# LET US BE LIKE THE NATIONS

**I Samuel 8**: Samuel was getting old and his sons were not walking in the ways of Yahuweh, so the people asked Samuel to anoint a king to rule over them. They said: "`**Now appoint for us a king to rule us like all the nations**'. But, the word was evil in the eyes of Samuel when they said, `Give us a king to rule us'. And Samuel prayed to Yahuweh. And Yahuweh said to Samuel: `Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for **they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them**…And now, listen to their voice, but you certainly warn them, and make known to them the ruling of a king…' ".
Samuel told them what a king would do to them, how their lives would be changed for the worse. Yet, they would not listen to him. They said: "**No, let a king rule over us. Then we shall be like all the nations, and our king shall rule us and go out before us and fight our battles**."
So Samuel found them a king – Saul … and what a loser he was! Abba had to reject Him, and from that He had Samuel anoint David. (**I Samuel 15**) Abba in His mercy gave them King David, "a man after My own heart", but it was never His desire to let man rule over His people, and Him be left out. To this day, mankind suffers because of choosing man to rule over them, rather than Yahuweh!
You see, the nations didn't have Yahuweh as their Elohim. Therefore, the only ones the nations have to rule over them were their own. The people become like their leaders. The people create their own gods to worship.
We take on the nature of whom we submit to! Israel took on the nature of the nations, and thus turned from Yahuweh. Because the nations are becoming more and more like the people "in the days of Noah", most of the world's people are losing all sense goodness. "Because of the increase in Torahlessness, (*the rejection of Yahuweh's teachings and instructions*) the love of many will grow cold". (**Matthew 24:12**) (italics mine)
The word "love" does not appear in the Koran. I lived with Palestinians in Jordan for eight years. They consider love, mercy, compassion, kindness, to be a sign of weakness. Most children, once weaned at age 2, have to fight for themselves, throw rocks, and hate all who won't bow to Allah. If they don't fight, they're beat up, or worse, by their own brothers.
People naturally take on the nature of those we want to fit in with. You see that from little children, to youth, to adults. Therefore, love, compassion, mercy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and the like, are leaving the earth, except for those who truly walk in the nature of Elohim because of the new birth. (**II Corinthians 5:17-21** --Refer to: "The True New Birth")

The twelve tribes of Ya'cob wanted to be like the pagans, the heathen, the barbarians, the foreigners--the strangers and aliens from the covenant of Yahuweh. These six words are the meaning of "gentile". Yahuweh never made a covenant with "gentiles". His Word says that no one in Him is a gentile. [Refer to: "Are You A Gentile?" and "Who Are the Ten?"] He says He will destroy all gentiles.
But, Israel decided they wanted to be like the "gentiles", "goyim"--the nation's peoples. So Yahuweh gave them up to the evils of their heart. They ended up sacrificing their children to gods, just like the nations around them. Yahuweh says to all of His people: "Be set apart as I am set-apart". (**Leviticus 19:2; 20:26; I Peter 1:16**) Well…if you belong to Him – do it! Get out of the whoredom of the world system, and separate yourself unto Yahuweh and His Covenant, and come into alignment with the passion of His heart, to save His people, and bring them together as one in Him. Just do it!

**Ezekiel 20:32-38**: Ezekiel 20 reveals the passionate broken heart of Abba Yahuweh as He speaks through Ezekiel to a rebellious House of Israel, who says: "…` **let us be like the nations, like the tribes in other lands, serving wood and stone**."

In September, when Netanyahu spoke before a joint session of the U.S. Congress and was applauded so greatly, and went to Britain and France and was so well received, an Israeli lady said to me: "I am so happy that now Israel is becoming like other nations". She meant that because Netanyahu was accepted on his tour that Israel looked good to the nations. Her statement stunned me for a minute. She did not know she was quoting Scripture. People, and nations, long to be accepted by others and fit in. But, **Yahuweh will not allow His nation, His people, His land, to FIT IN!** He demands that His people be separate from all other peoples. He is going to bring a remnant of His people back who dwell under His talit!
**Ya'cob 4:4**: "Adulterers and Adultresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with Elohim? **Whosoever therefore intends to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Elohim**". Are you a friend of this world, or are you totally set-apart to Yahuweh?
**I John 2:15-17**: "Do not love the world or that which is in the world. **If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him**…And the world passes away and the lusts of it, but the one doing the desire of Elohim remains forever". These verses do not need explaining!
In **Matthew 10:22, 24** Messiah tells us that we will be hated for our identification with Him. Today, use of Abba's Name is illegal for all Roman Catholics, and in general by international law. The Jews won't use it.

