

## The Song of Moses and the Mystery of the Olive Tree

What does the Song of Moses have to do with the Mystery of the Olive Tree? Everything! It is all about the Olive tree of Israel. The Apostle Paul taught about this mystery in Romans 11. However, most do not understand who he was referring to because they don't know their own identity. It is about the identity of the 10 tribes in world wide dispersion. It is about them! It's about us!

Let's look at the Song of Moses, called in Hebrew "Shira Ha'azinu", and comment on the verses and see where they lead us. Shira means song. Ha'azinu literally means "give ear" or "listen". This song compares the eternal faithfulness of YHWH with the infidelity of His faithless people.

**Deu 32:1** *Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.*

Moses again calls upon the two witnesses, heaven and earth, to hear his words. We see from Deut 4, 30 and 31 that these two witnesses were called to witness against Israel what would happen to them if they forsook the law or Torah. And part of the punishment for doing so would be their scattering into all the nations and they would cease to be the people (Lo-Ammi) of YHWH. Yahshua also mentions these two witnesses in Matt 5:18 when he said to "think not he had come to destroy the law (Torah)". This is so very important, but most Christian churches deny the validity of the law or that it pertains to them today. Nothing could be farther from the truth as we shall see. And the consequences will be disastrous to them.

**Deu 32:2** *My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:*

**Deu 32:3** *Because I will publish the name of YHWH: ascribe ye greatness unto our Elohim.*

False titles such as "The Lord or God" will not do. We are to know and use the name of our Elohim. His name describes who He is, His character and His attributes. It is a violation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment to use these false titles to address or refer to YHWH.

**Deu 32:4** *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: an El of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

**Deu 32:5** *They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.*

This is referring to the children of Israel. Yahshua made reference to them in Matt. 16:4. They had corrupted themselves with their idolatries and were disowned by YHWH.

**Deu 32:6** *Do ye thus requite YHWH, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?*

**Deu 32:7** *Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.*

**Deu 32:8** *When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.*

**Deu 32:9** *For YHWH'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*

Jacob is a reference to all 13 tribes of Israel. They are the beneficiaries of His inheritance.

**Deu 32:10** *He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.*

**Deu 32:11** *As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:*

**Deu 32:12** *So YHWH alone did lead him, and there was no strange Elohim with him.*

**Deu 32:13** *He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;*

**Deu 32:14** *Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.*

This is a description of how YHWH protected and provided for Israel after delivering them from Egypt. They lacked nothing. He fed and clothed them. Their shoes did not even wear out. All the verbs are in the future tense as this looked forward toward the blessings they would enjoy in the Promised Land if they would obey YHWH.

**Deu 32:15** *But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook Eloah who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.*

Jeshurun is a pet name for Israel. It is probably derived from a root word that means “to be blessed”. It also implies happiness.

**Deu 32:16** *They provoked him to jealousy with strange Elohim, with abominations provoked they him to anger.*

**Deu 32:17** *They sacrificed unto devils, not to Eloah; to Elohim whom they knew not, to new mighty ones that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.*

**Deu 32:18** *Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten the El that formed thee.*

After seeing all the miracles YHWH performed on their behalf, this is how they repaid Him. They began to worship other gods, especially Ba'al, the god of the Cannanites and Ashtarte, Ba'als consort.

According to Revelation 17-18, Yahweh is trying to get His people out of Mystery Babylon, the false religion, the mother of all harlots and abominations!

False worship is as alive today as ever and most of us who are now returning to Torah can see how far we had really strayed. Stay with me now because we're getting to the meat of this article. We are going to find out about the Olive tree.

**Jer 11:16** *YHWH called thy name, **A green olive** tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.*

**Jer 11:17** For YHWH of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil **of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah**, which they have done against themselves **to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.**

Israel was called a green Olive tree by YHWH. It represents the House of Israel and the House of Judah. The prayers of the redeemed ones are offered with incense to YHWH in Revelation. Does this offering of incense to Ba'al refer to praying to "the Lord?"

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### **BDB Definition:**

Baal = "lord"

We will see where the Olive tree fits into all of this in a moment.

**Deu 32:19** And when YHWH saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

**Deu 32:20** And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

**Deu 32:21** **They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not Elohim; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.**

Who are these people who became "not a people?" They are the Lo-Ammi (not a people) of Hosea 1:9. It is Ephraim Israel or the House of Joseph; they are the wild olive tree of Romans 11.

