

3,4- "Perceive! I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse", when life is 3- a blessing disguised as a curse, 4- when life is a curse disguised as a blessing. For example:

The Israeli public and, certainly, our political leaders who are more privy to what is happening, are angry and frustrated at the double standard applied by the "enlightened" peoples of the world against the Jewish State.

Many Western European institutions and personalities are leading the movement to isolate Israel by boycotts, divestments and sanctions. The revulsion is intensified by the fact that they assert their moral indignation only against the Jewish State.

Where are the demonstrations on behalf of the Tibetans, Syrians, Kurds, Armenians, and Ukrainians? Where are the boycotts against the Chinese, the Russians, the Cubans or the Turks?

At "Black September" Jordan murdered more "Palestinians" than those killed in Israel in 120 years; with no threats of BDS.

However, if one has "Jewish eyes" he will discern that the double standard is a blessing in disguise!

How?

There is a powerful, subconscious compulsion behind the double standard which the Christian and Moslem countries are imposing against the Jewish State. It is their painful, destabilizing, maddening perception based on the Jewish nation's quantitative and qualitative survival record that we are indeed God's chosen people. Therefore, they must make every effort to prove that the Jews and the Jewish State are immoral and non-spiritual, and not only are we not God's chosen but we are unworthy of even being included in the family of nations.

The hatred shown to us by these anti-Semites is a glaring

Chapter 14,2:

אנחנו אומה קדושה וטהורה שנקראנו לעולם הזה
לעולם הבא ונבחרנו על ידי ה' להיות
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For we are a hallowed people, chosen by HaShem to be His chosen nation because of our inherent spiritual nature.

The Land was chosen and sanctified by the Creator. He chose the descendants of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov to live in the Land to serve as the torchbearers of His presence in this world.

Happy and blessed are the descendants who have kept the faith by returning to the Land and fulfilling the call from Sinai with no lame excuses.

How very sad that so many Jews are duped to believe fantasies that keep them incarcerated in that penitentiary of galut.

May Hashem open their eyes as the parasha demands with the word "Re'ai" – see. That they should see that their religious life is compared to a driver whose foot is pressed on the accelerator pedal down to the floor while the gear is in neutral or even in reverse.

Shabbat Shalom and a meaningful, sincere Chodesh Elul.

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