Today modern Israel, in every way, wants to be like other prosperous nations. They basically worship other gods, even most of the religious, for they exalt the teachings of their rabbis above knowing Yahuweh personally, and being led by His Word and by His Spirit. Their rabbis twist the Torah of Yahuweh to make it say what they want it to say. They add all types of paganism to their religious beliefs, even astrology, reincarnation, and mystical kabala. [Refer to: "Exposing Rabbinic Judaism and Its Link to Rome"] Religion is no more than submission to man--allowing man to be the mediator between man and "God".

Israel has taken on the nature of pagan nations. And, "everyone is doing what is right in his own eyes" like the pagan nations, for there is no prophetic voice to cry out with His authority backing: "Thus says Yahuweh…" In the land of Israel today, there are no real prophets sent by Yahuweh – not yet! We await the witnesses! There is no one lifting the "shofar to their mouth" showing Israel their sins--not like in the days of Jeremiah. There are some crazies running around who think they're Elijah or Moses--one of "the two witnesses"--but I'm talking about real Yahuweh- sent Prophets. When they come, Yahuweh's power will back them, and their words will be His Words! Many Jews await the coming of Eliyau…me too.

**Ezra 9:4-12**: Upon hearing of the sins of the people in intermingling with the defiled, Ezra is horrified to numbness. Who is horrified like this today? Thank you Abba for a remnant of set-apart ones. Sin grieved and vexed Ezra for it grieves and vexes Yahuweh. He fell on his knees and spread out his hands to Yahuweh: "O my Elohim, I am too ashamed and wounded to lift up my face to You,…for our crookedness has been higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens…we have forsaken Your commandments, for You said: `The land which you are going in to possess is a land unclean through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands by their abominations with which they have filled it, from one end to the other by their uncleanness. And now, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons. **And do not seek their peace or wealth ever**, so that you are strong, and shall eat of the good of the land and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever' ".

Instead of saying "they are guilty", Ezra humbles himself and includes himself in his prayer of repentance. **Ezra 10:3b-4a**: "And let it be done according to the Torah. Arise…be strong and act". To Israel we say: Let your policies be done according to the Torah! Be separate! -- For your Elohim is set-apart.

In Daniel 9, when Daniel repents for the sins that caused the 70 years of captivity of the House of Judah, he includes himself (**Daniel 9:1-20**).

Who are those that "sigh and cry" over the abominations done in Jerusalem

today? (**Ezekiel 9:4**) They are the marked remnant.
**Deuteronomy 7:2, 5-8**: "…make no covenant with them and show them no favor...This is what you do: Break down their altars, smash their pillars, cut down their Ashirim, and burn their carved images with fire. For you are a set-apart people to Yahuweh your Elohim. Yahuweh your Elohim has chosen you to be a set-apart people for Himself – a treasured possession above all the people on the face of the earth".
**Deuteronomy 7:16**: "And you shall consume all the people Yahuweh is delivering over to you. Your eye shall not pardon them. Do not serve their gods, for they are a snare to you…do not be afraid of them, for Yahuweh your Elohim, the great and awesome El, is in your midst. And Yahuweh your Elohim shall drive out those nations before you, little by little…and destroy them with a great destruction until they are consumed".
What happened! -- They compromised after Joshua died, and today they are reaping the horrors of that compromise. (Refer to: "The High Price of Compromise", 2011) Abba eventually brings good out of everything. But, in the meantime, we reap what we sow.
Today the words of **Psalm 83** are current news with Israel's enemies "conspiring together" and saying loudly: "Come let us wipe them out as a nation". "The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take council together against Yahuweh and against His Messiah and say, `Let us tear apart Their bonds, and throw away Their ropes' ". (**Psalm 2**)
The world's rulers are crying: "Peace! Peace! … But there is no peace!" The rockets of Hamas continually fall in Israel, and rock throwers and other terrorists of the Palestinian Authority are terrorizing the settlements of Samaria. "And they heal the breach of My people slightly saying: `Peace, Peace' when there is no peace". (**Jeremiah 6:14**)
And why does Yahuweh allow this? **Jeremiah 16-18**: "Hear O earth! See, I am bringing evil upon this people , even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to My words, nor My Torah—and they rejected it".
I was sitting in the City of David, in area G, the Royal Acropolis area, where David's palace once sat. In that lovely garden setting, I began thinking of what Israel through the centuries, and today, would be like IF ONLY they had listened and obeyed Yahuweh! Let your mind wander on that … what would never have happened in the past, and what never would be happening now, IF ONLY they had listened to Him? He then gave me Psalm 81.
**Psalm 81:8-16**: "Here O Israel and let me warn you. O Israel, if you would listen to Me! Let there be no strange gods among you, and do not bow down to a foreign god. I am Yahuweh your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Egypt—open your mouth wide and I will fill it. **But, my people did not listen to My voice, and Israel would not submit to Me. So I gave**

