#### A FATHER'S BLESSING

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Be blessed with the blessings of the Lord Yahushua!"1

### Be Fruitful and Multiply with the Blessing on Adam and Eve

As God blessed Adam and Eve, Noah and his family, and the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Israel, be fruitful and multiply. May you have dominion over all creation and receive the Lord's provision through it. May God bless you with a godly spouse and a full complement of children.<sup>2</sup> For their covenants are yours and you have a better covenant in the blood of Christ.<sup>3</sup>

#### Be Blessed with the Noahic Covenant:

The reverent respect of you shall be on every animal. When you choose not to eat blood, or flesh with blood, every living thing shall be food for you and yours. The Lord will require a reckoning for your lifeblood; He will avenge your untimely death. By every man and beast the Lord will require it.<sup>4</sup> Never shall you, your offspring to all generations, your flocks, herds, tribes<sup>5</sup> or schools be destroyed by a flood.<sup>6</sup>

## Be Blessed with the Abrahamic Covenant:

Become a great nation and possess the gates of your enemies.<sup>7</sup> Those that bless you the Lord will bless. Those that curse you the Lord will curse. Through you all the families of the earth will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "And those who pass by have never said, 'The blessing of Jehovah be on you; we bless you in the name of Jehovah. "Psalm 129:8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate." Psalm 127:3-5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises." Hebrew 8:6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it." Genesis 9:1-7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tribe (meaning) A collective noun to use for a group of goats is "tribe."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, 'By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your

be blessed.<sup>8</sup> You and your offspring shall inherit the nations to serve you and you shall possess an inheritance in the Promised Land and in the furthest lands of the earth.<sup>9</sup> May nations and kings of peoples come from you.<sup>10</sup> May you reap a hundredfold each year, even in times of tribulation and famine as you keep the Lord's charge, His commandments, His statutes, and his laws.<sup>11</sup> May you enter into the promises given to Abraham, but be set free from captivity to the Law of Moses through faith in Jesus Christ.<sup>12</sup> May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.<sup>13</sup> [If firstborn] May the Lord bless you with the dew of heaven and the fatness of the land with food and drink in abundance. May you rule over your brothers and the peoples of the land serve you.<sup>14</sup> May you be blessed in every place where you remember the Lord.<sup>15</sup>[For younger brother oppressed or cheated by the firstborn] Should your brethren oppress you, you shall break their yoke from your neck!<sup>16</sup>

offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." Genesis 22:15 "And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake." Genesis 26:24

- <sup>8</sup> "Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3
- <sup>9</sup> "He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 'As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.' I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Psalm 2:4-9
- <sup>10</sup> "And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Genesis 17:15. 16
- <sup>11</sup> "Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. And the LORD appeared to him and said, 'Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." Genesis 26:1-5
- <sup>12</sup> "But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." Galatians 3:22-29
- <sup>13</sup> "And he blessed Joseph and said, 'The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.' When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. And Joseph said to his father, 'Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.' But his father refused and said, 'I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.' So he blessed them that day, saying, 'By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh." Genesis 48:15-20
- <sup>14</sup> "May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!" Genesis 27:28
- <sup>15</sup> "An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you." Exodus 20:24
- <sup>16</sup> "By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck"
- "God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!" Gen 27:40, 28:3,4

## The Blessing of the Inheritance We Have in Christ

Be blessed beyond every curse so that you may receive the promised Spirit through faith. As you receive and walk in the Holy Spirit, may you receive the full inheritance of Christ, become a son of God and be glorified with Him. 18

# The Blessings of Israel on His Sons (without curses):

Like Judah may your brothers' praise you and bow down before you, and your hand be on the neck of your enemies. May the scepter remain in your hand and the ruler's staff abide between your feet, and you receive tribute and obedience from the peoples of the land. May your way be clear and easy, your garments be fine and new and your appearance comely. May you have self-control and master your anger and wrath and do justice by man and beast that you may be joined to a great company and not be scattered like Simeon and Levi. May your borders and coasts be broad and secure like Zebulun. May you know the times like Issachar<sup>19</sup> and find a place of rest in a pleasant land, free from burdens and onerous labor. May you judge like Dan and stop all the messengers of evil against you. Like Gad may you destroy those who would plunder you. Like Asher may your food be rich and savory. May your offspring be healthy and comely like Naphtali. May you be fruitful like Joseph and like him stand fast in the day of battle and master your enemies. May you be like Benjamin and capture your prey and divide the spoil. May the Lord bless you with the blessings of the deep and the blessings of heaven, the blessings of the breast and womb. May the blessings of your parents be on your head and brow. [For the firstborn] Be righteous that you may be preeminent in dignity and power and avoid the error of Reuben.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree' so that in Christ Jesus, the blessing of Abraham, might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." Galatians 3:13, 14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." Romans 8:13-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> "Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command." I Chronicles 12:32 "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> "Then Jacob called his sons and said, 'Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come. Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father. Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the first fruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it-he went up to my couch! Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstrung oxen. Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk. Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon. Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor. Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward. I wait for your salvation, O LORD. Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels. Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies. Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns. Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who

