

Pinchas
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Torah: Numbers 25:10 – 30:1
Haftarah: 1 Kings 18:46-19:21
Brit Chadasha: Matthew 26:1-30, Mark 14:1-26, Luke 22:1-20,
John 2:13-22, 7:1-13, 37-39 Acts 2:1-21

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TORAH:

Numbers 25:10

10 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

11 “Phinehas son of Eleazar son of Aaron the *kohen* has turned away My anger from *Bnei-Yisrael* because he was very zealous for Me among them, so that I did not put an end to *Bnei-Yisrael* in My zeal.

12 So now say: See, I am making with him a covenant of *shalom*!

13 It will be for him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood- because he was zealous for his God and atoned for *Bnei-Yisrael*.”

14 The name of the Israelite man killed with the Midianite woman was Zimri son of Salu, a prince of a Simeonite ancestral household.

15 The name of the executed Midianite woman was Cozbi, daughter of Zur- he was a tribal head of an ancestral house in Midian.

16 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

17 “Deal with the Midianites as enemies and strike them.

18. For they have been enemies to you in their deceptions of you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a Midianite prince, their sister who was slain on the day of the plague on account of the Peor incident.”

Numbers 26

Numbering the Second Generation

1 After the plague, *Adonai* said to Moses and Eleazar son of Aaron the *kohen* saying,

2 “Take a headcount of the entire community of *Bnei-Yisrael*, sons twenty years old and upward, by their ancestral houses, all who can serve in Israel’s army.”

3 So Moses and Eleazar the *kohen* spoke with them on the Moabite plains by the Jordan across from Jericho saying,

4 “Just as *Adonai* commanded Moses, a census will be taken of all men of *Bnei-Yisrael* who came out of Egypt, from 20 years old and upward.”

5 The descendants of the sons of Reuben, Israel’s firstborn: by Hanoch the Hanochite family, by Pallu the Palluite family,

6 by Hezron the Hezronite family, and by Carmi the Carmite family,

7 these Reubenite families numbered 43,730.

8 The son of Pallu was Eliab.

9 The sons of Eliab were Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These were the Dathan and Abiram who were community leaders who rebelled against Moses and Aaron and were among the following of Korah in their rebellion against *Adonai*.

10 Then the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them with Korah, whose followers died when the fire consumed the 250 men, these men serving as a warning.

11 Korah’s sons, however, did not die.

12 The sons of Simeon by their families were: by Nemuel the family of the Nemuelites, by Jamin the family of the Jaminites, by Jachin the family of the Jachinites,

13 by Zerach the family of the Zerachites, and by Shaul the family of the Shaulites.

14 These families of the Simeonites numbered 22,200.

15 The sons of Gad by their families were: by Zephon the family of the Zephonites, by Haggi the family of the Haggites, by Shuni the family of the Shunites,

16 by Ozni the family of the Oznites, by Eri the family of the Erites,

17 by Arod the family of the Arodites, by Areli the family of the Arelites.

18 The sons of Gad numbered 40,500.

19 Er and Onan were sons of Judah but had died in the land of Canaan.

20 The sons of Judah by their families were: by Shelah the Shelanite family, by Perez the Perezite family, by Zerach the Zerachite family.

21 The sons of Perez: by Hezron the Hezronite family, by Hamul the Hamulite family.

22 These were the sons of Judah. They numbered 76,500.

23 The sons of Issachar by their families were: Tola and the family of the Tolaites, by Puvah the Punite family,

24 by Jashub the Jashubite family, by Shimron the Shimronite family.

25 These were the families of Issachar. They numbered 64,300.

26 The sons of Zebulun by their families were: by Sered the family of the Seredites, by Elon the family of the Elonites, by Jahleel the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These were the Zebulunite families. They numbered 60,500.

28 The sons of Joseph by their families were Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 The sons of Manasseh were: by Machir the family of the Machirites (Machir fathered Gilead.), by Gilead the family of the Gileadites.

30 The sons of Gilead were: by Iezer the family of the Iezerites, by Helek the Helekite family,

31 By Asriel the Asrielite family, by Shechem the Shechemite family,

32 by Shemida the Shemidaite family, by Hephher the Hephherite family.

33 Hephher's son Zelophehad had no sons, only daughters. The names of Zelophehad's daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These were the families of Manasseh. They numbered 52,700.

35 These were the sons of Ephraim by their families: of Shuthelah the Shuthelahite family, of Becher the Bechrite family, of Tahan the Tahanite family.

