

Beshalach
“When he sent”

Torah: Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31
Brit Chadasha: John 6:25-35 & 19:31-37; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Revelation 15:1-4

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TORAH:

Exodus 13:17-22

17 After Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them along the road to the land of the Philistines, although that was nearby, for God said, “The people might change their minds if they see war and return to Egypt.”

18 So God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds, and *Bnei-Yisrael* went up out of the land of Egypt armed.

19 Moses also took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made *Bnei-Yisrael* swear an oath saying, “God will surely remember you, and then you are to carry my bones away with you.”

20 So they journeyed from Succoth and encamped in Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.

21 *Adonai* went before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead the way and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light. So they could travel both day and night.

22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never departed from the people.

Exodus 14

Sea of Reeds Showdown

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*, so that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. You are to camp by the sea, opposite Baal-zephon.

3 Pharaoh will say concerning *Bnei-Yisrael*, ‘They are wandering aimlessly in the land—the wilderness has shut them in!’

4 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so he will follow after them. Then I will be glorified over Pharaoh along with all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am *Adonai*.” So they did so.

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we let Israel go from serving us?”

6 So he prepared his chariots and took his people with him.

7 He took 600 of the finest chariots, along with all other chariots of Egypt, and captains over them.

8 *Adonai* hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so he pursued *Bnei-Yisrael*, for *Bnei-Yisrael* went out with a high hand.

9 But the Egyptians pursued them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, as well as his charioteers and his army, and overtook them as they were encamped by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth opposite Baal-zephon.

10 When Pharaoh drew near, *Bnei-Yisrael* lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them! So they were terrified, and *Bnei-Yisrael* cried out to *Adonai*.

11 They said to Moses, “Have you taken us away to die in the wilderness because there were no graves in Egypt? Why have you dealt this way with us, to bring us out of Egypt?”

12 Did we not say to you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone, so that we may serve the Egyptians?’ It was better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness!”

13 But Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid! Stand still, and see the salvation of *Adonai*, which He will perform for you today. You have seen the Egyptians today, but you will never see them again, ever!

14 *Adonai* will fight for you, while you hold your peace.”

15 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, “Why are you crying to Me? Tell *Bnei-Yisrael* to go forward.

16 Lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it. Then *Bnei-Yisrael* will go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

17 Then I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in after them, so that I will be glorified over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and his horsemen.

18 Then the Egyptians will know that I am *Adonai*, when I have been glorified over Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

19 Then the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them. Also the pillar of cloud moved from in front and stood behind them,

20 and so came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel—there was the cloud and the darkness over here, yet it gave light by night over there—neither one came near the other all night long.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. *Adonai* drove the sea back with a strong east wind throughout the night and turned the sea into dry land. So the waters were divided.

22 Then *Bnei-Yisrael* went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, while the waters were like walls to them on their right and on their left.

23 But the Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots and his horsemen.

24 Now it came about during the morning watch that *Adonai* looked at the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and caused the army of the Egyptians to panic.

25 He took off their chariot wheels and caused them to drive heavily, so that the Egyptians said, “Get away from the presence of Israel! For *Adonai* fights for them against the Egyptians!”

26 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters come back upon the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen.”

27 So Moses stretched his hand out over the waters, and the sea returned to its strength at the break of dawn. The Egyptians were fleeing from it, but *Adonai* overthrew them in the midst of the sea.

28 The waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen and the entire army of Pharaoh that went after them into the sea. Not one of them remained.

29 But *Bnei-Yisrael* had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were like walls to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 So *Adonai* saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 When Israel saw the great work that *Adonai* did over the Egyptians, the people feared *Adonai*, and they believed in *Adonai* and in His servant Moses.

Exodus 15

Song of Moses and Miriam

1 Then Moses and *Bnei-Yisrael* sang this song to *Adonai*: I will sing to *Adonai*, for He is highly exalted! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea.

2 *Adonai* is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will glorify Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

3 *Adonai* is a warrior—*Adonai* is His Name!

4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has hurled into the sea, and his chosen captains have sunk into the Sea of Reeds.

