

CLASS 1 LESSON #7

THE GREAT TASK IN BUILDING THE HIGHWAY OF RETURN REMOVE “THE” GREAT STUMBLING BLOCK



In Class 1, Lesson #5 we learned what “stumbling blocks” (plural) are, how they materialize and that they are to be cleared by the “Remnant” in the process of building the “Highway of Return” for the returning Ten Tribes (RTT) of Israel in the “latter-days.” We learned that these “blocks” which impede progress are the national sins of lawlessness and “iniquity” which warranted the Divine judgment upon the Ten Tribes to be cut off from the intended Covenant-relationship with the Almighty into punitive exile till the end of the age. In this lesson, we will learn about “the great stumbling block” (singular) that needs to be removed in order to build the Highway of Return as the Almighty specifies it.

We learned in Class 1, Lesson #5 that all the stumbling blocks have been made up by ourselves and were the causes of our “iniquities” which netted us the judgement of exile. They were and are constructions from our own imaginations and are replacements for what the Almighty tells us to be the Truth about spiritual realities. In that sense they are all idolatries one way or another. This fact this more than hinted to the awakening Ten Tribes at the end of the age. Idolatry of a false god, Baal was the cause of the fall of the ancient political kingdom of Israel. Idolatry was also the cause of the Divine judgment of spiritual death on them.

When Ephraim spake, there was trembling; he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. — Hosea 13:1 ASV

When Ephraim spoke, *there* was trembling *and* terror. He exalted himself [above the other tribes] in Israel; But **through [the worship of] Baal he became guilty and died [spiritually]**, and then came ruin, sealing Israel’s doom as a nation].

— Hosea 13:1 AMP

When the tribe of Ephraim spoke, the people shook with fear, for that tribe was important in Israel. But the people of Ephraim sinned by **worshipping Baal** and thus sealed their destruction. — Hosea 13:1 NLT

When the tribe of Ephraim spoke, the other tribes trembled with fear. Ephraim was honored in Israel. But **its people sinned by worshipping Baal**. So they were as good as dead. — Hosea 13:1 NIRV

When Ephraim spoke, people trembled *because* he was powerful in Israel. But he was guilty of **worshipping another divine master** and was sentenced to death. — Hosea 13:1 VOICE

This was long term immersion into Baal worship which lasted at least 200 years through nineteen kings so severe that symbolically this “adhesion” is expressed as “wedded” to idols.

Ephraim has become **entwined** with idols; leave him alone! — Hosea 4:17 ISV

תְּבוּרַ עֲצָבִים אֶפְרַיִם הִנָּח לוֹ:

This illicit “wedded” state of Ephraim was to last till the latter days till they are released from their sentence beginning at the end of days. At that time they will find themselves in that “wedded” state. We have to deal with that “state” if we are to become “the latter-day” Remnant of the RTT. We have been released early from our spiritual prisons in order to blaze a trail in the matter of removing this singular great stumbling block from the path of the Highway of Return of the Returning Ten Tribes of Israel.

In Class , Lesson #5 we learned that the stumbling block is “idolatry.” What could this great stumbling block be? The Book of Hosea gives us four clues to find the answer:

Clue #1:

Our heart is “divided.” That means that when are wakened from the great sleep in the Valley of Dry Bones, we find a thoroughly entrenched dual **allegiance in our hearts**. One is to the real and actual only God, the Creator:

Their heart is divided;^[a] Now they are held guilty. He will break down their altars; He will ruin their *sacred* pillars. ^a Divided in loyalty — Hosea 10:2 NKJV

The other is allegiance to another god, to one who is NOT God. Elijah the Prophet charged the Ten Tribes with the same dual allegiance in the previous restoration of the Ten Tribes in the times of king Ahab and his pagan wife Jezebel. They were syncretizers **adding to the Creator’s status Baal the major god of the times and to other gods from the pagan nations around them.**

Elijah approached the people and said, “**How long will you ·not decide between two choices** [^Llimp/hobble/waver between two opinions]? If the LORD is ·the true God [^LGod], follow him, but if ·Baal is the true God [^LBaal], follow him!” But the people ·said nothing [^Ldid not answer a word].
—I Kings 18:21EXB

And Eliyahu came unto kol haAm, and said, Ad Mosai (how long) ye be **polekchim (limping ones, dancing ones)** between two se'ipim (opinions)? If Hashem be HaElohim, follow after him; but if HaBa'al, then follow after him. And HaAm answered him not a word. —I Kings 18:21 OJB

The Book of Hosea answers again showing the clues to this idolatry in the parallel histories of the Ten Tribes. As they did earlier, likewise will they act again at a later time. The geography, persons and times may differ, but the essence of actions are the same.

Clue #2:

“Set the ^[a]trumpet to your mouth!
He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD,
Because **they have transgressed My covenant**
And **rebelled against My law** [Torah]. (Emphasis is the writer's).

The essence is that this idolatry caused the **transgression of the eternal Covenant** that Israel made with her Creator.

