

Nitzavim & Va'yelekh

Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20
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Complete Jewish Bible

Deuteronomy 29:9-29

9 Therefore, observe the words of this covenant and obey them; so that you can make everything you do prosper. **10** "Today you are standing, all of you, before ADONAI your God - your heads, your tribes, your leaders and your officers - all the men of Isra'el, **11** along with your little ones, your wives and your foreigners here with you in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water. **12** The purpose is that you should enter into the covenant of ADONAI your God and into his oath which ADONAI your God is making with you today, **13** so that he can establish you today for himself as a people, and so that for you he will be God -as he said to you and as he swore to your ancestors, to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov. **14** "But I am not making this covenant and this oath only with you. **15** Rather, I am making it both with him who is standing here with us today before ADONAI our God and also with him who is not here with us today. **16** For you know how we lived in the land of Egypt and how we came directly through the nations you passed through; **17** and you saw their detestable things and their idols of wood, stone, silver and gold that they had with them. **18** So let there not be among you a man, woman, family or tribe whose heart turns away today from ADONAI our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Let there not be among you a root bearing such bitter poison and wormwood. **19** If there is such a person, when he hears the words of this curse, he will bless himself secretly, saying to himself, 'I will be all right, even though I will stubbornly keep doing whatever I feel like doing; so that I, although "dry," [sinful,] will be added to the "watered" [righteous].'**20** But ADONAI will not forgive him. Rather, the anger and jealousy of ADONAI will blaze up against that person. Every curse written in this book will be upon him. ADONAI will blot out his name from under heaven. **21** ADONAI will single him out from all the tribes of Isra'el to experience what is bad in all the curses of the covenant written in this book of the Torah. **22** "When the next generation, your children who will grow up after you, and the foreigner who arrives from a distant land, see the plagues of that land and the diseases with which ADONAI has made it sick, **23** and that the whole land has become burning sulfur and salt, that it isn't being sown or bearing crops or even producing grass - like the overthrow of S'dom, 'Amora, Admah and Tzvoyim, which ADONAI overthrew in his furious anger - **24** then all the nations will ask, 'Why did ADONAI do this to this land? What is the meaning of such frenzied, furious anger?' **25** People will answer, 'It's because they abandoned the covenant of ADONAI, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. **26** They went and served other gods, prostrating themselves before them, gods they had not known and which he had not assigned them. **27** For this reason, the anger of ADONAI blazed up against this land and brought upon it every curse written in this book; **28** and ADONAI, in anger, fury and incensed with indignation, uprooted them from their land and threw them out into another land - as it is today.'**29** "Things which are hidden belong to ADONAI our God. But the things that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever, so that we can observe all the words of this Torah.

Deuteronomy 30

1 "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which ADONAI your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you; **2** and you will return to ADONAI your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today - you and your children, with all your heart and all your being. **3** At that point, ADONAI your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and

gather you from all the peoples to which ADONAI your God scattered you. **4** If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, ADONAI your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you. **5** ADONAI your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors. **6** Then ADONAI your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your children, so that you will love ADONAI your God with all your heart and all your being, and thus you will live. **7** ADONAI your God will put all these curses on your enemies, on those who hated and persecuted you; **8** but you will return and pay attention to what ADONAI says and obey all his mitzvot which I am giving you today. **9** Then ADONAI your God will give you more than enough in everything you set out to do - the fruit of your body, the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your land will all do well; for ADONAI will once again rejoice to see you do well, just as he rejoiced in your ancestors. **10** "However, all this will happen only if you pay attention to what ADONAI your God says, so that you obey his mitzvot and regulations which are written in this book of the Torah, if you turn to ADONAI your God with all your heart and all your being.

11 For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach. **12** It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' **13** Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' **14** On the contrary, the word is very close to you - in your mouth, even in your heart; therefore, you can do it!

15 "Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil - **16** in that I am ordering you today to love ADONAI your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings ; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and ADONAI your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it. **17** But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them; **18** I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to enter and possess. **19** "I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, so that you will live, you and your descendants, **20** loving ADONAI your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him - for that is the purpose of your life! On this depends the length of time you will live in the land ADONAI swore he would give to your ancestors Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov."

