

Ki Tavo
“When you come”

Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

Brit Chadasha: Matthew 13:1-23, Luke 21:1-4, Acts 28:17-31, Romans 11:1-15

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TORAH:

Deuteronomy 26

Firstfruits and Tithes

1 “Now when you enter the land that *Adonai* your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it,

2 you are to take some of the first of all the produce of the soil, which you gather from your land that *Adonai* your God is giving you, put it in a basket and go to the place *Adonai* your God chooses to make His Name dwell.

3 You are to go to the *kohen* in charge in those days and say to him, ‘I declare today to *Adonai* your God, that I have entered into the land *Adonai* swore to our fathers to give us.’

4 The *kohen* is to take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of *Adonai* your God.

5 “Then you are to respond before *Adonai* your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and lived there as an outsider, few in number. But there he became a great nation—mighty and numerous.

6 The Egyptians treated us badly, afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

7 Then we cried out to *Adonai*, God of our fathers, and *Adonai* listened to our voice and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression.

8 Then *Adonai* brought us out from Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders.

9 He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 So now, look! I have brought the first of the fruits of the soil that You have given me, *Adonai*.' Then you are to set it down before *Adonai* your God and worship before *Adonai* your God.

11 You will rejoice in all the good that *Adonai* your God has given to you and to your house—you, the Levite, and the outsider in your midst.

12 "When you finish tithing the full tenth of your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you are to give it to the Levite, to the outsider, to the orphan and to the widow, so that they may eat within your town gates and be satisfied.

13 Then you are to say before *Adonai* your God, 'I have removed the holy tithe from my house and also have given it to the Levite and to the outsider, to the orphan and to the widow, according to all Your *mitzvah* that You have commanded me. I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Your *mitzvot*.

14 I have not eaten from the tithe in my mourning, or removed any of it while unclean, or given any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of *Adonai* my God; I have done all just as You commanded me.

15 Look down from Your holy dwelling place, from the heavens and bless Your people Israel and the soil You have given us, as You swore to our fathers—a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Affirming the Covenant

16 "This day *Adonai* your God is commanding you to do these statutes and ordinances—so you are to take care and do them with all your heart and with all your soul.

17 Today you have affirmed *Adonai* as your God, that you will walk in His ways, keep His statutes, *mitzvot* and ordinances, and listen to His voice.

18 Now today *Adonai* has affirmed you as His treasured people, as He promised you; that you are to keep all His *mitzvot*;

19 that He will set you high above all the nations He has made, for praise, fame and honor; and that you are to be a holy people to *Adonai* your God, as He has promised."

Deuteronomy 27

1 Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, “Keep the whole *mitzvah* that I am commanding you today.

2 Now on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land that *Adonai* your God is giving you, you are to set up large stones for yourself and coat them with plaster.

3 Then you are to write on them all the words of this *Torah* when you cross over—so that you may enter the land that *Adonai* your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey just as *Adonai*, the God of your fathers, promised you.

4 Now when you cross over the Jordan, you are to set up these stones about which I am commanding you today on Mount Ebal, and coat them with plaster.

5 There also you will build an altar to *Adonai* your God, an altar of stones—you are not to use an iron tool on them.

6 You are to build the altar of *Adonai* your God of whole stones, and you are to offer up burnt offerings on it to *Adonai* your God.

7 You are to sacrifice fellowship offerings and eat there, and you will rejoice before *Adonai* your God.

8 You are to write on the stones all the words of this *Torah* very clearly.”

9 Then Moses and the Levitical *kohanim* spoke to all Israel, saying, “Be silent and listen, O Israel—this day you have become a people for *Adonai* your God.

10 Therefore listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, and do His *mitzvot* and statutes that I am commanding you today.”

11 Moses commanded the people on that day saying,

12 “When you have crossed over the Jordan, these are to stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 For the curse these are to stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 “Then the Levites are to answer and say with a loud voice to every man of Israel:

15 'Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molten image—an abomination to *Adonai*, the work of a craftsman's hands—and sets it up in secret.' Then all the people are to answer and say, 'Amen.'

16 'Cursed is the one who dishonors his father or mother.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

17 'Cursed is the one who removes his neighbor's boundary marker.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

18 'Cursed is the one who misleads a blind person on the road.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

19 'Cursed is the one who twists justice for the outsider, orphan and widow.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

20 'Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's nakedness.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

21 'Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

22 'Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

23 'Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

24 'Cursed is the one who strikes down his neighbor in secret.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

25 'Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to strike down an innocent life.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

26 'Cursed is the one who does not uphold the words of this *Torah* by doing them.' Then all the people are to say, 'Amen.'

Deuteronomy 28

Blessings for Obedience

1 "Now if you listen obediently to the voice of *Adonai* your God, taking care to do all His *mitzvot* that I am commanding you today, *Adonai* your God will set you on high—above all the nations of the earth.

2 Then all these blessings will come upon you and overtake you, if you listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God:

3 “Blessed will you be in the city, and blessed will you be in the field.

4 “Blessed will be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil, and the offspring of your livestock—the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.

5 “Blessed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 “Blessed will you be when you come in, and blessed will you be when you go out.

7 “*Adonai* will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck down before you. They will come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 *Adonai* will command the blessing on you in your barns and in every undertaking of your hand, and He will bless you in the land *Adonai* your God is giving you.

9 *Adonai* will establish you as a holy people for Himself, just as He swore to you—if you keep the *mitzvot* of *Adonai* your God and walk in His ways.

10 Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of *Adonai* and they will stand in awe of you.

11 *Adonai* will make you overflow in prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your soil—on the land *Adonai* swore to your fathers to give you.

12 *Adonai* will open for you His good storehouse—the heavens—to give rain for your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

13 *Adonai* will make you the head and not the tail, and you will be only above and not below—if you listen to the *mitzvot* of *Adonai* your God that I am commanding you today, careful to do them,

14 and do not turn aside from any of the words I am commanding you today, to the right or the left, to go after other gods in order to serve them.

Curses for Disobedience

15 “But if you will not listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, to take care to do all His *mitzvot* and statutes that I am commanding you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

16 “Cursed will you be in the city, and cursed will you be in the field.

17 “Cursed will be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 “Cursed will be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your soil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

19 “Cursed will you be when you come in, and cursed will you be when you go out.

20 “*Adonai* will send on you cursing, confusion and frustration in every undertaking of your hand that you will do—until you are destroyed and perish quickly, because of the evil of your deeds by which you have abandoned Me.

21 *Adonai* will make the plague cling to you, until He has put an end to you from the land that you are going in to possess.

22 *Adonai* will strike you with weakness, fever, inflammation, fiery heat, the sword, blight and mildew—they will pursue you until you perish.

23 Your sky above your head will be bronze, and the earth beneath you iron.

24 *Adonai* will make the rain of your land powder and dust—it will come down on you from the heavens, until you are destroyed.

25 “*Adonai* will bring you to defeat before your enemies. You will go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. You will become a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 Your carcass will be food for every bird of the heavens and beast of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

27 “*Adonai* will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with hemorrhoids, with scabs and with itching, from which you cannot be healed.

28 “*Adonai* will strike you with madness, with blindness, and with confusion of heart.

29 You will grope at noon as the blind person gropes in darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways. You will be only oppressed and robbed all the time, and there will be no one to save you.

30 “You will become engaged to a woman, but another man will sleep with her. You will build a house, but you will not dwell in it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will not put it to use.

31 Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will not eat of it. Your donkey will be stolen in front of you, and it will not be returned to you. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and you will have no one to save you.

32 “Your sons and daughters will be given to another people while your eyes look on, longing for them all day long—but your hand will be powerless.

33 A people you do not know will eat up the produce of your soil and all your labor, and you will be only oppressed and crushed all the time.

34 You will be driven mad by the sight that your eyes will see.

35 “*Adonai* will strike you on the knees and thighs with severe boils, from which you cannot be healed—from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36 “*Adonai* will bring you and the king you set over you to a nation you and your fathers have not known—and there you will serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 You will become a horror, a proverb, and a byword—among all the peoples where *Adonai* will drive you.

38 “Much seed you will take out to the field—but little will you bring in, for the locust will eat it up.

39 Vineyards you will plant and tend—but wine you will not drink or bring in, for the worm will devour it.

40 Olive trees you will have in all your territory—but oil you will not rub on yourself, for your olives will drop off.

41 Sons and daughters you will father—but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity.

42 All your trees and the produce of your soil the whirring locust will possess.

43 “The outsider who is in your midst will rise up higher and higher above you, and you will go down lower and lower.

44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he will become the head and you will become the tail.

45 “All these curses will come upon you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed—because you did not listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, to keep His *mitzvot* and statutes that He commanded you.

46 They will be a sign and a wonder on you and your descendants forever.

47 Instead of serving *Adonai* your God with joy and goodness of heart, out of the abundance of everything,

48 you will serve your enemies, whom *Adonai* will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and lacking everything; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 “*Adonai* will raise up a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, just as the eagle swoops down—a nation whose language you will not understand,

50 a brazen-faced nation that will not respect the old or be gracious to the young.

51 It will devour the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your soil, until you are destroyed. It will not leave behind for you grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until it ruins you.

52 It will besiege you within all your town gates throughout your land, until your high and fortified walls—that you trusted in—come down. It will besiege you within all your gates throughout your land that *Adonai* your God has given you.

53 “You will eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters *Adonai* your God has given you, in the siege and stress with which your enemies will distress you.

54 The most tender and delicate man among you—his eye will become evil against his brother and the wife of his bosom and the rest of his children that he has left.

55 He will not give to a single one of them from his children’s flesh that he will eat, because nothing else is left for him in the siege and stress with which your enemy will distress you within all your town gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who never ventured to set the sole of her foot on the ground out of delicateness and tenderness—her eye will become evil against the husband of her bosom and her son and daughter.

57 For in secret she will eat her afterbirth that issues from between her legs and the children she bears, for lack of anything else in the siege and stress with which your enemy will distress you within all your gates.

58 “If you do not take care to do all the words of this *Torah*, the things written in this scroll, to fear this glorious and awesome Name, *Adonai* your God,
59 then *Adonai* will make your plagues and the plagues of your descendants extraordinary—terrible and prolonged plagues, severe and prolonged illnesses.
60 He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt that you were afraid of, and they will cling to you.

61 Also every illness and plague that is not written in the scroll of this *Torah*, *Adonai* will bring on you, until you are destroyed.

62 “You will be left few in number, instead of being like the stars of the sky in number—because you did not listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God.

63 Now just as *Adonai* rejoiced over you to do you good and to multiply you, so *Adonai* will rejoice over you to ruin and destroy you; and you will be uprooted from the land that you are going in to possess.

64 “*Adonai* will scatter you among all peoples from the one end of the earth to the other, and there you will serve other gods—wood and stone—that you and your fathers have not known.

65 Among these nations you will find no rest, and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot. But there *Adonai* will give you a trembling heart and failing eyes, and a despairing spirit.

66 “Your life will hang in the balance before you; you will be afraid night and day, and you will have no assurance of your life.

67 In the morning you will say, ‘If only it were evening!’ and at evening you will say, ‘If only it were morning!’—from the fear of your heart that you will fear and the sight of your eyes that you will see.

68 *Adonai* will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way that I said to you, ‘You will not see it again.’ There you will sell yourselves to your enemies as slaves and maids, but there will be no buyer.”

Renewing the Covenant

69 These are the words of the covenant that *Adonai* commanded Moses to make with *Bnei-Yisrael* in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant He made with them at Horeb.

Deuteronomy 29:1-8

1 Moses called to all Israel and said to them, “You have seen all that *Adonai* did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land—

2 the great trials that your eyes saw, those great signs and wonders.

3 But to this day *Adonai* has not given you a heart to know, or eyes to see, or ears to hear.

4 I led you 40 years in the wilderness—your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

5 Bread you have not eaten and wine and strong drink you have not drunk—in order that you may know that I am *Adonai* your God.

6 “When you came to this place, King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of the Bashan came out against us to battle, but we struck them down.

7 We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

8 So keep the words of this covenant and do them, so that you may prosper in all that you do.

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 60:1-22

Arise, Shine, O Zion

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come! The glory of *Adonai* has risen on you.

2 For behold, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness the peoples.

But *Adonai* will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you.

3 Nations will come to your light, kings to the brilliance of your rising.

4 Lift up your eyes and look all around: they all gather—they come to you— your sons will come from far away, your daughters carried on the hip.

5 Then you will see and be radiant, and your heart will throb and swell with joy. For the abundance of the sea will be turned over to you. The wealth of nations will come to you.

6 A multitude of camels will cover you, young camels of Midian and Ephah, all those from Sheba will come. They will bring gold and frankincense, and proclaim the praises of *Adonai*.

7 All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to you. Nebaioth's rams will minister to you. They will go up with favor on My altar, and I will beautify My glorious House.

8 Who are these who fly like a cloud, like doves to their windows?

9 Surely the islands will hope in Me, with the ships of Tarshish in the lead, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the Name of *Adonai* your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you.

10 Foreigners will build up your walls, and their kings will minister to you. For in My fury I struck you, but in My favor I will show you mercy.

11 Your gates will be open continually. They will not be shut day or night, so that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

12 For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish— those nations will be utterly ruined.

13 The glory of Lebanon will come to you —cypress, elm and pine together— to beautify the place of My Sanctuary. I will give to the place of My feet glory.

14 The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, and all those who despised you will fall at the soles of your feet. They will call you the city of *Adonai*, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Instead of deserted and hated, no one passing through, I will make you an eternal pride, joy from generation to generation.

16 You will also suck the milk of nations and nurse at the breast of kings. Then you will know that I, *Adonai*, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17 “Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver, instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. I will make *shalom* your overseer, and righteousness your taskmasters.