5 The deeps cover them. They sank to the depths like a stone.

6 Your right hand, *Adonai*, is glorious in power. Your right hand, *Adonai*, dashes the enemy to pieces.

7 In the greatness of Your excellency You overthrow those who resist You. You send forth Your wrath— it consumes them as stubble.

8 With the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up. The floods stood upright as a heap. The deeps became firm ground in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, “I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil. My lust shall gorge on them! I will draw my sword— my hand will destroy them.”

10 You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like You, *Adonai*, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awesome in praises, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 You in Your lovingkindness led the people You have redeemed. You guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

14 When the peoples hear, they will tremble—anguish will seize the inhabitants of Philistia.

15 Then the chiefs of Edom are terrified. Trembling grips Moab's mighty men. All of Canaan's inhabitants will melt away.

16 Terror and dread will fall on them. By the greatness of Your arm they become still as a stone, till Your people cross over, *Adonai*, till the people whom You purchased cross over.

17 You bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place, *Adonai*, that You have made for Yourself to dwell in— the Sanctuary, *Adonai*, which Your hands have prepared.

18 *Adonai* will reign forever and ever!

19 For Pharaoh's horses with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, but *Adonai* brought the waters of the sea back over them. Yet *Bnei-Yisrael* walked in the midst of the sea on dry ground.

20 Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing,

21 as Miriam sang to them: Sing to *Adonai*, for He is highly exalted! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!

Bitter Waters Made Sweet

22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Sea of Reeds. They went out into the wilderness of Shur. But they travelled three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink from the waters because they were bitter. On account of this it was called Marah.

24 So the people complained to Moses saying, "What are we going to drink?"

25 So he cried out to *Adonai*, and *Adonai* showed him a tree. When he threw it into the waters, they were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them.

26 He said, "If you diligently listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, do what is right in His eyes, pay attention to His *mitzvot*, and keep all His decrees, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians. For I am *Adonai* who heals you."

27 Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. So they camped there by the waters.

Exodus 16

Manna From Heaven

1 They journeyed on from Elim, and the entire community of *Bnei-Yisrael* came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after leaving the land of Egypt.

2 But the whole congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael* murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 *Bnei-Yisrael* said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of *Adonai* in the land of Egypt, when we sat by pots of meat, when we ate bread until we were full. But you have brought us into the wilderness, to kill this entire congregation with hunger."

4 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day's portion every day, so that I can test them to find out whether they will walk according to My *Torah* or not.

5 So on the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather day by day."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all *Bnei-Yisrael*, "In the evening you will know that *Adonai* has brought you out from the land of Egypt,

7 and in the morning, then you will see the glory of *Adonai*. For He heard your complaining against Him. What are we? You complain against us?"

8 Then Moses said, “*Adonai* will give you meat to eat in the evening and enough bread to fill you in the morning, since *Adonai* hears your complaints that you mutter against Him, what are we? Your complaining is not against us, but against *Adonai*!”

9 Moses said to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael*, ‘Come near before *Adonai*, because He has heard your complaining.’”

10 Then, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael*, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of *Adonai* appeared in the cloud.

11 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

12 “I have heard the complaining of *Bnei-Yisrael*. Speak to them saying, ‘At dusk you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am *Adonai* your God.’”

13 So when evening fell, quails came up and covered the camp. Moreover, in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp.

14 When the layer of dew was gone, on the surface of the desert was a thin, flake-like frost, as fine as the frost on the ground.

15 When *Bnei-Yisrael* saw it, they said one to another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Then Moses said to them, “It is the bread that *Adonai* has given you to eat.

16 This is the word that *Adonai* has commanded. Every man is to gather according to his needs, an omer per person, according to the number of people per household. Each man is to take it for those who are in his tent.”

17 *Bnei-Yisrael* did so, and some gathered more, some less.

18 When they measured it with an omer, those who gathered more had nothing left over, and those that gathered less did not lack at all. Every man gathered according to his appetite.

19 Also Moses said to them, “Let no one save any of it until the morning.”

20 However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them preserved it until the morning—but it bred worms and rotted. So Moses was angry with them.

21 So they gathered it morning by morning, each man according to his needs, and as the sun became hot it melted.

22 On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each individual. So all the leaders of the community came and informed Moses.

23 But he said to them, “This is what *Adonai* has said. Tomorrow is a *Shabbat* rest, a holy *Shabbat* to *Adonai*. Bake whatever you would bake, and boil what you would boil. Store up for yourselves everything that remains, to be kept until the morning.”

24 So they set it aside until the morning, just as Moses instructed, and it did not rot nor were there any worms.

25 Then Moses said, “Eat that today, because today is a *Shabbat* to *Adonai*. Today you will not find it in the field.

26 You are to gather it for six days, but the seventh day is the *Shabbat*, and there will be none.”

27 Yet on the seventh day, some of the people went out to gather and they found none.

28 *Adonai* said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep My *mitzvot* and My *Torah*?

29 See, *Adonai* has given you the *Shabbat*, so on the sixth day He gives you the bread of two days. Let every man stay in his place, and let no man go out on the seventh day.”

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 The house of Israel named it *manna*. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

32 Then Moses said, “This is what *Adonai* has commanded. Let a full omer of it be kept throughout your generations, so that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.”

33 Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar and put a full omer of *manna* inside. Store it up before *Adonai*, to be kept throughout your generations.”

34 Just as *Adonai* commanded Moses, Aaron stored it up in front of the Testimony, to be preserved.

35 *Bnei-Yisrael* ate the *manna* for 40 years. They ate the *manna* until they came to an inhabited land, when they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

Exodus 17

Test and Quarreling

1 All the congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael* journeyed from the wilderness of Sin in stages, according to the command of *Adonai*, and camped in Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 So the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test *Adonai*?"

3 But the people thirsted for water there, and they complained against Moses and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt? To kill us with thirst, along with our children and cattle?"

4 So Moses cried out to *Adonai* saying, "What am I to do for these people? They are about ready to stone me."

5 *Adonai* said to Moses, "Walk before the people, and take of the elders of Israel with you, along with your staff with which you struck the river. Take it in your hand and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you, there upon the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people can drink." Then Moses did just so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.

7 The name of the place was called Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of *Bnei-Yisrael*, and because they tested *Adonai* saying, "Is *Adonai* among us, or not?"

War Against Amalek

8 Then the Amalekites came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.

9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men, go out, and fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

10 So Joshua did as Moses said, and fought the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 When Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. But when he let down his hand, the Amalekites prevailed.

12 Moses' hands grew heavy, so they took a stone, put it under him, and he sat down. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on each side. So his hands were steady until the sun went down.

13 So Joshua overpowered the Amalekites and his army with the edge of the sword.

14 *Adonai* said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book, and rehearse it in the hearing of Joshua, for I will utterly blot out the memory of the Amalekites from under heaven."

15 Then Moses built an altar, and called the name of it *Adonai-Nissi*.

16 Then he said, "By the hand upon the throne of *Adonai*, *Adonai* will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

HAFTARAH

Judges 4:4-24

4 Now Deborah, a woman who was a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

5 She used to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and *Bnei-Yisrael* came up to her for judgment.

6 Now she sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “Hasn’t *Adonai*, God of Israel, commanded, ‘Go, march to Mount Tabor, and take with you 10,000 men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun?’

7 Then at the Kishon torrent, I will draw out to you Sisera, commander of Jabin’s army with his chariots and his multitude, and I will give him into your hand.”

8 But Barak said to her, “If you are going with me, then I will go. But if you aren’t going with me, I won’t go.”

9 “Surely I will go with you,” she said. “However, no honor will be yours on the way that you are about to go—for *Adonai* will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” So Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 Then Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and 10,000 men marched up after him, and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, from the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far as the oak in Zaananim, which is near Kedesh.

12 They told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 So Sisera ordered all his chariots—900 iron chariots—and all the troops that were with him, from Harosheth-ha-goyim to the Kishon.

14 Then Deborah said to Barak, “Arise! For this is the day in which *Adonai* will deliver Sisera into your hand. Has *Adonai* not gone out before you?” So Barak came down from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men following him.