Deuteronomy 31

1 Moshe went and spoke the following words to all Isra'el: **2** "I am 120 years old today. I can't get around any longer; moreover, ADONAI has said to me, 'You will not cross this Yarden.' **3** ADONAI your God -he will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations ahead of you, and you will dispossess them. Y'hoshua - he will cross over ahead of you, as ADONAI has said. **4** ADONAI will do to them what he did to Sichon and 'Og, the kings of the Emori, and to their land - he destroyed them. **5** ADONAI will defeat them ahead of you, and you are to do to them just as I have ordered you to do. **6** Be strong, be bold, don't be afraid or frightened of them, for ADONAI your God is going with you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." **7** Next Moshe summoned Y'hoshua and, in the sight of all Isra'el, said to him, "Be strong, be bold, for you are going with this people into the land ADONAI swore to their ancestors he would give them. You will be the one causing them to inherit it. **8** But ADONAI - it is he who will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you, so don't be afraid or downhearted." **9** Then Moshe wrote down this Torah and gave it to the cohanim, the descendants of Levi who carried the ark with the covenant of ADONAI, and to all the leaders of Isra'el. **10** Moshe gave them these orders: "At the end of every seven years, during the festival of Sukkot in the year of sh'mittah, **11** when all Isra'el have come to appear in the presence of ADONAI at the place he will choose, you are to read this Torah before all Isra'el, so that they can hear it. **12** Assemble the people-the men, the women,

the little ones and the foreigners you have in your towns -so that they can hear, learn, fear ADONAI your God and take care to obey all the words of this Torah; **13** and so that their children, who have not known, can hear and learn to fear ADONAI your God, for as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Yarden to possess." **14** ADONAI said to Moshe, "The time is coming for you to die. Summon Y'hoshua, and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, so that I can commission him." Moshe and Y'hoshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. **15** ADONAI appeared in the tent in a column of cloud; the column of cloud stood above the entrance to the tent. **16** ADONAI said to Moshe, "You are about to sleep with your ancestors. But this people will get up and offer themselves as prostitutes to the foreign gods of the land where they are going. When they are with those gods, they will abandon me and break my covenant which I have made with them. **17** Then my anger will flare up, and I will abandon them and hide my face from them. They will be devoured, and many calamities and troubles will come upon them. Then they will ask, 'Haven't these calamities come upon us because our God isn't here with us?' **18** But I will be hiding my face from them because of all the evil they will have done in turning to other gods. **19** "Therefore, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the people of Isra'el. Have them learn it by heart, so that this song can be a witness for me against the people of Isra'el. **20** For when I have brought them into the land I swore to their ancestors, flowing with milk and honey; and they have eaten their fill, grown fat and turned to other gods, serving them and despising me, and broken my covenant; **21** then, after many calamities and troubles have come upon them, this song will testify before them as a witness, because their descendants will still be reciting it and will not have forgotten it. For I know how they think even now, even before I have brought them into the land about which I swore." **22** So Moshe wrote this song that same day and taught it to the people of Isra'el. **23** ADONAI also commissioned Y'hoshua the son of Nun with these words: "Be strong and full of courage; for you are to bring the people of Isra'el into the land about which I swore to them; and I will be with you." **24** Moshe kept writing the words of this Torah in a book until he was done. When he had finished, **25** Moshe gave these orders to the L'vi'im who carried the ark with the covenant of ADONAI: **26** "Take this book of the Torah and put it next to the ark with the covenant of ADONAI your God, so that it can be there to witness against you. **27** For I know how rebellious and stiffnecked you are! Here, even while I am still alive with you today, you have rebelled against ADONAI; so how much more will you do so after my death? **28** Assemble for me all the leaders of your tribes and your officials, so that I can say these things in their hearing, calling heaven and earth to witness against them - **29** because I know that after my death you will become very corrupt and turn aside from the way that I have ordered you, and that disaster will come upon you in the acharit-hayamim, because you will do what ADONAI sees as evil and provoke him by your deeds." **30** Then Moshe spoke in the hearing of the whole assembly of Isra'el the words of this song, from beginning to end:

Isaiah 61:10-11

10 I am so joyful in ADONAI! My soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in salvation, dressed me with a robe of triumph, like a bridegroom wearing a festive turban, like a bride adorned with her jewels. **11** For just as the earth brings forth its plants, or a garden makes its plants spring up, so ADONAI, God, will cause victory and glory to spring up before all nations.

Isaiah 62

1 For Tziyon's sake I will not be silent, for Yerushalayim's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out brightly and her salvation like a blazing torch. **2** The nations will see your vindication and all kings your glory. Then you will be called by a new name which ADONAI himself will pronounce. **3** You will be a glorious crown in the hand of ADONAI, a royal diadem held by your God. **4** You will no longer be spoken of as 'Azuvah [Abandoned] or your land be spoken of as 'Sh'mamah [Desolate]; rather, you will be called Heftzi-Vah [My-Delight-Is-In-Her] and your land Be'ulah [Married]. For ADONAI delights in you, and your land will be married **5** as a young man marries a young woman, your sons will marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, your God will rejoice over you.

6 I have posted watchmen on your walls, Yerushalayim; they will never fall silent, neither by day nor by night. You who call on ADONAI, give yourselves no rest; **7** and give him no rest till he restores Yerushalayim and makes it a praise on earth. **8** ADONAI has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain to your enemies as food; nor will strangers drink your wine, for which you worked so hard; **9** but those who harvest the grain will eat it with praises to ADONAI; those who gathered the wine will drink it in the courtyards of my sanctuary."

10 Go on through, go on through the gates, clear the way for the people! Build up a highway, build it up! Clear away the stones! Raise a banner for the peoples! **11** ADONAI has proclaimed to the end of the earth, "Say to the daughter of Tziyon, 'Here, your Salvation is coming! Here, his reward is with him, and his recompense is before him.'" **12** They will call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of ADONAI. You will be called D'rushah [Sought-After], 'Ir Lo Ne'ezvah [City-No-Longer-Abandoned].

Isaiah 63:1-9

1 Who is this, coming from Edom, from Botzrah with clothing stained crimson, so magnificently dressed, so stately in his great strength? "It is I, who speak victoriously, I, well able to save."
2 Why is your apparel red, your clothes like someone treading a winepress? **3** "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the peoples, not one was with me. So I trod them in my anger, trampled them in my fury; so their lifeblood spurted out on my clothing, and I have stained all my garments; **4** for the day of vengeance that was in my heart and my year of redemption have come. **5** I looked, but there was no one to help, and I was appalled that no one upheld me. Therefore my own arm brought me salvation, and my own fury upheld me. **6** In my anger I trod down the peoples, made them drunk with my fury, then poured out their lifeblood on the earth."

7 I will recall the grace of ADONAI and the praises of ADONAI, because of all that ADONAI has granted us and his great goodness toward the house of Isra'el, which he bestowed on them in keeping with his mercy, in keeping with the greatness of his grace. **8** For he said, "They are indeed my people, children who are not disloyal." So he became their Savior. **9** In all their troubles he was troubled; then the Angel of His Presence saved them; in his love and pity he redeemed them. He had lifted them up and carried them throughout the days of old.

Hosea 14:1-9

1 Return, Isra'el, to ADONAI your God, for your guilt has made you stumble. **2** Take words with you, and return to ADONAI; say to him, "Forgive all guilt, and accept what is good; we will pay instead of bulls [the offerings of] our lips. **3** Ashur will not save us, we will not ride on horses, and we will no longer call what we made with our hands our gods. For it is only in you that the fatherless can find mercy." **4** "I will heal their disloyalty, I will love them freely; for my anger has turned from him. **5** I will be like dew to Isra'el; he will blossom like a lily and strike roots like the L'vanon. **6** His branches will spread out, his beauty be like an olive tree and his fragrance like the L'vanon. **7** Again they will live in his shade and raise grain; they will blossom like a vine, and its aroma will be like the wine of the L'vanon. **8** Efrayim [will say], 'What have I to do any more with idols?' And I, I answer and affirm him; I am like a fresh, green cypress tree; your fruitfulness comes from me." **9** Let the wise understand these things, and let the discerning know them. For the ways of ADONAI are straight, And the righteous walk in them, but in them sinners stumble.

