

## Unseen Realm: Session 23- The Theological Messaging in the Old Testament

\*All Bible references are from ESV unless noted otherwise.

**The ramifications of the spiritual battle in the life of God's chosen people occurs often. Additionally, the remembrance of the glory of the dominion mandate of mankind is a constant emphasis.**

<sup>ESV</sup> **Deuteronomy 7:1** ¶ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, <sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. <sup>3</sup> You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, <sup>4</sup> for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. <sup>5</sup> But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. <sup>6</sup> ¶ "For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup> and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup> You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. <sup>12</sup> ¶ "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. <sup>13</sup> He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>14</sup> You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. <sup>16</sup> And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you. <sup>17</sup> ¶ "If you say in your heart, "These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?" <sup>18</sup> you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, <sup>19</sup> the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. <sup>20</sup> Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. <sup>21</sup> You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. <sup>22</sup> The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. <sup>23</sup> But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup> And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them. <sup>25</sup> The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. <sup>26</sup> And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

**8:1** ¶ "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you,

testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.<sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.<sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.<sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.<sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills,<sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,<sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.<sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.<sup>11</sup> ¶ "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today,<sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them,<sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied,<sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,<sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock,<sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.<sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'<sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.<sup>19</sup> And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.<sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

**9:1** ¶ "Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven,<sup>2</sup> a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'<sup>3</sup> Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you.<sup>4</sup> ¶ "Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you.<sup>5</sup> Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.<sup>6</sup> ¶ "Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people. (ESV)

<sup>ESV</sup> **Judges 2:12** And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They **went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them**, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. (Jdg. 2:12 ESV)

<sup>10</sup> And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice." (Jdg. 6:10 ESV)

**(Jdg. 10:6-14 ESV)** <sup>6</sup> ¶ The people of Israel again did what was **evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.**

<sup>7</sup> So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites,

<sup>8</sup> and they crushed and oppressed the people of Israel that year. For eighteen years they oppressed all the people of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

<sup>9</sup> And the Ammonites crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah and against Benjamin and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was severely distressed.

<sup>10</sup> ¶ And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals."

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to the people of Israel, "Did I not save you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? <sup>12</sup> The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand. <sup>13</sup> Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. <sup>14</sup> **Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress.**"

**(1 Ki. 11:31-36 ESV)** <sup>31</sup> And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and will give you ten tribes

<sup>32</sup> (but he shall have one tribe, **for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem**, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),

<sup>33</sup> because they have forsaken me and worshiped **Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the Ammonites**, and they have not walked in my ways, **doing what is right in my sight and keeping my statutes and my rules, as David his father did**.

<sup>34</sup> Nevertheless, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of **David my servant whom I chose**, who kept my commandments and my statutes.

<sup>35</sup> But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand and will give it to you, ten tribes.

<sup>36</sup> Yet to his son I will give one tribe, that **David my servant** may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put my name.

**(2 Ki. 18:31-36 ESV)** <sup>31</sup> Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat of his own vine, and each one of his own fig tree, and each one of you will drink the water of his own cistern,

<sup>32</sup> until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live, and not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you by saying, "The LORD will deliver us."

<sup>33</sup> **Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?**

<sup>34</sup> **Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?**

<sup>35</sup> **Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their lands out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?"**

<sup>36</sup> ¶ But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

<sup>ESV</sup> **Psalm 8:1** *To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.* O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> **what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?** <sup>5</sup> **Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.** <sup>6</sup> **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,** <sup>7</sup> **all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,** <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.** <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1 ESV)