Clue #3:

The third clue is that when Ephraimites will hear about this “other god” they will be very surprised. They will give **an excuse well-rooted in their standard dogmas** and neatly ordered and time-honored systems of theologies. In fact they will say that the very cornerstone of their belief systems is beyond dispute and is incontrovertible. However, Hosea tells us what the Almighty's opinion is about this god and its effects within the Ten Tribes.

² Israel will cry to Me,
‘My God, we know You!’

But God says:

³ **Israel has rejected the good;**
The enemy will pursue him.
⁴ “They set up kings, but not by Me;
They made princes, but I did not acknowledge *them*.
From their silver and gold
They made idols for themselves—

That they might be cut off.
⁵ **Your ^[b]calf ^[c]is rejected, O Samaria!**
My anger is aroused against them—
How long until they attain to innocence?
⁶ For from Israel *is* even this:

God explicitly labels it for what it is NOT:

A workman made it, and it *is* not God;

The Almighty had prophesied what shall be done to this false god, the calf made by Israel:

But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.

— Hosea 8:1-6 NKJV

Not surprisingly, this is an “old” excuse, over 2850 years old. This is what the Northern tribes said at their showdown on Mt. Carmel when Elijah confronted Ahab, Jezebel and the prophets of Baal and Ashtarte. They knew of the Creator, but they sidelined Him to be in deference to Baal. To them the God of Abraham was just one of the “gods” they knew some about in their syncretistic pantheon, (I Kings 18). Likewise today, the Ten Tribes, mostly in western nations will point to their Christian histories and give the plausible excuse that they know about God the Father, Jesus the Son and some will even point to the Trinity as their so-called “one” God. However we the RTT need to note another clue. Oh yes, they confess knowing re the Creator, and some even do not believe in the holy Spirit being person of the so-called “Godhead.” Then they will point, surely to Jesus as “Divine” and will say that they have a valid excuse to deny this charge in the Book of Hosea that they are idolaters. They will say, surely we have followed Jesus’ Divine teachings in the so-called “New Covenant.”

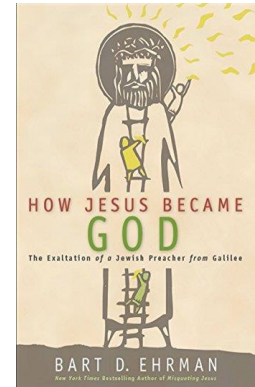
We can ask: On what foundation will the Ten Tribes base this “excuse” when they will be confronted by the latter day Work of Elijah at the end of days?

Since most of the Ten Tribes are in the Western, Occidental world,¹ in mostly Protestantism-dominated countries, they will say in effect: “We know Thee, for we are Christians.” They will say, Christianity was founded by Jesus himself. He was “God in the flesh” who brought a “new covenant” to supersede the “Old Covenant that was not good.” He nailed the sacrifices to the cross and became our Savior. He replaced the commandments with the commandment of “love” and established the priesthood of all believers in “the New Israel of God.” This is still the situation in most of the Christian churches whose pews are populated by the sons and daughters of Jacob. Accordingly, this “god” is gigantic, as depicted so in Rio de Janeiro.



¹ They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then *His sons* shall come trembling **from the west**; — Hosea 11:10 NKJV

This gigantic god also appeared in a vision of one of the great exponents of Christianity, the late Oral Roberts² who described this being as 900 (!) feet tall. One can imagine that such a being, even in a vision depicts precisely the effect he has on all humans. That effect is the absolute and total domination of one's senses. In such a vision one will not be aware of anything else. This is exactly the "effect" that Christianity has had on its believers for some 2000 years now. It was witnessed by this writer who heard a Christian leader "praying to **Jesus** and ending his prayer with "**in Jesus' name.**" The illogic of this prayer tells it all, how the Creator God is gone from one's consciousness and is replaced by this gigantic false "god" of our own creation who is as all false gods are, beyond logic.



Clue #4:

The Almighty further tells the returning Ten Tribes what these idols are: creations made by us "according to our understanding" of who/what gods are and that we adore them because we suppose that they have special roles:

And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols **according to their own understanding**, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.

— Hosea 13:2 AKJV

The God of Israel tells the Ten Tribes the same timeless truth of what these man-made creations are NOT, compared to who He is. If we are correct about "Jesus" why does the Creator have to tell us that "He" is the ONLY Savior:

"Yet I *am* the LORD your God Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no God but Me; For **there is no savior besides Me.** — Hosea 13:4 AKJV

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"Remember this, and ^[a]show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors. Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and **there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.**

Isa. 46:8-9 NKJV PR Dec. 2002

² https://tulsaworld.com/archive/oral-roberts-says-900-foot-jesus-appeared-before-my-inner-eyes/article_5f277265-a4d8-5647-86b3-6db313dd0f23.html , https://tulsaworld.com/archive/oral-roberts-tells-of-talking-to-900-foot-jesus/article_bbe49a4e-e441-5424-8fcf-1d49ede6318c.html , https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oral_Roberts

“Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You *who have* escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who **carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god *that* cannot save.— Isa. 45:20 NKJV**

