THE TORAH, THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE BELIEVER



TOSHUA 1:8

"BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS. BE CAREFUL TO OBEY ALL THE LAW MY SERVANT MOSES GAVE YOU, DO NOT TURN FROM IT TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT, THAT YOU MAY BE SUCCESSFUL WHEREVER YOU GO. KEEP THIS BOOK OF THE LAW ALWAYS ON YOUR LIPS; MEDITATE ON IT DAY AND NIGHT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE CAREFUL TO DO EVERYTHING WRITTEN IN IT. THEN YOU WILL BE PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL."

THESE WERE THE WORDS OF AHAYA TO JOSHUA WHEN HE COMMISSIONED HIM TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AS THEY GO TO THE PROMISED LAND TO CONQUER. STRAIGHTFORWARD AND ENCOURAGING INSTRUCTIONS, BUT UPON READING IT CAREFULLY, YOU CAN SEE THE SECRET OF HOW TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL. AND THIS SECRET IS REVEALED BY AHAYA HIMSELF. THE SECRET IS SIMPLE; ALL THAT AHAYA WANTS US TO DO IS TO BE CAREFUL IN OBEYING THE LAW OF MOSES BY NOT TURNING TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT. AHAYA ALSO WANTS US TO MEDITATE ON IT DAY AND NIGHT, AGAIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOING EVERYTHING THAT IS WRITTEN ON IT.

BEFORE WE GO TO THE COMMAND OF AYAHA ABOUT OBEYING HIS WORDS, LET US FIRST FOCUS ON WHAT HE WANTS JOSHUA TO FOLLOW AND KEEP. BEFORE JOSHUA, MOSES IS THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF ALL THE ISRAELITES. AS HE LED THEM TOWARDS THE PROMISED LAND, HE WAS ABLE TO WRITE FIVE BOOKS -- THE TORAH. AND IT BECAME THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. LET US BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF EACH BOOK TO GAIN AN IDEA OF WHAT MOSES WROTE:

1. GENESIS (BEREISHIT) THE HEBREW WORD FOR GENESIS MEANS 'ORIGINS.' THE FIRST BOOK OF THE TORAH, GENESIS DETAILS THE ACCOUNT OF HOW AHAYA CREATED THE WORLD IN SIX DAYS AND RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY. THIS BOOK ALSO INCLUDES THE STORY OF NOAH AND HOW AHAYA PUNISHED MEN FOR THEIR WICKEDNESS BY RAINING DOWN 40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS. THEN, THERE IS THE STORY OF THE THREE PATRIARCHS-ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB. AHAYA CHANGED JACOB'S NAME TO ISRAEL, AND HE BECAME THE FATHER OF THE TWELVE PATRIARCHS (12 TRIBES). GENESIS CLOSES WITH THE ACCOUNT OF JOSEPH AND HIS FAMILY LIVING IN EGYPT.

2. EXODUS (SHEMOT) EXODUS MEANS 'THE ROAD OUT'. MOSES

OPENED THE BOOK BY TELLING THE STORY OF EGYPT'S

ENSLAVEMENT OF THE ISRAELITES. NEXT IS HOW AHAYA USED

MOSES TO SET HIS PEOPLE FREE. AHAYA BEGAN TO SHOW HIS

AWESOME POWER TO HIS PEOPLE BY DOING AN INCREDIBLE DISPLAY

OF HIS MIGHT. IT'S IN EXODUS WHERE AHAYA PERFORMED THE 1X

PLAGUES IN EGYPT, PART THE RED SEA AND BROUGHT DOWN FOOD

AND WATER FOR HIS PEOPLE WHILE IN THE WILDERNESS. HOWEVER,

MAJOR SETBACKS HAVE ALSO HAPPENED SUCH AS

ISRAEL WORSHIPED THE GOLDEN CALF

- 3. LEVITICUS (VAYIKRA) LEVITICUS MEANS 'HE CALLED'. THIS BOOK DETAILS AHAYA'S LAW WITH REGARDS TO DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE HEBREW'S WORSHIP TO AHAYA SPECIFICALLY IN THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM. IT ALSO INCLUDES DIFFERENT RULES ABOUT DIETING AS WELL AS INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT PURITY AND IMPURITY.
- 4. NUMBERS (BAMIDBAR) THE HEBREW NAME FOR THIS BOOK MEANS 'THE CENSUS'. MOSES BEGAN THE BOOK BY WRITING ABOUT THE CENSUS OF THE ISRAELITES AND THE TRIBE OF LEVI. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE BOOK IS ABOUT THE SPYING OF THE PROMISED LAND BY THE 12 SPIES FROM EACH TRIBE. TWO OF THEM, JOSHUA AND CALEB RETURNED WITH GREAT REPORTS AND ENCOURAGED ALL THE PEOPLE TO GO AT ONCE TO ATTACK CANAAN. HOWEVER, THE OTHER TEN DISCOURAGED THE PEOPLE, SO ALL ISRAEL DISOBEYED AHAYA BY NOT TRUSTING HIS POWER TO DELIVER THEM. AHAYA DECIDED TO LET THEM WANDER THE WILDERNESS FOR HIS YEARS.