36 These were the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran the Eranite family.

37 These were the families of the sons of Ephraim. These numbered 32,500. These were the sons of Joseph by their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin by their families were: by Bela the Belaite family, by Ashbel the Ashbelite family, by Ahiram the Ahiramite family,

39 by Shephupham the Shuphamite family, by Hupham the Huphamite family.

40 The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman. By Ard was the family of the Ardites, by Naaman the family of the Naamanites.

41 These were the sons of Benjamin. They numbered 45,600.

42 These were the sons of Dan by their families: by Shuham the Shuhamite family. These were the families of Dan by family.

43 They were all Shuhamite families, and, they numbered 64,400.

44 The sons of Asher by their families were: by Imnah the Imnite family, by Ishvi the Ishvite family, by Beriah the Beriite family.

45 Through the sons of Beriah: by Heber the Heberite family, by Malchiel the Malchielite family.

46 The name of Asher's daughter was Serah.

47 These were the families of Asher's sons. They numbered 53,400.

48 The sons of Naphtali by their families were: by Jahzeel the Jahzeelite family, by Guni the Gunite family,

49 By Jezer the Jezrite family, by Shillem the Shillemite family.

50 These were the families of Naphtali by their families. They numbered 45,400.

51 These sons of Israel totaled 601,730.

52 *Adonai* then spoke to Moses saying,

53 "The land is to be divided to these as an inheritance according to the number of names.

54 For the larger, you are to make his inheritance larger, and to the smaller you are to make his inheritance smaller. Each is to receive his inheritance in proportion to his population.

55 Certainly the land is to be divided by lot. They will inherit it according to the names of their ancestral tribes.

56 The division of the inheritance of larger and smaller tribes is to be decided by the lot."

57 These were the numbers of the Levites by their families: by Gershon the Gershonite family, by Kohath the Kohathite family, by Merari the Merarite family.

58 These were the families of Levi: the Libnite family, the Hebronite family, the Machlite family, the Mushite family and the Korahite family. Kohath fathered Amram.

59 Amram's wife's name was Jochebed daughter of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt. She gave birth for Amram, Aaron and Moses, as well as Miriam their sister.

60 Aaron was the father of Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 However, Nadab and Abihu died when they offered sacrifices with unauthorized fire before *Adonai*.

62 The male Levites a month old and upward totaled 23,000, though they were not included among *Bnei-Yisrael*, since He did not give them an inheritance among *Bnei-Yisrael*.

63 These were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the *kohen* when they counted *Bnei-Yisrael* on the plains of Moab across from Jericho.

64 Not one of them was among those counted by Moses and Aaron the *kohen* when they counted *Bnei-Yisrael* in the Sinai wilderness,

65 because *Adonai* had said they would surely die in the wilderness. Not one of them was left, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

Numbers 27

Inheritance of Daughters

1 The daughters of Zelophehad son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh son of Joseph (the names of his daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah)

2 stood before Moses, Eleazar the *kohen* and the princes of the entire assembly at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and said,

3 "Our father died in the wilderness. But he was not one of the followers banding together against *Adonai* with Korah, though he died for his own sin. Yet he had no sons.

4 Why should our father's name diminish from his family just because he had no son? Give to us property among our father's brothers."

5 So Moses brought their issue before *Adonai*,

6 and *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

7 "The daughters of Zelophehad are right in saying you should give them property by inheritance among their father's relatives. You are to turn over the inheritance of their father to them."

8 "Furthermore, you are to speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* saying: If a man dies without a son, you are to transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

9 If he has no daughter, you are to give his inheritance to his brothers.

10 If he has no brothers, you are to give it to his father's brothers.

11 If his father had no brothers, you are to give it to the nearest relative in his family that he might possess it. This is to be a legal statute for *Bnei-Yisrael*, just as *Adonai* commanded to Moses."

Commissioning of Joshua

12 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, "Go up this mountain of the Abarim range and look at the land that I have given to *Bnei-Yisrael*.

13 When you have seen it, you will be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother was gathered.

14 For in the wilderness of Zin during the strife of the community, you both rebelled against My Word instead of honoring Me as holy at the waters before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

15 Moses spoke to *Adonai* saying,

16 "May *Adonai*, God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community

17 to go out and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them out so that the people of *Adonai* will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

18 *Adonai* said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the *Ruach*, and lay your hand on him.