**Hos 1:9** Then said Elohim, Call his name **Loammi: for ye are not my people**, and I will not be your Elohim.

The Apostle Paul also refers to them in Romans 10:19 and quotes Isa 65:1 as describing this people.

**Rom 10:19** But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, **I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people**, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

Paul is speaking to the Jews here, also called Israel here because they had come back from captivity some 500 years before. The ten tribes normally referred to as Israel went into the Assyrian captivity 700 years earlier and have as yet, never returned.

**Rom 11:11** I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? Let it not be! but rather through **their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.**

Partial blindness is upon the Jews such that they do not recognize their savior. But who are these Lo Ammi (not a people) gentiles? Peter tells us who they are.

**1Pe 2:9** *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

**1Pe 2:10** ***Which in time past were not a people**, but are now the people of Elohim: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

They are the people of Hosea chapter 1. They are the ten Northern tribes of Israel which were scattered into all nations of the world. They had forgotten their identity and had become gentiles. Most of us today are their descendents. We are the wild Olive tree.

**Rom 11:17** *And if some of the branches be broken off, **and thou, being a wild olive tree**, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;*

The natural Olive tree is Judah. They went into the Babylonian captivity for 70 years for failure to keep the land Sabbaths. They were restored when they returned as the Olive tree of Israel that was nurtured and tended by YHWH. The wild Olive tree is the ten Northern tribes of Israel often referred to as Ephraim or the House of Joseph. They had become "not a people" to YHWH and their Olive tree was not tended by Him and became degenerate. It is called a degenerate plant of a strange vine in the following analogy.

**Jer 2:21** *Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?*

The word "Strange" is the translation of the Hebrew word "Nokri" or foreign vine. Nokri literally means alien or gentile.

The root of the good Olive tree is Yahshua.

The branches broken off were those of Judah who rejected Yahshua, their Messiah. And Ephraim, the wild Olive tree, was being grafted in to the good tree because of their belief and acceptance of the Messiah Judah rejected. This was prophesied in Hos 14:6 and is speaking about Ephraim. This will happen when Ephraim repents from his idolatries and returns to YHWH.

**Hos 14:4** *I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: **for mine anger is turned away from him.***

**Hos 14:5** *I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.*

**Hos 14:6** *His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as **the olive tree**, and his smell as Lebanon.*

Let's return to Paul's letter to the Romans.

**Rom 11:18** *Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.*

**Rom 11:19** *Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.*

**Rom 11:20** *Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:*

**Rom 11:21** *For if Elohim spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.*

This is not replacement theology. The “Church” does not replace the Jews nor do they replace Israel. The Jews were broken off because of their unbelief, not our worthiness.

**Rom 11:22** *Behold therefore the goodness and severity of Elohim: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if** thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*

The returning Ephraimite gentiles can also backslide and be cut off. There is no such thing as once saved, always saved. Salvation is a process you go through during your life on earth. You are in the process of being saved, if you continue on the right path. Salvation involves a belief and trust in Yahshua **and** a keeping of the commandments of YHWH. See Rev. Rev 12:17, 14:12 and 22:18.

**Rom 11:23** *And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for Elohim is able to graff them in again.*

**Rom 11:24** *For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*

The Jews who come to a belief in Yahshua as their savior will be grafted back into their own tree. Another thing to notice here is that even though the wild Olive tree is wild, it is still an Olive tree and can be grafted into a natural Olive tree without violating the law of admixtures (Kilayam) (Deut 22:9). The important thing to see here in these verses is that when one becomes a believer in Yahshua, whether Jew or gentile (Ephraim Israel) or a stranger (non Israelite) that joins himself to him, he becomes Israel.

There is no separate entity called “the Church” that replaces Israel. Yahshua’s bride will be an Israelite one. There is no covenant made with anything called the Church; it is only made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (Heb 8:8; Jer 31:31).

**Rom 11:25** *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until **the fulness of the Gentiles** be come in.*

Both Houses of Israel are partially blinded. Judah is blind to their Messiah and Israel is blind to their identity and to the Torah.

