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Psalm - 129

¹ Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say: ² Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me. ³ The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows. ⁴ YHVH is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked. ⁵ Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. ⁶ Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up: ⁷ Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom. ⁸ Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of YHVH be upon you: we bless you in the name of YHVH.

Torah - Deuteronomy 4

Moshe Urges the People to Stay Faithful to YHVH's Torah Command

¹ Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which YHVH Elohim of your fathers giveth you. ² Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you. ³ Your eyes have seen what YHVH did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, YHVH thy Elohim hath destroyed them from among you. ⁴ But ye that did cleave unto YHVH your Elohim are alive every one of you this day. ⁵ Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as YHVH my Elohim commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. ⁶ Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. ⁷ For what nation is there so great, who hath Elohim so nigh unto them, as YHVH our Elohim is in all things that we call upon him for? ⁸ And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? ⁹ Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; ¹⁰ Specially the day that thou stoodest before YHVH thy Elohim in Horeb, when YHVH said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

The Events at Mount Sinai Recalled and a Warning to Keep From Idolatry and Apostasy

¹¹ And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. ¹² And YHVH spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. ¹³ And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. ¹⁴ And YHVH commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. ¹⁵ Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that YHVH spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: ¹⁶ Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, ¹⁸ The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹ And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which YHVH thy Elohim hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. ²⁰ But YHVH hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. ²¹ Furthermore YHVH was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance: ²² But I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. ²³ Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of YHVH your Elohim, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which YHVH thy Elohim hath forbidden thee. ²⁴ For YHVH thy Elohim is a consuming fire, even a jealous Elohim.

Moshe Predicts Israel's Apostasy, Exile and Return

²⁵ When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of YHVH thy Elohim, to provoke him to anger: ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. ²⁷ And YHVH shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither YHVH shall lead you. ²⁸ And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹ But if from thence thou shalt seek YHVH thy Elohim, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. ³⁰ When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to YHVH thy Elohim, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; ³¹ (For YHVH thy Elohim is a merciful Elohim;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them. ³² For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that Elohim created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? ³³ Did ever people hear the voice of Elohim speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? ³⁴ Or hath Elohim assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that YHVH your Elohim did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that YHVH he is Elohim; there is none else beside him. ³⁶ Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he showed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷ And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; ³⁸ To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. ³⁹ Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that YHVH he is Elohim in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. ⁴⁰ Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee, for ever.

The Cities of Refuge Are Designated

⁴¹ Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sunrising; ⁴² That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live: ⁴³ Namely, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites. ⁴⁴ And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel: ⁴⁵ These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt. ⁴⁶ On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Bethpeor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt: ⁴⁷ And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Jordan toward the sunrising; ⁴⁸ From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is Hermon, ⁴⁹ And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

Stand alone Aleph Tav for Deu 4:3 and 4:6

For an explanation of the Aleph Tav teaching, click here → <http://torahlawform.com/Documents/AlephTav.doc>

Deu 4:3 KJV Your eyes have seen **Aleph Tav** what the LORD did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

Deu 4:6 KJV Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear **Aleph Tav** all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.

Deu 4:3 עֵינֶיכֶם הָרֵאתָ אֶת־אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה יְהוָה בְּבַעַל פְּעוֹר כִּי כָל־הָאִישׁ
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Deu 4:6 וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם וַעֲשִׂיתֶם כִּי הוּא חֻמַּתְכֶם וּבִינַתְכֶם לְעֵינֵי הָעַמִּים
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הַגּוֹי הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה :

Haftorah - Isa 40:12-14

¹² Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? ¹³ Who hath directed the Spirit of YHVH, or being his counsellor hath taught him? ¹⁴ With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Brit - Luk 3:1-1

¹ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

Gospel - Act 4:1-37

¹ And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, ² Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Y'shua the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. ⁴ Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. ⁵ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, ⁶ And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, ⁹ If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; ¹⁰ Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Y'shua Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom Elohim raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. ¹² Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. ¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Y'shua. ¹⁴ And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. ¹⁸ And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Y'shua. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of Elohim to hearken unto you more than unto Elohim, judge ye. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. ²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified Elohim for that which was done. ²² For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. ²³ And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. ²⁴ And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to Elohim with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art Elohim, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: ²⁵ Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? ²⁶ The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. ²⁷ For of a truth against thy holy child Y'shua, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, ²⁸ For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. ²⁹ And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, ³⁰ By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Y'shua. ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of Elohim with boldness. ³² And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. ³³ And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Y'shua: and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, ³⁵ And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. ³⁶ And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas,

(which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, ³⁷ Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Prophecy - Dan 3:1-30

¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ² Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ³ Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, ⁵ That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: ⁶ And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. ⁸ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. ⁹ They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. ¹⁰ Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image: ¹¹ And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. ¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that Elohim that shall deliver you out of my hands? ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. ¹⁷ If it be so, our Elohim whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. ¹⁹ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. ²⁰ And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²² Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. ²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of Elohim. ²⁶ Then

Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high Elohim, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. ²⁷ And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the Elohim of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own Elohim. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the Elohim of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other Elohim that can deliver after this sort. ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

History - 2Ch 29:1-36

¹ Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. ² And he did that which was right in the sight of YHVH, according to all that David his father had done. ³ He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of YHVH, and repaired them. ⁴ And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, ⁵ And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of YHVH Elohim of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. ⁶ For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of YHVH our Elohim, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of YHVH, and turned their backs. ⁷ Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the Elohim of Israel. ⁸ Wherefore the wrath of YHVH was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. ⁹ For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. ¹⁰ Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with YHVH Elohim of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. ¹¹ My sons, be not now negligent: for YHVH hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense. ¹² Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: ¹³ And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah: ¹⁴ And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. ¹⁵ And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of YHVH, to cleanse the house of YHVH. ¹⁶ And the priests went into the inner part of the house of YHVH, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of YHVH into the court of the house of YHVH. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. ¹⁷ Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of YHVH: so they sanctified the house of YHVH in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. ¹⁸ Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of YHVH, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof. ¹⁹ Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of YHVH. ²⁰ Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of YHVH. ²¹ And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the

kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of YHVH.²² So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.²³ And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:²⁴ And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.²⁵ And he set the Levites in the house of YHVH with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of YHVH by his prophets.²⁶ And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.²⁷ And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of YHVH began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.²⁸ And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.²⁹ And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.³⁰ Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto YHVH with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.³¹ Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto YHVH, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of YHVH. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.³² And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to YHVH.³³ And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.³⁴ But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.³⁵ And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of YHVH was set in order.³⁶ And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that Elohim had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

Commentary

Ahavta

<http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-3/Y3-26.htm>

Yisrael, Sh'ma / Israel, Listen

Today is Yom Teruah, a rehearsal for hearing the last trump, when Yeshua will return for his bride!

See [Holy Days](#) and [Yom Teruah](#).

It may be noted that today's readings are instructions concerning entering the Promised Land - fitting for the day in which we rehearse the return of Messiah Yeshua.

To repeat an explanation here:

The basic commandments of God, from Adam until now, are to love Yahweh our God, and to love our neighbor who is created in God's image. The first five of the Ten Commandments detail how we are to love Yahweh our God (**they all contain God's sacred Name**), and the next five detail how we are to love our neighbor (**none of them contain God's Name**). There are 613 commandments in the Torah that further detail these ten.

The 613 commandments are Biblically divided into three categories. They are (**mishpatim**) judgments, (**edot**) ordinances, and (**huqqim**) statutes.

The judgments are what we usually call the moral and ethical laws. They are the most obvious to our consciences, like forbidding murder and stealing.

The ordinances – and these are the “ordinances of the church” (1 Corinthians 11:2) since the “church in the wilderness” (Acts 7:38), are those traditions from God that we observe in order to keep His spiritual understandings before us. They include Yahweh's Feasts (commonly translated “the Lord's Supper”, and usually misunderstood), and (*miqvah*) baptism, among many others.

The statutes are those commandments for which God has not given us obvious reason, but their observance brings us closer to Him. An example is (*kashrut*) the commandments concerning what is kosher for eating – those things God has given us for food.

(V.1) Moses here exhorts God's people to obey all of the Torah. He instructs them to obey (*sh'ma*) the statutes (*hukim*) – the least obvious, and the judgments (*mishpatim*) – the most obvious moral laws; this implies the ordinances (*edot*) also, making all of the Torah.

He says, “*that you may live and go in and take possession of the land*”. Only those who are purified will live, and go in and take possession of the Renewed Earth. There will be no sin there: “*nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life*” – Revelation 21:27.

When we are purified, God's Torah will be written on our hearts, and we will keep it wholeheartedly (Jeremiah 31:31).

(V.2) We are forbidden to add to or take away from the words of the Torah. They are not situational ethics, and they do not change. We should understand, however, that there are commandments that take precedence over others: an obvious example would be that the preservation of life and health takes precedence over forbidden work on the Sabbath or fasting on the Day of the Atonements. There are also, ordained by God, *halachic* rulings concerning how we should walk (act) in various situations in order to fulfill Torah.

(V.6) These things were written for our wisdom and understanding, to make us a great nation, above all others.

(V.25) God, who knows the end from the beginning, clearly said: “*When*” (not if) “*you have remained long in the land, and act corruptly . . . Yahweh will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations . . . But from there you will seek Yahweh your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.*” But when we are perfected, and enter the Promised Land, we will not again forsake God, and will never be cast out.

(V.10 & 35) We should be in awe of our Holy God. He sent His Torah with great wondrous signs: “*To you it was shown that you might know that Yahweh, He is God; there is no other besides Him . . . Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that Yahweh, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.*”

Isaiah prophesies of the still future coming of Messiah and the restoration. “¹ *‘Comfort, O comfort My people,’ says your God.* ² *‘Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of Yahweh’s hand double for all her sins.’* ³ *A voice is calling, ‘Clear the way for Yahweh in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.* ⁴ *Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley;* ⁵ *then the glory of Yahweh will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.’*”

Moses says, “³⁹ *Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that Yahweh, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.*” And Isaiah says, “²⁵ *‘To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?’ says the Holy One.*”

John the baptizer came preaching repentance. His baptism was “*the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins*” (Luke 3:3) – the baptism that had long been performed during this forty days of repentance leading up to the Day of the Atonements (today being the thirtieth day). To those who were proudly religious, John said, (v.7) “*Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*” He was pointedly contrasting the repentant with those who were facing wrath to come.

When asked who he was, John spoke of Messiah who would follow him (v.16-17), who would “*baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*” He would “*gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*” Baptism with fire relates to the wicked! The Holy Spirit itself is not Biblically symbolized by fire. [In Acts 2:3, “*tongues as of fire*” were words that burned! See v.19, 23, & 36-37.]

The wicked are warned to flee the fire to come. We are instructed on how to love our savior and our neighbor.