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Psalm - 127

¹ Except YHVH build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except YHVH keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. ² It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. ³ Lo, children are an heritage of YHVH: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. ⁴ As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. ⁵ Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

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Torah - Deuteronomy 2:1-3:22

Moshe Recalls the Major Events of the 38 Years of Wandering

¹ Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as YHVH spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.

Respect Esau and Leave them alone

² And YHVH spake unto me, saying, ³ Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. ⁴ And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: ⁵ Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession. ⁶ Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. ⁷ For YHVH thy Elohim hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years YHVH thy Elohim hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. ⁸ And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

Do not distress Moab

⁹ And YHVH said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession. ¹⁰ The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; ¹¹ Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims. ¹² The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which YHVH gave unto them. ¹³ Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered. ¹⁴ And the space in which we came from Kadeshbarnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as YHVH swore unto them. ¹⁵ For indeed the hand of YHVH was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed. ¹⁶ So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

YHVH Commands Israel to March Toward the Promised Land

¹⁷ That YHVH spake unto me, saying, ¹⁸ Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day: ¹⁹ And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. ²⁰ (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; ²¹ A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but YHVH destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: ²² As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: ²³ And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) ²⁴ Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. ²⁵ This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee. ²⁶ And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, ²⁷ Let me pass through thy land: I will go

along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left. ²⁸ Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet; ²⁹ (As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which YHVH our Elohim giveth us. ³⁰ But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for YHVH thy Elohim hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day. ³¹ And YHVH said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. ³² Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. ³³ And YHVH our Elohim delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. ³⁴ And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain: ³⁵ Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took. ³⁶ From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: YHVH our Elohim delivered all unto us: ³⁷ Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever YHVH our Elohim forbade us.

The Conquest of the Kingdom of Og

^{3:1} Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ² And YHVH said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. ³ So YHVH our Elohim delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. ⁴ And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ⁵ All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many. ⁶ And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city. ⁷ But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves. ⁸ And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon; ⁹ (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;) ¹⁰ All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ¹¹ For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

The Inheritance of Reuben, Gad, and Half of Manasseh on the East Side of the Jordan River

¹² And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites. ¹³ And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants. ¹⁴ Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashanhavothjair, unto this day. ¹⁵ And I gave Gilead unto Machir. ¹⁶ And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon; ¹⁷ The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under Ashdothpisgah eastward. ¹⁸ And I commanded you at that time, saying, YHVH your Elohim hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war. ¹⁹ But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (for I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you; ²⁰ Until YHVH have given rest unto your

brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which YHVH your Elohim hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.²¹ And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that YHVH your Elohim hath done unto these two kings: so shall YHVH do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.²² Ye shall not fear them: for YHVH your Elohim he shall fight for you.

My Commentary and Notes

Mitzvot for this Parasha

Verse(s)	Mitzvah Number	Category	Law
Deu 3:22; Deu 7:21; Deu 20:3	598	Wars	That those engaged in warfare shall not fear their enemies nor be panic-stricken by them during battle.

Stand alone Aleph Tav for this Parasha – Deu 3:21

And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes **Aleph Tav** have seen all that YHVH your Elohim hath done unto these two kings: so shall YHVH do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

Deu 3:21 וְאֶת־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ צִוִּיתִי בְּעֵת הַהוּא לֵאמֹר עֵינֶיךָ הָרְאִיתָ
את כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לְשְׁנֵי הַמְּלָכִים הָאֵלֶּה
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H6256 time, בעת H6680 And I commanded צויתתי H3091 Joshua יהושוע H853 ואת **Deu 3:21**
את H7200 have seen הִרְאִיתָ H5869 Thine eyes עֵינֶיךָ H559 saying, לֵאמֹר H1931 at that הוּא
 H853 כל H3605 all אשר H834 that עָשָׂה H6213 hath done יהוה H3068 the LORD אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
 H430 your God לְשְׁנֵי H8147 two המלכים H4428 kings האלה H428 unto these כִּן H3651 so
 יַעֲשֶׂה H6213 do יהוה H3068 shall the LORD לְכָל H3605 unto all הממלכות H4467 the kingdoms
 אשר H834 whither אתה H859 thou עֹבֵר H5674 passest. שָׁמָּה H8033 whither:

Brit - Rom 9:1-33

¹ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, ² That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. ³ For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: ⁴ Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of Elohim, and the promises; ⁵ Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, Elohim blessed for ever. Amen. ⁶ Not as though the word of Elohim hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: ⁷ Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. ⁸ That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Elohim: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. ⁹ For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. ¹⁰ And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; ¹¹ (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of Elohim according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) ¹² It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. ¹³ As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. ¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with Elohim? Elohim forbid. ¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ¹⁶ So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of Elohim that sheweth mercy. ¹⁷ For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. ¹⁸ Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. ¹⁹ Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? ²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against Elohim? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? ²¹ Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? ²² What if Elohim, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: ²³ And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, ²⁴ Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? ²⁵ As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. ²⁶ And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living Elohim. ²⁷ Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: ²⁸ For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. ²⁹ And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha. ³⁰ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. ³¹ But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. ³² Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; ³³ As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Gospel - Act 2:1-47

¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of Elohim. ¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? ¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith Elohim, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: ¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: ²¹ And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. ²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Y'shua of Nazareth, a man approved of Elohim among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which Elohim did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of Elohim, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴ Whom Elohim hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. ²⁵ For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: ²⁶ Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: ²⁷ Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸ Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. ²⁹ Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. ³⁰ Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that Elohim had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; ³¹ He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. ³² This Y'shua hath Elohim raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. ³³ Therefore being by the right hand of Elohim exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. ³⁴ For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, ³⁵ Until I make thy foes thy footstool. ³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that Elohim hath made the same Y'shua, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Y'shua Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy

Ghost. ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as YHVH our Elohim shall call. ⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. ⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common; ⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. ⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷ Praising Elohim, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Comments on Acts chapter 2

Act 2:16 - the prophet: Joel 2:28-32

Joe 2:28-32 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: ²⁹ And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. ³⁰ And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of YHVH; come. ³² And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of YHVH; shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YHVH; hath said, and in the remnant whom YHVH; shall call.

Act 2:38-41

Three thousand were slain at the golden calf incident ([Exo 32:1-8](#), [Exo 26:1-28](#)); on Pentecost the reverse happened: three thousand were saved ([Act 2:38-41](#)).

[Exo 19:16-19](#)

Source: <http://www.mim.net/Newsroom/TorahComs/C-020807Lawrence.html>

Compare the supernatural manifestations that occurred on Shavuot (Pentecost) at Mount Sinai with what occurred in the upper room in Acts 2 ([Act 2:1](#)). What are the similarities? Here is some food for thought in this regard:

- The Commandments of Elohim were originally written on tablets of stone at Shavuot ([Exo 24:12](#)); then at Pentecost on our hearts ([Jer 31:33](#); [Psa 37:31](#); [Psa 40:8](#); [Isa 51:7](#); [Eze 11:19-20](#); [Eze 36:22-27](#); [2Co 3:3](#); [Heb 8:10](#)).
- Originally the commandments were written by the finger of Elohim on two tablets of stone ([Exo 31:18](#)); then at Pentecost YHVH's commandments written by the Ruach (Spirit) of Elohim ([2Co 3:3](#); [Heb 8:10](#)) on the heart of man.
- Three thousand were slain at the golden calf incident ([Exo 32:1-8](#), [Exo 26:1-28](#)); on Pentecost the reverse happened: three thousand were saved ([Act 2:38-41](#)).
- The letter of the Torah was given at Sinai; in the Brit Chadashah (Renewed Covenant or Apostolic Scriptures) the Spirit of the Torah was given (Matt 5-7; [Rom 2:29](#); [Rom 7:6](#); [2Co 3:6](#)).
- The Torah-law was originally given on Mount Sinai ([Exo 19:11](#)); at Pentecost the Torah was written into the hearts of men in the "Upper Room" of the Temple in Jerusalem, or Mount Zion ([Rom 11:26](#); [Heb 12:22](#); [1Pe 2:6](#)).