19 You will have him stand before Eleazar the *kohen* and the entire assembly and commission him before their eyes.

20 Give to him some of your authority so that the whole community of *Bnei-Yisrael* will obey him.

21 He will stand before Eleazar the *kohen*, who will pray and obtain judgments for him by Urim and before *Adonai*. At his mouth, they will go out and at his mouth they will come in, he and all the community of *Bnei-Yisrael* with him.”

22 Moses did as *Adonai* commanded him. He took Joshua, stood him before Eleazar the *kohen* and all the entire assembly.

23 Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him just as *Adonai* had spoken, by Moses’ hand.

Numbers 28

Moadim: Appointed Times

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

2 “Command *Bnei-Yisrael* and tell them to be careful to present to Me at the *moadim* My food offerings by fire as a pleasing aroma.

3 Tell them: This is the fire offering which you are to present to *Adonai*: two male lambs a year old, without flaw, as a daily regular burnt offering.

4 Prepare one lamb in the morning and the other lamb you are to prepare at twilight,

5 along with a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of oil from pressed olives.

6 This is the regular burnt offering initiated at Mount Sinai, as a pleasing aroma, a fire offering to *Adonai*.

7 With each lamb pour out a fourth of a hin of fermented drink at the Sanctuary as a drink offering to *Adonai*.

8 Prepare the second lamb at twilight with the same type of grain and drink offerings you prepared in the morning, a fire offering as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*.

Shabbat: Weekly Rest

9 “On the Shabbat, you are to present two flawless male lambs a year old, along with two tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil and its drink offering.

10 This is the burnt offering for every Shabbat, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

Rosh Chodesh: New Moon

11 “On the first of the month you are to present to *Adonai* a burnt offering of two young bulls, one ram, and seven flawless male lambs a year old,

12 with three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering with each bull, and two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering with the ram,

13 and with each lamb a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, a burnt offering as a pleasing aroma, an offering by fire to *Adonai*.

14 Their drink offerings shall be: per bull, half a hin of wine, a third of a hin of wine per ram, and, a fourth of a hin per lamb. This will be the monthly burnt offering at each new moon throughout the year.

15 Also, one male goat as a sin offering to *Adonai* beside the regular burnt offering is to be offered with its drink offering.

Pesach: Passover

16 “On the fourteenth day of the first month is *Adonai*’s Passover.

17 On the fifteenth day, there is to be a feast. For seven days, *matzot* will be eaten.

18 You are to hold a sacred assembly on the first day. You are not to do any laborious work.

19 You are to offer to *Adonai* burnt offering by fire, two young bulls, one ram and seven male lambs a year old. They are to be flawless.

20 You are to offer their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths of an ephah per bull, two tenths per ram,

21 and one tenth per each of the seven lambs,

22 plus one goat for a sin offering to atone for yourselves.

23 In addition to the morning burnt offering and regular burnt offering, you are to offer these.

24 Just like this you are to offer each day, for seven days, the food to be offered by fire for each day as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*, beside the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

25 On the seventh day, you are to have a sacred assembly, and you are to do no laborious work.

Shavuot: Feast of Weeks

26 “On the Day of Firstfruits, when you offer to *Adonai* a new grain offering during the Feast of Weeks, you are to have a sacred assembly. You are to do no laborious work.

27 You are to offer as a pleasing aroma a burnt offering to *Adonai*, two young bulls from the herd, one ram and seven male lambs a year old.

28 With each bull there is to be a grain offering of three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, with the ram two tenths,

29 and with each lamb, one tenth,

30 plus one male goat to make atonement for you.

31 In addition, you are to prepare the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and its drink offering. They are to be without defect.

Numbers 29

Yom Teruah: Day of Shofar Shouts

1 “On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a sacred assembly. You are to do no laborious work. It is for you a day for sounding the *shofar*.

2 You are to prepare a burnt offering as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*: one young bull from the herd, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, without flaw,

3 with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths of an ephah with the bull, two tenths with the ram,

4 and one tenth with each of the seven lambs,

5 as well as one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for yourselves.

6 Also offer the burnt offering for the month with its grain offering, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their appropriate drink offerings as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*, as an offering by fire.

Yom Kippur: Day of Atonement

7 “On the tenth day of this seventh month, you are to have a sacred assembly. You are to deny yourselves and do no work.

8 You are to present to *Adonai* a burnt offering as a pleasing aroma, one young bull from the herd, one ram, and seven year-old male lambs without defect,

9 along with their grain offerings of fine flour mixed with oil: three tenths of an ephah with the bull, two tenths with the ram,

10 and one tenth with each of the seven lambs.