## The Blessing of Jacob (by Isaiah)

May you be among the elect of the Lord and He pour water out when you are in a thirsty place, dwelling on dry ground. May the Lord pour out His Spirit on your seed, His blessings on your offspring that they may sprout as among green grass, as willows by streams of waters.<sup>21</sup>

# The Blessings of Moses

May the Lord send an angel before you and may you be careful to obey his voice and not rebel against the Lord. As you obey the Lord's angel, may He be an enemy to your enemy and an adversary to your adversaries and blot them out. As you are careful not to worship idols may the Lord strengthen your hand to overthrow them and as you serve Him may He bless your bread and water and take sickness far away from you. Let none of yours miscarry or be barren. May you fulfill the number of your days. May the Lord put terror and confusion on your enemies and cause them to turn their backs to you. As you do not covenant with them, may the Lord drive your enemies from your inheritance and keep you from sin and the devil's snares.<sup>22</sup>

"The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Numbers 6:24-27

# The Blessings of Balaam

May you be like Israel and become a people dwelling alone, not numbered among the nations. Let your course in life be upright and your end better than Jacob, like Enoch and Elijah!<sup>23</sup> May the Lord be with you and there be no misfortune or trouble in your domain. Like Jacob there is no enchantment against you and like Israel there is no divination against you. May it be said of you "What has God wrought!" May you be like a lioness that devours the prey and pours out the

was set apart from his brothers. Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil." Genesis 49:1-27

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"And now listen, My servant Jacob, and Israel whom I have elected. So says Jehovah, who made you and formed you from the womb. He helps you. Do not fear, My servant Jacob; and you, Jeshurun whom I have elected. For I will pour water on a thirsty place, and floods on the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit on your seed, and My blessing on your offspring. And they shall sprout as among grass, as willows by streams of water." Isa 44:1-4

<sup>22</sup> "Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. When my angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I blot them out, you shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces. You shall serve the LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you. I will not drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land. And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you." Exodus 23:20-33

<sup>2323</sup> "For from the top of the crags I see him, from the hills I behold him; behold, a people dwelling alone, and not counting itself among the nations! Who can count the dust of Jacob or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!" Number 23:9, 10

blood of the slain before it has finished the hunt.<sup>24</sup> May your dwelling place be lovely and your estate stretch afar like palm groves and gardens beside a river, like aloes the Lord has planted, like cedar trees by the waters. May your adversaries be destroyed and your domain secure.<sup>25</sup>

May the star of Jacob emerge and the scepter of Israel rise in your midst and crush the forehead and break the sons of your enemies. May they be dispossessed and may you rule over their survivors. May you utterly destroy those who hate you and capture those who defy you. May allies come from afar to your aid.<sup>26</sup>

# The Blessing of Caleb on His Daughter, Achsah

May you be blessed with both upper and lower springs of water in your inheritance, a double portion that your estate may be well-watered.<sup>27</sup>