15 *Adonai* threw Sisera and all his chariots and all his army into confusion before Barak with the edge of the sword. Then Sisera got down from his chariot and fled

away on foot.

16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth-ha-goyim. The whole army of Sisera fell by the sword; not one was left.

17 Meanwhile Sisera fled on foot to the tent of Yael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between King Jabin of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 So Yael went out to meet Sisera and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me! Don’t be afraid!” So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a blanket.

19 He said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a skin of milk and made him drink some, and covered him.

20 Then he said to her, “Stand at the entrance of the tent, and if anyone comes and asks you saying, ‘Is there a man here?’ then you will say, ‘There’s no one.’”

21 Then Yael, Heber’s wife, took a tent pin and got a hammer in her hand, approached him stealthily and drove the pin into his temple until it pierced through into the ground—for he was exhausted and in a deep sleep. So he died.

22 Now behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Yael came out to meet him and said to him, “Come, I will show you the man whom you are seeking.” So he entered with her, and behold, Sisera was lying dead, with a tent-pin in his temple!

23 So on that day God subdued King Jabin of Canaan before *Bnei-Yisrael*.

24 The hand of *Bnei-Yisrael* pressed hard on King Jabin of Canaan until they had cut off King Jabin of Canaan.

Judges 5:1-31

Deborah’s Song

1 Then Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang on that day saying:

2 “When leaders take the lead in Israel, when people freely offer themselves, bless *Adonai*!

3 Listen, O kings! Give ear, O rulers! I, to *Adonai* I will sing, I will sing praise to *Adonai*, the God of Israel.

4 *Adonai*, when You came out from Seir, when You marched from Edom’s field, the earth trembled, the heavens also dropped, yes, the clouds dropped water.

5 The mountains quaked before *Adonai*, this Sinai at the presence of *Adonai*, the God of Israel!

6 In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Yael, the highways were deserted, travelers walked by crooked paths.

7 Villages were deserted in Israel, deserted, until I, Deborah, arose, a mother in Israel arose.

8 They chose new gods— then war was in the gates. No shield or spear was seen among 40,000 in Israel!

9 My heart is with Israel's rulers, who offer themselves freely among the people. Bless *Adonai*!

10 Riders on white donkeys, sitting on saddle blankets, traveling on the road, sing!

11 Louder than the sound of archers, at the watering places! There let them rehearse the righteous acts of *Adonai*, the righteous deeds for His villages in Israel. Then the people of *Adonai* went down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, lead away your captives, O son of Abinoam!

13 Then a remnant of nobles came down. *Adonai's* people came down to me with the mighty ones.

14 Those with root in Amalek are from Ephraim, following you, Benjamin, with your peoples. From Machir came down rulers, and from Zebulun wielding the marshal's staff.

15 Issachar's chiefs were with Deborah. Issachar was with Barak. Into the valley they rushed at his heels. Among the divisions of Reuben there were great resolves of heart.

16 Why did you stay in the sheepfolds— to hear the piping for the flocks? Among the clans of Reuben there was much searching of heart.

17 Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan, and Dan, why did he stay by the ships? Asher sat at the seacoast, dwelling by its docks.

18 Zebulun is a people who jeopardized their lives to death, and Naphtali also, on the heights of the battlefield.

19 The kings came, they fought, then the kings of Canaan fought, at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo, but they took no spoil of silver.

20 From heaven, the stars fought, in their courses they fought Sisera.

21 The Kishon torrent swept them away— that ancient torrent, the torrent
Kishon! O my soul, march on with strength!

22 Then the horses' hooves beat from the dashing, the dashing of his mighty
steeds.

23 'Curse Meroz!' said the angel of *Adonai*, 'Utterly curse its inhabitants, for they
came not to the aid of *Adonai*, to the aid of *Adonai* among the mighty.'

24 Blessed above women is Yael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, above women in
the tent is she blessed.

25 Water he asked, milk she gave him. In a lordly bowl she brought him butter.

26 Her hand reached for the tent pin, her right hand to the workmen's hammer,
and with the hammer she struck Sisera, she smashed his head— yes, she crushed
and pierced his temple.

27 At her feet he collapsed, he fell, he lay. Between her feet he bowed, he fell.
Where he bowed, there he fell dead.

28 Through the window, Sisera's mother looked out, through the lattice. and
lamented shrilly: 'Why does his chariot delay in coming? Why do the wheels of his
chariots tarry?'

29 The wisest of her princesses answer her, yes, she repeats the words to herself:

30 'Are they not finding, dividing the spoil? A maiden, maidens for every warrior!
To Sisera a spoil of dyed garments— a spoil of dyed garments of embroidery,
double-dyed garments of embroidery for the necks of every spoiler!'

31 So let all Your enemies perish, *Adonai*! But may those who love Him be like the
rising of the sun in its might." Then the land had peace for 40 years.

BRIT CHADASHA

John 6:25-35

25 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

26 *Yeshua* responded to them, “Amen, *amen* I tell you, you seek Me not because you saw signs, but because you ate all the bread and were filled.

27 Don’t work for food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him, God the Father has put the seal of approval.”

28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we do to perform the works of God?”

29 *Yeshua* answered them, “This is the work of God, to trust in the One He sent.”

30 So they said to Him, “Then what sign do You perform, so that we may see and believe You? What work do You do?”

31 Our fathers ate the *manna* in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘Out of heaven He gave them bread to eat.’”

32 *Yeshua* answered them, “Amen, *amen* I tell you, it isn’t Moses who has given you bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is the One coming down from heaven and giving life to the world.”

34 So they said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread from now on!”

35 *Yeshua* said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.

John 19:31-37

31 It was the Day of Preparation, and the next day was a festival Shabbat. So that the bodies should not remain on the execution stake during Shabbat, the Judean leaders asked Pilate to have the legs broken and to have the bodies taken away.

32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then the other who had been executed with *Yeshua*.

33 Now when they came to *Yeshua* and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35 He who has seen it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

36 These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, “Not a bone of His shall be broken.”

37 And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they have pierced.”

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea.

2 They all were immersed into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

3 And all ate the same spiritual food,

4 and all drank the same spiritual drink—for they were drinking from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the Rock was Messiah.

5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so we wouldn't crave evil things, just as they did.

7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”

8 And let's not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day 23,000 fell.

9 And let's not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were destroyed by serpents.

10 And let's not grumble, as some of them did—and were destroyed by the destroying angel.

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and it was written down as a warning to us—on whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let the one who thinks that he stands watch out that he doesn't fall.
13 No temptation has taken hold of you except what is common to mankind. But God is faithful—He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can handle. But with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so you will be able to endure it.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Eagerness to Give

1 Now we make known to you, brothers and sisters, the grace God has given to Messiah's communities in Macedonia—

2 that in much testing by affliction, the abundance of their joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

3 For I testify that according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, they gave of their own free will—

4 begging us with much urging for the favor of sharing in the relief of the *kedoshim*.

5 Moreover, it was not just as we had hoped, but they gave of themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

6 So we urged Titus that, just as he had made a start before, so he should also complete this gracious service for you.

7 But as you excel in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all diligence, and in your love for us—also excel in this grace.

8 I am saying this not as a command, but I am trying to prove by the diligence of others the genuineness of your love as well.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah—that even though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that through His poverty you might become rich.

10 Now I give my opinion in this matter, that it is a credit to you that a year ago you were the first to start—not only to do but even to be willing.

11 But now finish doing it, so that just as there was eagerness to be willing, so also to finish it, out of what you have.

12 For if the eagerness is present, the gift is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he doesn't have.

13 For it is not relief for others and hardship for you, but as a matter of equality.

14 Your abundance at this present time meets their need, so that their abundance may also meet your need—so that there may be equality.

15 As it is written, "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

Revelation 15:1-4

1 Then I saw another great and wonderful sign in heaven: seven angels who have seven plagues—the last ones, for with them God's wrath is finished.

2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had overcome the beast and his image and the number of his name standing by the sea of glass, holding the harps of God.

3 And they are singing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and wonderful are Your deeds, *Adonai Elohei-Tzva'ot*! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

4 Who shall not fear and glorify Your name, O Lord? For You alone are Holy. All the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed!"