11 Also offer one male goat for a sin offering, in addition to the sin offering for atonement, as well as the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and their drink offerings.

Sukkot: Feast of Tabernacles

12 “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you are to have a sacred assembly. You are not to do any of your work, and you are to celebrate the Feast to *Adonai* for seven days.

13 You are to offer a burnt offering by fire to *Adonai* as a pleasing aroma: thirteen young bulls from the herd, two rams, and fourteen year-old male lambs without defect,

14 their grain offerings of fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths of an ephah with each of the thirteen bulls, two tenths with each of the two rams,

15 and one tenth with each of the fourteen lambs,

16 plus one male goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offering.

17 “On the second day, you are to offer twelve young bulls from the herd, two rams, and fourteen year-old male lambs without flaw,

18 with their grain and drink offerings, with the bulls, rams, and lambs as appropriate by their number according to the regulations,

19 plus one male goat as a sin offering, as well as the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

20 “On the third day, offer eleven bulls, two rams, and fourteen year-old male lambs without defect,

21 with their grain and drink offerings, with the bulls, rams, and lambs the number specified,

22 and a male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

23 “On the fourth day, ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen year-old male lambs without flaw,

24 their grain offerings and drink offerings with the bulls, rams, and lambs by their number according to the regulations,

25 and one male goat as a sin offering and the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

26 “On the fifth day, nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen male one year old lambs without defect,

27 with their grain and drink offerings by their number as specified,

28 and one goat for a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

29 “On the sixth day, eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old without defect,

30 with the bulls, rams, and lambs, their grain and drink offerings according to those numbers specified,

31 and one goat for a sin offering with the regular burnt offering and its grain and drink offerings.

32 “On the seventh day, seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs without defect a year old,

33 plus their grain and drink offerings, for the bulls, rams, and lambs according to the numbers specified,

34 in addition to one male goat for a sin offering and the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

35 “On the eighth day there shall be for you an assembly. You are to do no regular work.

36 You are to offer to *Adonai* a burnt offering, a fire offering, a pleasing aroma, one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old without defect,

37 and their grain and drink offerings, with the bull, ram, and lamb corresponding to their number according to the regulations,

38 and a goat for a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings.

39“You are to prepare these for *Adonai* at your *moadim* in addition to your vow and freewill offerings, along with your burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offering, and fellowship offerings.”

40 So Moses told *Bnei-Yisrael* all that *Adonai* commanded Moses.

Numbers 30

Keeping or Nullifying Vows

1 Moses spoke to the princes of the tribes of *Bnei-Yisrael* saying, “This is what *Adonai* has commanded:

HAFTARAH

1 Kings 18:46

46 Now the hand of *Adonai* was on Elijah, so he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19:1-21

Whisper at the Cave

1 Then Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, "So let the gods do to me and worse if by this time tomorrow I don't make your life like the life of one of them."

3 Frightened, he got up and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom bush. He prayed that he might die. "It's too much!" he said. "Now, *Adonai*, take my life! For I'm no better than my fathers."

5 Then he lay down and slept under the broom bush. Then behold, an angel touched him, and said to him, "Get up, and eat."

6 So he looked, and to his surprise, there by his head was a cake baked on the hot stones and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.

7 Then the angel of *Adonai* came again a second time, touched him and said. "Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you."

8 So he arose and ate and drank, and in the strength of that meal forty days and forty nights went to Horeb, the mountain of God.

9 When he arrived there at the cave, he spent the night there. Then behold, the word of *Adonai* came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

10 “I have been very zealous for *Adonai-Tzva’ot*,” he said, “for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and slain Your prophets with the sword—and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it!”

11 Then He said, “Come out and stand on the mount before *Adonai*.” Behold, *Adonai* was passing by—a great and mighty wind was tearing at the mountains and shattering cliffs before *Adonai*. But *Adonai* was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but *Adonai* was not in the earthquake.

12 After the earthquake a fire, but *Adonai* was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft whisper of a voice.

13 As soon as Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle, went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then all of a sudden, a voice addressed him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

14 “I have been very zealous for *Adonai Tzva’ot*,” he said, “for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword—and I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life!”

15 Then *Adonai* said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram,

16 and anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

17 It shall come to pass that whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will slay; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will slay.

18 Yet I have preserved seven thousand in Israel whose knees have not bowed to Baal and whose mouth has not kissed him.”

Calling of Elisha

19 So he departed from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. Then Elijah crossed over to him and threw his mantle on him.