**them over to their own stubborn heart (*fantasies*), to walk in their own counsels. O, IF My people had listened to Me, Israel would walk in My ways, I would subdue their enemies at once, and turn My hand against their adversaries. Those who hate Yahuweh would cringe before Him, and their time of punishment be forever.**"
This was Yahuweh's command so that the people would have peace in His land. Yet, today, Arab MKs (members of the Israeli Knesset) joined with Hamas and Fatah to witness their pact in Cairo earlier this year. The enemy is well within the gates!
Modern Israel will be preserved because of a faithful remnant! But, most of all modern Israel will be preserved because of Elohim's covenant that He made with Abraham, Yitzak and Ya'cob, for the land and for His people!
**Micah 7:20**: "You will perform truth to Ya'cob and mercy to Abraham, which You swore to our fathers from the days of old".
Israel is 70%, or more, secular, run by political rabbis and secular politicians, Masons, the United Nations, America, and pressure from the Palestinian Authority. Its economy is run by the world's standards. It is subject to destruction even within its own borders because of compromise that goes back to **Judges 1 and 2**.
Joshua died without the obedience to the Word of Yahuweh being totally carried out (**Deuteronomy 7**). Yahuweh was very angry, and sent Yahushua to deliver His message (**Judges 2:1-4**).
**Judges 2:20-23**: "And the displeasure of Yahuweh burned against Israel and He said: `**Because this nation has transgressed My Covenant that I commanded their fathers, and has not obeyed My voice, I also shall no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, in order test Israel by them, whether they would guard the ways of Yahuweh to walk in them as their fathers guarded them, or not'. So Yahuweh left those nations without driving them out at once, and did not give them into the hand of Joshua**."
**Joshua 3:1-7**: "And these are the nations which Yahuweh left, to test Israel by them…to teach them battle…five princes of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Tsidonians, and the Hittites…Thus the children of Israel (Ya'cob) dwelt in the midst of the Canaanites, the Hittities, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivvites, and the Jebusites, and took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons and they served their gods. Thus the children of Israel did evil in the eyes of Yahuweh and forgot Yahuweh their Elohim, and served the Ba'als and the Asheras".
After they did not obey His commands to drive them out of the land and keep them out, He never again drove the people out for them. He has left

these people inside of the land of Israel to be thorns in the flesh of His people, to test them, and to see if they would, as a nation, obey His Word. But, Israel has moved further and further from His Word. Ben Gurion, in creating the constitution of Israel, made it plain that he wanted no mention of "God" in the constitution. He was what we'd call a "New Ager".
Today, Israel continues child sacrifice, as do most other nations, having one of the highest abortion rates in the world for its size. Every woman in the IDF gets two free abortions. Israel has legalized prostitution, and evidently allows same-sex marriages. I remember reading in The Jerusalem Post how a "gay" couple was angry at an Orthodox restaurant because the Orthodox owners refused to let them have their reception at their restaurant.
A friend recently rented an apartment in Jerusalem during Sukkot, not far from the Old City, and upon going to a pizza place, told me about the pornographic video they were playing on their television in the restaurant. The youth are showing a rebellious attitude and a sexual freedom that I have not seen anywhere else. The difference between the secular youth in general and the Orthodox youth in general is like night and day. Among the "non-religious" youth, pride, arrogance, haughtiness and rebellion against authority is worn on t-shirts, in sexually revealing clothing, and in wonton ways of walking and speech (body language). Israel allows pork and shell fish to be sold, stores to be open on Shabbat, and other defilements against the Torah, in the name of tolerance--like the nations. In the Kingdom, Messiah will rule "with a rod of iron", and will not tolerate rebellion! (**Revelation 2:27, 12:25; 19:15**)
Now the world is accusing Israel of isolating itself more and more because they are reluctant to give in to international pressure to tear down more settlements, stop the building of settlements, and go back to their 1947 borders. Pathetically, just like their kings of old, Israel is dependent on "friends" in the nations whom they think are allies. Israel depends on the support of America, and few decisions are made without analyzing how they will affect their relationship with America. Right now, Israel must make a decision to make a first strike, or not, against Iran's nuclear facilities, before the nuclear weapons are move underground where they cannot be easily bombed. America is doing everything possible to try to stop them. When will Israel stop depending on the nations for their help, and turn to Yahuweh totally? How bad will it have to get before they cry out to Him for help as a nation?
After finishing the Temple, Yahuweh comes to Solomon and says: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself…and if My people upon whom My Name is called shall humble themselves and pray and seek

