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“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands and territories.”
Acts 17:26

Intro

One of the most controversial and confounding issues of our times is regarding our borders and the safeguarding of them. In more sane times, this would be a no-brainer. Every reasonable person wants and needs safety and security in the most fundamental ways. Weak or violated borders bring in criminal elements and activities that compromise the safety and well-being of everyone in a society. Intercessors have been praying for secure borders for the past several years, seemingly to no avail, as the situation at America’s borders has gone from bad to worse to horrific. Child trafficking is at epic levels. My own heart bleeds for these abused children. Why hasn’t God answered the prayers and pleas of His people? What more can we do? This chapter is going to contribute to the answers to these questions. In the answers lie solutions to equip the saints with more powerful intercession.

There are two parts to the answer that we will cover here. The first part is found by looking at scriptures that talk about boundaries. What is God saying to us through these scriptures? The second part is answered by looking within at the condition of our own boundaries, and how these may be affecting the strength and security of our national boundaries or borders.

Part 1: Righteous Boundaries are Created & Guarded by God, Adonai.

What Does God’s Word Say about Boundaries?

To fully understand the meaning of Hebrew words, the context in which the word is used is vital. It’s not just the word, but what is surrounding the word that brings fuller understanding of its meaning. Because this language construct and concept do not exist in English, deeper meanings of scripture have often been lost in translation.

In Hebrew, there are both the masculine and feminine article versions of the word ‘boundary’. The masculine is *gebul* which means ‘border’, ‘territory’, ‘in all the coasts’. It is found as ‘territory’ in scriptures including Exodus 10:14 (“*The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and rested on the entire territory of Egypt.*”) and Exodus 10:19 (“*Not one locust remained in all the territory of Egypt.*”).

In Exodus 23:31 ‘your boundary’ is found: “*I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines (the Mediterranean), and from the wilderness to the River Euphrates; for I will hand over the residents of the land to you, and you shall drive them out before you.*”

So we can confirm that boundaries and borders of the lands of a people (i.e. a nation) are a principle from God.

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Then there is the feminine version, *gebulah*, again conveying a boundary, region, border, bound, coast, landmark. It is found in Numbers 32:33 and 34:2, as well as Deuteronomy 32:8 as: “*When Elyon [the Most High One] gave nations their heritage, when He separated the sons of man, He set boundaries for the people.*” (Or He set the

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boundaries of the peoples.”) It’s a more personal context when it conveys that God created these boundaries for HIS people. So we can learn that there are different contexts as well as conditions to national borders.

Principle #2: Unrighteous behavior will cause God’s boundaries of protection to be removed.

In Isaiah 10:13 we see: *“And I removed the boundaries of the peoples.”* The feminine repeatedly accompanies or attaches to ‘the people’, ‘boundaries of the people.’ ***These boundaries also convey relationship with God.***

Exodus 23:32-33 tells us that there are conditions to living within the security of God’s borders: *“You shall not make a covenant with them or with their gods.”³³ They shall not live in your land, because they will make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, it is certain to be a trap for you [resulting in judgment].”*

When the relationship with God is good and healthy, the boundaries are honored. When the relationship with God sours, the boundaries are removed or violated. Yikes!

Principle #3: Godly national borders are connected to our relationship with God, Adonai, the Righteous Ruler.

After God gave the people their inheritances (allotments of the land), separated them (i.e. made them holy unto the Lord God) in Deuteronomy 32:8, in 32:9 Adonai made the people *His* inheritance: *“But ADONAI’S portion is His people—Jacob is the share of His inheritance.”* Wow. God’s people are HIS own inheritance. This verse is especially powerfully considering ‘Adonai’ is God in His function as Ruler.

- ➔ **What if our nation’s borders are connected to our identification and relationship with God?**
- ➔ **Knowing the security of our borders may be tied to the quality of relationship we have with God, how does that affect your walk, your choices, your life and character as a believer and as an Intercessor?**

What This Means for Intercessors.

To restore boundaries that God Adonai has set, righteousness of the people must be restored. Intercessors can do their part by standing in the gap for the nation and repenting on behalf of the nation and God’s people.

Part 2: How Our National Boundaries Are Impacted by Our Inner State & Relationship with God.

Principle #4: Boundaries are also personal.

The second piece of this boundary-border puzzle is the condition of our own personal boundaries. We find clues in Proverbs 15:25, where boundaries are personal.

“The Lord will tear down the house of the proud, but he will establish the boundary (gebul) of the widow.”

This scripture implies that boundaries are contingent on right behavior. Prideful people tend to create their own boundaries, boundaries that only or primarily benefit themselves. This includes boundaries around relationships, business deals as well as physical boundaries. Prideful people forget that it is fundamentally God’s land. Indigenous cultures knew this. They believed that the land was God’s. They did not have a culture of land ownership and were frequently migratory or nomadic, moving as climate and other conditions changed. This is not a statement about personal land ownership, but about stewardship of the land that we are given.

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Principle #5: Boundaries can be around time: past, present, future

“You’ve gone into my future (’āḥôr) to prepare the way and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past.” Psalm 139:5

The most common translation of Psalm 139:5 is: *“You have enclosed me **behind** (’āḥôr) **and before**, and laid Your hand upon me.”* However, the more accurate translation of the Hebrew word ’āḥôr is temporal; that is, it relates to time.¹ So this verse speaks of a time/temporal boundary, not a physical boundary. It’s actually saying ‘You have gone ahead to my past.’ This is a good example of how incomprehension of a concept based upon one’s culture, language or beliefs can adulterate a translation.

In Psalm 139:5, God Adonai is closing David off to his past, ‘the harm of my past’, by following behind him. This is a kind of boundary, cordoning David’s past off from his present. This is the blessing of salvation.

*“Therefore if any person is in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Principle #6: God creates boundaries around us and our life, out of His love for us.

Exodus 33:21-23 says: *“Then ADONAI said, “See, a place near Me—you will stand on the rock. While My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and cover you with My hand, until I have passed by. Then I will take away My hand, and you will see My back, but My face will not be seen.”*

God is putting Moses in a place of protection which is a kind of boundary. In this passage ‘my back’ is an incorrect translation. Again the word ’āḥôr appears here and is referring to a time boundary. It has mistakenly been translated “back parts”. God doesn’t have a back side. The correct understanding of this verse says that our lives can be temporally constricted, which is a form of protection.

Principle #7: Being God’s inheritance, the boundaries around our life and nation are righteously set.

When we set ourselves to be an inheritance of the Lord, Adonai, we are positioned to enjoy good boundaries. David rejoiced in this in Psalm 16:6 when he proclaimed: *“The [boundary] lines [of the land] have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.”*

What This Means for Intercessors.

As Intercessors, we are called to examine our own inner state, thoughts and emotions, mental and emotional habits, personality traits and temperament, and the kinds of boundaries that we establish with others.

¹ See <https://two.skipmoen.com/2019/01/boundaries>

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- Do our boundaries accurately reflect our inner values and desired character and virtues?
- Are there any places of pride or arrogance, self-righteousness or slander, patterns of victimhood or blaming others? Traits that could compromise or impair our ideal boundaries set by God.
- Do we establish healthy and mutually honoring boundaries with others?
- Do God's boundaries fall in pleasant places in our lives?

Because Intercessors are representing the Body of Christ, our family, community and nation, we have to be spotless, continually cleaning out the dust and dirt in our own inner homes. In this way, our integrity and credibility *give greater authority* in commanding and sustaining righteous boundaries and order in society.

Our personal integrity gives greater authority in commanding righteous boundaries and order in society.

The purpose of this prayer protocol is to remove any hindrances to re-establishing secure borders to our nation; and to strengthen our own relationship with God as *His* inheritance.

Prayer & Courts of Heaven Protocol for Establishing Strong Boundaries

This is constructed as a protocol going before God in the Courts of Heaven. We renounce, repent and plead guilty for all transgressions and then ask God to pass judgements on our behalf. The adversary operates through legality, which is why we conduct warfare by removing any legal cases the enemy is using against us or our nation.

NOTE: Before you go into the Courts of Heaven, take the time to identify your petitions and purposes, what remedies you are seeking, what in your life, family lineage, or the other person's life (if you are standing in for someone else) requires repentance. ***Also what requires repentance in your community, region, state and country.*** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you these things before you go in to the Courts of Heaven. Often times, when you are in the Courts of Heaven, the Holy Spirit will bring other things to mind for which to repent.

1. Opening Protocol in the Courts of Heaven.²

Father God, I come before Your Supreme Court and ask that the courts be seated and the books be open, according to Daniel 7:10. I ask for the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Holy Advocates to represent me in Your court. I give them full permission to speak on my behalf. I put on robes of righteousness as an officer in Your court and I loose the Blood of Jesus over myself so that satan and his minions and cohorts have no access to me. I come into the Courts right now and I thank you that I am accepted.

