

Ha'azinu
"Give ear"

Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51
Brit Chadasha: Romans 10:14-21 & 12:14-21, Hebrews 12:28-29

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TORAH:

Deuteronomy 32

The Song of Moses

1 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak! Let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2 May my teaching trickle like rain, my speech distill like dew— like gentle rain on new grass, like showers on tender plants.

3 For I will proclaim *Adonai's* Name, ascribe greatness to our God!

4 The Rock—blameless is His work. Indeed, all His ways are just. God of faithfulness without iniquity, righteous and upright is He.

5 Did it corrupt Him? No! The blemish is His children's— a generation crooked and twisted.

6 Is this how you pay back *Adonai*, O foolish, unwise people? Isn't He your Father who ransomed you? He made you and established you.

7 "Remember the days of antiquity, understand the years across generations. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders and they will say to you.

8 When Elyon gave nations their heritage, when He separated the sons of man, He set boundaries for the people by the number of *Bnei-Yisrael*.

9 But *Adonai's* portion is His people— Jacob is the share of His inheritance.

10 He found him in the wilderness land, in the void of a howling waste. He surrounded him, cared for him, guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, He spreads His wings, catches him, lifts him up on His pinions.

12 *Adonai* alone guided him— there was no foreign god with him.

13 He made him mount the heights of the land. so he ate the produce of the field. He suckled him with honey from a rock, with oil from a flinty boulder.

14 Butter of cattle and milk of a flock, with fat of lambs, rams of the Bashan and he-goats, with fat of the kidneys of wheat, and blood of grapes you drank.

15 But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked— you got fat, you grew thick, you gorged! He forsook God who made him. He mocked the Rock of his salvation.

16 They made him jealous with strangers, with abominations they angered Him.

17 They sacrificed to demons, a non-god, gods they had not known— to new ones who came in lately, ones your fathers had not dreaded.

18 The Rock who birthed you, you ignored. You forgot God who brought you forth.

19 “*Adonai* saw, and He spurned His sons and His daughters out of vexation.

20 He said, “I will hide My face from them, I want to see their hereafter. For they are an upside down generation, children with no faithfulness in them.

21 They made Me jealous with a non-god. They vexed Me with airy idols. So I will make them jealous with a non-people. With a foolish nation I will vex them.

22 For fire has ignited in My nostrils— it will burn to *Sheol* beneath, devour the earth and her produce, and scorch the foundations of mountains.

23 I will heap calamities upon them. With My arrows I will finish them.

24 Wasted by famine, ravaged by plague and pestilence so bitter, fangs of beasts I’ll let loose on them, with venom of creepers in the dust.

25 Outside the sword deals death, and inside terror— to both young men and young women, infants, with men of gray hair.

26 I would have said, ‘I will hack them to pieces, make the memory of them cease from mankind,’

27 except I dread the taunt of the enemy, lest their foes might misconstrue— lest they say, ‘Our hand is held high, and *Adonai* has not done all this.’

28 For they are a nation lacking counsel, among them there is no understanding.

29 “If they were wise, they would discern this, they would understand their hereafter.

30 How can one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them and *Adonai* had handed them over?

31 Surely their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies judge.

32 For their vine is from the vine of Sodom and from the terraces of Gomorrah. Its grapes are grapes of poison— bitter clusters on it.

33 Venom of serpents is their wine— poison of vipers so cruel.

34 Is it not stored up with Me, sealed up in My treasuries?

35 Vengeance is Mine, and payback, for the time when their foot staggers. Surely their day of disaster is near— what is prepared rushes on them.

36 For *Adonai* will judge His people— for His servants, He will relent when He sees that strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.

37 He will say, ‘Where are their gods, the “rock” they took refuge in?’

38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their libation? Let them rise up and help you and be a shelter over you!

39 See now that I, I am He! There are no other gods beside Me. I bring death and give life, I have wounded but I will heal, and none can rescue from My hand.’

40 “Yes, I lift My hand up to heaven and say, ‘As I Myself live forever,

41 when I sharpen My lightning sword and My hand seizes it in judgment, I will return vengeance on My foes, and those who hate Me I will pay back.

42 I will make My arrows drunk from blood, and My sword will devour flesh— the blood of the slain and the captive, the head of the leaders of the enemy.’

43 Make His people rejoice, O nations, for He will avenge the blood of His servants. He will return vengeance on His foes, and atone for the land of His people.”

44 Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people—he and Joshua son of Nun.

45 When Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

46 he said to them, “Put in your hearts all the words that I call as witness against you today—that you may command your children to keep and do all the words of this *Torah*.”

47 For it is not an empty thing for you, because it is your life! By this word you will prolong your days on the land, which you are crossing over the Jordan to possess.”

48 On that very day, *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

49 “Go up this mountain of the Avarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab facing Jericho, and see the land of Canaan, which I am giving to *Bnei-Yisrael* as a possession.

50 On the mountain that you are ascending, there be gathered to your people— as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people—

51 because you both broke faith with Me among *Bnei-Yisrael* at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of *Bnei-Yisrael*.

52 For you will see the land from afar, but you will not enter there, into the land that I am giving to *Bnei-Yisrael*.”

HAFTARAH

2 Samuel 22:1-51

David's Songs of Valor and Last Words

1 David spoke to *Adonai* the words of this song in the day that *Adonai* delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 He said: "*Adonai* is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.

3 My God is my rock, in Him I take refuge, my shield, my horn of salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior—You save me from violence.

4 I called upon *Adonai*, worthy of praise, and I was rescued from my enemies.

5 For waves of death encompassed me. Torrents of Belial overwhelmed me.

6 Cords of death entangled me. Snares of death came before me.

7 In my distress I called upon *Adonai*, yes, I called to my God. From His Temple He heard my voice, my cry came into His ears.

8 Then the earth rocked and quaked, the foundation of heaven trembled. They reeled because He was angry.

9 Smoke rose from His nostrils and consuming fire from His mouth. Coals blazed from Him.

10 He parted the heavens and came down, with thick darkness under His feet.

11 He rode upon a *cheruv* and flew. He was seen on the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness as a *sukkah* around Him— a mass of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

13 Out of the brilliance before Him coals of fire flamed out.

14 *Adonai* also thundered from heaven and Elyon gave forth His voice.

15 He shot arrows and scattered them, lightning bolts, and routed them.

16 Then the ravines of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were exposed by the rebuke of *Adonai*, at a blast of the breath of His nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and He took hold of me. He drew me out of mighty waters.

18 He delivered me from my powerful enemy, from those who hated me— for they were much stronger than me.

19 They came against me in the day of my calamity, but *Adonai* was my support.

20 He brought me out to a wide-open place. He rescued me since He delighted in me.

21 *Adonai* rewarded me for my righteousness. For the cleanness of my hands He repaid me.

22 For I kept the ways of *Adonai*, and did not turn wickedly from my God.

23 For all His judgments are before me. As for His rulings, I do not turn away from them.

24 I also had integrity with Him, and kept myself from my sin.

25 So *Adonai* rewarded me for my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His eyes.

26 With the loyal You deal loyally. With the blameless You are blameless.

27 With the pure You show Yourself pure, but with the crooked You show Yourself shrewd.

28 You save lowly people. But Your eyes are on the haughty— You will humble them.

29 For You are my lamp, *Adonai*. *Adonai* shines in my darkness.

30 For with You I rush on a troop, with my God I can leap over a wall.

31 As for God, His way is perfect. The word of *Adonai* is pure. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

32 For who is God, besides *Adonai*? and who is a Rock, besides our God?

33 God is my strong fortress and He keeps my way blameless.

34 He makes my legs like a deer and sets me on my heights.

35 Who trains my hands for battle, so my arms can bend a bronze bow.

36 You gave me Your shield of salvation. and Your answering has made me great.

37 You broaden my steps beneath me, so my feet have not slipped.

38 I pursue my enemies and destroy them. I will not return till they are consumed.

39 I consumed them and crushed them till they cannot rise; yes, they fall beneath my feet.

40 You girded me with strength for battle. You made those rising up against me bow down before me.

41 You also made my enemies turn their backs to me. I cut off those who hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to save —to *Adonai*, but He did not answer them.

43 Then I beat them as the dust of the earth, I stamped and crushed them like mud of the streets.

44 You free me from strifes of my people. You kept me as head of the nations— people I did not know are serving me.

45 Children of foreigners cringe before me. As soon as they hear, they obey me.

46 Children of foreigners lose heart and come trembling from their hideouts.

47 *Adonai* lives! And blessed be my Rock! Exalted be God— the Rock of my salvation!

48 God—He gives me vengeance and brings down peoples under me.

49 He brings me out from my enemies. Indeed You lift me up above those who rise up against me. You deliver me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I praise You among the nations, *Adonai*, and will sing praises to Your name.

51 He is a tower of salvation to His king, He shows loyal love to His anointed— to David and to his seed, forever.

BRIT CHADASHA

Romans 10:14-21

14 How then shall they call on the One in whom they have not trusted? And how shall they trust in the One they have not heard of? And how shall they hear without someone proclaiming?

15 And how shall they proclaim unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim good news of good things!”

16 But not all heeded the Good News. For Isaiah says, “*Adonai*, who has believed our report?”

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Messiah.

18 But I say, have they never heard? Indeed they have, for “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

19 But I say, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, with a nation empty of understanding I will vex you.”

20 And Isaiah is so bold as to say, “I was found by those who did not seek Me; I became visible to those who did not ask for Me.”

21 But about Israel He says, “All day long I stretched forth My hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Romans 12:14-21

14 Bless those who persecute you—bless and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be proud, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own eyes.

17 Repay no one evil for evil; give thought to what is good in the eyes of all people.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live in *shalom* with all people.

19 Never take your own revenge, loved ones, but give room for God's wrath—for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says *Adonai*.

20 Rather, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing so you will heap coals of fire upon his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hebrews 12:28-29

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude—through this we may offer worship in a manner pleasing to God, with reverence and awe.

29 For our God is a consuming fire.