seem that this shame is at least twofold. First, the shame of our youth is dealing not with our personal youth, but rather the youth of our nation. What is the shame of our youth as a nation? It is to our shame that we rebelled against YHWH and went and served other gods and provoked Him to anger towards us.

Please note the use of the term "widowhood" which would indicate to us something other than one who had been divorced. One of the things that is a shame to us, is that because of our sinful rebellion our Master and Husband had to come and redeem us through His own death. This is to our shame that

He had to do this. But there will come a time when we will not remember this. When will this be? It will be when He returns to us and we are together once again. Then the past will no longer matter at all to us for we are with Him and He is with us.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:5

“For your Maker is your Husband; YHWH Tzava’ot is His name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the Elohim of the whole earth shall He be called.”

This is one of the many verses which reveal to us that it is YHWH Tzava’ot who is our Maker and Husband and Redeemer. This is His name, the name of the Son. While He was manifest in the flesh He was given the name of Yeshua. But His pre-incarnate name is YHWH Tzava’ot.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:6

“For YHWH has called you as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off,” says your Elohim.

Here we find further confirmation that this whole passage of Scripture is dealing with the northern ten tribe kingdom of Israel. Why? The two tribe southern kingdom of Yehudah was never divorced from YHWH as Israel was. She was, and still is, married to YHWH. She was never cast off.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:7

“For a small moment have I forsaken you; but with great mercies will I gather you.”

Surely, He shall gather us all together as surely as He will come again!

Yochanan (John) 11:51-52

51 Now this he said not of himself; but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yeshua should die for the nation;

52 and not for the nation only, but that He might also gather together into one the children of Elohim that are scattered abroad.

When the sitting high priest of YHWH spoke these words he did not speak on his own accord. But do you, dear reader, understand what he prophesied? The nation to which he refers is the southern kingdom, and those who are to be gathered who are now scattered abroad, are those from the northern kingdom.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:8

“In overflowing wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting lovingkindness will I have mercy on you,” says YHWH your Redeemer.

He was angry with our fathers because of their going and serving other gods. They in turn taught us to do the same thing. The days are upon us when we are being called out of this futility by His Spirit to

return to Him in, and serve Him in, the fullness of truth. If there is anything in our lives that cannot be supported by Scripture we need to discard it for now. As we learn more and more of His truth, if we find that we have discarded something in error, then we can pick it back up. But we need to walk in His truth and Spirit.

Yirmeyah (Jeremiah) 3:12

“Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, ‘Return, you backsliding Israel,’ says YHWH; ‘I will not look in anger upon you; for I am merciful,’ says YHWH, ‘I will not keep anger forever.’ ”

It is truly a wonderful thing that YHWH will not be angry with us forever, even though He has more than just cause. The simple truth is that men would rather listen to other men than to YHWH. He is calling to us with His Spirit and desires to have a personal relationship with us. Are we willing to pay that price and walk the road less traveled?

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:9

“For this is as the waters of Noach to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noach shall no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.”

YHWH is doing this for His own name’s sake. He is not doing it because we deserve it, for we most certainly do not deserve it!

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 54:10

“For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but My lovingkindness shall not depart from you, neither shall My covenant of peace be removed,” says YHWH that has mercy on you.

These words are comforting to us! They remind us of what Yeshua spoke as well.

Matithyah (Matthew) 5:17-18

***17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the prophets; I came not to destroy, but to verify.
18 For verily I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the Torah, till all things be accomplished.”***

Surely we can see that not everything has yet been accomplished! In fact, heaven and earth themselves testify to this truth every single day! How? They testify to us by their very existence! They shall remain in place until all is accomplished. All is not accomplished because they are still here. Therefore, Torah is still valid and in full force and effect.

So the question comes down to this. Will you accept the words of Mashiach Yeshua as truth? Or, will you follow some mere mortal man who reasons this away and teaches that the Torah has been fulfilled by Messiah and therefore we do not have to do it anymore. Now let me ask you a very simple question. Does the man driving in front of you obeying the speed limit release you from obeying the speed limit?

No, of course he doesn't. Neither does the faithful and complete obedience of Mashiach Yeshua in obeying every single aspect of the Torah release us from obeying it!

Will you sing the song of the redeemed? Will you embrace your true inheritance? It is your choice.

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