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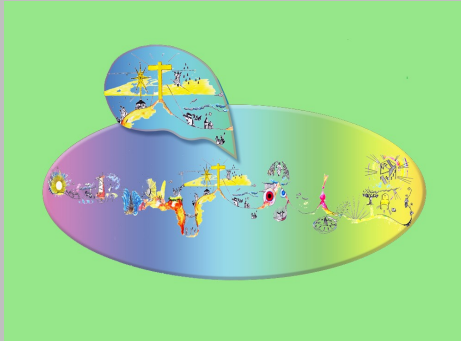
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# LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## 【 “JESHURUN” WHO FILLED WITH FOOD, ABANDONED GOD 】

*Listen, O heavens. And I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. They have acted corruptly towards him; to their shame they are no longer his children, but a warped and crooked generation. Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you? Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob, his allotted inheritance.*

*In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions. The LORD alone led him; no foreign god was with him. He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag, with curds and milk from herd and flock and with fattened lambs and goats, with choice rams of Bashan and the finest grains of wheat. You drank the foaming blood of the grape. Jeshurun (the 'upright one', i.e., Israel) grew fat and kicked; filled with food, he became heavy and sleek. He abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Saviour...They sacrificed to demons, which are not God...You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; You forgot the God who gave*

*you birth. The LORD saw this and rejected them... "I will hide my face from them...and see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful...I will keep calamities upon them and expend my arrows against them. I will send wasting famine against them, consuming pestilence and deadly plague; I will send against them the fangs of wild beasts, the venom of vipers that glide in the dust...I said I would scatter them and blot out their memory from mankind, but I dreaded the taunt of the enemy, lest the adversary misunderstand and say, 'Our hand has triumphed; the LORD has not done all this...*

*The LORD will judge his people and have compassion on his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no-one is left, slave or free..."See now that I myself am He! There is no god beside me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no-one can deliver out of my hand...Rejoice, O nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will take vengeance on his enemies and make atonement for his land and people. DEUTERONOMY 32:1-43.*

The quoted verses from Deuteronomy Ch.32 are the song of Moses recited by Moses himself in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel. Knowing that after his death the Israelites would become utterly corrupt and turn away from the way Moses had commanded, Moses predicted oncoming trains of disaster upon Israel. In this passage, the way the Lord deals with His rebellious chosen people Israel is summarised. That is, as the prophet Jeremiah repeatedly heralded, His way of dealing with Israel was to **'appoint (her) over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'** More precisely, God declared, **'If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it...Look! I am preparing a disaster for you (the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem) and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and your actions.'** (Jeremiah 18:7-11). With this biblical knowledge we could properly interpret what has coloured Israel's long history, the longest history which can be traced among all other human history.

In the past up to this day, the world media has one-sidedly portrayed Israel as the sole aggressor rather than properly reporting on Palestinian terror and provocations against Israel. Unfortunately our knowledge about the Middle East thoroughly depends on this rather biased image of Israel. Those who know Israel claim that the real Israel that exists today in the 21st century is very different from what has been reported through the lenses and eyes of cameras and reporters. According to statistics, 98% of what other nations see, read and hear about Israel is focussed on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict alone. This tells how much Israel has been defined by the conflict. Those who believe that Israel's image spread around the world won't improve without a new paradigm for Israel advocacy of innovation and creation emphasise how greatly Israel's technological and biochemical innovations have saved lives and changed the world. Owing to Israel's advanced agriculture, computer-and cell-phone-technology, and many other devices, hundreds of millions of people all over the world have so far enjoyed numerous benefits. Unknown to many, the truth is the presence of the Jews among all nations has been a blessing for them over the past thousands of years. This is exactly what the Scripture declares again and again: **'I will surely bless you (Abraham, the forefather of the nation Israel) and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me'** (Ge.22:17-18), and also, **'The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.'** (Ge.3:8-9).

For instance, one of the distinctive examples reflecting the Jews as a source of nations'

blessing is in the percentage of Nobel-prize winners. The Jews who occupy only less than one percent of the world–population have been awarded 20-25 % of all Nobel-prize in various areas of human culture, art, science, technology and medicine. Above all, what should not be dismissed is the spiritual blessing, i.e., the fact that eternal salvation for all nations has been brought in by the Lord Jesus Christ through the Jews, and thus, Gentiles came to know Christ so as to be united in one as God’s big family; *‘...remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” ...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ’* (Eph.2:11-13).

The present situation of the Jews is far from the abundance of God’s promise and future for the Jews prophesied in the Scripture. This means that we are still in the process of God’s redemptive plans, in which the Jews are to go through much suffering and hardship because of the powers of darkness and of this world that have opposed God, His chosen people, and His plans since creation. To understand how cunningly such demonic powers, i.e., the principality of this world have worked behind the scene throughout human history, it would be worth looking back through modern Jewish history in relation to the Western nations. It would help us to comprehend how we got to where we are right now.

