

# PART 8: 29.9-30.20 NIZABIM

## "STANDING READY"

*"Standing" has a number of significant connotations. We are not considering a nation standing as those waiting for a bus. They are standing ready to possess their possessions and are well aware that they must wage warfare to do so. They are "standing" also in the sense of "sound" persons. The "soundness" of faith is seen even before it is severely tested in the conquest. They are thirdly a people "fixed" in their relationship to God. They understand the nature of the Covenant and have been fed its promises again and again. Despite the dangers ahead and the dispersions of the latter years the Son of Israel are ready for the next step in the plan of God and as the 21st century after Christ opens and the year 6000 from Adam has come we too must be ready for the coming of the king and our entry with Him to a kingdom greater than all.*

### READING No.1 29:9-11

**You are all standing at the ready** and fit and established today-your princes your tribal leaders your elders your magistrates or writers-every man of Israel. *This remarkable statement can be made after 40 years in the wilderness and months of warfare. The widespread health and wholeness of the men of the nation is unprecedented and unparalleled even in this modern time. Would that the church of God were in this state! Even in the golden era of NT times Paul could say "there are some sick" among you. Your children and wives and your strangers who are in the midst of your camp from those who hew and carve your wood [Hebrew HAFTAB "woodcutters" and "artisans"] to those who draw your surface water [Hebrew SHATAV-"draw from the surface" not deep wells-because it was Jordan river water they were now using] **You are standing in order to pass into the covenant of the LORD your God and you are standing between these** [the blessings and curses] The NIV has "sealing it with an oath" and as they stand solemnly they are symbolically doing just that as Abram did when he "passed between the pieces" of his sacrifice along with the LORD. However there appears to be no sacrifice offered excepting the **morning approach whole burnt offering** so this is a pure and spiritual covenant well understood-and the absence of sacrifice must entail the fact that the LORD was offering to be that sealing sacrifice-this is prophetic **TORAH... which the LORD your God is establishing** [literally "cutting"] **with you today.** Moses causes the people to cast their minds forward to EBAL and GERAZIM and to think of themselves as consenting to the covenant with its blessings and curses at this vital time. Their fathers stood at Sinai-they stand much better instructed at Jordan. Their existence and fitness are a tribute to the LORD who saved and kept them and prepared them for warfare.*

### READING No.2 29:12-14

#### **READY TO BE CONFIRMED AS GOD'S OWN PEOPLE**

You are standing...in order that you may confirm or establish to day that you are His people and He is your God in line with the word He swore to your Fathers Abraham Isaac and Jacob about you. And it is not with you only that I am making this covenant and these oaths (*consent to the curses & blessings in balance*) for this which I have cut is for those who will fall asleep and **unanimously** [Hebrew PEH "without anyone's further intervention] for those who stand here before the LORD our God and **unanimously** with those who are not present here with us today i.e future Jews. *The covenant had obligations for those who would see little of the benefits-like Moses himself-and for those who would battle the adversary in Canaan and for those who would later inherit the peace till the time of Messiah.*

### READING No.3:29.15-28

#### **READY TO RETURN TO THE HOMELAND**

For you know well what it was to live in the land of Egypt and what it was like when we passed in the midst of the nations through whom we passed. You saw their abominable or polluted things; the idol circles [Heb GALAL] of wood and stone of silver and gold which were among them. Be aware if there is a man or woman, a tribe or clan **whose heart** today faces away from the presence of the LORD our

God to follow these gods of the gentiles or if there is among you a fruitful root a source of bitterness [Hebrew LAANAH "wormwood"]

And it will be so that someone who hears these words of this oath will have blessed himself in his heart saying "there will be peace or safety for me!" when or as I am under the rule of my own heart. *The idea is "I can govern my own affairs and still be under the covenant. I am in control of my destiny" "I am the captain of my soul" thus bringing a termination [Hebrew SUPH "a whirlwind"] on the satiated or "well watered" [Hebrew RAWAH] and on the ones who desire (the right) earnestly or "the thirsty land" [Heb. ZEMAH ]The imagery speaks of two types of person who take the covenant lightly-those who are "provided with every good" or those who are at first "delighted"-person like those in the audience of Jesus who "received the word with joy" but had no root" and the second group who are genuine in their desire but short on fulfilment of their intent. The storm comes in both cases because the "root" is lacking. Bitterness is not far below the surface.*