18 No more will violence be heard in your land, devastation nor destruction within your borders. But you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

19 No more will the sun be your light by day, nor the glow of the moon be your light, but *Adonai* will be your everlasting light, and your God for your glory.

20 No more will your sun set, nor will your moon wane, for *Adonai* will be your everlasting light, as the days of your mourning end.

21 Then your people will all be righteous. They will possess the land forever— the branch of His planting, the work of My hands— that I may be glorified.

22 The smallest will become a thousand, and the least a mighty nation. I, *Adonai*, will hasten it in its time.”

BRIT CHADASHA

Matthew 13:1-23

Simple Stories, Profound Truths

1 On that day after *Yeshua* left the house, He was sitting by the sea.

2 And large crowds gathered around Him; so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood on the shore.

3 And He told them many things in parables, saying, “Behold, a sower went out to spread some seed.

4 As he was scattering the seed, some seeds fell by the road; and the birds came and ate them up.

5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they didn’t have much soil. They sprang up immediately, because the soil wasn’t deep.

6 But when the sun came up, they were scorched; and because they had no roots, they withered away.

7 Other seeds fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew and choked them out.

8 But others fell on good soil and were producing fruit. They yielded a crop—some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

9 He who has ears, let him hear.”

10 Then the disciples came to Him and said, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

11 And He replied to them, “To you has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

12 For whoever has, to him more will be given and he will have plenty. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

13 For this reason I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear nor do they understand.

14 ”And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘You will keep on hearing but will never understand; you will keep looking, but will never see.

15 For the heart of this people has become dull, their ears can barely hear, and they have shut their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts. Then they would turn back, and I would heal them.'

16 "But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

17 Amen, I tell you, many a prophet and *tzaddik* longed to see what you are seeing and did not see, and to hear what you are hearing and did not hear."

Parable of the Sower Explained

18 "You then, hear the parable of the sower.

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the one having been sown along the road.

20 "The one sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy.

21 Yet he has no root himself but lasts only a short while; and when trouble or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he falls away.

22 "But the one sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word; and the worries of the world and the seduction of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23 "Now the one sown on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands. He indeed bears fruit, yielding a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty times what was sown."

Luke 21:1-4

Teaching in the Temple

1 Then *Yeshua* looked up and saw the rich dropping their gifts into the treasury box.

2 He also saw a poor widow dropping in two small copper coins.

3 And He said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest.

4 For all these put in their gifts from their surplus. But she, out of her poverty, put in all she had to live on.”

Acts 28:17-31

17 It happened that after three days, Paul called together those who were the prominent Jewish leaders. When they had gathered he said to them, “Brothers, although I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 When they examined me, they wanted to release me because there was no basis for the death penalty.

19 But when the Judean leaders protested, I was forced to appeal to Caesar—not that I had any charge to bring against my own nation.

20 For this reason, therefore, I have requested to see you and to speak with you—since it is for the hope of Israel that I am bearing this chain.”

21 They said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you.

22 But we think it appropriate to hear from you about what you think. For indeed, it is known to us that regarding this sect, it is spoken against everywhere.”

23 They set a day to meet Paul and came to him at his quarters in large numbers. From morning until evening he was explaining everything to them, testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them about *Yeshua* from both the *Torah* of Moses and the Prophets.

24 Some were convinced by what he said, while others refused to believe.

25 So when they disagreed among themselves, they began leaving after Paul had said one last statement: “The *Ruach ha-Kodesh* rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

26 saying, ‘Go to this people and say, “You will keep on hearing but will never understand; you will keep looking, but will never see.

27 For the heart of this people has become dull, their ears can barely hear, and they have shut their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts. Then they would turn back, and I would heal them.’”

28 Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!”

29

30 Paul remained two whole years in his own rented quarters and continued to welcome all who came to him—

31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah with all boldness and without hindrance.

Romans 11:1-15

Israel Not Rejected

1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not rejected His people whom He knew beforehand. Or do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3 “*Adonai*, they have killed your prophets, they have destroyed your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.”

4 But what is the divine response to him? “I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

5 So in the same way also at this present time there has come to be a remnant according to God’s gracious choice.

6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer by works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained; but the elect obtained it, and the rest were hardened—

8 just as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes not to see and ears not to hear, until this very day.”

9 And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them.

10 Let their eyes be darkened so they do not see, and bend their back continually.”

11 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their false step salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke Israel to jealousy.

12 Now if their transgression leads to riches for the world, and their loss riches for the Gentiles, then how much more their fullness!

13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Insofar as I am an emissary to the Gentiles, I spotlight my ministry

14 if somehow I might provoke to jealousy my own flesh and blood and save some of them.

15 For if their rejection leads to the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?