In the late nineteenth century anti-Semitism started growing in Europe. In 1894, Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish French army captain was accused of spying for Germany, and convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. A part of the evidence for the charges was forged by anti-Semitic officers. Theodor Herzl who was a rich Budapest Jew and a reporter for a Vienna newspaper covered the famed Dreyfus trial and witnessed the pervasive anti-Semitism. In 1896, he wrote a pamphlet and appealed for a homeland for the Jews, which triggered an establishment of a Zionist Congress. Their claim for a separate Jewish state was prompted and encouraged by the biblical statement about Zion. Zion was the city of Jerusalem, which King David captured and established as the civil and religious centre for the nation of Israel: *‘For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling: “This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it—I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall ever sing for joy. “Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one. I will clothe his enemies with shame, but the crown on his head shall be resplendent.”’* (Ps.132:13-18).

Although there was some debate over where the Jews should establish their homeland their heart always turned to their ancestral homeland, Canaan. However, the area was at that time part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire. Throughout the entire two thousand years of the Diaspora some Jewish people have always lived there and they were the majority population in Jerusalem by the turn of the century from 19th to 20th, while much of the rest of the land was populated by Arabs. At that time religious persecution against the Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe caused thousands of Jews to flee the pogroms of the Czars and to return to their forefathers’ land, Canaan (the present Palestine). However, this created another problem. Although the Jews purchased an inhabited land to settle in from Arab owners and started living there, a clash of cultures between the Jews and the Arabs in the land became inevitable. During the First World War, a newly discovered oil wealth in the Middle East made the region a strategic location to win over through the war for the Ottoman Empire allied with Germany and Austria. Britain supported the Arabs in the fight against the Turks, with the promise of a post-war Arab leadership for all former Ottoman Arab provinces. In 1917, Arthur Balfour, a British foreign minister stated the so-called ‘Balfour Declaration,’ in which Britain’s commitment to establishing a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine was declared. However, in advance of this declaration, in 1916,

Britain and France had signed an agreement between themselves to divide the Middle East between them after their victory.

According to historians and biblical scholars, and when we look at a map of the modern Middle East it is seen how both countries carved up the remains of the Ottoman Empire by their strategic interests against the promises made with different groups. In this way, they parcelled out the land to different clans, and as a result of ignoring natural tribal and clan divisions, and of creating arbitrary boundaries, several countries were created in the modern Middle East. The Gulf War actually broke out in the aftermath of such an arbitral and territorial division of the land, each of whose line was drawn according to an oil map and Western interest. After the Second World War, while most of the surrounding Arab countries were granted independence, the land of Palestine remained under British control. In the midst of balancing the competing promises to both the Jews and the Arabs the British government would never keep the promise to create a Jewish state, and the land of Palestine gradually became uncomfortable for the Jewish immigrants. It was such a time that Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany. Despite urgent needs of a safe haven anywhere out of Germany under Hitler's dictatorship, doors of escape for the Jews were ruthlessly barred shut by surrounding European countries. Eventually six to seven million European Jews were killed by the Holocaust. During the Second World War, European countries and Christendom kept strange silence over the Holocaust.

It was only in 1947 that the United Nations general assembly voted to partition the former British mandate into two states; Palestine and Israel. The Jews were not happy with the partition plan at all but agreed to the compromise. The Arabs, however, maintained their demand for all the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem as well as the right for all Palestinian refugees and their descendants to return to Israel, and ardently refused to accept the UN's plan. Contrary to popular belief, there has never been a country of Palestine in which Palestinians ruled. "Palaestina" was a Roman-made new name. In around 135 CE, the Romans renamed the area of "Judea", "Paleaestina" taken after the "Philistines," which were renowned for being the everlasting enemies of Israel. That area was succeeded after the Romans by the Byzantine Empire, followed by Arabia, the Seljuk Turks, Mameluke force from Egypt, the Ottoman Empire and the British.

Through the strife by the opposing Arabs, however, the Jewish State was finally established on 14th May, 1948. Though five Arab armies from Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq attacked the new State of Israel on the day after her birth, it turned out to be a failure but by 1967, the other tensions between Israel and the Arabs had increased into the cause of "Six Day War". However, this time as well as before, the Lord miraculously intervened in the situation, and the small but well trained Israeli military force victoriously captured the "Gaza Strip" that had been kept by Egypt since Israeli War of Independence in 1948, and also Sinai from Egypt, and the "Golan Heights" from Syria and the "West Bank" that had been annexed to Jordan since 1948. Interesting enough biblically, all those areas of the land were exactly those that Joshua and Israelites had failed to conquer. However, both these wars in 1948 and 1967 created not only further deeper hostility and frequent conflict among the two but also a great refugee problem.

The topic will be continued next month.

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This month a money gift of £\*\*\*\* has been sent to Mary Jane in the Philippines. Also, a gift of 3.75ton dump truck has been sent to Frederic in Burundi. The whole cost including shipment and warranty was \$\*\*\*\*\*.

During Dec, from 13th to 27th, Mary Jane was in mission to the Bago tribe up in the province of La union, which is about 700 km from Manila. She has brought medications and food to the tribes in Munoz, Nueva Ecija, about 200 km from Manila and ministered to them in their Sunday service. Furthermore, she evangelised in Ilocos Sur, reaching out to the fishermen who have never heard the true Word of God, bringing food, medications and sharing fellowship and prayer. Pray for their ministries being used by the Lord effectively.