The LORD **will not be willing** [Hebrew ABAH] to pardon him because at that time the anger of the LORD and His provoked jealousy or zeal [Hebrew QINEA] will smoke against that man. *God who sees the heart observes the "source" and "root" of failure and such an attitude as this forfeits His good pleasure.*

All the curses written in this book will rest upon him [Hebrew RABATZ "crouch as a beast of prey ready to take his life" or "lie down as an animal crushing him"] and the LORD will wipe out his name from under heaven. And the LORD will separate him for calamity from all the tribes of Israel in accord with all the curses of the covenant written in this book of the **TORAH**. And he said "**Later generations of your children** who will rise after you and **strangers who come from a distant land** will see the afflictions of this land and the diseases [Hebrew TAHELOA from HELAAH] with which the LORD has afflicted this land. The entire land will be a conflagration of resinous pitch pine or **cypress and salt**. [Presumably the fire is combated by salt but both act in unison to prevent cropping at that time] You will not sow seed -nothing will be sprouting to life-there will not be any green herb growing up in it. It will be as the "overturning" or "sea-change" of Sodom and Gomorrah-the land of gazelles (ZEBOIM) which the LORD overthrew in His wrath and hot anger.

## **PREPARED FOR WAR AND TROUBLE IN THE LATTER DAY AN ULTRA MODERN OR YET FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY AND ITS CULMINATION AT THE TIME OF A FINAL STROKE OF DIVINE ANGER**

And all the nations will say "For what reason has the LORD done like this to this land? Why was this great anger kindled? And they will say upon that topic "They abandoned the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers who made a covenant with them when they left the land of Egypt. They went and served other gods and worshipped them -gods whom they did not know by experience who were not the "portion" of each of them. So the anger of Yahweh "will burn" against this land to bring against it all the curses which are written in this book. And the LORD will tear them from this fertile land in fury hot anger and immense provocation [Hebrew QAZAPH "splintering" or "breaking "] and **will send them** [ *The word "send" has a rare enlarged LAMBDA -a very notable textual feature which comes from Jewish consideration of the passage. The Hebrew "L" means ox-goad and indicates that God will goad the people like cattle to this land ...apparently to the United States*] to a "western" land [Heb AERETH- "western" or "a land retarded" or "hindered" as in the days of Moses] as at this day. *As of the time of Moses the United States and even Europe represented lands still backward in development. The speech however is of more modern time and speaks not of Babylon which was eastern and of very ancient development. The fact that the speakers realised America was in view suggests this speech is ahead of now (2009) because "all the nations" have not come to see America's role as referred to in this scripture by Moses but under the vastly changed circumstances following the next short world war this awareness will break on the world.*

Moses adds "The things that **conceal themselves** belong to the LORD our God and **the things that are to reveal themselves** belong to us and to our children for the "AGE "that we may do all the words of this law." *This statement is in itself a declaration that the revelation of scripture has a notably Jewish context of interpretation. The foregoing prophecy is housed within this declaration as a matter of long prediction whose outworking will be hidden through millennia but released in the days when the empire*

long "retarded" takes its place among nations and enlightenment as to scripture and the work of Yahweh is of a broadcast order in the world.

## READING No. 4 30:1-6 CHAPTER 30

### READY FOR GODS WILL IN THE LATTER DAYS

And it will happen when all these words which I have spoken and the curses which I have given out before your faces come upon you and you cause them to return to your heart and mind among all the Gentiles where the LORD your God shall cause you to be thrust [*Heb. NADAH "driven" or "impelled"*] And you return to the LORD your God and obey his voice concerning everything I have commanded you today you and your children with all your hearts and souls **the LORD your God will return your returning and have mercy** [*Hebrew RAHAM "soft" "tenderest compassion" "a father's love of his children"*] and turning He will quibbutz you from all the peoples from where the LORD your God caused you to be scattered-from where He took you. And the LORD your God shall cause you to come back to the land your fathers possessed and He will cause you to possess it, he will make you happy and successful (there) and he will cause you to be greater than your fathers. The LORD your God will **CIRCUMCISE YOUR HEART** and the hearts of your offspring to **LOVE YAHWEH YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL THAT YOU MAY LIVE THE LIFE OF GOD**

