

Re'eh
“Behold”

Torah: Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5
Brit Chadasha: 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, 1 John 4:1-6

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TORAH:

Deuteronomy 11:26

Blessing or Curse Set Before You

26 “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—

27 the blessing, if you listen to the *mitzvot* of *Adonai* your God that I am commanding you today,

28 but the curse, if you do not listen to the *mitzvot* of *Adonai* your God, but turn from the way I am commanding you today, to go after other gods you have not known.

29 Now when *Adonai* your God brings you into the land you are going in to possess, you are to set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

30 Are they not across the Jordan toward the west, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the Arabah—opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?

31 For you are about to cross over the Jordan to go in to possess the land *Adonai* your God is giving you—you will possess it and dwell in it,

32 and you will take care to do all the statutes and ordinances that I am setting before you today.

Deuteronomy 12

The Place He Chooses

1 “These are the statutes and ordinances that you are to make sure to do in the land that *Adonai*, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess—all the days that you live on the earth.

2 You must utterly destroy all the places where the nations that you will dispossess served their gods—on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

3 You are to tear down their altars, smash their pillars, burn their Asherah poles in the fire and cut down the carved images of their gods, and you are to obliterate their name from that place.

4 “You are not to act like this toward *Adonai* your God.

5 Rather you are to seek only the place *Adonai* your God chooses from all your tribes to put His Name to dwell—there you will come.

6 There you are to bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes, the offering of your hand, your vow and freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock.

7T here you and your households will eat before *Adonai* your God and rejoice in every undertaking of your hand, as *Adonai* your God has blessed you.

8 You will not do all the things as we are doing here today—everyone doing what is right in his own eyes.

9 For you have not yet come to the resting place and the inheritance that *Adonai* your God is giving you.

10 But when you cross over the Jordan and settle in the land that *Adonai* your God enables you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies around you, you will dwell in safety.

11 “Then the place *Adonai* your God chooses to make His Name dwell, there you are to bring all that I command you—your burnt offerings and your sacrifices,

your tithes, the offering of your hand, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to *Adonai*.

12 Then you will rejoice before *Adonai* your God—you and your sons and daughters, your slaves and maids, and the Levite in your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance among you.

13 Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in any place you see.

14 Rather do so only in the place *Adonai* chooses in one of your tribes—there you are to offer your burnt offerings, and there you are to do all I am commanding you.

15 “However, you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates—whatever your soul’s desire, according to the blessing *Adonai* your God has given you. Either the unclean or clean may eat of it, as they would a gazelle and or deer.

16 But you are not to eat the blood—you are to pour it out on the ground like water.

17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or new wine or oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, or any of your vow offerings that you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the offering of your hand.

18 Rather you are to eat them before *Adonai* your God in the place *Adonai* your God chooses—you, your son and daughter, your slave and maid, and the Levite within your gates—and you will rejoice before *Adonai* your God in every undertaking of your hand.

19 Be careful that you do not neglect the Levite as long as you live on the earth.

20 “When *Adonai* your God enlarges your territory as He has promised you, and you say, ‘I want to eat meat,’ because your soul craves meat, then you may eat meat—all your soul’s desire.

21 If the place *Adonai* your God chooses to put His Name is too far from you, then you may slaughter any of your herd and flock that *Adonai* has given you—as I have commanded you—and you may eat within your gates, all your soul’s desire.

22 Just as the gazelle or hart is eaten, so you may eat it—the unclean and clean alike may eat it.

23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood—for the blood is the life, and you are not to eat the life with the meat.

24 You are not to eat it—you are to pour it out on the ground like water.

25 You are not to eat it, so that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in *Adonai's* eyes.

26 “Only the holy things and vow offerings that are yours are you to take and go to the place that *Adonai* chooses.

27 You are to offer your burnt offerings—the flesh and the blood—on the altar of *Adonai* your God. The blood of your sacrifices is to be poured out on the altar of *Adonai* your God, but the meat you are to eat.

28 Take care and listen to all these words that I am commanding you, so that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the eyes of *Adonai* your God.