My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I shall hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land". (**II Chronicles 7:14**) This is addressed to the nation of Israel!
In the Wednesday November 9, 2011 Jerusalem Post, and in other newspapers as well, the statements of France's President Sarkozy and Obama hit the front page. During a G-20 meeting, thinking they would not be overheard, Sarkozy said: "I cannot bear Netanyahu--he's a liar". That didn't shock people as much as Obama's comment: "You're fed up with him, but I have to deal with him even more than you do".
The leaders of this world do not want Israel to be "one of the nations". In Bush's "War on Terror", they didn't even invite Israel to join the group. Obama has treated Netanyahu with rudeness and great disrespect many times when he's visited the U.S. The world's elite rulers want Israel to bow to the demands of the Palestinians, which would result in the destruction of Israel totally. They want to be rid of Israel. And they are doing everything possible to encourage the Arab world to help them rid the world of Israel. Three permanent members of the U.N. Security Council are helping to fund Israel's enemies and supply them with weapons--Russia, China, and the U.S. Abba is allowing this, and He will continue to allow it until there is a remnant of this nation of Israel that will bow to Him as King! He's going to make sure that Israel is NOT one of the nations!
The Word tells us that 2/3 will die. But, overall in the world, the plan is for 6.5 billion to die, to get the population of the earth down to about 500 million or less. Since 1871, the plan has been for WWIII to begin by pitting Arabs and Jews together, to bring in massive death so that the elite rulers can have all the world's wealth for themselves. (Refer to: "Eugenics: The Planned End of Mankind") Refer also to: "Launching the Chaos" and related articles in January/February 2010, to see how the set-up for WWIII is happening before our eyes.
**Amos 6:1-6** is a clear description of the nation of Israel today. The greatest passion of Abba's heart, the reason why Messiah had to come, was for the restoration of the whole House of Ya'cob—a remnant of all twelve tribes back to His Covenant and back to His Land. (**Matthew 15:24**) That passion is going forth and will go forth before the return of Messiah for His people. Amos speaks of the calloused attitude of the government ruling Israel towards the House of Joseph (House of Ephraim/Israel). Yes, **Zechariah 12:7** tells us that the "tents of Judah" will be restored first – and they are. The House of Judah (Jews and Levites), over 7 million have become Israeli citizens. But, there are many of the House of Joseph/Ephraim, the ten not-lost-anymore tribes, except to themselves, whom He wants to come home,

and join with Judah for the final exploits before Messiah comes. When the ten northern tribes (The House of Ephraim/Joseph/Israel) were scattered in AMONG the nations, there were millions. Today, there are billions. But, only a remnant will return, as the Scripture says: i.e. Isaiah **10:20-23**.
**Isaiah 11:10-14** tells us about this--it will begin by military joining together, and already has in some ways. But, to explore the ways to bring back a remnant of the House of Israel is way back on the very back burner among politicians in Israel. Thus, the return of Ephraim will be a sovereign act by Yahuweh to fulfill the multitudes of prophecies, like Ezekiel **37:15-28**.
The "one new man" is the restoration of the two separated Houses of the tribes of Ya'cob to be one nation again under Yahuweh. None of His children are ever called 'gentile" by Yahuweh. We've acted like gentiles because we've been among them for close to 2800 years, but now He is restoring a remnant who will not act like gentiles anymore, but will be who they are – the sons of Abraham, Yitzak, and Ya'cob!
He will rule over a remnant of restored Israel, after all the smoke clears, and dwell with His set-apart people in His land. **Revelation 21:1-7** says it all!
Until then, Israel, the nation, is going to have to pay greatly for wanting a man to rule them, like the nations, and rejecting Yahuweh's rule over them.
Oh that the nation of Israel, and you, and me, would learn from David.
Before he ever launched that first rock with his slingshot, he said to Goliath: "And all this assembly will know that Yahuweh does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to Yahuweh and He shall give you into our hands!" (**I Samuel 17:47**) The battle was won by faith that took action!
Israel will come to its knees. Read **Ezekiel 38-39**, and cry out for His help. And when they do!!! (**Ezekiel 38:19-23**)
We proclaim the words of **Psalm 68:1-3**: "Let Yahuweh arise, and let His enemies be scattered! And may those who hate Him flee before Him! As smoke is driven, You drive them away. As wax melts before fire, the wicked shall perish before Yahuweh. But the righteous are glad … they rejoice".
Pray for the remnant of the House of Ya'cob!
Shalom from Israel,
Yedidah
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