Micah 7:18-20

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning the sin and overlooking the crimes of the remnant of his heritage? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in grace. **19** He will again

have compassion on us, he will subdue our iniquities. You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea. **20** You will show truth to Ya'akov and grace to Avraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors since days of long ago.

Joel 2:15-27

15 "Blow the shofar in Tziyon! Proclaim a holy fast, call for a solemn assembly." **16** Gather the people; consecrate the congregation; assemble the leaders; gather the children, even infants sucking at the breast; let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride the bridal chamber. **17** Let the cohanim, who serve ADONAI, stand weeping between the vestibule and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, ADONAI! Don't expose your heritage to mockery, or make them a byword among the Goyim. Why should the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'" **18** Then ADONAI will become jealous for his land and have pity on his people. **19** Here is how ADONAI will answer his people: "I will send you grain, wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy you; and no longer will I make you a mockery among the Goyim. **20** No, I will take the northerner away, far away from you, and drive him to a land that is waste and barren; with his vanguard toward the eastern sea and his rearguard toward the western sea, his stench and his rottenness will rise, because he has done great things." **21** Don't fear, O soil; be glad! rejoice! for ADONAI has done great things. **22** Don't be afraid, wild animals; for the desert pastures are green, the trees are putting out their fruit, the fig tree and vine are giving full yield. **23** Be glad, people of Tziyon! rejoice in ADONAI your God! For he is giving you the right amount of rain in the fall, he makes the rain come down for you, the fall and spring rains - this is what he does first. **24** Then the floors will be full of grain and the vats overflow with wine and olive oil. **25** "I will restore to you the years that the locusts ate, the grasshoppers, shearer-worms and cutter-worms, my great army that I sent against you. **26** You will eat until you are satisfied and will praise the name of ADONAI your God, who has done with you such wonders. Then my people will never again be shamed. **27** You will know that I am with Isra'el and that I am ADONAI your God, and that there is no other. Then my people will never again be shamed.

Romans 9:30-31

30 So, what are we to say? This: that Gentiles, even though they were not striving for righteousness, have obtained righteousness; but it is a righteousness grounded in trusting!
31 However, Isra'el, even though they kept pursuing a Torah that offers righteousness, did not reach what the Torah offers. **32** Why? Because they did not pursue righteousness as being grounded in trusting but as if it were grounded in doing legalistic works. They stumbled over the stone that makes people stumble. **33** As the Tanakh puts it, "Look, I am laying in Tziyon a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will trip them up. But he who rests his trust on it will not be humiliated."

Romans 10:1-13

1 Brothers, my heart's deepest desire and my prayer to God for Isra'el is for their salvation; **2** for I can testify to their zeal for God. But it is not based on correct understanding; **3** for, since they are unaware of God's way of making people righteous and instead seek to set up their own, they have not submitted themselves to God's way of making people righteous. **4** For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts. **5** For Moshe writes about the righteousness grounded in the Torah that the person who does these things will attain life through them. **6** Moreover, the righteousness grounded in trusting says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend to heaven?'" that is, to bring the Messiah down - **7** or, "'Who will descend into Sh'ol?'" that is, to bring the Messiah up from the dead. **8** What, then, does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. "I that is, the word about trust which we proclaim, namely, **9** that if you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be delivered. **10** For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness, while with the mouth one keeps

on making public acknowledgement and thus continues toward deliverance. **11** For the passage quoted says that everyone who rests his trust on him will not be humiliated.

12 That means that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile - ADONAI is the same for everyone, rich toward everyone who calls on him, **13** since everyone who calls on the name of ADONAI will be delivered.

Hebrews 12:14-15

14 Keep pursuing shalom with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. **15** See to it that no one misses out on God's grace, that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble and thus contaminates many,

Hebrews 13:5-8

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money; and be satisfied with what you have; for God himself has said, "I will never fail you or abandon you." **6** Therefore, we say with confidence, "ADONAI is my helper; I will not be afraid what can a human being do to me?" **7** Remember your leaders, those who spoke God's message to you. Reflect on the results of their way of life, and imitate their trust - **8** Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever.