

**Bechukotai**  
**“By my regulations”**

**Torah:**                   **Leviticus 26:3-27:34**  
**Haftarah:**           **Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14**  
**Brit Chadasha:**   **Luke 4:16-21, John 14:15-21, John 15:10-12, I John**

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**TORAH:**

**Leviticus 26**

*Faithfulness Ensures Blessings*

- 3 “If you walk in My statutes, keep My *mitzvot* and carry them out,  
4 then I will give you rains in their season, the land will yield its crops, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit.  
5 Your threshing will last until grape gathering, the grape gathering will last until the sowing time, you will eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land.  
6 “I will bring *shalom* in the land, and you will lie down, with no one making you afraid. I will remove dangerous beasts from the land and no sword will pass through your land.  
7 You will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword.  
8 Five of you will chase 100 and 100 of you will chase 10,000, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.  
9 “I will turn toward you, make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.  
10 You will eat the old harvest and clear out the old because of the new.  
11 I will set My Tabernacle among you, and My soul will not abhor you.  
12 I will walk among you and will be your God, and you will be My people.

13 I am *Adonai* your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, so that you would not be their slaves, and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.

*Faithlessness Ensures Misery*

14 “But if you will not listen to Me, nor carry out all these *mitzvot*,  
15 and if you reject My statutes and if your soul abhors My ordinances, so that you do not keep all My *mitzvot*, but instead break My covenant,  
16 then I will do the following to you in return. I will appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever that will dim the eyes and cause the soul to pine away.

You will sow your seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it.

17 I will set My face against you and you will be routed before your enemies. Those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one pursues you.

18 “If you, in spite of these things, will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sins.

19 I will break your pride of power. I will make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.

20 Also your strength will be spent in vain, for your land will not yield its increase, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit.

21 “If you keep walking contrary to Me and will not listen to Me, then I will multiply the plagues on you seven times like your sins.

22 I will send the wild animals among you, which will rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you so few in number that your roads will become deserted.

23 “Now if in spite of these things you will not be chastened by Me, but walk contrary to Me instead,

24 then I will also walk contrary to you. Then I will strike you, I Myself, seven times for your sins.

25 I will bring a sword upon you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant, and you will be gathered together inside your cities. I will send the pestilence among you and you will be given into the hand of the enemy.

26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread by weight, so that you will eat but not be satisfied.

27 “Yet if in spite of this you will not listen to Me but walk contrary to Me, 28 then I will walk contrary to you in wrath. So I will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 You will eat the flesh of your sons and you will eat the flesh of your daughters.

30 I will destroy your high places and cut down your altars of incense, cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols, and My soul will abhor you.

31 I will lay waste your cities and devastate your sanctuaries. I will not smell your soothing aromas.

32 I will make the land desolate and your enemies settling there will be astonished at it.

33 I will scatter you among the nations and I will draw out the sword after you. So your land will become a desolation and your cities will become a waste.

34 Then the land will enjoy its *Shabbatot* all the days of its desolation, while you are in the land of your enemies. Then the land will rest and enjoy its *Shabbatot*.

35 As long as it lies desolate it will have rest, that rest which it did not have from your *Shabbatot*, when you lived on it.

36 “As for those who remain, I will bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, so that the sound of a driven leaf will put them to flight, and they will flee as one flees from the sword and fall, even when no one is pursuing.

37 They will stumble over one another, as if before the sword, when no one pursues, and you will have no strength to stand before your enemies.

38 You will perish among the nations and the land of your enemies will devour you.

39 Those of you who are left in the land of your enemies will rot away because of their iniquity, and because of the iniquities of their fathers they will rot away with them.

*Adonai Remembers His Own*

40 “But if they confess their iniquity and that of their fathers, in the treachery they committed against Me, and how they walked contrary to Me  
41 —in return I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—and if at that time their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled, so that they accept the punishment for their iniquity,  
42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob and also My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.  
43 But the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its *Shabbatot* while it lies desolate without them, and they will accept the punishment of their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.  
44 “Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I hate them into utter destruction, and break My covenant with them, for I am *Adonai* their God.  
45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am *Adonai*.”  
46 These are the statutes, ordinances and laws, which *Adonai* made between Himself and *Bnei-Yisrael* at Mount Sinai by Moses.

## **Leviticus 27**

### *Divine Appraisals*

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,  
2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and say to them: When anyone makes a special vow to *Adonai* involving the valuation of persons,  
3 then your valuation of a male from 20 years old to 60 years old shall be 50 shekels of silver, after the shekel of the Sanctuary.  
4 If it is a female, then your valuation shall be 30 shekels.  
5 If the person is from five years to 20 years old, then your valuation is to be 20 shekels for a male and ten shekels for a female.  
6 If the person is from one month to five years old, then your valuation is to be five shekels of silver for a male and three shekels of silver for a female.  
7 If the person is from 60 years old and upward, if it is a male, then your valuation

is to be 15 shekels and for a female ten shekels.

8 But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he is to be set before the *kohen* and the *kohen* will set a value for him, in keeping with what the one who made the vow can afford.

9 “Now if it is an animal that may be brought as an offering to *Adonai*, anything that one gives to *Adonai* will be holy.

10 He is not to replace it or exchange it, either good for bad, or bad for good. But if he does exchange one animal for another, then both it and the one for which it is exchanged will become holy.

