## **IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YAHWEH**

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As those of you who listen to these lessons know, Yahweh's people, the Israel of the Bible, survive today in the form of the nations we roughly classify as Anglo-Saxon. From its first establishment as a nation, Israel has been selected by Yahweh, for a most unusual honor. Israel was to work with Him in establishing His kingdom on this earth.

Such a partnership has not been offered to any other people. In <u>Leviticus 20:24-</u> <u>26</u> Yahweh said, "**I am Yahweh your God, which has separated you from other people.** And ye shall be holy unto Me: for I Yahweh am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be Mine." In <u>Deuteronomy 7:6</u> Yahweh said, "For thou art a holy people unto Yahweh thy God: Yahweh hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Through another prophet, recorded in <u>Amos 3:2</u> Yahweh said, "You only have I known, of all the families of the earth."

As Yahweh's partners, our task is two fold. (1) To keep order among the turbulent and warlike nations. (2) To be Yahweh's witnesses to the truth of His word and the excellence of His laws. This was both at home and by colonizing the world, all over the globe.

Yahweh expressly gave us our orders as His policemen in the world. For example Jeremiah 51:20 tells us, "Thou art My battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms." We know that the surviving descendants of the ancient Edomite Jews originated present day communism. They are the leaders of communism in all nations today, where they still carry on their ancient hatred of Christianity.

In Ezekiel 25:14 Yahweh said, "And I will lay My vengeance upon Edom by the hand of My people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to Mine anger and according to My fury; and they shall know My vengeance, saith Yahweh." This we have never done in all past history. We know that it is our duty which we must still perform. Today, most people join the thoughtless and ignorant in denouncing colonialism as a nasty word. However, Yahweh expressly commanded us to colonize the world. For example in <u>Genesis 28:14</u> He said, "Thou shalt spread abroad to the west and to the east, and to the north and to the south."

In <u>Isaiah 54:2-3</u> Yahweh said, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." When we obeyed

these commands, we brought peace and civilization to Africa, India, the Near East, Southeast Asia, Cuba, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Now that we have shirked our duty and abandoned these places, are the natives of Palestine and Indonesia as well off as they were under the British and the Dutch? We, in our turn, by this cowardly failure to do our duty, have only gained the hatred of the world.

Both at home and in other lands we colonized, we were to establish the laws of Yahweh. This was so that all the world might see a practical demonstration of the peace and prosperity that would follow. In <u>Isaiah chapter 43</u> Yahweh said, "But now thus saith Yahweh that created thee O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by My name: thou art Mine. **Ye are My witnesses**, saith Yahweh, and My servant **whom I have chosen**: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. **This people have I formed for Myself: they shall show forth My praise.**"

The reward for this was to be very great. Besides the prosperity which would result from living under Yahweh's laws, we were to be greatly honored. In Exodus 19:5-<u>6</u> Yahweh said, "Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."

The strange part of this remarkable partnership is the way income from it was divided. Yahweh surely is the senior partner, yet He took only 10% as His share and gave the 90% to us, the junior partners. The rules are first given in Leviticus 27:30-32, a tithe of 10% of all the increase is holy unto Yahweh. It is His share of the nation's income. Under Yahweh's kingdom, this would replace all ordinary taxes. This tithe was paid to the Levites, who made up the entire civil service, not only of the temple but of all the civil government. They, in turn, paid 10% of their share to the priests. Numbers 18:24-28. Then for organized charity, there was another tenth every three years. This made up all the taxes paid in Yahweh's kingdom.

Under our present system, just our federal income tax alone starts with 20% on the poorest taxpayer. Instead of encouraging prosperity, it punishes the prosperous with an increasing tax running up as high as 75%. This is just the beginning. On top of this, you pay a multitude of federal excise taxes, most of which you don't recognize as taxes, because they just increase the price of the things that you buy.

Then there is your state income tax, and the state corporation tax, which is just another expense of doing business, so the corporations just raise the price of their goods and services to cover it. You, the individual consumer, pay them all. Then there are the state, city or county sales taxes, another 8% or more. Don't forget the city and county property taxes, not to mention the various city, state and county license taxes. Over 40% of our entire national income is consumed in these many taxes. We are paying over 40% instead of the 13 1/2% we would pay under Yahweh's kingdom. No nation, in all of history, has long survived after taxation passed the 30% mark. We are already well past it and the politician's voracious appetite is raising taxes higher and higher. The fact that you have chosen to support Brown and Johnson, "Soapy" Williams and Humphrey, Ben Gurion and Tito, communist premier Gomulka of Red Poland and Kwame Nkruma of Ghana, does not relieve you of your honest duty to give Yahweh his 10% share as senior partner. **This 10% is Yahweh's money.** After all, if you expect Him to work for the firm as one of the partners, isn't it right that He should receive His share of the profits? If He doesn't get it, can you expect Him to be a working partner indefinitely?

He reminds us of this in <u>Malachi 3:8-10</u>, "Will a man rob Yahweh? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith Yahweh, if not I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

When we are able to get back to the kingdom of Yahweh, which we will do when Yahshua returns, we will be freed of our present crushing burden of unjust taxation. We will only pay to Yahweh His share of the income and have all the rest for ourselves. We won't need Social Security, for we will all be able to save plenty out of our own earnings. Think what you could do if you were allowed to keep the income that is rightfully yours, but which your politicians now steal to give it to your enemies all over the world!

In the meantime, remember that neither you as an individual nor the nation as a whole can say, I am in business for myself, this is all mine. You are just a junior member of a partnership whose senior partner is Yahweh. As a nation, we have failed to operate the business partnership. We have ceased to police the heathen, we have ceased to colonize and bring education and civilization to the world. We have stolen the senior partner's share of the profits. You, as an individual, may not be able to influence national policy enough to get us back on the right track, but how hard did you try?

In any event, you as an individual can still deal honestly and fairly with your senior partner. He is your partner in your own business. Why don't you take Him at His word by paying Yahweh's tithe to support the work of bringing His word to the people. Just see what blessings He will give you as His faithful partner!

**Critical note** by Clifton A. Emahiser: While I give much credit to Comparet for his teachings, I must take exception to some of his commentary in this lesson, as I have also done with some of his other messages. He makes the statement here: "When we obeyed these commands, we brought peace and civilization to Africa, India, the Near East, Southeast Asia, Cuba, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Now that we have shirked our duty and abandoned these places, are the natives of Palestine and Indonesia as well off as they were under the British and the Dutch? We, in our turn, by this cowardly failure to do our duty, have only gained the hatred of the world. Both at home and in other lands we colonized, we were to establish the laws of Yahweh." At another point Comparet says: "We have ceased to police the heathen ... and bring education and civilization to the world."

I fail to see how policing and educating the heathen has anything to do with enlarging the place of our tent, or stretching forth the curtains of our habitation, or lengthening our cords and stakes as described by Isaiah 54:2-3! By enlarging the place of our tent, and stretching forth the curtains of our habitation, and lengthening our cords and stakes, we expel the heathen from off the land he occupies, leaving him to perish. This is what we have failed to do; not to police and educate! If we have failed our duty, why did Yahshua Christ Himself limit His coming to the "**lost sheep of the house of Israel**"?