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Shabbat Message

**Nitzavim-Vayelech / You Are Standing-And He Went /**

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[Deuteronomy 29:10–31:30 \(TLV\)](#)

# **Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life**

**To Those Who Weren't There Also**

## **Introduction**

When we talk about Covenants in the Bible what comes to your mind? The Abrahamic Covenant? The Davidic Covenant? The Mosaic Covenant? All are the same and connected Covenants that people do not realize that they are the same ones. Today we see that Yehovah again restates and reestablishes His covenant that He made with His people Israel. Isn't our

God wonderful? However here we see in this Torah portion the beginning statement of Yehovah's long term plan to include those who were there at the mountain and those who were not. Essentially you will see the embryonic stages of the grafting in right here being explained and fully understood in the Renewed Covenant Scriptures which even Rabbi Paul called the grafting a mystery.

## **The Reaffirmation**

### **Deuteronomy 29:15**

1. The covenant was being reaffirmed by Yehovah not only with Israelites of that generation (vs. 14).
2. We see the reaffirmation with him that stands here with us...nonIsraelite proselytes who had also embraced the Elohim of Israel. (Exod. 12:38).
3. Beyond that, it was being made with him that is not here with us this day. the unborn generations who would also need to affirm their commitment to Elohim (4:9; Acts 2:39; 1 Cor 7:14).

## **Don't Be Enticed By Other gods**

### **Deuteronomy 29:17-18**

1. Because Israel would be attracted to gods they could see, they had to avoid the

temptation to idolatry.

2. The first two commandments the heart of covenant confession called for Israel to acknowledge the existence of Yehovah as the only god and forbade representing Him or any other deity in visual form.
3. The root that Moshe warns against here no doubt refers to the concept of idolatry which if allowed to grow in the human mind and heart would produce the fruit of idolatrous practice. (Acts 8:23; Heb 12:15). Or that you would have the fruit of poison wormwood. First time Wormwood is mentioned here. The Brit Chadashah says to get rid of all bitterness. (Ephesians 4:31).

## **Beware of Willful Sin**

### **Deuteronomy 29:19-20**

1. Adding drunkenness to thirst is a proverbial statement suggesting that no person who sins willfully against the covenant can expect to escape the judgement of Yehovah.
2. No matter how pious his confessions of faith are. Yehovah knows the hearts. (Num 15:39; Eccl. 11:9; Isa. 30:1).
3. The fate of a person who sins willfully is serious indeed Yehovah shall blot out his name from under heaven (9:14; 25:19; Exod 32:32-33) implying that he would be forgotten in future generations. (Ezek 14:7-8; Ps. 74:1; Ps 79:5; Ezek 23:25).

# You Will Get An Answer

## Deuteronomy 29:24-26

1. When future generations saw the awful destruction of the land and inquired about its cause the answer would be immediate and clear.
2. Because they have forsaken the covenant of Yehovah. That is the reason.
3. This most egregious of sins violated the foundational element of the relationship between Yehovah and His people the first two commandments (5:7-8).

# The Secret Things

## Deuteronomy 29:29 (28)

1. How could the nation continue to exist in light of its promised destruction?
2. The best solution to his apparent contradiction between secret things belong to Elohim and revealed things belong to Israel is to view it as the precept of the other nations.
3. They would observe Israel's outcome and conclude that the covenant relationship had been terminated but they would be unable to understand that Elohim's word to His people could never be cancelled. Elohim would bring His people to repentance so they could enjoy unending fellowship (30:1-10; Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:24-38; Rom 11:1-32.)

## Take Away

1. The Torah was given to those standing there in that generation and also those who were

not standing there in all other generations including Gentiles. Isaiah 56 and Romans 11.

2. Being in a fruit of bitterness is actually being like wormwood...also the name of an evil spirit.
3. The secret things of Yehovah is also how the nations around us look at us and how we walk with Yehovah in light of His Messiah.

## **Application**

1. I will thank Yehovah that I am part of that generation that was not on the mountain yet it was revealed to me as well.
2. I will get rid of the fruit of bitterness in my so that I might not turn to wormwood
3. The secret things of Yehovah are for Him alone and not for us to figure out except for us to do His Torah.

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