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Shabbat Message

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[Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22](#)

My Way or Yah's Way

Journeys and War

Introduction

A close examination of Deuteronomy 2 reveals a rich mine of theological wisdom that underscores God's sovereignty, faithfulness, His divine providence, His timing, and His purpose in leading Israel from Egypt to the promised land. This chapter of Deuteronomy is a sobering reminder that waiting on God's timing is a timeless lesson of our faith journey and dependence

on Him.

Elohim's Guidance and Divine Providence

Deuteronomy 2:1-8

1. In this section, Moses recounts Israel's long journey through the desert. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for a long time (Deuteronomy 2:1), and experience that was not a punishment but Elohim's testing strengthening of their faith (Deuteronomy 8:2).
2. Elohim in His, divine providence, had them wander until the former generation had died off (Numbers 14:33).
3. Elohim instructed Moses not to provoke the sons of Esau (Deuteronomy 2:5), Deuteronomy 2:90, Ammon (Deuteronomy 2:19), showing that Elohim has a purpose for each nation (Acts 17:26). This demonstrates Elohim's care and consideration for all his creation and His divine providence in setting boundaries for nations.

Elohim's Sovereignty

Deuteronomy 2:9-15

1. Here Elohim's sovereignty is revealed in His command to avoid conflict with Ammonites and Moabites (Deuteronomy 2:9, Deuteronomy 2:19).
2. These commands underscore that Elohim determines the destiny of nations (Acts 17:26).

3. The sovereignty of Elohim is also seen in his giving Esau's descendants the land they possessed, just as He did for the Moabites and Ammonites (Deuteronomy 2:12). The eradication of the former generation of Israelites (Deuteronomy 2:14-15) showcases Elohim's judgement on their disbelief (Hebrews 3:19) it also points to his sovereignty in determining human destiny, including life and death (Deuteronomy 32:39).

Elohim's Faithfulness and Timing

Deuteronomy 2:16-25

1. Elohim's faithfulness is evident in his fulfillment of the promise made to the ancestors of the Israelites.
2. He promised to give them a land of their own (Genesis 12:7), a promise he began to fulfill as seen in (Deuteronomy 2:16-25). Elohim's timing is also highlighted in this section. After the death of the entire generation that Elohim swore would not enter the promised land (Numbers 14:23), Elohim was ready to deliver on his promise.
3. Elohim's timing also applies to his promise to begin the fear and the dread of Israel upon the nations (Deuteronomy 2:25). The fear and dread are a precursor to Elohim's judgement as seen in Exodus 23:27 and Joshua 2:9-11.

Elohim's Purpose

Deuteronomy 2:26-36

1. Elohim's purpose is seen in His instructions to wage war against Sihon, the king of Heshbon (Deuteronomy 2:24). As the Israelites conquer Heshbon, it is a fulfillment of Elohim's plan to make His name great among the nations (Exodus 9:16).
2. Elohim hardened Sihon's spirit and made His heart obstinate (Deuteronomy 2:30), a move that echoes the hardening of Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 7:3), to accomplish his divine purpose.
3. Considering the wisdom in Deuteronomy 2, we are reminded of Elohim's sovereignty, faithfulness, His divine providence, His timing, and His purpose.

Elohim of the nations

Deuteronomy 2:37

1. We learn the Elohim is not only the Elohim of Israel but, Elohim of the nations as well.
2. He is faithful to fulfill His promises, demonstrating His unchanging nature (Hebrews 13:8).
3. The wisdom in Deuteronomy 2 encourages us to trust God's guidance, His timing, and His purpose in our lives. It invites us to submit to His sovereignty and find solace in His divine providence. The wisdom in Deuteronomy 2 is a beacon of hope and a reminder of the faithfulness of our God.

Take Away

1. Yehovah has a plan for all nations to come to feet of Yeshua and worship Him in Jerusalem.
2. Yehovah's sovereignty shows that He is faithful to His people.
3. Yehovah's timing is always perfect.

Application

1. I will continue to trust Yehovah's Prophetic Word
2. I will not forget Yehovah's unchanging love for us.
3. I will continue to show people around me that Yeshua is coming and that the world systems will be defeated.

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