

# **PART 7 26.1-29.8 KI TABOA**

## **"WHEN YOU HAVE ENTERED"**

### **God's harvest or wealth**

#### **"Spiritual wealth"**

*The 7th section of Deuteronomy is one which lays emphasis on Israel as a nation being "brought in" much as harvest is brought in. Israel is God's "wealth" or "'produce". From that produce on his labour he seeks a modest return-a tithe. It is when we think of ourselves as "God's wealth" that the "eyes of our understanding are opened and we begin to grasp what is the hope of our calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" Ephesians 1.18 This riches is to be understood alongside His power in us to begin with the seed of His word in us into the full fruit of His character in us. The temple at Ephesus was a primitive "world bank" centre in the first century. The people of God in the Old Testament were God's "wealth" on which he sought annual interest and through whom He sought and the "temple in which He stores and develops that which is of real value. Ephesians 2. 6-10 develops the theme of God's glorious riches being displayed in "good works" during our lifetime -fired by that unbounded love and indwelling Holy Spirit. This "bestowing of wealth" [Greek CHRESTOTES] continues through the eternal ages. It is to redound to His glory-as we will never forget we were "children of wrath" and "dead in sins". The wealth of Christ is not wealth "lent" but permanently bestowed. We will not talk about being the "church" in the ages to come-but about "being taken out" from such degradation and sin and made Christ-like-to the glory of God.*

### **READING No.1 26:1-12**

#### **FAITH BASED WEALTH-RELATIONSHIP (WITH GOD) IS WEALTH**

When you are come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you and you possess it and dwell in it then take of from **the first things of all the fruits** of the fertile land where you will go-from the land the LORD your God is giving you and place them in a **woven basket** and go to the place where the LORD your God has chosen to place His name. Go to the priest who is there in those days and say to him,

##### **(a) FAITH THAT BELIEVES THE PROMISES**

**"I confess or declare the mystery solved today concerning the LORD your God for I have come to the land which the LORD our God swore to our forefathers to give us."**

So the priest shall take the basket from your hands and cause it to rest before the altar of the LORD your God *These words that Moses taught Israel equate to a "confession of faith" that the LORD who was well known to the priest is personal and loved by the Israelite who brings his first fruit offering. Then you shall "answer [The Hebrew is Piel of ANAH which is used of "singing" so this is a praiseful or poetic statement]* and say before the LORD your God,

##### **(b) BELIEVING PRAYER THAT RECEIVES GOD'S ANSWER**

**"My father (Jacob) was a perishing ARAMEAN (Syrian)**

**And he went down to Egypt and sojourned as a stranger there**

**In the house of few men but there he became a great strong numerous people**

**And the Egyptians were cruel and afflicted us with hard twisting**

*(This word QASHAH is used of "taking off the bark" and "twisting" and so would be reflected in the basket which required like painstaking work as making straw bricks)*

**So we cried out to the LORD our God and the LORD heard our voice**

**And saw our affliction and weary travail [Hebrew AMAL] and pressure [Hebrew LAHATZ]**

**And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm**

**And with great fear and sign proofs and shining wonders**

**And He brought us to this classic place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey**

**And now behold I am caused to bring the first-fruits of the land God gave me."**

And you shall cause it to be placed before the LORD your God and **you shall have bowed continually.** [Hebrew Hithpael HISHTAWITHA in worship before the face of the LORD your God] *During this poetic discourse the Jew would be bowing low and worshipping over and over again.*

## **READING No.2 26:12-15**

### **THE WEALTH OF A "CONSECRATED" LIFE**

When you have completed the tithe of what comes in the third year -the year of the tithe-give to the Levites for the stranger fatherless and widow that they may eat within your gates and be satisfied. Then say before the LORD your God,

(c) **FAITH BASED HOLINESS THAT CAN STAND BEFORE GOD**

**"I have removed from my house the consecrated portion and given to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow according to all which you commanded me I have not passed over or forgotten. I have not eaten any of it in my affliction; I have not continually destroyed any of it by defilement; I have not given any portion of it to the dead *No part being used to provide a coffin or to send presents to friends of the dead which was an ancient Jewish funeral custom.*; I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God and **done according to all You commanded me.**"**

**Cause You to look over the balconies of the windows of the fortress of your holy place in heaven and bless your people Israel and the land which You gave to us as You swore to our fathers-a land flowing with milk and honey**