*Israel's re-gathering subsequent to the last dispersion-in the main from the west and this great nation of later time is essential to two matters presented:*

*(a)It is necessary to bring numbers beyond those of the period of Christ when at least a million souls were cooped up in Jerusalem in 70AD and Galilee had a massive population. The American Jews alone by aliyah could fillip the numbers beyond those of the first and early 21st centuries.*

*(b)It is essential because the nation is not yet circumcised in heart in the manner Jeremiah and Paul spoke of-this great turning to God is still to be expected.*

## READING No. 5: 30 7-10

### READY FOR THE RETURN OF MESSIAH

The LORD your God will deliver all these curses against your enemies and against those who hate and persecute you and you will return and obey all the commands which I command you today. And the LORD your God will cause you to abound [*Hebrew JATHAR "to excel" "to be very great" "to gain the victory"*] in everything your hand does to succeed and prosper and be happy the fruit of your womb, in the offspring of your animals and the fruit of your land **for the LORD will return to exult over you with joy...** *This appears to be a prophecy of nothing short of **prophetic TORAH** of the return of the LORD JESUS CHRIST and of His great good pleasure in Israel ...and to make you happy and prosperous as when He rejoiced over your fathers. You will obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep the commands and statutes which are written in this book of the torah for you will return to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. This **prophetic TORAH** predicts the return of Christ and the return of Israel to the faith of the patriarchs in the LORD not of the rabbis in the Talmud.*

## READING No. 6: 30.11-14

### READY TO RECEIVE THE WORD PREACHED

Because this commandment which I command you today does not render itself beyond you [*Heb PALAA ""extraordinary" "miraculous" "separated at a distance" ] It is not remote and a long time ago. It is not in heaven so that he should say "Who will go up to heaven to take it or unite it to us-and make us hear it that we should get ourselves do it. And it is not across the sea that he should say "Who will go across the sea for us to the other side of the sea to receive it for us and make us hear it so that we should get ourselves to do it for **THE WORD IS NEAR -ACCESSIBLE TO YOU** [*Hebrew MEAODH-**

*"surrounding" "easy of access"] " IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART TO DO IT. The Apostle Paul in Romans 10 6-10 speaks of the "word" on the lips and in the heart-the word of salvation.*

## **READING No.7: 30 15-17**

### **READY TO GAIN BLESSING**

See that I am offering before your face today life and happiness death and calamity. What I have commanded you over and over again today is to love the LORD your God ; to walk in His ways; to keep His commands and statutes and judgments and you will live(His life)and grow and the LORD your God will bless you in the land where you go to possess it. But if you turn away in your heart and do not obey and you thrust away [*Heb NADAH. either by "urge" of the flesh or the "chase" of the world" or "seduction" of the devil*] and cause yourselves to worship other gods and serve them...

## **SUMMARY 30 18-20**

### **READY ABOVE ALL TO MAKE THE SIMPLE AND VITAL LIFE-GIVING CHOICE**

I am explaining to you today that as you destroy yourselves you will be destroyed. You will not lengthen your days in the land you are crossing Jordan to arrive in and possess. I am causing heaven and earth to witness solemnly or **repeatedly** [*Hebrew AUD*] that I am offering before your face life and death blessing and cursing

- (a)So choose life in order that you and your offspring may live.
- (b)Choose to love the LORD your God;
- (c)Choose to obey His voice;
- (d)Choose to be bonded to Him.

For He will be your life and your length of days to dwell upon the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

*Moses again and again was speaking about details of God's plan in this address. The Messiah was listening in heaven and the people on earth. It was a covenant between God and the Jewish people. It involved a simple choice to LOVE THE LORD and show that obedience that proved it. It held out a union which was a "life-long union" of faith. It is a definite Haggadah-a preached word-with full explanation and set forth for acceptance.*

The End of Part 8 "Ready"