5. DEUTERONOMY (DEVARIM) DEUTERONOMY IN HEBREW MEANS 'WORDS'. AS THE FINAL BOOK WRITTEN BY MOSES, THIS BOOK SERVES AS HIS LAST MESSAGE TO THE ISRAELITES. MOSES RECALLED EVERYTHING THAT AHAYA HAS DONE FOR THEM ESPECIALLY THE DELIVERANCE THAT HE GAVE THEM IN EGYPT. MOSES ALSO GREATLY CONTRASTED THE REWARDS OF OBEDIENCE AND THE PUNISHMENT FOR REBELLION. AND ON THE LAST PART, MOSES PASSED ON THE AUTHORITY TO JOSHUA.

THESE FIVE BOOKS WRITTEN BY MOSES ARE ALSO COLLECTIVELY
KNOWN AS THE PENTATEUCH. WITHIN THE PAGES OF THE
PENTATEUCH, THE LAW OF MOSES WHICH IS ALSO COMMONLY
REFERRED TO AS THE MOSAIC LAW IS WRITTEN. IT IS THE WHOLE
ESSENCE OF THE MOSAIC LEGISLATION OR WHAT MOSES HAD
WRITTEN TO SERVE AS

THE BINDING RULE OF LAW IN THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

AN INDIVIDUAL CAN EASILY SEE THE RESEMBLANCE OF THE LAW OF MOSES TO DIFFERENT CONSTITUTIONS AROUND THE EARTH. IN THE TIME OF JOSHUA, THE MOSAIC LAW REPRESENTS THE WRITTEN WORD OF AHAYA THAT THEY USE AS THEIR REFERENCE BOOK WITH REGARDS TO ALMOST EVERYTHING ABOUT THEIR LIVES.

IN OUR CURRENT TIME, THE BELIEVER OF AHAYA HAS THE OLD TESTAMENT AND THE NEW TESTAMENT. THE OLD TESTAMENT IS THE HEBREW BIBLE CALLED THE TANAKH WHILE THE NEW TESTAMENT INCLUDES THE GOSPEL AND THE EPISTLES OF THE APOSTLE.

THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE IS NOW THE COMPLETE
INSTRUCTIONS, RULES, AND THE LAW OF GOD FOR MODERN
BELIEVERS. DESPITE THE VAST GAP BETWEEN THE PERIOD WHEN

THE TORAH AND THE NEW TESTAMENT ARE WRITTEN, THE PROMISE OF AHAYA TO JOSHUA STILL HOLDS TRUE. AHAYA IS STILL KEEPING HIS COVENANT THAT WHEN WE OBEY HIS WORDS CLOSE AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

WE KEEP HIS WORDS BY MEDITATING IN IT EVERY DAY. IT MEANS THAT WE THINK ABOUT AHAYA'S WORDS AND ITS RELEVANCE IN OUR LIVES. WE PONDER ON HIS PROMISES, AND WE LET IT TRANSFORM THE WAY WE THINK, TALK AND ACT. SAME WITH JOSHUA, AHAYA WANTS US TO STAY ON HIS PATH BECAUSE, ON AHAYA'S WAY, WE WILL FIND SUCCESS. MEDITATING IS NOT ENOUGH: WE SHOULD ALSO OBEY AND ACT OUT WHAT THE LAW OF AHAYA SAYS. IF THE BIBLE TELLS US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS. THEN WE SHOULD ACTUALLY LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS BY REBUKING THEM OF THEIR SINS. IF THE LAW OF AHAYA SAYS THAT WE SHOULD WORSHIP HIM ALONE, THEN WE MUST NOT LOOK TO OTHER THINGS AS OUR OBJECT OF WORSHIP. IN SUMMARY, WHAT AHAYA WANTS FROM US IS OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM THROUGH HIS WORDS. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU ARE WITH TOSHUA CONQUERING THE PROMISED LAND OR ARE A MODERN-DAY BELIEVER FULFILLING AHAYA'S MISSION. IF YOU ARE A CHILD OF AHAYA. THEN HE WANTS YOU TO BECOME A VALIANT WARRIOR FOR THE KINGDOM.

THE SECRET TO THAT IS IN ONE WORD

OBEDIENCE

ECCLESIASTES 12:9-14

13 LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, FOR THIS IS MAN'S ALL. "FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING EVERY SECRET THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 "BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME, EVEN AS | ALSO AM OF CHRIST".

PROVE ALL THINGS
STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO AHAYAH
ALL PRAISES TO THE MOST HIGH GOD
AHAYAH ASHAR AHAYAH BAHASHEM YASHAYAH
FRANK CHAVEZ
TRIBE OF ISSACHAR
12 TRIBES 1 NATION FOR ALL

ACTS 17:26

"AND HATH MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS OF MEN FOR TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HATH DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, AND THE BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION"

FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND