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THEY SAW THE GOD OF ISRAEL

“Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.” Exodus 24:9-11 NKJV

God revealed Himself shortly after His covenant with the people on Mount Sinai. In this amazing epiphany, He is identified as the God of Israel. He wants to make Himself known as the God of Israel. The Creator of the universe, the Almighty, I AM WHO I AM chooses to bear the name of His people. What incredible humility! What a powerful statement of unity! What a stunning declaration of love!

God, for the sake of love, takes the name of His people in the same way a bride receives the name of her bridegroom through the bond of marriage. Through the covenant, God and Israel are one like husband and wife become one. They are no longer two but one. God’s destiny and Israel’s destiny are linked forever.

This story speaks of God’s character. He is not afraid to embrace who we are for the sake of love. God is ready to join Himself through a covenant to our humanity. He demonstrated this in fullness through His Son Jesus, who shared our human condition in order to cloth us with His divine glory.

PRAYER I

Our Father,

We bless Your holy name. We praise You, the Creator of all things, for making Yourself known as the God of Israel. We thank you for showing us the extent of Your love for Israel and, by extension, for us.

Your desire to partner with us through a covenant is beyond our understanding, yet our hearts grasp Your amazing offer of love. We pray that You will grant us a more profound revelation of Your covenants. Show us the power of Your covenantal promises with Israel and instruct us to honor them. Open the eyes of our hearts to see how faithful You are to Your covenants. Teach us how to walk in them. Let Your Church worldwide see clearly that she loves the God of Israel and follows the Messiah of Israel. (Mark 12:29-30)

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER II

Day 10 (Day 40 of the Omer, 16 May 2023)

Verse 9 – “But those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts.”

Holy One of Israel, I praise You for the covenant blessing of togetherness and unity implicit in this verse. On my knees, I cry out to You on account of the unprecedented discord and disunity in our land. For Zion’s sake for Your sake, forgive us for the hatred and rage of brother against brother besetting our nation. Mercifully remind us how good and pleasant it is when Your people dwell together in unity, for there the oil of blessing flows. There You bestow life forevermore. In Yeshua’s Name, let God arise and let His enemies be scattered who stir civil unrest in Israel, thus hoping for her destruction. Your Word says You despise those who intentionally sow discord among brothers, so deal with Your enemies according to Your justice. Break the evil power of rebel rousers from the nations. Yet give even them merciful opportunity to turn and serve You as Lord. I ask You, Abba, to use the remnant of Jewish, Arab and other Israeli followers of Jesus to display and release in Zion genuine unity based on holy love.

Let us be for a sign and a wonder in the land. Through us unveil to Israel the miracle of one new humanity: Jew and Gentile as one in Yeshua, Israel’s Savior and King. According to Your covenant-based decree, and in the authority of the Name of Yeshua, I declare to Israel what You have said through the prophet Ezekiel: YHVH is joining us together to become one in His hand. He is gathering us together from across the earth and bringing us back to our land. He is making us one nation in the land, under one King. Never again will we be divided into two kingdoms, for YHVH will be our God and save us from our sins. As He decreed through Moses, I prophetically declare over Israel: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Together we shall drink of the goodness of God in His holy courts. Thank You, my King, for accepting the pleas of my heart based on Your decrees.