

Torah Portion: Yitro

Part 2 – Kingdom of Priests

Focuses

- Last week– Plagues & the Exodus Pharaoh
- Today – Kingdom of Priests & Israel's Destiny
- March 1st– How Would We Know if the Kingdom is Being Restored?
- Future Teaching – “All Israel will be saved”

Last Week's Teaching Summary

- Israelites escape Egypt
- Pharaoh Rameses – greatest king
- Rameses – king of the new kingdom
 - *Best kingdom in Egyptian history*
- Mighty hand of God versus weak hand of pharaoh
- Children of Israel rejoice at the Sea of Reeds for Yah's victory

Exodus 19

On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. 2 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Exodus 19

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

Exodus 19

5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

If...then

“if you obey me fully and keep my covenant,
then out of all nations you will be my
treasured possession.”

**-What came before the expectation of
covenant faithfulness?**

-Salvation

Kingdom of Priests

- Not “kingdom of kings”
- Not “kingdom of rulers”
- Not “kingdom of princes”
- Why a kingdom of priests?**

What do priests do?

- Intention: live in service of Elohim
- Why?
 - *Total dependence*
- What was given to them?
 - Salvation
 - Hope & a Future
 - A land of their own!

What else about Priests?

- What other role do priests have?
- Intermediaries

Yah Elohim

People of Israel

?



Light to the Nations – Isaiah 49

6 “For Me it is nothing to make you My servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and to return the captives of Israel, and to let you be a light to the nations, to be My salvation to the ends of the earth”

Light to the Nations – Isaiah 60

“Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2 For behold, darkness will cover the earth

And deep darkness the peoples;

But the Lord will rise upon you

And His glory will appear upon you.

3 Nations will come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Light Source - Isaiah 2

What is the light source?

Isaiah 2:5

Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in Yah's light.

Light Source - Isaiah 2:2-3

In the later days...Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yah,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will instruct [*yarah*] us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The Torah will go out from Zion,
the word of Yah from Jerusalem.

Matthew 5

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Israel as the model

- How can nations come to God's light –and live holy lives– if Israel isn't walking in his light?
 - *And us?*
- What if they don't share that light?
- What if they don't live as a light to the nations as a model kingdom of priests?

The state of the kingdom

If Israel failed to follow their destiny, what do the nations have to look towards as a model?

The kingdom of priests

- divided kingdom
- north sent into exile in the nations
- south sent into exile, restored, but exiled again

Where humans fail, God find
other ways to accomplish His
plans.

Yeshua as the model

- One true Israelite
- A model of faithful Israel
- A king of the line of David
- Ascended to high priesthood
- John 12:32 - And if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself.”

Isaiah 61 (*Luke 4*) Fulfilled in Yeshua

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
Because the Lord anointed me
To bring good news to the humble;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim release to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To grant those who mourn in Zion...

Luke 4:20

he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Isaiah 61 Fulfilled in Yeshua

4 then they will rebuild the ancient ruins,
They will raise up the former devastations;
And they will repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.

5 Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks,
And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

6 But you will be called the priests of the Lord;
You will be spoken of as ministers of our God.

Is it possible this unfolded as
well in Yeshua's day?

How was the first kingdom of
priests inaugurated &
confirmed?

Covenant and Kingdom inaugurated with Blood

Exodus 23:3 Then Moses came and reported to the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do!” 4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. Then he got up early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve memorial stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as peace offerings to the Lord.

Covenant and Kingdom inaugurated with Blood

6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it as the people listened; and they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!” 8 So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

What they agreed to – Exodus 19

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Who is King, Who were they the priests of?

Yahweh our Elohim

When did the kingdom begin & how?

When?

When did the kingdom begin & how?

When: then and there

With what?

When did the kingdom begin & how?

When: then and there

With: the blood of the covenant

Did the restoration of the
kingdom start in Yeshua's day?

Was there a covenant made
with blood in Yeshua's day?

HW: What would you look for to
say the kingdom is being
restored?