## **READING NO.3 26:16-19**

### **ISRAEL IS GOD'S WEALTH**

This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and judgments and to watch and do them with your whole heart and soul. You have said this day that the LORD is your God-personal to you; that you will walk in His ways and keep his statutes and commandments and judgments and listen to his voice. And the LORD has caused Himself to tell you today that you to Him **a people of wealth** [Hebrew SEGULAH-His "private property" or "wealth"] **as He promised** you Himself-a people to keep all his commands. He has promised He will place you whom He made for His praise, His name and his honour high [Hebrew ELYON] over all the nations-a holy people to the LORD your God **as He promised.** *This very great promise entertains the thought that Israel would be as God Himself in the latter day. This is readily possible since the son of God will live amongst them as their king and thus He who "will not share his glory with another" through His people made in his likeness-holy and obedient-is glorified in Israel who are HIS WEALTH AND SO CHRISTLIKE AS TO BE "AS CHRIST TO THE NATIONS"*

## **READING No.4 27.1-10**

### **HAPPINESS IS WEALTH**

#### **THE PROPHETIC TORAH PROMISES -A TORCH TO CHEER GOD'S PEOPLE**

So Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people "Keep all the commands which I have commanded you today. And it shall be when you pass over Jordan to the land the LORD your God is giving you, you shall cause great stones to be raised up connecting to your passage and cover them with lime plaster. Also **write for yourselves all the promises of this prophetic TORAH** when you cross so that when you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you-a land flowing with milk and honey-as the LORD your God promised your fathers for you. And it shall come to pass when you cross Jordan you shall raise up these stones which I command you today at Mount EBAL and plaster them with lime plaster. Also build there an altar to the LORD your God. Do not lift up noisily any iron (tool) on them. Build the altar of the LORD your God of whole stones [Hebrew SHELEMOTH-"complete" or "finished" or "peaceable" stones] and offer upon it an offering to the LORD your God. Slay peace offerings and eat them there and **rejoice radiantly** before the LORD your God. Cut out in stones all the words of **this torch like** [Hebrew BAAR continually burning ] **TORAH to cheer or do (you)good**

[Hebrew HEJTEB]Two copies of the TORAH promises were to be written-one which Israel carried and the other which was carved in the white plastered stones.

And Moses and the priests -the Levites spoke to all Israel saying "**Be silent** O Israel and listen this day; **you have now become the people of the LORD your God**. Obey the voice of the LORD your God and do his commands and His statutes which I command you today. *Those who did not believe had died in the wilderness-these were now people taught to show their faith by confession.*

## READING No. 5; 27.11-28.6

### THE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE 28.11-26

*THE TRIBES WERE BACK WHERE THEIR PROGENITORS DISPOSED OF JOSEPH-THROUGH WHOM THEIR FOREFATHERS WERE INVITED TO EGYPT LONG AGO. AT THIS HISTORIC PLACE OF FAMILY SHAME THE PEOPLE AFFIRMED THEIR FAITH IN THE RIGHTEOUS WAYS OF GOD*

*First Israel has to acknowledge the seriousness of those individual and personal acts that put at risk a nation's future. The Rabbis taught that the Levites and priests stood in the valley between the mountains at the eastern end-where the spoken word was carried sharp and clear. The valley is 300 metres wide And Moses commanded the people that day saying "These shall stand as ministers on Mt GERAZIM to **bless** the people when you have crossed over Jordan-Simeon Levi Judah ISSACHAR Joseph and Benjamin; and these shall stand **for the curse** on Mount EBAL-Reuben Gad Asher ZEBULUN Dan and NAPHTALI. And **the Levites** shall answer and speak to every man of Israel-a high voice. *This dramatic enactment highlighted severe breaches of the law which were voiced in the hearing of every Israelite. No such dramatic stage-managed event was ever enacted elsewhere-so that the Jew of that time was placed literally on the moral HIGH GROUND. The children of Rachel and Leah stood on the ground of blessing and the children of the bondmaids on that of cursing with Reuben the displaced firstborn and Zebulun Leah's last son. It has been observed that the curse occupies 54 verses and the blessing 14. GERAZIM means "dwellers in a desert land" and EBAL means "void of leaves". GERAZIM was sunny and EBAL shady-that's all there was to choose between the two locations-but that is enough for one to be inhabited with pleasure and the other to be left to scrub but without trees. The Samaritan temple is built on GERAZIM-within which the oldest Torah in the world is housed. **We all are blessed when we "live in the light (of God)" and under curse when we "live with dark secrets (of Satan)"****