20 So he left the oxen and ran after Elijah saying, "Let me please kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." "Come back," he said to him. "For what have I done to you?"

21 So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the oxen's yoke gear, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, went after Elijah and became his attendant.

BRIT CHADASHA

Matthew 26:1-30

The Conspiracy Grows

1 Now it happened that when *Yeshua* had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,

2 “You know that Passover comes in two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be executed.”

3 Then the ruling *kohanim* and elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the *kohen gadol* named Caiaphas.

4 They plotted together in order that they might seize *Yeshua* by stealth and kill Him.

5 “But not during the festival,” they were saying, “so there won’t be a riot among the people.”

A Woman Anoints Yeshua for Burial

6 Now while *Yeshua* was in Bethany at the house of Simon ha-Metzora,

7 a woman came up to Him with an alabaster jar of very expensive oil. And she poured it on His head as He was reclining at the table.

8 But when the disciples saw this, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?

9 It could have been sold for a lot, and the money given to the poor!”

10 But *Yeshua*, knowing this, said to them, “Why do you cause trouble for this woman? She’s done Me a *mitzvah*.

11 You always have the poor with you, but you won’t always have Me.

12 For when she poured this oil on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.

13 Amen, I tell you, wherever this Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Betrayed and Sold for Silver

14 Then one of the Twelve, the one called Judah of Kriot, went to the ruling *kohanim*

15 and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?” And they weighed out thirty shekels of silver for him.

16 From then on, Judah began looking for a chance to hand Him over.

17 Now on the first day of *matzah* , the disciples came to *Yeshua*, saying, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

18 He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and tell him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is near; at your house I am to keep the Passover with My disciples.”’”

19 The disciples did as *Yeshua* had ordered them, and they prepared the Passover.

20 Now when it was evening, *Yeshua* was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

21 As they were eating, He said, “Amen, I tell you, one of you will betray Me.”

22 And being very sorrowful, they began, each one, to say to Him, “I’m not the one, am I, Master?”

23 And He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with Me, he’s the one who will betray Me.

24 The Son of Man indeed goes, just as it is written about Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born!”

25 And Judah, the one betraying Him, replied, “I’m not the one, am I, Rabbi?” *Yeshua* said to him, “You’ve said it yourself.”

26 Now while they were eating, *Yeshua* took *matzah* ; and after He offered the *bracha*, He broke and gave to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

27 And He took a cup; and after giving thanks, He gave to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you;

28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the removal of sins.

29 But I say to you, I will never drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

30 After singing the *Hallel*, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:1-26

Anointed for Burial

1 Now it was two days before Passover and the Feast of *Matzah*. The ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars were searching for a way to grab *Yeshua* by stealth and kill Him.

2 “But not during the festival,” they were saying, “so there won’t be a riot among the people.”

3 And while *Yeshua* was in Bethany at the house of Simon ha-Metzora, reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive oil of pure nard. Breaking open the jar, she poured it over His head.

4 But some got angry and said among themselves, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted?

5 It could have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor!” And they kept scolding her.

6 But *Yeshua* said, “Leave her alone. Why do you cause trouble for her? She’s done Me a *mitzvah*.

7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can do good for them whenever you want; but you won't always have Me.

8 She did what she could—she came beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

9 Amen, I tell you, wherever the Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

10 Then Judah from Kriot, one of the Twelve, went out to the ruling *kohanim* to betray *Yeshua* to them.

11 They were delighted when they heard this and promised to give him money. And Judah began looking for a chance to hand Him over.

New Covenant at the Last Seder

12 Now on the first day of *matzah* , when they were slaughtering the Passover lamb, *Yeshua*'s disciples say to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

13 He sends two of His disciples and tells them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him,

14 and wherever he enters, tell the homeowner, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’”

15 He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

16 The disciples went out, came to the city, and found just what *Yeshua* had told them. And they prepared the Passover.

17 When it was evening, He came with the Twelve.

18 As they were reclining and eating, *Yeshua* said, “Amen, I tell you, one of you who is eating with Me will betray Me.”

19 They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one by one, “I'm not the one, am I?”

20 He said to them, "It's one of the Twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl.

21 For the Son of Man indeed goes, just as it is written about Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born!"

22 And while they were eating, He took *matzah* ; and after He offered the *bracha*, He broke it and gave it to them and said, "Take; this is My body."

