

# Triennial Parasha Reading for Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 2010

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### Psalm 151 (RSTNE) <sup>3972</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3973</sup> I was small among my brothers and youngest in my abba's bayit <sup>(fathers house)</sup>: I tended my abba's sheep. <sup>2</sup> My hands formed a musical instrument, and my fingers tuned a guitar. <sup>3</sup> And who shall tell my YHVH? The Master Himself, He Himself will hear. <sup>4</sup> He sent forth His heavenly malach <sup>(angel/messenger)</sup>, and took me from my abba's sheep, and He anointed me with the oil of His anointing. <sup>5</sup> My brothers were handsome and tall; but YHVH did not take pleasure in them. <sup>6</sup> I went forth to meet the Plishti <sup>(Philistine)</sup>; and he cursed me by his idols. <sup>7</sup> But I drew his own sword, and beheaded him, and removed reproach from the children of Yisrael <sup>(Israel)</sup>.

RSTNE Footnotes: **3972:** Found in the LXX-Septuagint and DSS; **3973:** YHWH raised up David and his future throne.

## Torah - Deu 31:14-30

### *Moses' Death Draws Near*

<sup>14</sup> And YHVH said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. <sup>15</sup> And YHVH appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. <sup>16</sup> And YHVH said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. <sup>17</sup> Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our Elohim is not among us? <sup>18</sup> And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

### *The Torah as a Testimony Against the People*

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. <sup>20</sup> For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear. <sup>22</sup> Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. <sup>23</sup> And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee. <sup>24</sup> And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, <sup>25</sup> That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of YHVH, saying, <sup>26</sup> Take **Aleph Tav** this book of the law this, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of YHVH your Elohim, that it may be there for a witness against thee. <sup>27</sup> For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against YHVH; and how much more after my death? <sup>28</sup> Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words **Aleph Tav** in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. <sup>29</sup> For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of YHVH, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. <sup>30</sup> And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

## My Commentary and Notes

### Standalone Aleph Tav for Deu 31:26, 28; Neh 9-6, 32

For an explanation of the Aleph Tav teaching, click here → [Word Doc](#) version or [PDF](#) version

**Deu 31:26** Take **Aleph Tav** this book of the law this, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of YHVH your Elohim, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

**Deu 31:28** Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words **Aleph Tav** in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

**Deu 31:26** לקח | Take את H3947 את ספר H853 ספר H5612 book התורה H5612  
אתו H853 H7760 and put ושמתם H2088 this, הזה H8451 of the law,  
מצד H6654 it in the side ארון H727 of the ark ברית H1285 of the  
יהוה H3068 of the LORD אלהיכם H430 your God, והיה  
שם H1961 that it may be H8033 there: בכ לעד H5707 for a witness:

**Deu 31:28** הקהילו H6950 Gather אלי H413 unto את H853 את-כל  
זקני H3605 me all זקני H2205 the elders שבטיכם H7626 of your tribes,  
ושטריכם H7860 and your officers, ואדברתי H1696 that I may speak  
באזניהם H241 in their ears, את H853 את הדברים H1697 words  
האלה H428 these, ואעידה H5749 and call את H853 את-בם  
השמים H8064 heaven, ואת H853 את הארץ H776 and earth:

## Standalone Aleph Tav for Neh 9:6, 32

<sup>6</sup> Thou, even thou, art YHVH alone **Aleph Tav**; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

H853 את H905 alone; לברך H3068 LORD יהוה H1931 thou הוא H859 Thou אתה Neh 9:6  
עשית H6213 hast made את H853 השמים H8064 heaven שמי H8064 the heaven השמים  
H3605 וכל H776 the earth הארץ H6635 their host צבאם H3605 with all וכל H8064 of heavens,  
H3605 and all אשר H3220 the seas הימים H5921 therein עליה H834 that אשר and all  
H3605 them all; את H853 כלם H2421 preservest מחיה H859 thou ואתה H834 that  
H7812 worshippeth: לך משתחווים H8064 of heaven השמים H6635 and the host וצבא

<sup>32</sup> Now therefore, our Elohim, the great, the mighty, and the terrible Elohim, who keepst covenant and mercy, let not seem little before **Aleph Tav** all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

H1419 הגדול H410 God האל H430 therefore, our God אלהינו H6258 Now ועתה Neh 9:32  
H8104 who keepst שומר H3372 and the terrible והנורא H1368 the mighty הגבור the great,  
H4591 seem little ימעט H408 let not אל H2617 and mercy והחסד H1285 covenant הברית  
H834 thee, that אשר H8513 the trouble התלאה H3605 all כל H853 את H6440 before לפניך  
H8269 on our princes לשרינו H4428 us, on our kings למלכינו H4672 hath come upon מצאתנו  
H1 and on ולאבתינו H5030 and on our prophets ולנביאנו H3548 and on our priests ולכהנינו  
H3117 since the time מימי H5971 thy people עמך H3605 and on all ולכל our fathers,  
H2088 this: הוזה H3117 day היום H5704 unto עד H804 of Assyria אשר H4428 of the kings

## Mitzvot for this parasha

Source: [www.jewfaq.org](http://www.jewfaq.org)

Verse(s)	Mitzvah Number	Category	Law
<b>Deu 31:19</b>	16	Torah	That every person shall write a scroll of the Torah for himself. See Torah.

### My comment

What? This is a cool idea, but is that what this verse means?

**Deu 31:19** Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

### Haftorah - Isa 55:6-56:8

<sup>6</sup> Seek ye YHVH while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto YHVH, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our Elohim, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith YHVH. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: <sup>11</sup> So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. <sup>12</sup> For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to YHVH for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. <sup>1</sup> Thus saith YHVH, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. <sup>3</sup> Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to YHVH, speak, saying, YHVH hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. <sup>4</sup> For thus saith YHVH unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; <sup>5</sup> Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. <sup>6</sup> Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to YHVH, to serve him, and to love the name of YHVH, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; <sup>7</sup> Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. <sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

## Haftorah - Hos 14:2-9

<sup>2</sup> Take with you words, and turn to YHVH: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips. <sup>3</sup> Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy. <sup>4</sup> I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. <sup>5</sup> I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. <sup>7</sup> They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. <sup>8</sup> Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. <sup>9</sup> Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of YHVH are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

## Haftorah - Mic 7:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Who is a Elohim like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. <sup>19</sup> He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup> Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

## Haftorah - Joe 2:15-27

<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: <sup>16</sup> Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. <sup>17</sup> Let the priests, the ministers of YHVH, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, YHVH, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their Elohim? <sup>18</sup> Then will YHVH be jealous for his land, and pity his people. <sup>19</sup> Yea, YHVH will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: <sup>20</sup> But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. <sup>21</sup> Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for YHVH will do great things. <sup>22</sup> Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. <sup>23</sup> Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in YHVH your Elohim: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. <sup>24</sup> And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. <sup>26</sup> And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of YHVH your Elohim, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. <sup>27</sup> And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am YHVH your Elohim, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

## **Brit - Joh 12:35-14:26**

<sup>35</sup> Then Y'shua said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. <sup>36</sup> While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Y'shua, and departed, and did hide himself from them. <sup>37</sup> But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: <sup>38</sup> That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, <sup>40</sup> He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. <sup>41</sup> These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: <sup>43</sup> For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of Elohim. <sup>44</sup> Y'shua cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. <sup>45</sup> And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. <sup>46</sup> I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. <sup>47</sup> And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup> He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

<sup>13:1</sup> Now before the feast of the passover, when Y'shua knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. <sup>2</sup> And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; <sup>3</sup> Y'shua knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from Elohim, and went to Elohim; <sup>4</sup> He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. <sup>5</sup> After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. <sup>6</sup> Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? <sup>7</sup> Y'shua answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. <sup>8</sup> Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Y'shua answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. <sup>10</sup> Y'shua saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. <sup>11</sup> For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. <sup>12</sup> So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. <sup>17</sup> If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. <sup>18</sup> I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. <sup>19</sup> Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. <sup>21</sup> When Y'shua had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. <sup>22</sup> Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. <sup>23</sup> Now there was leaning on Y'shua' bosom one of his disciples, whom Y'shua loved. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. <sup>25</sup> He then lying on Y'shua' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? <sup>26</sup> Y'shua answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. <sup>27</sup> And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Y'shua unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. <sup>28</sup> Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. <sup>29</sup> For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Y'shua had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he

should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, when he was gone out, Y'shua said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and Elohim is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If Elohim be glorified in him, Elohim shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. <sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Y'shua answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. <sup>37</sup> Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. <sup>38</sup> Y'shua answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

<sup>14:1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in Elohim, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. <sup>4</sup> And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. <sup>5</sup> Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? <sup>6</sup> Y'shua saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. <sup>7</sup> If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. <sup>8</sup> Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. <sup>9</sup> Y'shua saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? <sup>10</sup> Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. <sup>12</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> If ye love me, keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. <sup>20</sup> At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. <sup>22</sup> Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? <sup>23</sup> Y'shua answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. <sup>24</sup> He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. <sup>25</sup> These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

## Gospel - Act 25

<sup>1</sup> Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, <sup>3</sup> And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him. <sup>4</sup> But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither. <sup>5</sup> Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him. <sup>6</sup> And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup> And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. <sup>8</sup> While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all. <sup>9</sup> But Festus, willing to do the Jews a

pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? <sup>10</sup> Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. <sup>11</sup> For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar. <sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go. <sup>13</sup> And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus. <sup>14</sup> And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix: <sup>15</sup> About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him. <sup>16</sup> To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth. <sup>18</sup> Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed: <sup>19</sup> But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Y'shua, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. <sup>20</sup> And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters. <sup>21</sup> But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar. <sup>22</sup> Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him. <sup>23</sup> And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth. <sup>24</sup> And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. <sup>25</sup> But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him. <sup>26</sup> Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write. <sup>27</sup> For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.

## Prophecy - Rev 18 and 19

<sup>1</sup> And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. <sup>3</sup> For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. <sup>4</sup> And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Elohim hath remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup> Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. <sup>7</sup> How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. <sup>8</sup> Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord Elohim who judgeth her. <sup>9</sup> And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, <sup>10</sup> Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. <sup>11</sup> And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: <sup>12</sup> The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyne wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, <sup>13</sup> And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. <sup>14</sup> And the fruits

that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. <sup>15</sup> The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, <sup>16</sup> And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! <sup>17</sup> For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, <sup>18</sup> And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! <sup>19</sup> And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. <sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for Elohim hath avenged you on her. <sup>21</sup> And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. <sup>22</sup> And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; <sup>23</sup> And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. <sup>24</sup> And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

**19:1** And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our Elohim: <sup>2</sup> For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. <sup>3</sup> And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. <sup>4</sup> And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped Elohim that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. <sup>5</sup> And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Elohim, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. <sup>6</sup> And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord Elohim omnipotent reigneth. <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. <sup>9</sup> And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of Elohim. <sup>10</sup> And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Y'shua: worship Elohim: for the testimony of Y'shua is the spirit of prophecy. <sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. <sup>13</sup> And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of Elohim. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty Elohim. <sup>16</sup> And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND YHVH OF YHVHS. <sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great Elohim; <sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

## History - Neh 8 and 9

<sup>1</sup> And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which YHVH had commanded to Israel. <sup>2</sup> And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed YHVH, the great Elohim. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped YHVH with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. <sup>8</sup> So they read in the book in the law of Elohim distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. <sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto YHVH your Elohim; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our YHVH: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of YHVH is your strength. <sup>11</sup> So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. <sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. <sup>13</sup> And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. <sup>14</sup> And they found written in the law which YHVH had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: <sup>15</sup> And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. <sup>16</sup> So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of Elohim, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim. <sup>17</sup> And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. <sup>18</sup> Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of Elohim. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

<sup>9:1</sup> Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. <sup>2</sup> And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. <sup>3</sup> And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of YHVH their Elohim one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped YHVH their Elohim. <sup>4</sup> Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto YHVH their Elohim. <sup>5</sup> Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless YHVH your Elohim for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. <sup>6</sup> Thou, even thou, art YHVH alone **Aleph Tav**; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. <sup>7</sup> Thou art YHVH the Elohim, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; <sup>8</sup> And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and

hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous: <sup>9</sup> And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; <sup>10</sup> And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day. <sup>11</sup> And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. <sup>12</sup> Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. <sup>13</sup> Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: <sup>14</sup> And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: <sup>15</sup> And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them. <sup>16</sup> But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, <sup>17</sup> And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a Elohim ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. <sup>18</sup> Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy Elohim that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; <sup>19</sup> Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go. <sup>20</sup> Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. <sup>21</sup> Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. <sup>22</sup> Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. <sup>23</sup> Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. <sup>24</sup> So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would. <sup>25</sup> And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness. <sup>26</sup> Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations. <sup>27</sup> Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. <sup>28</sup> But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; <sup>29</sup> And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. <sup>30</sup> Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands. <sup>31</sup> Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful Elohim. <sup>32</sup> Now therefore, our Elohim, the great, the mighty, and the terrible Elohim, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not seem little before **Aleph Tav** all the trouble ~~seem little before~~ thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. <sup>33</sup> Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly: <sup>34</sup> Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. <sup>35</sup> For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they

from their wicked works. <sup>36</sup> Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it: <sup>37</sup> And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. <sup>38</sup> And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

## Commentary

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## Ahavta

### Commentary - Year 3 Sabbath 48

**Deuteronomy 31:14-30 - Judges 2:1-15; Daniel 4:28-37 - Psalm 145 - John 12:35 - 14:26**

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Note: In today's news, many Jewish leaders are condemning the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, even asking the Pope to proclaim that the Jews did not kill Jesus.

Now, we believe that Yeshua gave up His life willingly, because of our sins.

However, Stephen said that the Jews killed Yeshua (Acts 7:52), and Paul said so (1 Thessalonians 7:52). And, another ancient Jewish writing, the Talmud which these Jews of today claim to accept, says so!

*"Yeshua the Nazarean . . . was hanged on the eve of Passover"* (Sanhedrin 43a).

### ***Hen Karvu / They are Drawing Near***

We are nearing the end of the Torah cycle, Moses is about to die (though he is not weak or sick) and this is the last of the 613 commandments: (v.19) *"Write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips"*. This song is to be *"a witness"* for Yahweh. [Next week's portion will be the song.]

Though the Pharaoh of Egypt had ordered all of the sons of Israel to be killed at birth (Exodus 3:10), Moses was secreted away and grew up in Egypt: he lived to fulfill God's plan of delivering Israel.

Though King Herod had ordered all of the male children around Bethlehem to be killed (Matthew 2:16-18), Yeshua was secreted away to Egypt: He lived to fulfill God's plan of redemption.

As God called Moses out of Egypt, so He also called Yeshua out of Egypt: *"Out of Egypt have I called My Son"* (Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:15).

Through Moses, God sent plagues upon the Egyptians (hail, water turning to blood, darkness), warning of the imminent judgment, unless they were under the blood of a Passover lamb.

Through Yeshua, God will send plagues upon the world (hail, water turning to blood, darkness), warning of imminent judgment, unless they are covered by the blood of Yeshua – the Passover Lamb of God.

## Moses

In today's portion, we see that Moses is about to leave the earth. He is foretelling that, after his death, Israel will be disobedient, and will face the curses of the past few chapters. Israel actually was obedient until the death of Joshua, who had been directly instructed by Moses to lead the people.

(V.16-17) *"Yahweh said to Moses, 'Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they shall be consumed, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them'."*

In **Judges** we find that, when Joshua died at one-hundred-ten, the following generation forsook Yahweh and followed the ways of the surrounding people. So Yahweh's anger burned against them.

In a thousand-year period, the Temple of God was destroyed twice. Since then, there have been almost two-thousand years of destruction upon Israel. There have been crusades, holocaust, and pogroms up to the present day.

In **Daniel** we read of King Nebuchadnezzar: he exalted himself as powerful and glorious, until Yahweh suddenly made him mad. He became as an animal in the wild. Then Yahweh gave him a sane mind, and before all the people he exalted the God of Heaven.

## Yeshua

When Yeshua was about to leave the earth, He foretold that, after His ascension, the people would be disobedient, and face the curses previously pronounced. The disciples were actually relatively obedient until the death of the Apostles, who had been directly instructed by Yeshua.

**John** records Yeshua's words: while He was with men, they were admonished to follow Him – the Light. Upon His leaving the earth, the Apostles led until their deaths. The disciples then were misled into idolatry. Paul said, *"I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them"* (Acts 20:29-30).

So today, we are descended from those who went astray. Churches look to "ancient fathers" for truth – fathers of generations after the Apostles, fathers who were already idolatrous.

But, God has graciously given some of us a desire to return to Him – to repent (*"The goodness of God leads us to repentance"* – Romans 2:4). God left us a song for a witness.

When we are confessing to God and asking forgiveness, do we realize that we need deliverance from doing those things that caused Yeshua's suffering? We are not just "pardoned" without consequence to anyone. Even though His suffering may be seen as past, it was for the sins we commit now! Therefore, to love Yahweh with all of our heart means to learn to forsake sin.

Yeshua washed His disciples' feet, because though they were redeemed, they committed daily sins, for which they required daily cleansing. We have been cleansed by Yeshua, but our daily walk in God's instruction – our *halacha* – needs daily cleansing and correction.

Yeshua said, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up!" (John 2:19-21). While He was speaking of the temple of His own body, we see another fulfillment – the resurrection of the stone Temple that represented the heavenly one. Yeshua was raised three days after His burial (Wednesday afternoon to Sabbath afternoon, not Friday afternoon to Sunday morning); The Temple of the Holy One at Jerusalem will be raised three-thousand years after it was destroyed (We are not trying to predict an exact year, but count roughly full millenniums). There will be a return of Israel to their land, as promised. And there will be a return to God of His people, when He grants our final redemption.

While people tend to believe in happenstance, HaAzinu foretells the history of Israel, thereby testifying to God's providence – the people's fate is always a consequence of their behavior, the consequence being God's reward and punishment.

“Your days are drawing near (you will not be around to lead); write this prophetic song for a witness, and call upon heaven and earth to comply (with reward and punishment - whether heaven will give rains in due time, or earth will produce bountiful harvest).”

(Deuteronomy 31:26) The Torah scroll either lay beside the Stone Tablets within the Ark, or on a board projecting from the side of the Ark.

Yeshua engraved the Ten Words in stone, and He is the Living Torah. He said, *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him. . . .If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him”* (John 14:21-23).

*“I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also”* (John 14:3).

He Who has begun a good work in us (repentance), will continue it until the Day of Messiah Yeshua – the day of our final redemption (Philippians 1:6).