(1)Cursed is the man who makes an image or weaves

**Or casts** [Hebrew SAKAH-"weaves" or "shuts in a mould"] (an idol) **abhorrent to the LORD**

**The work of the hands of a skilled workman-and places it secretly.**

Then the whole people shall answer in a high voice, "**Amen**"

(2)Cursed is the man who despises [Hebrew QALAH renders "shameful" or "ignoble"] **his father or mother-and they shall say "Amen"**

(3)Cursed is he who moves [Hebrew NASAG "removes"] **the boundary of his neighbour**

And the whole people shall say, "**Amen**"

(4)Cursed is he who causes the blind to err [Hebrew SAGAH "to stray by ignorance"] **in the way**

And the whole people shall say, "**Amen**"

(5)Cursed is he who turns back justice from a fatherless stranger and widow and the whole people shall say "**Amen**"

(6)Cursed is he who lies with the wife of his father and reveals his father's nakedness [*literally opens the wings or garments of his father*] and the whole people shall say "**Amen**"

(7)Cursed is he who lies with any beast and the people shall say "**Amen**"

(8)Cursed is he who sleeps with the daughter of his father or mother and the people shall say "**Amen**"

(8)Cursed is he who sleeps with his mother in law and all the people shall say "**Amen**"

(9)Cursed is he who strikes his neighbour (dead) secretly and all the people shall say, "**Amen**"

(10)Cursed is the man who accepts a bribe to secretly slay the innocent and all shall say "**Amen**"

(11)Cursed is anyone who does not raise the words of this torah to do them and all shall say "**Amen**"

*The eleven pointers distribute curses in a spectrum of 8 calamitous acts:*

1. Idolatrous acts 2. Acts that dishonour of parents 3. Acts of disrespect for property 4. Acts of disrespect for Disability 5. Acts of injustice to the poor 6. Dishonouring sexual acts 7. Malicious & violence acts and 8. Disregard for God's law. Even "Amen's" echoed across the valley from either side as both sets of tribes expressed abhorrence of the plain sins they must avoid.

## CHAPTER 28 1-6

### THE WEALTH OF ISRAEL AS GOD'S SUPREME MODEL IN CHRIST-LIKE OBEDIENCE -ISRAEL TO BE ELYON (THE TERM USED FOR "SUPREME" AS GOD IS SUPREME OR "MOST HIGH")

And if you consistently listen and obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep and to put into action all His commands which I command you today then the LORD your God will give you to be **"high" above all the nations** of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and reach you [*Hebrew NAS'AG to "reach" as the hand "reaches" the mouth*] when you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

**(1) You will be blessed in the city and in the field**

**(2) You will be blessed in the fruit of your womb, your land, your animals, off spring of your cattle and the produce of your flock**

**(3) You will be blessed in your basket and your bread-kneading bowl**

**(4) You will be blessed when you come in and go out.**

*These blessings encompass life in the urban and rural environment-it makes no odds; blessing enters all reproductive and life-giving areas of Israel; blessing lies upon her crops and her cooking; blessing attaches to the beginnings and ends of her activity. Moreover the manner in which Israel when obedient to God is to be blessed reaches far above that of the other nations.*

## READING No.6 28.7-69

### GOD'S WEALTH -HIS HOLY PEOPLE "DECLARED PURE"(BY GOD) 7-10

*Now we enter the "Valley of Baca" of biblical prophecy -the long notices of the nation's future miseries concomitant with her many national defections from the judgments and statutes of the LORD.*

(1) May it be the LORD'S gift to you that your enemies who rise against you may fall before your face and that they who come one way to you may flee seven directions from you! The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your storehouses [*Hebrew ASAM*] and over the whole mission of your work and will bless you in the land the LORD your God is giving you. *Over and over again Moses tells Israel "God is now giving you the land"-the grammar of the expression is "active participial"[Hebrew NOTHEN]. The active giving of God was going on over time and it has to be recognised in all our lives.*

**(2) The LORD will raise you up for Him a holy people-as** He swore to you when you listen to the commands of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

(3) And all the peoples of the earth **will see** prophetically and actually that the name of the LORD is setting itself upon us and they will stand in awe of you.

### SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE LAST AGE 11-14

(4) And the LORD will cause you **to excel** [*The Hebrew JATHAR could be taken to mean that the LORD means that in latter days Israel's greatness would "remain" or be "residual"*] for happiness in the fruit of your womb in the offspring of animals and in the produce of your fertile earth-the earth which the LORD your God swore to you.