For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do *it*; For how should *My name* be profaned? And **I will not give My glory to another. — Isa. 48:11 NKJV**

“Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me! **There shall be no foreign god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god. — Psalm 81:8-9 NKJV**

How can this charge be true? How can “the Son of the Creator God” be false? Isn’t Jesus the expected and prophesied one? The one that Moses predicted saying:

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet (Prophet) from the midst of your brethren **like me [Moses]; to him you shall listen. —Deut. 18:15 AMPC**

The Awakening TT will say: “Surely Jesus has to be that prophet!” No! This “Jesus” is a manufactured “creature” manufactured by men, not God. The very first logical point in this prophecy is that Moses said “like me.” The real “expected” and prophesied one would be a “prophet / navi.” Interestingly, this so-called “Jesus” said that he indeed was a prophet:

“Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet....
... Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.”
— John 4:19, 44 CSB

Also, this prophet would be human, NOT Divine because Moses was NOT Divine. The TT will cry out and say, “Jesus is that expected One, because he is “the” Messiah who brought us the messages from God, the Father.” We can get more clues about the true “Messiah” in Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well:

¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

The above exchange is probably a veiled prophecy about the TT because there are several parallels between this Samaritan woman and the Ten Tribes. Her having five husbands reminds one re Hosea’s wife Gomer acting out the unfaithful, covenant-breaking role of the Ten Tribes kingdom of Israel. She was an unchaste woman who certainly had no lasting faithfulness / hesed. The Samaritan woman was from the area of where centuries before the TT had their domain before their deportation. She spoke as a gentile, a non-Jew. This is exactly what the Ten Tribes were to do, not thinking, not speaking and not behaving from a Hebraic mindset. Throughout their histories they have adopted the ways and theologies of the nations around them. Samaritans did not look to Jerusalem which God chose as the center of

worship for Israel, but to Mt. Gerizim, a place *they* chose. It was their replacement, just like the “replacement theology” of the “Christian” TT who with *their* definition of the “New Covenant” and a “new theology” made themselves to become the supposed “legit” successors to Israel’s election. The Samaritans have the Five Books of Moses, but it is altered from the original Hebrew. That is a picture of what the Ten Tribes were to do. They have adopted from the pagans the misinterpretations and alterations of God’s Words. They have the same books, but have altered the meanings thereof with their own editing and interpretations. Further, in this teaching to the Samaritan woman is Yehoshua’s veiled prophecy re the TT pictured by the Samaritan woman came true. It is instruction to the TT of the “latter days.” Yehoshua tells the RTT that they are confused about whom they worship because they do not really know the Father similar to this woman by the well. Truly Hosea instructs them what they need to have and do in the latter days:

For I desire **steadfast love** [hesed] and not sacrifice, **the knowledge of God**, rather than burnt offerings. —Hosea 6:6 RSV

The true last prophet of the Creator, Yehoshua has prophesied what was to come and what must be done by the RTT. The RTT need to be enlightened by God’s “guiding spirit” to find out “the Truth” about God. Interestingly, the “Truth” here refers to **the same Truth Moses taught**:

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The Samaritan woman pictures the knowledge base of the Christian Ten Tribes, a mixture of truth and error. They both expect a prophesied messenger of God in a time of great revelation and restoration of Truth. She correctly added to the above prophecy:

²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ).³ “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”
²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speaks to you am *He*.”

Where does that leave us, the Remnant of the Returning Ten Tribes? It leaves us at the threshold of a short space of time, the prophesied figurative “hour-long” period, aka as a “short work” the Almighty, the Lord of Hosts will do in the latter days. In that short time we will have to build the Highway of Return for the Ten Tribes.

To remove this 900 foot “Jesus” edifice from the path of the Highway of Return” will take some work led by the Almighty’s Guidance. Like any demolishing of an obstacle at a large construction project, it will have to be demolished part at a time, by breaking it in pieces. The pieces will have to be, removed from our “understanding,” i.e. un-learned. This is why we have to “confess” i.e. “admit the sins” of our fathers,” i.e. what we have learned /inherited from our teachers, elders, leaders, ministers, etc.

³ This phrase in parentheses is obviously an addition by scribes to “clarify” understanding.

But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.
— Hosea 8:6 NKJV

The lesson about that project is coming up. In the meantime, pray about this lesson that the Almighty show us its veracity as well as its errors. Pray for the unfoldment of His Word for us and in us.



How to study and retain the contents of this lesson:

Thank God for this lesson and ask for yourself and all others concerned for His help in this mission.

Talk to God about this lesson and stay tuned for answers.

Study with a buddy or small group.

Go to the **study page** of this lesson, print out the page and say aloud the questions and the answers and write down the answers to the questions from memory without looking at this lesson.

Review this lesson and correct your answers. Mark the references in your Bible.

Have someone to ask you the questions and tell him/her the correct answers.

Practice till you know all the answers of this lesson by heart. You will need to know all of them to act accordingly, and to give them to others who will be sent to you and to whom you will be sent.

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