

Simchat Torah

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Complete Jewish Bible

Deuteronomy 33

1 This is the blessing that Moshe, the man of God, spoke over the people of Isra'el before his death: **2** "ADONAI came from Sinai; from Se'ir he dawned on his people, shone forth from Mount Pa'ran; and with him were myriads of holy ones; at his right hand was a fiery law for them. **3** He truly loves the peoples -all his holy ones are in your hand; sitting at your feet, they receive your instruction, **4** the Torah Moshe commanded us as an inheritance for the community of Ya'akov. **5** Then a king arose in Yeshurun when the leaders of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Isra'el together. **6** "Let Re'uven live and not die out, even though his numbers grow few." **7** Of Y'hudah he said: "Hear, ADONAI, the cry of Y'hudah! Bring him in to his people, let his own hands defend him; but you, help him against his enemies." **8** Of Levi he said: "Let your tumim and urim be with your pious one, whom you tested at Massah, with whom you struggled at M'rivah Spring. **9** Of his father and mother he said, 'I don't know them'; he didn't acknowledge his brothers or children. For he observed your word, and he kept your covenant. **10** They will teach Ya'akov your rulings, Isra'el your Torah. They will set incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar. **11** ADONAI, bless his possessions, accept the work he does; but crush his enemies hip and thigh; may those who hate him rise no more." **12** Of Binyamin he said: "ADONAI's beloved lives securely. He protects him day after day. He lives between his shoulders." **13** Of Yosef he said: "May ADONAI bless his land with the best from the sky, for the dew, and for what comes from the deep beneath, **14** with the best of what the sun makes grow, with the best of what comes up each month, **15** with the best from the mountains of old, with the best from the eternal hills, **16** with the best from the earth and all that fills it, and the favor of him who lived in the [burning] bush. May blessing come on the head of Yosef, on the brow of the prince among his brothers. **17** His firstborn bull - glory is his; his horns are those of a wild ox; With them he will gore the peoples, all of them, to the ends of the earth. These are the myriads of Efrayim; these are the thousands of M'nasheh." **18** Of Z'vulun he said: "Rejoice, Z'vulun, as you go forth, and you, Yissakhar, in your tents. **19** They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer righteous sacrifices; for they will draw from the abundance of the seas and from the hidden treasures of the sand." **20** Of Gad he said: "Blessed is he who makes Gad so large; he lies there like a lion, tearing arm and scalp. **21** He chose the best for himself when the princely portion was assigned. When the leaders of the people came, he carried out ADONAI's justice and his rulings concerning Isra'el." **22** Of Dan he said: "Dan is a lion cub leaping forth from Bashan." **23** Of Naftali he said: "You, Naftali, satisfied with favor and full of blessing from ADONAI, take possession of the sea and the south." **24** Of Asher he said: "May Asher be most blessed of sons, may he be the favorite among his brothers and bathe his feet in oil. **25** May your bolts be of iron and bronze and your strength last as long as you live. **26** "Yeshurun, there is no one like God, riding through the heavens to help you, riding on the clouds in his majesty. **27** The God of old is a dwelling-place, with everlasting arms beneath. He expelled the enemy before you and he said, 'Destroy!' **28** So Isra'el lives in security; the fountain of Ya'akov is alone in a land of grain and new wine, where the skies drip with dew. **29** Happy are you, Isra'el! "Who is like you, a people saved by ADONAI, your defender helping you and your sword of triumph? Your enemies will cringe before you, but you will trample down their high places."

Deuteronomy 34

1 Moshe ascended from the plains of Mo'av to Mount N'vo, to the summit of Pisgah, across from Yericho. There ADONAI showed him all the land -Gil'ad as far as Dan, **2** all Naftali, the land of Efrayim and M'nasheh, the land of Y'hudah all the way to the sea beyond, **3** the Negev, and the 'Aravah, including the valley where Yericho, the City of Date-Palms, as far away as Tzo'ar. **4** ADONAI said to him, "This is the land concerning which I swore to Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over there." **5** So Moshe, the servant of ADONAI, died there in the land of Mo'av, as ADONAI had said. **6** He was buried in the valley across from Beit-P'or in the land of Mo'av, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. **7** Moshe was 120 years old when he died, with eyes undimmed and vigor undiminished. **8** The people of Isra'el mourned Moshe on the plains of Mo'av for thirty days; after this, the days of crying and mourning for Moshe ended. **9** Y'hoshua the son of Nun was full of the Spirit of wisdom, for Moshe had laid his hands on him, and the people of Isra'el heeded him and did what ADONAI had ordered Moshe. **10** Since that time there has not arisen in Isra'el a prophet like Moshe, whom ADONAI knew face to face. **11** What signs and wonders ADONAI sent him to perform in the land of Egypt upon Pharaoh, all his servants and all his land! **12** What might was in his hand! What great terror he evoked before the eyes of all Isra'el!

Numbers 29:35 – 30:1

35 "On the eighth day you are to have a festive assembly: you are not to do any kind of ordinary work; **36** but you are to present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, giving a fragrant aroma to ADONAI -one bull, one ram, seven male lambs in their first year, without defect; **37** with the grain and drink offerings for the bull, the ram and the lambs, according to their number, in keeping with the rule; **38** also one male goat as a sin offering; in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings. **39** "You are to offer these to ADONAI at your designated times in addition to your vows and voluntary offerings - whether these are your burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings or peace offerings." **40** Moshe told the people of Isra'el everything, just as ADONAI had ordered Moshe.

1 Then Moshe spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Isra'el. He said, "Here is what ADONAI has ordered

Joshua 1:1-18

1 After the death of Moshe the servant of ADONAI, ADONAI said to Y'hoshua the son of Nun, Moshe's assistant, **2** "Moshe my servant is dead. So now, get up and cross over this Yarden, you and all the people, to the land I am giving to them, the people of Isra'el. **3** I am giving you every place you will step on with the sole of your foot, as I said to Moshe. **4** All the land from the desert and the L'vanon to the great river, the Euphrates River - all the land of the Hitti - and on to the Great Sea in the west will be your territory. **5** No one will be able to withstand you as long as you live. Just as I was with Moshe, so I will be with you. I will neither fail you nor abandon you. **6** "Be strong, be bold; for you will cause this people to inherit the land I swore to their fathers I would give them. **7** Only be strong and very bold in taking care to follow all the Torah which Moshe my servant ordered you to follow; do not turn from it either to the right or to the left; then you will succeed wherever you go. **8** Yes, keep this book of the Torah on your lips, and meditate on it day and night, so that you will take care to act according to everything written in it. Then your undertakings will prosper, and you will succeed. **9** Haven't I ordered you, 'Be strong, be bold'? So don't be afraid or downhearted, because ADONAI your God is with you wherever you go." **10** Y'hoshua instructed the officials of the people **11** to go through the camp and order the people, "Prepare provisions, because in three days you will cross this Yarden to go in and take possession of the land ADONAI your God is giving you." **12** To the Re'uveni, the Gadi and the half-tribe of M'nasheh Y'hoshua said, **13** "Remember what Moshe the servant of ADONAI ordered you: 'ADONAI your God has let you rest and will

give you this land.' **14** Your wives, your little ones and your livestock will stay in the land Moshe gave you on the east side of the Yarden; but you are to cross over armed as a fighting force ahead of your brothers, to help them; **15** until ADONAI allows your brothers to rest, as he has allowed you; and they too have taken possession of the land ADONAI your God is giving them. At that point, you will return to the land which is yours and possess it, the land Moshe the servant of ADONAI gave you in 'Ever-HaYarden to the east, toward the sunrise." **16** They answered Y'hoshua, "We will do everything you have ordered us to do, and we will go wherever you send us. **17** Just as we listened to everything Moshe said, so will we listen to you. Only may ADONAI your God be with you as he was with Moshe. **18** If anyone rebels against your order and doesn't heed what you say in every detail of your order, he will be put to death. Just be strong, be bold!"

Matthew 17:1-9

1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately. **2** As they watched, he began to change form -- his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light. **3** Then they looked and saw Moshe and Eliyahu speaking with him. **4** Kefa said to Yeshua, "It's good that we're here, Lord. I'll put up three shelters if you want -- one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu." **5** While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them; and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!" **6** When the talmidim heard this, they were so frightened that they fell face down on the ground. **7** But Yeshua came and touched them. "Get up!" he said, "Don't be afraid." **8** So they opened their eyes, looked up and saw only Yeshua by himself. **9** As they came down the mountain, Yeshua ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Mark 9:2-10

2 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately. As they watched, he began to change form, **3** and his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than anyone in the world could possibly bleach them. **4** Then they saw Eliyahu and Moshe speaking with Yeshua. **5** Kefa said to Yeshua, "It's good that we're here, Rabbi! Let's put up three shelters -- one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu." **6** (He didn't know what to say, they were so frightened.) **7** Then a cloud enveloped them; and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" **8** Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Yeshua. **9** As they came down the mountain, he warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **10** So they kept the matter to themselves; but they continued asking each other, "What is this `rising from the dead'?" **11** They also asked him, "Why do the Torah-teachers say that Eliyahu has to come first?"

Luke 9:28-36

28 About a week after Yeshua said these things, he took Kefa, Yochanan and Ya`akov with him and went up to the hill country to pray. **29** As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed; and his clothing became gleaming white. **30** Suddenly there were two men talking with him -- Moshe and Eliyahu! **31** They appeared in glorious splendor and spoke of his exodus, which he was soon to accomplish in Yerushalayim. **32** Kefa and those with him had been sound asleep; but on becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. **33** As the men were leaving Yeshua, Kefa said to him, not knowing what he was saying, "It's good that we're here, Rabbi! Let's put up three shelters -- one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu." **34** As he spoke, a cloud came and enveloped them. They were frightened as they entered the cloud; **35** and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son,

whom I have chosen. Listen to him!" **36** When the voice spoke, Yeshua was alone once more. They kept quiet -- at that time they told no one anything of what they had seen.

Jude 1:3- 4, 8-10

3 Dear friends, I was busily at work writing to you about the salvation we share, when I found it necessary to write, urging you to keep contending earnestly for the faith which was once and for all passed on to God's people. **4** For certain individuals, the ones written about long ago as being meant for this condemnation, have wormed their way in - ungodly people who pervert God's grace into a license for debauchery and disown our only Master and Lord, Yeshua the Messiah.

8 Likewise, these people, with their visions, defile their own flesh, despise godly authority and insult angelic beings. **9** When Mikha'el, one of the ruling angels, took issue with the Adversary, arguing over the body of Moshe, he did not dare bring against him an insulting charge, but said, "May ADONAI rebuke you." **10** However, these people insult anything they don't understand; and what they do understand naturally, without thinking, like animals - by these things they are destroyed!