As I stand before Your Court Lord God Adonai, I thank you for everything You've done for me, that when Jesus Christ Yeshua died on the Cross, He gave His body, He gave His blood. That sacrifice is now speaking for me. On the basis of that which is being spoken, I ask You for breakthroughs and complete and permanent OVERTHROW for all that I am requesting now from Your Court. I thank you that you love me and care for me.

I ask Lord God that You release Your highest ranking Notification Angels, Enforcement Angels and Hosts of Heaven to all those humans and non-humans who will be affected by Your Court decisions, to duly inform them of and enforce all of Your decisions and judgements in my case today.

² Operating in the Courts of Heaven by Robert Henderson.

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“And if it is possible, according to what is within you, make peace with every person.”
Romans 12:18

2. Renounce & Repent to Establish Strong Boundaries.

Father God on behalf of myself, my entire bloodline back to Adam and Eve, and as an Intercessor standing in the gap for the Body of Christ and America, I come in the name of Jesus Christ Yeshua to renounce and repent for all the times and ways I have allowed, supported, participated in anything or with anyone that has caused the breach of our national borders, that has allowed horrific trafficking of children, adults, drugs and weapons; enemies of our nation; and the disintegration of our safety and security.

I repent for any and all satanic, luciferian, antichrist, ungodly and godless peoples, parties, plans, schemes, operations and organizations being allowed to exist, inhabit, operate and proliferate on our lands, be they in the timeline that it has been America and all other timelines. I repent for the shedding of innocent blood on our lands.

I repent for all the times we have violated any of Your principles and laws regarding righteous boundaries, including the following principles.

Principle #1: Righteous boundaries are set by God. These boundaries are God’s gracious protection.

Father God, I repent for all the ways the peoples of these lands have not respected and honored righteous boundaries that You set for different nations, tribes, cultures, peoples; for invasions, for violent overthrows, for stealing land and territories that You did not ordain to take or possess. I repent for taking for granted Your physical protection through secure borders.

Principle #2: Unrighteous behavior will cause God’s boundaries of protection to be removed.

Father God, I repent for all unrighteous behavior, actions and practices that have caused You to remove Your hand of border protection on America. I repent for detaching the importance of our borders from my own spiritual life and condition. I repent for believing that border security was only the responsibility of officers in the physical realm. I repent for forgetting and abdicating my spiritual responsibility for border security as an officer in Your army.

Principle #3: Godly national borders are connected to our relationship with God, Adonai, the Righteous Ruler.

Father God, I repent for all the times and ways we and our leaders stepped out of right relationship with You as the Righteous Ruler of our lands; for taking Your 10 Commandments for granted as the anchor to a civilized society; for allowing others to mock You with ungodly laws and statutes, thereby making a mockery of our nation’s own borders.

Principle #4: Boundaries are also personal.

Father God, I repent for all the times and ways I have been loose with my own boundaries; let in and/or allowed myself to yoke with people, things and activities that were not righteous and Your will for me. I repent for being lazy, sloppy, unconscious and inattentive to maintaining appropriate godly boundaries. I repent for not giving right time and effort to assess and correct inappropriate boundaries in any area of my life.

Principle #5: Boundaries can be around time: past, present, future.

Father God, I repent for forgetting that salvation closes me off to my past. I repent for digging up past offenses,

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events and wounds like opening up an old scab. I repent of unforgiveness I have held towards others and I now release all unforgiveness I have been holding against anyone or anything.

Principle #6: God creates boundaries around us and our life, out of His love for us.

Father God, I repent for all the ways I have broken Your purposeful and righteous boundaries around my life, around my family and important relationships (marriage, children etc.). I repent for rebelliousness and other character weaknesses (name them) that caused me to break the holy boundaries that You set around my life.

Principle #7: Being God's inheritance, the boundaries around our life and nation are righteously set.

Father God, I repent for all the ways I have 'let go of my inheritance' according to Jeremiah 17:4; have taken that inheritance for granted; have mistreated and carelessly failed to safeguard my inheritance in You, and being *Your* inheritance.

I repent for and ask for Your forgiveness for all of the ways I, all of my bloodlines back to Adam and Eve, and America have engaged with, participated in, opened doors to corrupt and criminal persons, parties, entities, agendas, operations and organizations that oversee our borders and law and order; the theft and mistreatment of land; ungodly stewardship of land; selling our lands to enemies who mean us harm. I renounce and repent for any and all apathy, laziness, inattentiveness in the selection and election of judges, leaders and officers having to do with administering law and order on our borders and with those who enter our country. I repent for placing a higher value on and/or abiding by corrupt laws, anti-constitutional laws and statutes, while not abiding by all of *Your* laws and statutes.

I renounce, nullify and divorce all ungodly, unjust, unrighteous covenants, contracts, oaths and agreements made with ungodly persons, parties, entities, agendas and operations that have operated, visited, inhabited and visited my domains (name your community, state, region, country). I repent for all of the past actions, policies, rules and laws that have encouraged and propagated insecure and unsafe borders; and for which I have knowingly or unknowingly participated in and/or allowed.

Lord Jesus, I also forgive myself for all of these iniquities and know that Your blood has washed me clean and white as snow and I therefore refuse to be condemned or to feel guilty. Father God, I now also forgive my ancestors and particularly _____ (name those that the Lord has revealed to you), who have created, supported, participated in, propagated violation of borders and boundaries in any and all forms in America, on these lands and regions (name yours specifically). Father God, I repent for leaving my first love, YOU. I repent for America leaving You as its first love.

3. Plead Guilty.

Father God, for everything I have repented and renounced here, I plead guilty on behalf of myself, all of my bloodlines, my community, state and America. I present the Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Yeshua as atonement, and the Voice of the Blood of Jesus which speaks "Tetelestai", "paid in full" to clear these transgressions from my record and that of my entire lineage, my future bloodlines, our lands and America. Father God, I ask for redemption from the curse, by the Blood of Jesus.

I come into agreement with the Blood of Jesus according to Hebrews 12:24 that Jesus' blood cries for mercy, redemption and forgiveness. This is far better than the blood of Abel crying out for vengeance. So now, I loose the Blood of Jesus into all the places and spaces where these ungodly, anti-American forms, expressions and activities have existed and operated in, on and below our lands, to cleanse and sanctify earth now! Let the Blood of Jesus restore America to El-Elyons's design and purposes now! Halleluia!

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I agree with the speaking Blood of Jesus that every judgement against me, my lineage, genetics, lands (name your specific territories) and America are revoked now, that every agenda and curse of wickedness is now revoked, that every word against me, my bloodline, my town, state, region and America are now silenced, that the enemy no longer has a right to bring any case against me, America and my assigned territories because of what the Blood of Jesus speaks, because of the finished work of Jesus on the Cross. Let the Blood of Jesus cast out all wicked persons, parties, entities and operations from my life, land, community and country NOW!

Father God, thank you for healing the lands and boundaries of my community, state and country with and through the Blood of Jesus! Thank you for the Holy Spirit that is taking legally everything that Jesus has done and is now bringing application of it into cleansing America of all ungodly entities and activities now. Thank you Father God that breakthroughs and permanent OVERTHROW now come to my life, my state and America! In Jesus name!"

"You have defined and established all the borders of the earth [the divisions of land and sea and of the nations]; You have made summer and winter."

Psalm 74:17

4. Cleanse, Clear & Release.

Abba God, I ask that Your Holy Spirit fill me to overflowing to purify and cleanse my body, brain, mind, heart, soul and spirit, my conscience, my subconscious and unconscious minds, my memory bank and everywhere in me and my body where memories, imprints, beliefs, traumas, bad habits and traits having to do with ungodly, antichrist persons, parties, entities, operations and all of their agendas, covenants, oaths and curses. I reject and forbid any lies of the enemy from taking hold of me, my territories (name them) and my country ever again!

Erase them now; erase all damage and confusion in the chambers of my mind. Cleanse my heart, mind, soul and body of all trauma and imprints incurred. Place your healing balm of Gilead into all of my places of stored habits, filters, traumas, injuries, beliefs, memories and imprints to clear them out now.

~ Pause in Silence to Receive God's Healing ~

5. We Plead Our Case in Petitions for Establishing Strong Boundaries.

Father God Adonai, as Your son/daughter, brethren in King Jesus Yeshua, I dedicate and consecrate my town, community, state and America to You. I now realize that perversions of boundaries have been allowed to exist, operate, dominate and proliferate in our communities, states, regions and country, and that they do not honor or love You. I reject these! I FORBID them! I now take full responsibility for not allowing them to continue in their agendas and operations.

I am committed to preparing our land to be worthy of the Lamb of God and His government here on earth. I present the following cases for why You should restore safety and security to our borders. These petitions are based upon Your Word, which is the legal document of my Covenant with You.

Principle #1: Righteous boundaries are set by God. These boundaries are God's gracious protection.

- ♦ Ezekiel 47:13 says: *"Thus says the Lord God, "This shall be the boundary by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two portions."*

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- ◆ **Father God, You ordered the boundaries and the division of our lands. We ask that Your Will be restored to all of our country's borders now.**
- ◆ **Father God, please purge our lands of all unrighteous, unjust and unconstitutional policies, procedures, rules, laws and statutes that are creating and fomenting open and insecure borders to our country.**
- ◆ **Father God, I commit to being a steward for the boundaries You have set around America.**

Principle #2: Unrighteous behavior will cause God's boundaries of protection to be removed.

- ◆ *Isaiah 10:18 says: "The Lord will consume the glory of Assyria's forest and of its fruitful garden, both soul and body, and it will be as when a sick man wastes away."*
- ◆ **Father God, as Your Intercessors repent for the unrighteous actions that have caused our border breaches, I ask for Your hand of mercy to close our borders now to all dangerous and criminal activities and parties.**

Principle #3: Godly national borders are connected to our relationship with God, Adonai, the Righteous Ruler.

- ◆ *Deuteronomy 32:8 says: "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel."*
- ◆ **Father God, I commit to being a steward of Your laws and statutes being honored and upheld through choices I make as a consumer and citizen. I commit to being more discerning about who I vote for, that they are truly men and women of God who will honor You, all of our righteous laws and our security.**

Principle #4: Boundaries are also personal.

- ◆ *Proverbs 15:25 tells us: "The Lord will tear down the house of the proud and arrogant (self-righteous), but He will establish and protect the boundaries [of the land] of the [godly] widow."*
- ◆ **Father God, tear down the houses of the wicked proud parties that have gained wealth and power at the expense of our border security, that have profited from violated borders. Reveal them to the world, that people will understand their true motives and agendas; that citizens will become truly united in establishing and keeping our borders secure and our rule of law honored.**

Principle #5: Boundaries can be around time: past, present, future.

- ◆ *Psalm 139:5 tells me how You can heal broken boundaries by redeeming my past and blessing my future: "You've gone into my future (āḥôr) to prepare the way and in kindness you follow behind me to spare me from the harm of my past."*
- ◆ **Father God, thank you for redeeming me from the broken boundaries of my past. I re-commit to forgiving others of past offenses, of choosing not to dwell on the past and past mistakes, whether they be mine or someone else's.**

Principle #6: God creates boundaries around us and our life, out of His love for us.

- ◆ *Isaiah 60:18 says: "Violence will not be heard again in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise [to God]."*
- ◆ *Psalm 147:14 declares: "He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat."*
- ◆ **Father God, I realize that peace begins with me, so I commit to finding that peace which passes understanding within myself, to live by Psalm 46:10 that says 'be still and know that I am God', that YOU are that stillness within me.**
- ◆ **Father God, please restore our borders to 'Walls of Salvation'.**

Principle #7: Being God's inheritance, the boundaries around our life and nation are righteously set.

- ◆ *Ephesians 1:18-19 says: "And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very center and core of your being] may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], so that you will know and cherish the hope [the*

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divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God's people), and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe."

- ◆ **Father God, I re-commit to being Your inheritance, to living a life worthy of being Your inheritance, to truly appreciating the profound gift it is to be Your inheritance.**

6. Petition.

Therefore Lord God Adonai, because wicked curses, activities, persons and parties both human and non-human, have been obstructing our nation's Covenant with You and we desire to restore America to Your design and destiny, we request the following from Your Supreme Court:

- **GRANT ALL OF MY PETITIONS** in the case I have presented to You here.
- **HELP ME to LIVE as YOUR INHERITANCE!**
- **EXTINGUISH ALL THE HOLDS** that they and all of their cohorts and minions have had on America, our destiny, our God-given rights and freedoms, blessings, income, money systems, culture, families, marriages, commerce, governance, media, education and religious systems.
- **RESTORE 7-fold** everything that boundary violators have stolen from us and America according to Your promises in Proverbs 6:30.
- **BLESS and SANCTIFY ALL OF OUR BORDERS** that they are marked, restored and blessed as YOUR domain!

7. Thanks and Gratitude.

Let this be dedicated time to thank Father God after all of your petitions. You may want to blow a shofar, play or sing praise music, or other ways that you express thanks and praise.

- Thank you for Your Justice, Mercy and Love!
- Thank you God for hearing, receiving and granting all of my petitions!
- Thank you Lord God for delivering me and America from all wickedness once and for all!
- To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and upon the Earth forever and ever! AMEN!!!

*"You O God will increase the nation, You will multiply their joy;
They will rejoice before You like the joy and jubilation of the harvest,
as men rejoice when they divide the spoil [of victory]."*

Isaiah 9:3