# The Blessings of the Upright

May you go up without hindrance to the Hill of Yahushua, may you rise to His Holy Place because your hands are clean and your heart is pure. May the Lord lift up His blessing upon you and the God of salvation be your righteousness because you are free from pride and deceit. May the Lord delight in your way and establish your steps as you do good. May He uphold your hand when you stumble. May your seed be blessed and never need to beg bread because you are gracious in lending and giving. May zeal for the Lord's commandments burn in your heart and songs about His statutes be on your lips as you remember His name and do His will. May Yahushua be your portion and His face shine on your heart with favor according to His Word.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob, nor has he seen trouble in Israel. The LORD their God is with them, and the shout of a king is among them. God brings them out of Egypt and is for them like the horns of the wild ox. For there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel; now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, 'What has God wrought!' Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up and as a lion it lifts itself; it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey and drunk the blood of the slain." Numbers 23:21-24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> "How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your encampments, O Israel! Like palm groves that stretch afar, like gardens beside a river, like aloes that the LORD has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters. Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters; his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brings him out of Egypt and is for him like the horns of the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations, his adversaries, and shall break their bones in pieces and pierce them through with his arrows. He crouched, he lay down like a lion and like a lioness; who will rouse him up? Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you." Numbers 24:5, 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. Edom shall be dispossessed; Seir also, his enemies, shall be dispossessed. Israel is doing valiantly. And one from Jacob shall exercise dominion and destroy the survivors of cities!" Then he looked on Amalek and took up his discourse and said, "Amalek was the first among the nations, but its end is utter destruction." And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his discourse and said, "Enduring is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the rock. Nevertheless, Kain shall be burned when Asshur takes you away captive." And he took up his discourse and said, "Alas, who shall live when God does this? But ships shall come from Kittim and shall afflict Asshur and Eber; and he too shall come to utter destruction." Numbers 24:17-24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> And Caleb said, He who strikes the City of Sepher, and captures it, I shall give my daughter Achsah to him for a wife. And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it. And He gave his daughter Achsah to him for a wife. And it happened, as she came, that she persuaded him to ask from her father a field. And she dismounted from the ass, and Caleb said to her, What do you desire? And she said, Give a blessing to me. You have given me the land of the south, then you shall give to me springs of water. And he gave to her the upper springs and the lower springs." Joshua 15:16-19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> "Who shall go up into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall rise in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to vanity and has not sworn deceit. He shall lift up the blessing from Jehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Psalm 24:3-5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The steps of a good man are established from Jehovah; and He will delight in his way. Though he falls, he is not cast down; for Jehovah upholds his hand. I have been young and am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread. All the day he is gracious and lends; and his seed is for a blessing." Psalm 37:23-26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> "Hot zeal has seized me because of the wicked forsaking Your Law. Your Statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimages. O Jehovah, I have remembered Your name in the night and have kept Your Law. This was done to me, because I kept

May you dwell in unity with your brethren, richly in soul<sup>31</sup> and spirit, according to the commandment of the Lord, even everlasting life!

May you be wise that you father will rejoice. May righteousness deliver you from death. May Yahushua forbid that you should go hungry. May the diligence of your hand make you wealthy. May prudence guide you in the harvest. May you be blessed for your justice to others. May your just conduct establish your reputation. May your obedience to the Lord become wisdom and your wisdom flourish and produce understanding and your understanding store up knowledge and these bring you joy. May you be secure as you walk with integrity. May your righteousness become a fountain of life. May your love for the Lord, for others and for yourself<sup>32</sup> cover all transgressions. May your wealth build up your strength and security. May the instruction of the Lord bring you life. May prudence restrain your words and your tongue be just. May your righteousness feed many May the blessings of Yahushua make you wealthy and add no pain. May you desires be granted because of your righteousness. May your foundation be everlasting and your expectation be joyful. May the fear of Yahushua prolong your days, give your strength and anchor you. May your words be pleasant.<sup>33</sup> May your city be uplifted because of your uprightness.<sup>34</sup> May you have delight and a good blessing come upon you as you rebuke the wicked.<sup>35</sup>

As you tithe to the Lord, may the windows of heaven be open over you His blessing rest upon your house so that there is no lack or need.<sup>36</sup> May the Lord remove your shame and establish

Your Commandments. Jehovah is my portion; I have said to keep Your Words. I entreated Your face with all my heart; favor me according to Your Word." Psalm 119:53-58

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"Behold! How good and how pleasant is the living of brothers, even in unity. It is like the precious oil on the head that ran down on the beard, Aaron's beard, going down to the mouth of his garments; like the dew of Hermon coming down on the mountains of Zion; for there Jehovah commanded the blessing: life till everlasting." Psalm 133:1-3