Thunderings, fire and tongues of various languages occurred at both Shavuot at Sinai (according to rabbinic tradition) and Pentecost at Jerusalem.

Acts 2:36

Ahavta: In Acts 2, Peter tells a story reminiscent of Joseph and his brothers. His audience, Yeshua's brethren of the tribe of Judah, are told that they crucified their Messiah. But God brought Him back, and they would one day bow to Him, and He would rule over them. But, as Joseph said to his brothers, it was all in God's plan. Like Joseph, Yeshua was not left in the pit. Source <http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-1/Y1-42.htm>

Prophecy - Dan 2:1-23

¹ And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. ² Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³ And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. ⁴ Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. ⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. ⁶ But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. ⁷ They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it. ⁸ The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. ⁹ But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. ¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. ¹¹ And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. ¹² For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³ And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. ¹⁴ Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: ¹⁵ He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. ¹⁶ Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. ¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: ¹⁸ That they would desire mercies of the Elohim of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the Elohim of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of Elohim for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹ And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²² He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. ²³ I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou Elohim of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

History - 2Ch 27:1-9

¹ Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. ² And he did that which was right in the sight of YHVH, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of YHVH. And the people did yet corruptly. ³ He built the high gate of the house of YHVH, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. ⁴ Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. ⁵ He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. ⁶ So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before YHVH his Elohim. ⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. ⁸ He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. ⁹ And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

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Vanephen / We Turned

As we approach the Promised Land, we are reviewing some things that we should have learned on our journey through this life.

(V.1) Then we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as Yahweh spoke to me, and circled Mount Seir (Hairy or Shaggy – Horites, Edom: descendents of Esau) for many days.

(V.8) So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road, away from Elath (Grove of lofty trees, where Jonah's ship was made) and from Ezion-geber.

Esau was the firstborn, and thus he had the right to the priesthood. But he despised it, while his brother Jacob treasured it. God gave the inheritance to Jacob, whom He called Israel. But God, who sends rain on the just and the unjust, still gave Esau a place in this world, which Israel was not allowed to diminish. Israel was only allowed to buy necessary food and drink on their journey through Esau's land.

God has promised us the eternal spiritual inheritance. While we journey through Esau's land – Edom/Rome, we are to pay for our necessities of this life, and we are not to damage Esau's property. In other words, we are to work for our food and shelter, and we are not to destroy this world, certainly not "kill the faithless" as some religions teach.

However, we see in Isaiah, that God will destroy the faithless, and will also discipline Israel (His ancient church that was in the wilderness). God says, “*Come out of her (Rome), My people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues*” (Revelation 18:4).

(V.23) *And the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Azzah.* This is Gaza, of current news.

Isaiah 1:1-27

(V.2) *Listen (Sh'ma), O heavens, and hear, O earth; for Yahweh speaks: "Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against Me.* (V.5) *Where (is there anyplace left that) will you be stricken again, as you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint.*

(V.13-15) *Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to Me. New Moon and Sabbath, the calling of assemblies – I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. I hate your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts, they have become a burden to Me. I am weary of bearing them. So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you, yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen.* Many people misuse this Scripture to teach that animal offerings and holy days are no longer pleasing to God: that is very different from what is being said here. God says that He will not accept “*your*” *worthless offerings*, “*your*” *festivals*, and “*your*” *hands spread in prayer*: these are neither “*His*” offerings, nor “*His*” festivals, nor “*His*” desires in prayer!

(V.16-17) The requirement, in order for these things to be acceptable, is: “*Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good.*” These things must be done by those who are following God’s Word in their lives, and doing these things in God’s prescribed manner.