What is the fullness of the Gentiles? Gentile is the translation of the Hebrew word (Goy) that means simply means “nation”. Abraham was told he would be the father of many (goyim) nations. The blessing upon Ephraim by Jacob (Israel) in Gen 48:19 was that he was to become a multitude of nations. The Hebrew words translated “multitude of nations” is “melo HaGoyim”. Melo simply means fullness. The blessing of Ephraim was that his seed was to become a fulness (multitude) of the nations or gentiles.

I believe the “fulness of the gentiles” is linked to the 2730 year punishment and exile of Israel due to their idolatry and rebellion against YHWH. This is set forth in Eze. 4 where

the 390 year punishment of Israel was multiplied seven fold because of their refusal to repent. The seven fold multiplier is found in Lev. 26:18. This 2730 year period has now come to an end and dispersed Israel is beginning to realize their identity and are returning to the Hebrew roots of their faith.

**Rom 11:26** *And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

The savior is Yahshua, the Messiah who will forgive Jacob (all 13 tribes).

**Rom 11:27** *For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

This of course is the new/renewed covenant made with the House of Judah and the House of Israel (Heb 8:8 and Jer 31:31).

**The mystery (of the Olive tree) is the full return of all of Israel and their grafting back in to the Olive tree supported by the root, which is Messiah.**

These two Olive trees are the two trees of Eze. 37.

**Eze 37:19** *Say unto them, Thus saith the Master YHWH; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.*

The word translated “stick” is Ates in Hebrew and means “tree”.

**Eze 37:20** *And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.*

**Eze 37:21** *And say unto them, Thus saith YHWH Elohim; **Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:***

**Eze 37:22** *And I will make **them one nation in the land** upon the mountains of **Israel**; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:*

YHWH will gather Israel from everywhere he is scattered and bring them back into the land of Israel and they will once again become one nation again after almost 3,000 years.

**Eze 37:23** *Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim.*

All this will take place at the return of Yahshua when their sins will be forgiven and Israel will no more be defiled with idols, false Elohim, false worship and detestable things (unclean food).

**Eze 37:24** *And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.*

The name David means “well beloved”. Yahshua is YHWH’s “well beloved” son who will rule and reign on the throne of David.

**Eze 37:25** *And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.*

**Eze 37:26** *Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.*

**Eze 37:27** *My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.*

**Eze 37:28** *And the heathen shall know that I YHWH do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.*

The Mystery of the Olive tree will be made known to all and will no longer be a mystery. The full return of Israel to their land forever, never to be moved again will take place and Yahshua will rule and reign from Jerusalem forever. The renewed covenant will be made with all of Israel and Yahshua will dwell in their midst forever.

The rest of the Song of Moses is a prophecy of the end times and what will befall Israel for their disobedience and rebellion.

**Deu 32:22** *For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.*

The earth will be burnt with fire in the Day of YHWH.

**Deu 32:23** *I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.*

Israel will go through the tribulation. The arrows may refer to nuclear missiles.

**Deu 32:24** *They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.*

The sword, beasts and famine is descriptive of Ezekiel 14:12-21, which uses similar language and is also a prophecy of the last days.

**Deu 32:25** *The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.*

This passage is prophetically related to the first four seals of Revelation 6:2-8.

**Deu 32:26** *I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:*

This did happen before and will happen again to many.

**Deu 32:27** *Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and YHWH hath not done all this.*

**Deu 32:28** *For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.*

**Deu 32:29** *O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider **their latter end!***

Israel is a nation that is foolish. They had seen all the wonderful things YHWH did for them and His deliverance of them, yet they foolishly pursued the false gods of their neighbors. They thought they had done everything by their own efforts and did not give YHWH credit for their prosperity and well being. All we need to do is look to the past and how YHWH protected and delivered His people when they obeyed Him. But sadly, too many of us feel we don't need Him. Our nation no longer feels it needs Him and we have separated ourselves from Him. We are so strong, we don't need His help. Separation of church and State is the cry. Actually, they want Him completely out of their lives.

**Deu 32:30** *How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and YHWH had shut them up?*

**Deu 32:31** *For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.*

Israel's enemies can attest to the help that Israel received from their rock in their times of trouble and war when they cried out to Him.

**Deu 32:32** *For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:*

**Deu 32:33** *Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.*

Their (Israel's) vine is as of Sodom and Gomorrah and their fruit is false doctrine which is poison to the soul. Isaiah spoke of them.