- <sup>32</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40
- 33 "A wise son makes a father rejoice, but the foolish son is his mother's sorrow. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death. Jehovah will not allow the soul of the righteous to go hungry, but He pushes away the desire of the wicked. He who works with a lazy hand becomes poor, but the hand of the hard worker makes him rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son; he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame. Blessings are on the head of the just, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the just is blessed, but the name of the wicked shall rot. The wise in heart accepts commands, but the foolish of lips shall be thrust away. He who walks in integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways shall be found out. He who winks the eye causes sorrow, but the foolish of lips shall be thrust away. The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. Hatred stirs up fights, but love covers all transgressions. Wisdom is found in the lips of him who has understanding, but a rod is waiting for the back of him who lacks heart. The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin. The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the ruin of the poor is their poverty. The labor of the righteous is for life; the gain of the wicked is for sin. He who heeds instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses reproof is going astray. He who hides hatred with lying lips, and he who sends out a slander, he is a fool. In the abundance of words transgression does not cease, but one restraining his lips is prudent. The tongue of the just is as choice silver; the heart of the wicked is as a little. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of heart. The blessing of Jehovah, it makes rich, and he adds no pain with it. To work out evil devices is as laughter to the foolish; so wisdom is to a man of understanding. That which the wicked fears shall come upon him, but the desire of the righteous is granted. As the storm passes, so the wicked is not; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation. Like vinegar to the teeth, and like smoke to the eyes, so is the lazy one to those who send him. The fear of Jehovah prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be cut short. The expectation of the righteous is joyful, but the hope of the wicked shall perish. The way of Jehovah is strength to the upright, but ruin is to doers of iniquity. The righteous shall never be moved, and the wicked shall not dwell in the land. The mouth of the just flourishes with wisdom, but the perverse tongue shall be cut off. The lips of the righteous know what is pleasing, but the mouth of the wicked knows only perversities." Proverbs

<sup>34 &</sup>quot;A city is lifted up by the blessing of the upright, but by the wicked's mouth it is overthrown." Proverbs 11:11

<sup>35 &</sup>quot;...but those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them." Proverbs 24:25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> "And the first of all the first fruits of all, and every one of the heave offerings of all, of all your heave offerings, shall be for the priests. And you shall give to the priest the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house." Ezekiel 44:30

your honor so you take courage and your hands be strong for the work of the Lord that He may bless you.<sup>37</sup> May your faith be counted as righteousness that you receive the Holy Spirit and your transgressions be forgiven.<sup>38</sup> May you be blessed with the blessing of the Lord as you pray for His servants.<sup>39</sup>

### The Blessing of the Covenant of Peace of Yahushua

May the Lord cut a covenant of peace with you that evil beasts shall not be found in the land, but dwell far from you in the wilderness and sleep in the forest. May the Lord bless your plains and hills. May the Lord bring rain in its season with showers of blessings that your land produce a useful crop. <sup>40</sup> May your trees yield their fruit in their season and your fields their crops in their season. May your borders be secure. May the Lord break the staff and yoke of your oppressors and rescue you from the hand that would enslave you. The nations shall not prey on you nor shall they shame you and the beasts shall not eat you. You shall live securely and no terror shall come upon you. The Lord shall establish a place for you to plant and you shall not be gathered to a place of famine. The nations shall know that the Lord is your God, that you are the sheep of His pasture, men (people) of God and that He is with you. <sup>41</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Malachi 3:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> "And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong." Zechariah 8:13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree'— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." Galatians 3:13, 14

<sup>&</sup>quot;For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." (Gen. 15:6) Now to one working, the reward is not counted according to grace, but according to debt. But to the one not working, but believing on Him justifying the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as also David says of the blessedness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: 'Blessed are those whose lawlessnesses are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed the man to whom the Lord will in no way charge sin.' (LXX-Psa. 31:1, 2; MT-Psa. 32:1, 2) Is this blessedness then on the circumcision, or also on the uncircumcision? For we say the faith "was counted to Abraham for righteousness." (Gen. 15:6) Romans 4:3-9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> "You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." II Corinthians 1:11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> "For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God." Hebrews 6:7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> "And I will cut a covenant of peace with them and make evil beasts cease out of the land. And they shall live in the wilderness securely and sleep in the forests. And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will bring down the shower in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall give its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. And they shall be securely on their land. And they shall know that I am Jehovah when I have broken the staffs of their yoke, and have rescued them from the hand of those who enslaved them. And they shall not any more be a prey to the nations, and the beast of the land shall not eat them. But they shall live securely, and no one shall terrify them. And I will raise up for them a noted planting place, and they shall not any more be of those gathered by famine in the land. And they shall not any more bear the shame of the nations. And they shall know that I, Jehovah their God, am with them, and they are My people, the house of Israel, declares the Lord Jehovah. And you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men. I am your God, declares the Lord Jehovah. Ezekiel 34:25-31