(5) The LORD will fling open for you His treasuries or "store-houses" of the Good One or "goodness" - the heavens-to give the rain of the earth in its season and to bless the work of your hands. Great nations will borrow from you but you will not borrow. *The phrase might also be rendered "Great nations will adhere to you [Hebrew LAWAH "join"] you but you will not join yourself to them"* This **prophetic TORAH** is hardly true of time to date excepting the few years of AHASUERUS support of Nehemiah-but even then the nations were gross providers. The day of Israel's great provision relates spiritually to the "Opening of heaven" when Christ was sent and the Holy Spirit promoted the gospel worldwide in the "former rain" of blessing and to the Re-opening of heaven when He comes again in the day of the "latter rain."

(6)The LORD will make you the gift of being **the head and not the tail** DEUT 28.13 (*A Nation at the head (ROSH) of nations not despised (ZANAB) by nations.*)  
(7)And you will live without exception at the top and you will not live at the bottom for you will obey the commands of the LORD your God which I command you to keep and do this day.  
Do not turn aside [*Hebrew SUR "to cut off as a degenerate branch"*] from all these words which I command you today to the right or left to walk after other gods and serve them.

#### **EVENTS CLIMAZING IN THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY 15-44**

And it shall come to pass if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep and do all his commands and statutes which I command you today then all these curses will come upon you and be caused to overtake you *or acquire your riches*[*Hebrew NAS'AG*]

(1)**You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the field**

(2) **Your basket and baking bowl will be cursed**

(3) **You will be cursed in the fruit of your womb, the offspring of your cattle, the produce of your field the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks**

(4) **You will be cursed in your going out and coming in.**

(5) **The LORD will send misfortune**(*Often connected to enchantment*)**sighing** [*Hebrew HAMAH-"rage"*] **and restraint against every mission you set your hand to until you lay yourself waste and until you are destroyed hastening from the face of your evil abominations for which you forsook me**

(6)**The LORD will solder disease to you until it finishes you from off the land which you came to possess**

(7) **The LORD will smite you with**

**leanness** [*Heb SHAHAPH*]; **fever** [*Heb QADAHATH*]; **burning rash** [*Heb DALEQATH*]; *with dehydration* [*Heb HARHUR-"drying up from burning"*]; **with the sword** [*Heb HEREV perhaps "drought"*]; **with blasting** (*"of grain" hence famine and hunger*) **by the wind** [*Heb SHIDAPHON*] *with jaundice* [*Heb "yellowness" JIRQON*]-**they will pursue you till you are destroyed** *All these seven conditions affect the human body in one way or other. Several are frequently linked to excessive temperature*

(8)**Your heavens above will become brass and the earth beneath your feet iron.** *The intense heat of the skies is compared to brass doors that are impenetrable and the caked earth to iron which is unworkable.*

(9)**The LORD will give your land the gift of raining fine and thick dust from heaven. It will fall upon you until you are laid waste** [*Hebrew SHMADH-"like an empty altar"*]

(10)**The LORD will smite you before your enemy. You will attack him in one direction and flee from him in seven flight paths.**

(11)**And you will live as "terrors"**[*Heb ZUA "trembling" "disquiet"*] **to the kings (or rulers) of the earth**

(12)**And your dead bodies will be food for all the carrion birds of heaven and the beasts of the earth and there will be none to frighten them away.** *The allusion is to the horror of the night in which Abraham defended the sacrifice-as if to defend that which is associated with Christ-the covenant One (Genesis15.11) The prophetic **TORAH** allusion is to Jews being slain in horrendous future debacles.*

(13)**The LORD will strike you with the boils or ulcers of Egypt** [*Heb SHEHIN*] (*plague No.6-arising from dust that contaminates the skin*) **with tumours or swelling** [*Heb APALIM*] **with scabs** [*Hebrew GARAB*] **itch** [*Heb HERES*] **which will not be able to be healed.** *These were incurable mainly external diseases.*

(14)**The LORD will smite you with madness** [*Heb SHIGAON*] **with blindness** [*Heb AIWARON*] **and the fearful mind of senility** [*Heb TIMAHON*]

(15)**You will be living and groping** [*Heb MASHESH*] **in the splendour of daylight as a blind man gropes in the dark and you will not have success as to direction. You will definitely be injured** [*Hebrew ASHUQ*] **and robbed** [*Heb GAZEL*] **and there will be no Saviour.**

**(16) You will erect a wedding canopy for a woman and another man will ravish her [Hebrew SHAGAL]**

**(17) You will build a house and not dwell in it; plant a garden or vineyard and not begin to benefit.** *Eugene Petersen has "never eat a carrot!"*

**(18) Your ox will be slaughtered before you and you will not eat of it Petersen has "a single steak" Your donkey will be stolen from in front of your face but will never return. Your flock will be given to your enemies and none will save it for you.**

**(19) Your sons and daughters will be given to another people and in searching for them all your days your eyes will grow dim (as you age) and none will know anything about it.** *This prophecy was realised both during the Babylonian captivity and during the time when slaves were taken to Greece. I have visited an ancient mining centre in southern Greece where hundreds of Hebrew slaves worked.*

**(20) The fruits of your fields and all you laboured for [Heb JAGA] will be eaten by a people you did not know and you will live on defrauded or taxed and accepting it or pleased to be able to do that for the rest of your life.**

**(21) You will become ignorant or grow mentally confused or become apostate from what you see with your eyes.**

**(22) The LORD will strike you with sore boils on your knees and on your legs [Heb SHUQ cf "shank"] from the calf of your foot to the crown of your head which will not be able to be healed.**

**(23) The LORD is leading you and the king you will set over you to a gentile nation neither you nor your fathers have known and there you will serve other gods of wood and stone.** *It is not possible that Moses knew of the Babylonian captivity but God did and the Spirit of God set it down in this prophetic **TORAH***

**(24) And you will live for the purpose of a desolate one [Heb SHAMMAH "waste of lives" (To show how rebellion leads to such waste)"astonishment"] for the purpose of a proverb [Hebrew MASHAL "parable" or "dominion" (not an ordinary teaching-but one that shows the LORD'S sovereignty in parallel with that of the world)] and for a "byword" [Hebrew SHANINAH-"a saying with which to assail" cf "Judi" in the Third Reich] among all the peoples where the LORD your God will lead you [Heb NAHAG "lead as a shepherd" or "drive you panting" "take panting"]**

**(25) You will sow seed and more seed in the field but it will add very little; for the locust will devour it.**

**(26) You will plant vineyards and tend them but not drink wine and not "collect produce" [Heb. AGAR which relates to the Latin AGER and to our "agrarian"] grapes because the worms will eat them.**

**(27) You will have olive trees throughout your territory but you will not anoint yourself with oil because the olives will drop off [Heb NASHAL "slip off like a head from a handle"]**

**(28) Sons and daughters will be born to you but they will not be long with you for they will go captive.**

**(29) All your trees and crops of the soil the flying locust or clinking armed men will take over,**

**(30) The stranger who is in your midst will rise above you higher and higher and you will go down wards and downwards; he will lend you and you will not lend to him; he will be the head and you will be the tail.**

## **SIGNALS AND PROOF OF DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY 45-47**

All these curses will come upon you and chase you (*Petersen translates "hunt you down!"*) and reach you until you are laid waste [*Hebrew SHAMADH -used of "ruined crops"*] because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep his commands and statutes which I commanded you. They will be signals and divine portents or proofs for you and your seed for a long era. Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyful radiance and in happiness of heart when all was great

## **ROMAN TIMES 48-68**

**(31) You will serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you amid famine and drought nakedness and want and he will put an iron yoke on your neck till he has destroyed you.**

**(32) The LORD will lift up over you a nation from the extreme distance of the earth or continent according to the place the eagle will fly [An express allusion to the Roman empire]-a nation whose**

language you have not heard [*Latin was not yet a lingua franca*]; a nation fierce of countenance which will not lift up his face in pity on the elderly or children; they will eat the progeny of your livestock and the crops of your fields until there is nothing left to you-no grain wine oil calves or lambs until he has caused you to perish. He will lay siege to you in all your gates until the coming down of your proud fortified walls in which you will be trusting. He will be pressing you in the whole land and in all your gates which the LORD your God gave you. [*This was precisely fulfilled on or before 70AD*]

(33) You will eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters which the LORD your God gave you in the siege and distress with which your enemy will oppress you. The man who is delicately raised and one of very soft heart will be of menacing against his brother and against the wife of his bosom and against his surviving sons; against sharing with one of them the flesh of his sons which he will eat -all he has left in the "siege" and "distress" [*Hebrew TZOR & TZOQ*] when his enemies distress him in all his cities. The most delicately raised and luxuriously brought up woman among you who would not keep attempting to set the sole of her foot on the ground -tenderly brought up and delicate as she is will be of menacing eye against the husband of her bosom and her own son and daughter that she may eat in secret the afterbirth from her womb and her children because of her own need in the pressure and want with which the enemy press you in your gates.

