### Nation of Focus: Aruba

Continent: North America Capital City: Oranjestad Government: Parliamentary democracy Population: 120.917

Major People Groups: Antillean Creole 77%; Colombian Mestizo 6%; Dutch 4%; Venezuelan Mestizo 3%; Dominican Mulatto 2%

Religion: Christian 96%, Agnostic 2%, Spiritist 1%

Language: Papiamento, Spanish, Dutch, Saint Lucian Creole French, Haitian Creole GDP Per Capita: \$37,500 Literacy Rate: 97.8%

#### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray for holiness and right doctrine among God's people.
- Pray for deliverance for the many in bondage to addictions.
- Pray for the breakdown of the family to be replaced by Godly and stable homes.
- Prayer this nation Has a heart for the Jewish People and Israel.

#### SUMMARY

In the 19th century it was a gold rush, in 1924 it was the opening of an oil refinery, and today it is tourism that draws people from around the world to the shores of Aruba. Its breathtaking white sand beaches, ideal tropical temperatures, and separation from the hurricane belt make this Caribbean island an ideal destination. From that gold rush to today, Aruba has enjoyed a steady economy, and its shores are lined with hotels, casinos, and shops that provide employment and financial stability. With the influences of indigenous heritage, colonization, Dutch culture, and its close proximity to South America (just 20 miles to Venezuela), Aruba has a beautifully unique and diverse culture.

Once a part of the Netherlands Antilles, Aruba is now self-governing while remaining under the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Discussions of full independence have been put on hold, not appearing urgent or necessary. Although the Netherlands controls defense and foreign affairs, the island's government handles all local matters. With Aruba being so close to South America, it has often become a transit point for the drug trade and illegal immigration, leading to issues of money laundering and crime, for which the local government is seeking solutions.

The vast majority of Arubans would identify themselves as Christians, and most of those (about 75%) are within the Catholic church. But many Christian churches dot the island, representing all different ethnicities, backgrounds, denominations, and theologies. Christian radio and TV programs are also prominent across the island. Sadly, foreign influences via televangelists and prosperity preachers have brought division within the Church. But, with 59 out of every 100 marriages ending in divorce, 42% of births occurring outside of marriage, and many teens experimenting with drugs, many pastors and churches see the need to come together in unity to combat declining morality with the Gospel.





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# **REVERSE LOVE**

Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD

We are commanded to "Love the Lord our God", but what does it mean to Love God? The First and Greatest commandment to Love.

Duet 23:1-5 God's standard for the assembly

Duet 23:6-8 But dont detest people

Duet 23:9-14 Keep the camp Holy

Duet 23:15-25 But be careful how you treat others

## **Sermon Questions**

#### Read Duet 23:1-5, Isa 56:3-5; Acts 8:26-40

- Why would someone be emasculated or Illegitimate?
  Read Gen 19:30-38
- What does it mean for them to enter the assembly?
- What hope does someone have for entering the assembly?

### Duet 23:6-8; Gen 25:24-26

Why should we not detest Edom or Eygpt?

#### Duet 23:9-14; Lev 15:16, Lev 26:12

What if we become unclean? Why?

### Duet 23:15-25; Ex 22:21; Prov 22:22; Matt 12:1-14

- How should we treat others? Why?
- How should Disciples been treated?

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# Our Values

Love God Love People Pursue Excellence Eager to Grow

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To the Jewish people First And Also the Nations The Biblical Calendar The Bible as One-Story

Today's Portion BO "Come or Go" Our Readings Torah: Ex 11:4-7

Haf: Jer 46:25-28 B'rit: Rev 8:12-9:6, 16:5-7