

Readings from the Word of God

Sunday, 9 January, 2022

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of Jehovah your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

“Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where Jehovah your God drives you, ² and you return to Jehovah your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ that Jehovah your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where Jehovah your God has scattered you. ⁴ If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there Jehovah your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. ⁵ Then Jehovah your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. ⁶ And Jehovah your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

2 Kings 22:8-13

Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, “Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the Lord.” Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, “Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded Hilkiyah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Michaiyah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, “Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

John 9:41

If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

2 Kings 22:18-20

...as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, in this manner you shall speak to him, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Concerning the words which

you have heard— because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you,’ says the Lord. ‘Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place.’”

2 Kings 23:1-3

Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. The king went up to the house of the Lord with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord.

Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.

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...that a covenant is the Lord's presence in love and charity is clear from the very nature of a covenant. The purpose of any covenant is conjunction, that is to say, its purpose is that people may live together in friendship or in love.