23 And He took a cup; and after giving thanks, He gave to them and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

25 Amen, I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

Denial Predicted

26 After singing the *Hallel*, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Luke 22:1-20

The Day before Pesach

1 Now the Feast of *Matzah*, which is called Passover, was approaching.

2 The ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars were searching for a way to do away with *Yeshua*, for they were afraid of the people.

3 Then satan entered into Judah, the one from Kriot, one of the twelve.

4 And he went away and talked with the ruling *kohanim* and officers of the Temple guard about how he might deliver *Yeshua* over to them.

5 They were delighted and agreed to give him money.

6 So he agreed and began looking for a chance to hand *Yeshua* over to them without a crowd.

7 Then came the day of *matzah* when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

8 Now *Yeshua* sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so we may eat."

9 Then they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"

10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters.

11 And say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

12 And with that, he will show you a large upper room, fully furnished. Make preparations there."

13 So they left and found just what *Yeshua* had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

The Seder in the Upper Room

14 When the hour came, *Yeshua* reclined at table, and the emissaries with Him.

15 And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

16 For I tell you, I will never eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 And when He had taken a cup and offered the *bracha*, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves.

18 For I tell you that I will never drink of the fruit of the vine from now on, until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And when He had taken *matzah* and offered the *bracha*, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, given for you. Do this in memory of Me."

20 In the same way, He took the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

John 2:13-22

13 The Jewish feast of Passover was near, so *Yeshua* went up to Jerusalem.

14 In the Temple, He found the merchants selling oxen, sheep, and doves; also the moneychangers sitting there.

15 Then He made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the Temple, both the sheep and oxen. He dumped out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables.

16 To those selling doves, He said, "Get these things out of here! Stop making My Father's house a marketplace!"

17 His disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for your House will consume Me!"

18 The Judean leaders responded, "What sign do You show us, since You are doing these things?"

19 "Destroy this Temple," *Yeshua* answered them, "and in three days I will raise it up."

20 The Judean leaders then said to Him, "Forty-six years this Temple was being built, and You will raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was talking about the temple of His body.

22 So after He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He was talking about this. Then they believed the Scripture and the word that *Yeshua* had spoken.

John 7:1-13, 37-39

Anticipating Hostility at Sukkot

1 After these events, *Yeshua* was walking about in the Galilee. He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Judean leaders wanted to kill Him.

2 Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near.

3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go to Judea, so Your disciples also may see the works You are doing.

4 No one who wants to be well known does everything in secret. If You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world!”

5 For not even His brothers were trusting in Him.

6 Therefore *Yeshua* said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always at hand.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify that its works are evil.

8 You go on up to the Feast. I’m not going to this feast, because My time hasn’t yet fully come.”

9 After saying these things, He stayed in the Galilee.

10 But after His brothers went to the Feast, He also went, not openly but secretly.

11 Then the Judean leaders were searching for Him at the Feast and kept asking, “Where is that fellow?”

12 There was a lot of murmuring about Him in the crowds. Some were saying, “He is good.” But others were saying, “Not so! He leads the people astray.”

13 Yet no one spoke openly about Him for fear of the Judean leaders.

37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, *Yeshua* stood up and cried out loudly, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture says, ‘out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

39 Now He said this about the *Ruach*, whom those who trusted in Him were going to receive; for the *Ruach* was not yet given, since *Yeshua* was not yet glorified.

Acts 2:1-21

The *Ruach* Fills the Disciples

1 When the day of *Shavuot* had come, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 And tongues like fire spreading out appeared to them and settled on each one of them.

4 They were all filled with the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* and began to speak in other tongues as the *Ruach* enabled them to speak out.

5 Now Jewish people were staying in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound came, the crowd gathered. They were bewildered, because each was hearing them speaking in his own language.

7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “All these who are speaking—aren’t they Galileans?”

8 How is it that we each hear our own birth language?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those living in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya toward Cyrene, and visitors from Rome

11 (both Jewish people and proselytes), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own tongues the mighty deeds of God!”

12 And they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to each other, “What does this mean?”

13 Others, poking fun, were saying, “They are full of sweet new wine!”

Peter Speaks to the Shavuot Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: “Fellow Judeans and all who are staying in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words.

15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose—for it’s only the third hour of the day!

16 But this is what was spoken about through the prophet Joel:

17’ And it shall be in the last days,’ says God, ‘that I will pour out My *Ruach* on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even on My slaves, male and female, I will pour out My *Ruach* in those days, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will give wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth beneath—blood, and fire, and smoky vapor.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious Day of *Adonai* comes.

21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of *Adonai* shall be saved.’