11 If it is any sort of unclean animal that may not be brought as an offering to *Adonai*, then he is to set that animal before the *kohen*.

12 The *kohen* is to evaluate it, whether it is good or bad. As the *kohen* values it, so it will be.

13 But if he would redeem it, then he is to add a fifth to its valuation.

14 “If a man consecrates his house as holy to *Adonai*, then the *kohen* is to evaluate it, whether it is good or bad. As the *kohen* evaluates it, so it will stand.

15 If the one who dedicates it would redeem his own house, then he is to add a fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it will become his.

16 “If one consecrates to *Adonai* part of the field of his possession, then your valuation is to be in proportion to the seed to sow it: an omer of barley at 50 shekels of silver.

17 If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, it will stand according to your own valuation.

18 But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the *kohen* is to calculate for him the money according to the years that remain until the Year of Jubilee, with a deduction to be made from your valuation.

19 If he who dedicated the field would ever redeem it, then he is to add a fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it will remain his.

20 But if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to someone else, it may not be redeemed anymore.

21 But the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, will be holy to *Adonai* as a consecrated field. It will be owned by the *kohanim*.

22 “Now if one consecrates to *Adonai* a field that he has bought, which is not from the fields of his possession,

23 then the *kohen* is to calculate for him the worth of your valuation up to the Year of Jubilee, and give your valuation on that day as a holy thing to *Adonai*.

24 In the Year of Jubilee the field is to return to the one from whom it was bought, to the one to whom the possession of the land belongs.

25 All your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the Sanctuary, 20 gerahs to the shekel.

26 “But the firstborn among animals, which is made a firstborn to *Adonai*, may not be dedicated by anyone. Whether an ox or sheep, it belongs to *Adonai*.

27 If it is an unclean animal, then he is to buy it back according to your valuation, and add a fifth of the value to it. But if it is not redeemed, then it is to be sold according to your valuation.

28 “Nevertheless, no devoted thing which a man sets apart from all that he has for *Adonai*, whether man or animal, or from the field of his possession, may be sold or redeemed. Every devoted thing is most holy to *Adonai*.

29 “No one who may be set apart from men for destruction is to be ransomed. He is surely to be put to death.

30 “All the tithe of the land whether from the seed of the land, or the fruit of the trees, belongs to *Adonai*, for it is holy to *Adonai*.

31 If a man redeems anything of his tithe he must add a fifth part to it.

32 From all the tithe of the herds or the flocks, whatever passes under the rod, a tenth will be holy to *Adonai*.

33 One is not to inquire if it is good or bad, nor exchange it. Or if he does exchange it, then both it and that for which it is exchanged will become holy, and may not be redeemed.”

34 These are the *mitzvot* which *Adonai* commanded Moses for *Bnei-Yisrael* on Mount Sinai.

## HAFTARAH

### Jeremiah 16:19-21

19 *Adonai*, my strength, my stronghold, my refuge in the day of affliction, to You will the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, futility and useless things."

20 Will man make gods for himself? Yet they are not gods.

21 "So I will surely make them know— this time I make them know My hand and My might— they will know that My Name is *Adonai*."

### Jeremiah 17:1-14

#### Hearts Engraved with Sin

1 Judah's sin is written with an iron pen and with a point of a diamond, engraved on the tablet of their heart and on the horns of your altars.

2 So their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles by leafy trees on the high hills.

3 My mountain in the country, your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, along with your high places for sin within all your borders.

4 So you, on your own, let go of your heritage that I gave you. So I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know. For you have kindled a fire in My nose that will burn forever."

#### Planted by the Water Without Fear

5 Thus says *Adonai*: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, and depends on flesh as his arm, and whose heart turns from *Adonai*.

6 For he will be like a bush in the desert. He cannot see goodness when it comes, but will dwell in parched places in the wilderness— a salt land where no one lives.

7 Blessed is the one who trusts in *Adonai*, whose confidence is in *Adonai*.

8 For he will be like a tree planted by the waters, spreading out its roots by a stream. It has no fear when heat comes, but its leaves will be green. It does not worry in a year of drought, nor depart from yielding fruit.

A Deceitful Heart is Incurable

9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurable—who can know it?

10 I *Adonai* search the heart, I try the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

11 As a partridge that broods over young that she did not lay, so is one who gets wealth, unjustly. In the middle of his days it will abandon him, so at his end he will be a fool.

12 Throne of glory on high from the beginning! Place of our sanctuary,

13 *Adonai*, You are the hope of Israel! All who forsake You will be ashamed. Those who depart from You will be written in the dirt, for they have forsaken *Adonai*, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, *Adonai*, and I will be healed. Save me, and I will be saved. For You are my praise.



## **BRIT CHADASHA**

### **John 14:15-21**

The Believer's Helper

15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper so He may be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and will be in you.

18 I will not abandon you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 In a little while, the world will no longer behold Me, but you will behold Me. Because I live, you also will live!

20 "In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him."

### **John 15:10-12**

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and your joy may be full.

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

### **I John 1**

God's Manifested Word of Life

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the

Word of life—

2 the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

3 What we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so you may have fellowship with us. Indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and His Son, *Yeshua* the Messiah.

4 These things we write so our joy may be full.

God's Light Dispels Darkness

5 Now this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you—that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say we have fellowship with Him and keep walking in the darkness, we are lying and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of His Son *Yeshua* purifies us from all sin.

Cleansing Begins with Confessing

8 If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

