


# Ki Tetze 5771

## BS"D Parashat Ki Tetze 5771

### Devarim 22:1-2

 *If you see your brother's (fellow Jew's) ox or sheep straying, do not ignore it but return it to its owner. If your brother (the owner) is not close to you or if you do not know who owns it, take it into your home to be with you until your brother seeks it out, then return it (after receiving **descriptively** – signs of description).*

### **Part A: What is HaShem planning for His people in Eretz Yisrael?**

In our unpredictable and erratic world one immutable principle has stood the test of thousands of years with no sign that it will change in the next thousand – that anything of consequence or significance which has occurred has involved, now involves or will involve the Jewish people!

Empires, distant or near in time or space, rose and fell, and will rise and fall because of the Jewish nation. And if we can't always discern the historical connections of all great historic events with the Jewish people, it is due to our intellectual limitations. But the principle is intact – humanity, and its march in time, revolves around HaShem's chosen nation just as the planets orbit the sun. And just as each planet revolves in its particular orbit contingent on the gravitational energy exerted on it by the sun, so too do the nations of the world develop in relation to the direct or indirect Jewish influence on them.

The descendants of Eisav and Yishmael have always been closely involved with the descendants of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov. Hence, their development is more sophisticated than

cultures which were less involved with the knowledge of HaShem, as passed on through the Jewish people.

Numerous studies that have been made into the genealogy of major European leaders found that Jewish blood – from mother or father or a grandparent – flowed freely in their veins.

Eisav and Yishmael as individuals, had a love-hate relationship with their Jewish brothers – Yitzchak and Ya'akov – that they passed on to their descendants. The Christian and Moslem peoples have so much to be indebted to the Jewish nation and our teachings, but the scratch in their brains makes it impossible for them to live with us or to live without us. When we are in the galut, they say "Go back to Eretz Yisrael"; and now that we have returned to Eretz Yisrael they say, "You do not belong there".

I wish to point out three nations in particular: England in Western Europe, Turkey with one foot in Europe and the other in Asia, and Iran (Persia) deep in Asia. There is no apparent connection between them, save for one – that aside from the Arab countries, these three are the most anti-Israel nations in the world today.

England is the seat of intellectual anti-Israel feeling. Their universities boycott ours, and every Israeli is in danger of being arrested, which prevents ranking army officers and cabinet ministers from going there. Turkey is regressing into Islamic darkness, with the initiation fee being the severing of its ties with the Jews in Eretz Yisrael. Iran is Shi'ite, removing them from the thought processes of rational people.

But why just these three nations?

I suggest:

They have a common historic experience. At some time in their history, each was an empire with colonial holdings which included Eretz Yisrael; until HaShem's stopwatch sounded and


the Holy Land expelled them. Their insatiable jealousy at losing the site of the fulcrum of human activity leaves them little room for rationality. Their anti-Eretz Yisrael policies will in time be the cause of their destruction as national entities.

The prophets predicted the fall of the great empires of their times: Assyria, Babylon, Egypt and Phoenicia. Were they alive today, the prophets would speak of the downfall of all the nations that are preventing the fulfillment of our God-given obligation to return and rebuild the Biblical lands in our possession.

To return to the question of where HaShem is taking us:

With every passing day, the isolation of Medinat Yisrael from the "family of nations" is becoming a fait accompli. Not only are our enemies becoming more bold in their alienation, but many Jews in the United States – orthodox and otherwise, so fearful of their frail status as accepted equals – compete with the worst of our enemies in mudslinging at our holy Medina.

The prophecy of what our destiny will be in the generation of the Mashiach was delivered by HaShem through the foul mouth of the evil Bil'am, when he said (Bamidbar 23,9):

 *From the highest plateau I will view him (the Jewish people) and from the high places I will acknowledge him. A people that shall dwell in isolation and will not regard the (gentile) nations*

Herein lies the master plan of the Creator.

As we in Eretz Yisrael are increasingly excluded from international forums designed to de-legitimize the Jewish state (i.e., Durban 3 and the various United Nation's humanitarian committees) we will draw ever closer to the God

of Israel.

The evil Bil'am saw the future return of the Jewish nation to HaShem and the Torah. It will be brought about by our non-reliance on foreign "friends", coupled with Hashem's miraculous intervention paving the way for unprecedented military victories.

The RaMBaM (hilchot Melachim) states that the Mashiach will lead us in our final wars. From here we understand that the Mashiach will have a military background, which puts an entirely new perspective on who will be HaShem's messenger to redeem His people.

### **Part B: The future demography of Eretz Yisrael**

This week, my wife and I traveled to the north of the country. The wide expanse of the Golan is waiting for millions of Jews to settle there and infuse the area with Torah life. Yehuda, Shomron, the Negev and Galil, as well as the areas of Biblical Eretz Yisrael waiting to be returned to us, will be settled by tens if not hundreds of millions of Jews returning home.

From where will all these Jews come?

For the answer we have to think "outside of the box".

They will not come from the Jewish community in the United States, which is quickly dwindling through intermarriage, as well as the apathy and antagonism of most orthodox Jews towards God's greatest miracle of the last 2000 years. And the Jews of Western Europe and South America are following suit.

The 60+ years of opportunity for the Jews in the West is rapidly ending, for the timetable of HaShem waits for no man.

The big numbers will come from the hundreds of millions of Jewish descendants of the Ten Tribes and anusim (Jews who were forced to accept Christianity) who will awaken one day to their Jewish heritage. They are the Jewish nation of the

future, as prophesied by Yechezkel (11:17)

☒ *Therefore say: 'This is what the LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'*

As MaLBiM (Rav Meir Leibush ben Yehiel Michel, 1809 – 1879) explains this verse:

☒ *"In the future, HaShem will gather the Ten Tribes from faraway lands, those who did not return at the time of the second Temple, and I will give them the land of Israel"*

With this in mind, I would like to suggest an additional understanding of the verses quoted at the beginning of this message:

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The first verse deals with lost articles that belong to your fellow Jew.

The second verse deals with your Jewish brother who is lost to his people, as follows.

*If your brother Jew is far from you (in the spiritual sense), to the extent that you can no longer recognize any Jewish features in his life, bring him into your home (Eretz Yisrael) until his heart is opened and he begins to seek out his Jewish roots. Then be prepared to return him to those roots.*

This is what to expect in the near future. HaShem will awaken millions of our brothers and sisters who are now distant from their roots, and return them miraculously to us in Eretz Yisrael. From these many millions will begin the next stage in

the Jewish nation's march to be reunited with our Father in Heaven.

May it happen speedily in our day.

Shabbat Shalom,

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