

Nitzavim – Vayelech
“You are standing” “And he went”

Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9 - 31:30
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9, Hosea 14:1-10, Joel 2:15-27, Micah 7:18-20
Brit Chadasha: Romans 9:30-10:13, Hebrews 12:14-15, 13:5-8

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TORAH:

Deuteronomy 29:9

9 “You are standing today, all of you, before *Adonai* your God—the heads of your tribes, your elders, your officials, all the men of Israel,

10 your children, your wives, and the outsider within your camp (from your woodchopper to your water carrier).

11 Each of you is to cross over into the covenant of *Adonai* your God that He is cutting with you today, and into His oath.

12 “This is in order to confirm you today as His people. So He will be your God, just as He promised you and just as He swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.

13 Not with you alone am I cutting this covenant and this oath,

14 but with whomever is standing here with us today before *Adonai* our God and with whomever is not here with us today.

15 “Indeed you know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt and how we crossed through the nations that we passed through.

16 You saw their detestable things and their idols —wood and stone, silver and gold—that were with them.

17 Beware in case there is among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from *Adonai* our God to go serve the gods of those nations. Beware in case there is among you a root producing poison and bitter fruit.

18 “Now when someone hears the words of this oath and in his heart considers himself blessed, thinking, ‘*Shalom* will be mine, even though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart’—thus sweeping away the moist with the dry—

19 *Adonai* will be unwilling to forgive him. For then the anger of *Adonai* and His jealousy will smoke against that person. So all the oath that is written in this scroll will settle on him, and *Adonai* will blot out his name from under the heavens.

20 *Adonai* will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, according to all the oaths of the covenant written in this scroll of the *Torah*.

21 “The following generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a distant land will say, when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses *Adonai* afflicted on it:

22 ‘Sulfur and salt, the whole land burnt! It cannot be planted, it cannot sprout, no grass can grow up on it—like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which *Adonai* overturned in His anger and in His wrath!’

23 “All the nations will say, ‘Why has *Adonai* done this to this land? Why this great burning anger?’

24 “Then they will say, ‘Because they abandoned the covenant of *Adonai*, the God of their fathers, which He cut with them when He brought them out from the land of Egypt.

25 They went and served other gods and bowed down to them—gods they never knew, that He had not allotted to them.

26 So *Adonai*’s anger burned against that land, bringing on it every curse written in this scroll.

27 *Adonai* has uprooted them from their soil, in anger and wrath and great fury, and hurled them into another land, as is the case this day.’

28 “The secret things belong to *Adonai* our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever—in order to do all the words of this *Torah*.

Deuteronomy 30

1 “Now when all these things come upon you—the blessing and the curse that I have set before you—and you take them to heart in all the nations where *Adonai* your God has banished you,

2 and you return to *Adonai* your God and listen to His voice according to all that I am commanding you today—you and your children—with all your heart and with all your soul,

3 then *Adonai* your God will bring you back from captivity and have compassion on you, and He will return and gather you from all the peoples where *Adonai* your God has scattered you.

4 Even if your outcasts are at the ends of the heavens, from there *Adonai* your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.

5 *Adonai* your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, and you will possess it; and He will do you good and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 Also *Adonai* your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants—to love *Adonai* your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.

7 “*Adonai* your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 Then you—you will return and listen to the voice of *Adonai* and do all His *mitzvot* that I am commanding you today.

9 *Adonai* your God will make you prosper in all the work of your hand—in the fruit of your womb, and the offspring of your livestock, and the produce of your soil—for good. For *Adonai* will again rejoice over you for good, as He rejoiced over your fathers—

10 when you listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, to keep His *mitzvot* and His statutes that are written in this scroll of the *Torah*, when you turn to *Adonai* your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 “For this *mitzvah* that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far off.

12 It is not in the heavens, that you should say, ‘Who will go up for us to the heavens and get it for us, and have us hear it so we may do it?’

13 Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross over for us to the other side of the sea and get it for us, and have us hear it so we may do it?’

14 No, the word is very near to you—in your mouth and in your heart, to do it.

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil.

16 What I am commanding you today is to love *Adonai* your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His *mitzvot*, statutes and ordinances. Then you will live and multiply, and *Adonai* your God will bless you in the land you are going in to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away and you do not listen, but are drawn away and bow down to other gods and worship them,

18 I tell you today that you will certainly perish! You will not prolong your days on the land, where you are about to cross over the Jordan to go in to possess.

19 “I call the heavens and the earth to witness about you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore choose life so that you and your descendants may live,

20 by loving *Adonai* your God, listening to His voice, and clinging to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell on the land that *Adonai* swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob—to give them.

Deuteronomy 31

Chazak! Be Courageous!

1 Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 He said to them, “I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. *Adonai* has said to me, ‘You are not to cross over this Jordan.’”

3 *Adonai* your God—He will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations from before you, and you will dispossess them. Joshua will cross over before you, just as *Adonai* has promised.