(34) If you are not vigilant to do all the words of this Torah written in this book to be in awe of the glorious and shining name -YAHWEH YOUR GOD the LORD will distinguish your calamities and those of your seed -great self-sustaining disasters and serious lingering illness. [*The Hebrew AMEN "sustained" is used of both calamity and illness in this context*]

He will cause to return all the regular sicknesses of Egypt [*Heb MADEWEH is as monthly sickness a regular malady-perhaps malarial or other repetitive fevers*] which you feared and they will cling to you [*Heb DABAQ "be damasked" or "welded" to you*]

The LORD will also bring upon you every sickness and calamity not written in this book of the **TORAH** until you are laid waste (*Heb SHAMADH "as ruined crops" -A nation in ruins*)

You who were as the stars of the heavens for number will be diminished by death till you are a small remnant because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Just as it rejoiced the LORD your God to make you happy and to cause your increase so it will please the LORD your God to make you serve and to lay you waste (as a people) and tear you away from the land which you are going to possess. Then the LORD will cause you to be scattered [*Hebrew PUTZ "dispersed" "broken in pieces" "poured abroad"-hence we call this post Roman phase the "dispersion" or "Diaspora"*] from one end of the earth to the other and there you will serve other gods of wood and stone whom neither you nor your fathers have known. During the early days of dispersion the Jews would have served through building temples etc even though they may not have worshipped idols readily. Among those nations there will not be a wink of sleep and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot. The LORD will give you there a trembling agitated perturbed and troubled heart [*Hebrew RAGAZ*]; wasting tearful and pining eyes [*Hebrew KALAH*] and a melting distressed anxious soul [*Hebrew DAAAB*]

And you will live your lives in suspense [*Hebrew TALAA "uncertainty" "hanging on tenterhooks"*] aloof [*Heb MENAGAD*] and terrified [*Hebrew PAHAD "making haste" "trembling"*] day and night-unsure of your lives. [*Literally with no "AMEN"*] In the morning you will say, "Who will receive the gift of living to the evening?" In the evening you will say, "Who will receive the gift of morning light?" from the terrors that will terrify your hearts and the sights your eyes will see. And the LORD will cause you to return to Egypt in ships through a path which I said you would not add to your sights again. There you will offer yourselves as male and female servants and none will hire you.

*This prophetic TORAH was literally fulfilled when Titus neglected his orders to slaughter Jews and the Romans at the siege of Jerusalem grew tired of killing and hoped to get money from sale of survivors and deserters as slaves. Multitudes were sold "at a very low price and because such as were sold were very many and the buyers were few...the number that were sold was immense but of the populace about 40,000 were spared who might go wherever each one of them pleased."*

**These are the terms of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab besides the covenant He made with them in HOREB**

## **READING No.7 29.1-5**

### **CHAPTER 29: A SPARTAN LIFE-STYLE AIMED AT BRINGING ISRAEL TO KNOW GOD**

Moses called all Israel and said to them "You have seen all that the LORD did before your very eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and his land. There were great calamities that you eyes watched; there were signs and there were those great openings [*Hebrew PATHAH-"liberations" and "open doors"- e.g. the way in the sea*] but to this day the LORD has/had not given you a heart **to know that experience** ...eyes to see and ears to hear till this day.

During your journeying of 40 years in the desert **your garments did not waste away** upon you nor were **your fastened sandals worn out**. You ate no bread nor drank wine or fermented drink in order **that you should have that intimate experience** for I am the LORD your God. *After the prolonging teaching and proclamation of Moses on the plains of Moab the prophet claimed some success in seeing a people prepared to enter the land by faith. The remarkable session of lessons rehearsed statutes and addresses had been owned of God to inspire faith*

## **SUMMARY 29 6-8**

### **VICTORY IS GOOD AND THE WEALTH OF BOOTY IS SWEET BUT WISDOM IS BETTER**

You came to this historic place and SIHON king of HESHBON and OG king of BASHAN came out to encounter us in war and we smote them. We took the land and gave it as inheritance to the REUBENITES, GADITES and the half tribe of Manasseh.

But keep the words of this covenant and do them in order that you may be prudent and successful in all that you do. *Moses final observation on the East bank experience is that despite the victories and the very considerable gains and booty wisdom [*Hebrew SHACAL "godly piety" and "devotion" was of the essence of spiritual wealth.**

The End of Part 7 "Spiritual or true wealth"