**Isa 5:1** *Now will I sing to my wellbeloved **a song of my beloved** touching his **vineyard**. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:*

**Isa 5:2** *And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and **it brought forth wild grapes.***

**Isa 5:3** *And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.*

**Isa 5:4** ***What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?** wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?*

**Isa 5:5** *And now go to; I will tell you **what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:***

**Isa 5:6** *And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.*

**Isa 5:7** *For **the vineyard of YHWH of hosts is the house of Israel**, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant:*

Several times in scripture YHWH laments what more could He have done for Israel? He did everything to ensure their safety and well being, but they rejected Him in turn.

**Deu 32:34** *Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?*

**Deu 32:35** *To me **belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.***

**Deu 32:36** *For YHWH shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.*

Judgment is stored away in Yahweh's armory for their day of calamity. Vengeance belongs to YHWH. These verses clearly states that YHWH will judge Am (people) Israel so severely that it will seem as if all of them were going to be destroyed.

Yahshua will return just as it looks as if all of Israel is going to be destroyed, maybe this is why Yahshua asked if he would find faith upon the earth when he returned.

**Deu 32:37** *And he shall say, **Where are their mighty ones, their rock in whom they trusted,***

**Deu 32:38** *Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? **let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.***

Now in your calamity and tribulation, where are the gods in which you have trusted? Let them deliver you now. Israel today trusts in false gods. They have tossed out the Torah, the Sabbath, have embraced pagan feast days and eat unclean things. Judah also uses corrupted names and has placed their oral traditions above the Torah of YHWH.

**Deu 32:39** *See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no Elohim with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.*

At this point, YHWH now switches from judgment upon Israel to judgment upon their enemies. The sword will come out to devour the Kadosh (holy) One's enemies. Compare it to Rev 19:11-21, esp. v.15, 21 which uses the metaphor of the Sword to smite the nations.

**Deu 32:40** *For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.*

**Deu 32:41** *If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.*

**Deu 32:42** *I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.*

There is a verse missing here between v.42 and v.43 which speaks about worship of the well beloved son of Elohim. It should read "*Rejoice, O heaven with him and let all the heavenly messengers (angels) worship him: O rejoice you nations with his people and let all the sons of Elohim strengthen themselves in him; for he will avenge the blood of His sons and render vengeance to his adversaries....*"

It was edited out by the Masorites in the 7th or 8th century C.E. for the purpose of removing any possible reference to Yahshua being the Messiah. All of our Old Testaments are translations from the Masoretic Hebrew text. Fortunately the Dead Sea scrolls and the LXX Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Old Testament made over two hundred years before the birth of Yahshua, have the missing verse. It was also quoted in Heb. 1:6

**Deu 32:43** *Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*

The Septuagint has; "*Rejoice, ye heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him*". The Masoretic text omits this phrase from this passage.

Yahshua is here pictured as the Go'el HaDam, the kinsman blood avenger, to avenge the blood of his people, Israel.

If Israel were wise, they might study these verses in the Song of Moses to know their latter end. They correspond to things Yahshua said and parallel things in Revelation.

The song of Moses is all about how YHWH has dealt with His people Israel and how they responded to Him. It tells of how they have provoked Him to anger with their infidelity to Him. He speaks of His desire for them to return to Him and keep His commandments and statutes. We find that Paul informs us who comprises the Olive tree of Israel and how we are grafted back in. Ezekiel also tells us about the restoration of the Olive tree and the grafting of the two trees of Judah and Israel together again. We are told that Israel has cast away the law (Torah) and their Elohim. The only way to bring Israel back to YHWH is to make them realize their need for Him and that their idols of gold and silver cannot deliver them. This is the purpose of the tribulation which YHWH will allow to come upon them. But, He will not suffer them to be completely destroyed. He will return and rescue His bride and destroy those that sought to destroy her. Then He will set up His righteous kingdom on earth and will dwell in the midst of His people Israel forever. They will be His people and He will be their Elohim.

This is the Mystery of the Olive tree and how it relates to the song of Moses. If only those in the Christian churches today realized who there are and would turn back to the Torah and embrace the commandments of YHWH. They would be protected in the time of their calamity. But sadly, only a remnant will.

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