4 “*Adonai* will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

5 *Adonai* will give them over to you, and you are to do to them according to all the *mitzvot* that I commanded you.

6 *Chazak!* Be courageous! Do not be afraid or tremble before them. For *Adonai* your God—He is the One who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.”

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong! Be courageous! For you are to go with this people into the land *Adonai* has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you are to enable them to inherit it.

8 *Adonai*—He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you. Do not fear or be discouraged.”

Public Torah Readings

9 Moses wrote down this *Torah* and gave it to the *kohanim*, the sons of Levi who carry the Ark of the Covenant of *Adonai*, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 Then Moses commanded them saying, “At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of cancelling debts, during the feast of *Sukkot*,

11 when all Israel comes to appear before *Adonai* your God in the place He chooses, you are to read this *Torah* before them in their hearing.

12 Gather the people—the men and women and little ones, and the outsider within your town gates—so they may hear and so they may learn, and they will fear *Adonai* your God and take care to do all the words of this *Torah*.

13 So their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear *Adonai* your God—all the days you live on the land you are about to cross over the Jordan to possess.”

14 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, “Behold, your time to die is near. Call Joshua, and present yourselves at the Tent of Meeting, and I will commission him.” Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the Tent of Meeting.

15 *Adonai* appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood over the opening of the Tent.

16 *Adonai* said to Moses, “Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise up and prostitute themselves with the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will abandon Me and break My covenant that I cut with them.

17 Then My anger will flare against them on that day, and I will abandon them and hide My face from them. So they will be devoured, and many evils and troubles will come on them. They will say on that day, 'Isn't it because our God is not among us that these evils have come on us?'

18 I will surely hide My face on that day because of all the evil they have done, for they have turned to other gods.

Moses Introduces His Song

19 "Now, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to *Bnei-Yisrael*—put it in their mouth, so that this song may be a witness for Me against *Bnei-Yisrael*.

20 "For when I bring them to the land flowing with milk and honey that I swore to their fathers, and they eat and are satisfied and grow fat—then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and they will spurn Me and break My covenant.

21 Now when many evils and troubles have come on them, this song will confront them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten from the mouth of their descendants. For I know the intention they are devising this day, even before I bring them into the land that I swore."

22 That day Moses wrote this song and taught it to *Bnei-Yisrael*.

23 Then he commissioned Joshua son of Nun and said, "*Chazak!* Be courageous! For you will bring *Bnei-Yisrael* into the land I swore to them—and I will be with you."

24 Now when Moses had finished writing the words of this *Torah* on a scroll, right to the end ...

25 Moses commanded the Levites, carriers of the Ark of the Covenant of *Adonai* saying,

26 "Take this scroll of the *Torah*, and place it beside the Ark of the Covenant of *Adonai* your God. It will remain there as a witness against you,

27 for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. Indeed, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against *Adonai*—how much more then after my death?

28 Gather to me all the elders of your tribes and your officials, so that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

29 For I know that after my death you will certainly act corruptly and turn aside from the way I have commanded you. So evil will fall upon you in the latter days, because you will do what is evil in the sight of *Adonai*, provoking Him to anger by the work of your hands.”

30 Moses spoke in the hearing of the whole community of Israel the words of this song, right to the end:

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 61:10-11

10 I will rejoice greatly in *Adonai*. My soul will be joyful in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me in a robe of righteousness— like a bridegroom wearing a priestly turban, like a bride adorning herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes things sown to spring up, so *Adonai Elohim* will cause justice and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 62

Watchmen for Jerusalem

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness shines out brightly, and her salvation as a blazing torch.

2 Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which *Adonai's* mouth will bestow.

3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of *Adonai*, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 No longer will you be termed "Forsaken", no longer your land termed "Desolate". Instead you will be called, "My Delight is in Her" and your land, "Married". For *Adonai* delights in you, and your land will be married.

5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you. As a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, so your God will rejoice over you.

6 On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set watchmen. All day and all night, they will never hold their peace. "You who remind *Adonai*, take no rest for yourselves,

7 And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 *Adonai* has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm: “Surely I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies, nor will foreigners drink your new wine, for which you have labored.

9 But those who have garnered it will eat it and praise *Adonai*, and those who have gathered it will drink it in the courts of My Sanctuary.”

10 Go through, go through the gates. Clear the way for the people! Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner over the peoples.

11 Behold, *Adonai* has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the Daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes! See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.”

12 Then they will call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of *Adonai*, and you will be called, Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Isaiah 63:1-9

Winepress of Vengeance

1 “Who is this coming from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah? This One splendid in His apparel, pressing forward in His great might?” “It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.”

2 “Why is Your apparel so red, and Your garments like one who treads in a wine press?”

3 “I have trodden the winepress alone— from the peoples, no man was with Me. I trod them in My anger, and trampled them in My wrath. Their lifeblood spattered My garments, so I stained all My robes.

4 For a day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption has come.

5 I looked, but there was no one to help. I was amazed, but no one was assisting. So My own arm won victory for Me, and My wrath upheld Me.

6 So I trod down the peoples in My anger, and made them drunk in My wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

Remembering His Chesed

7 I will remember the lovingkindnesses of *Adonai*, the praises of *Adonai*, according to all that *Adonai* has granted us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has granted them according to His compassion, and according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses.

8 For He said, "Surely they are My people, children who will not deal falsely." So He became their Savior.

9 In all their affliction He was afflicted. So the angel of His presence saved them. In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them, then He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

Hosea 14:1-10

Salvation Like Dew for Israel

1 Samaria will bear her guilt, for she has rebelled against her God. They will fall by the sword, their infants dashed to pieces, their pregnant women ripped open.

2 Return O Israel, to *Adonai* your God, for you have stumbled in your iniquity.

3 Take words with you and return to *Adonai*. Say to Him: "Take away all iniquity, and accept what is good, so we may repay with offerings of our lips:

4 'Assyria will not save us. We will not ride on horses, and we will never again say, "Our god," to the work of our hands, for with You, orphans find mercy.'"

5 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger will turn away from him.

6 I will be like dew for Israel. He will blossom like a lily, and thrust out his roots like Lebanon.

7 His tender shoots will spread out. His beauty will be like an olive tree and his fragrance will be like Lebanon.

8 Those dwelling in his shadow will return. They will grow grain and bud like a vine. His renown will be like the wine of Lebanon.

9 Ephraim: "What more are idols to me? I have responded and observed Him. I will be like a luxuriant cypress tree. From me will be found Your fruit."

10 Who is wise? Let him discern these things. Who is intelligent? Let him know them. For the ways of *Adonai* are straight, and the just walk in them, but the wicked stumble in them.

Joel 2:15-27

Blow the Shofar

15 Blow the *shofar* in Zion! Sanctify a fast; proclaim an assembly.

16 Gather the people; sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even those nursing at breasts. Let the bridegroom come out from his bedroom and the bride from her chamber.

17 Between the porch and the altar let the *kohanim*, ministers of *Adonai*, weep, and let them say: "Have pity, *Adonai*, on Your people. Don't make Your heritage a scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"

18 *Adonai* will be zealous for His land, and have compassion on His people.

19 *Adonai* will answer and say to His people: "Behold, I will send you the grain, the new wine, and the fresh oil, and you will be satisfied with it. I will no longer make you a mockery among the nations.

20 "But I will remove the northern invader far from you—yes, I will banish him to a dry and desolate land— his vanguard into the Eastern Sea and his rearguard into the Western Sea. His odor will go up— Yes, his stench will rise." For He has done great things!

Rain and Restoration

21 Do not fear, O land. Be glad! Rejoice! For *Adonai* has done great things.

22 Do not be afraid, beasts of the field, for the desert pastures have sprouted, for the tree bears its fruit. Fig tree and vine yield their strength.

23 So be glad, children of Zion, and rejoice in *Adonai*, your God. For He gives you the early rain for prosperity, Yes, He will bring down rain for you, the early and latter rain as before.

24 The threshing floors will be full of grain and the vats will overflow with new wine and fresh oil.

25 “I shall restore to you the years that the locust, the swarming locust, the canker-worm and the caterpillar have eaten— My great army that I sent among you.”

26 “You will surely eat and be satisfied, and praise the Name of *Adonai* your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. Never again will My people be shamed

27 You will know that I am within Israel. Yes, I am *Adonai* your God —there is no other— Never again will My people be shamed.”

Micah 7:18-20

He Will Again Have Compassion

18 Who is a God like You pardoning iniquity, overlooking transgression, for the remnant of His heritage? He will not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.

19 He will again have compassion on us. He will subdue our iniquities, and You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

20 You will extend truth to Jacob, mercy to Abraham, that You swore to our ancestors from the days of old.

BRIT CHADASHA

Romans 9:30-33

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness—that is, a righteousness of faith.

31 But Israel, who pursued a *Torah* of righteousness, did not reach the *Torah*.

32 Why? Because they pursued it not by faith, but as if it were from works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,

33 just as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and whoever believes in Him shall not be put to shame.”

Romans 10:1-13

Misdirected Zeal

1 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation.

2 For I testify about them that they have zeal for God—but not based on knowledge.

3 For being ignorant of God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For Messiah is the goal of the *Torah* as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on *Torah*, “The man who does these things shall live by them.”

6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks in this way: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Messiah down),

7 or, ‘Who will go down into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead).”

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” — that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming:

9 For if you confess with your mouth that *Yeshua* is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart it is believed for righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever trusts in Him will not be put to shame."

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all—richly generous to all who call on Him.

13 For "Everyone who calls upon the name of *Adonai* shall be saved."

Hebrews 12:14-15

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!"

Hebrews 13:5-8

5 Keep your lifestyle free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God Himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you,"

6 so that with confidence we say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What will man do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

8 *Yeshua* the Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.