(V.24-27) The end is, as *Yahweh God of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel declares*, “*Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries, and avenge Myself on My foes. I will also turn My hand against you, and will smelt away your dross as with lye, and will remove all your alloy. Then I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; after that you will be called the city of righteousness, a faithful city.*” *Zion will be redeemed with justice, and her repentant ones with righteousness.* Then the eternal Holy Days will be observed by the righteous in God’s way.

This is a fitting message to precede the imminent month of Holy Days.

Psalms 121

(V.1-2) *I will lift up my eyes to the mountains – Sinai & Zion. From whence shall my help come? When I lift up my eyes to the mountains, shall my help come from thence? My help comes from Yahweh, Who made heaven and earth.* And it normally comes through (Sinai) Torah and (Zion) Jerusalem’s prophets.

(V.3-6) *He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. Yahweh is your keeper; Yahweh is your shade on your right hand: the sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.* In the day, when the sun rules, the morning spirits shall not smite you; in the night, when the moon rules, the nocturnal spirits shall not smite you (*Targum*).

Also, concerning the sun smiting, Revelation 16:8-9 says, “*And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.*” And Matthew 13, Yeshua’s parable of the sower, speaks of the sun scorching seed that falls in stony places – a reference to God’s Word falling upon hard hearts and being taken away by the light that is life-giving to others.

(V.7) *Yahweh will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.* Not from the evil of affliction, it being made to work for good; but from the evil of sin; not from the being or the commission of it, but from its dominion and damning power, or from a total falling away by it.

(V.8) *Yahweh will guard your going out and your coming in: your ‘good foot’ – going out to do business, and coming in to study Torah, from this time forth and forever.*

Romans 9

Yeshua gave His life for His people. We are to be like Him. Moses (Exodus 32:10, Numbers 14:12) gave up his own glory for God’s people, and Paul (v.1-5) said that he could wish himself accursed – separated from Messiah – instead of God’s people. This is the greatest love (John 15:13).

Paul uses the story of Abraham’s two sons – Isaac and Esau, to explain that the Children of God are not of the flesh, but of the Spirit.

He uses the story of Jacob and Esau to explain that God uses His own free choice to determine whom He will love, and whom He will hate: it is not dependent upon the will of the person, or how sincere he is, or how hard he tries.

Then Paul anticipates the natural reaction: So, how can God find fault with anyone, if no one can resist God’s will and purpose? And he answers the anticipated question: Whom do you think you are, O worm of a man, that you have any standing to question your creator? God hold all of the rights! What if the creator wants to make some to honor Him and some for destruction, to display His authority and power – and grace?

Furthermore, some of the “natural” children stumble at Yeshua and are excluded, while some gentiles – by grace through faith (which itself is a gift of God) – are included.

Today many spiritual problems prevail in our society: there are groups fighting for their “minority rights”, “religious rights”, so-called “gay rights” – rights for all kinds of freedoms to sin. We need to understand that God holds all of the rights!

If we have faith in Yeshua for our salvation, then we need to realize that it is all of God: there is nothing wherein we can boast, not even for believing. That is grace! And it should affect our attitudes toward others, understanding that we are not naturally better in any way.

As believers, it is God who keeps us from being dominated by sinful desires (Psalm 121:7), and protects us from evil spirits (Psalm 121:3-6) – and that through Torah study (Psalm 121:1-2). We must “learn to do good” (Isaiah 1:17).

Many in the Exodus from Egypt were aliens – from the seventy nations of the Babel dispersion. They were part of the group called “Israel”. Abraham’s promised posterity was to be spiritual: that is neither a denial of Israel, nor is it replacement theology. It means that to be truly Israelites, there is a requirement of faith that produces fruit – works. That faith is not granted to all natural born descendents of Abraham, and it is granted to some Gentiles who are “grafted in”. God will ultimately redeem all whom He has chosen, through faith, by hearing the gospel, and there will be a pure nation. We are chosen to be partakers in the Covenant to Abraham, if we are of the faith.