29 “When *Adonai* your God cuts off before you the nations that you are going in to dispossess, when you have dispossessed them and settled in their land,

30 be careful not to be trapped into imitating them after they have been destroyed before you. Do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How do these nations serve their gods? I will do the same.’

31 You are not to act like this toward *Adonai* your God! For every abomination of *Adonai*, which He hates, they have done to their gods—they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 13

Beware of False Prophets

1 “Whatever I command you, you must take care to do—you are not to add to it or take away from it.

2 “Suppose a prophet or a dreamer of dreams rises up among you and gives you a sign or wonder,

3 and the sign or wonder he spoke to you comes true, while saying, ‘Let’s follow other gods’—that you have not known, and—‘Let’s serve them!’

4 You must not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams— for *Adonai* your God is testing you, to find out whether you love *Adonai* your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

5 *Adonai* your God you will follow and Him you will fear. His *mitzvot* you will keep, to His voice you will listen, Him you will serve and to Him you will cling.

6 That prophet or dreamer of dreams must be put to death! For he has spoken falsehood against *Adonai* your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to entice you from the way *Adonai* your God commanded you to walk. So you will purge the evil from your midst.

7 “Suppose your brother—your mother’s son—or your son or daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your best friend of your own soul misleads you secretly, saying, ‘Let’s go and serve other gods’—that you and your fathers have not known,

8 from among the gods of the peoples around you, near you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other.

9 You are not to give in or listen to him, your eye is not to pity him, and you are not to spare or conceal him.

10 Instead, you will surely put him to death. Your hand should be the first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

11 You are to stone him with stones to death because he tried to entice you away from *Adonai* your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

12 Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and never again will they do such an evil thing as this in your midst.

13 “Suppose you hear it said in one of your cities, which *Adonai* your God is giving you to dwell in,

14 that worthless fellows have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, ‘Let’s go and serve other gods’—that you have not known.

15 Then you are to investigate, search out and inquire thoroughly. If indeed it is true and the matter certain that this abomination has been done in your midst,

16 you will surely strike down the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it and all that is in it and its livestock with the sword.

17 You are to gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and you are to burn with fire the city and all its plunder—all of it to *Adonai* your God. It will be a ruin forever—it shall never be built again.

18 Nothing from the ban should cling to your hand, so that *Adonai* may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, and have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers—

19 when you listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, keeping all His *mitzvot* that I am commanding you today, doing what is right in the eyes of *Adonai* your God.

Deuteronomy 14

Clean Foods for a Holy People

1 “You are the children of *Adonai* your God. You are not to cut yourselves or shave your forehead for the dead.

2 For you are a holy people to *Adonai* your God—from all the peoples on the face of the earth, *Adonai* has chosen you to be His treasured people.

3 You are not to eat any detestable thing.

4 These are the animals you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,

5 the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the mountain sheep.

6 Among the animals, you may eat any animal that splits the hoof—the hoof completely split in two—and chews the cud.

7 Yet of those that chew the cud or have a split hoof, you are not to eat the camel, the hare, and the rabbit—because they chew the cud but do not split the hoof, they are unclean to you.

8 The pig, because it splits the hoof but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you—you are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses.

9 Of all that are in the waters, these you may eat: whatever has fins and scales you may eat,

10 but whatever does not have fins and scales you are not to eat—it is unclean to you.

11 You may eat all clean birds,

12 but these are the ones you are not to eat: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard,

13 the red kite, the black kite, and any bird of prey of that kind,

14 every raven of any kind,

15 the ostrich, the owl, the seagull, a hawk of any kind,

16 the little owl, the great owl, the white owl,

17 the pelican, the Egyptian vulture, the cormorant,

18 the stork, a heron of any kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

19 All winged insects are unclean to you—they are not to be eaten.

20 You may eat any clean bird.

21 You are not to eat anything that dies of itself. You may give it to the outsider within your gates so that he may eat it or you may sell it to a foreigner. For you are a holy people to *Adonai* your God. You are not to boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Tithe and Remember the Levite

22 “You will surely set aside a tenth of all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year.

23 You are to eat the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, before *Adonai* your God in the place He chooses to make His Name dwell, so that you may learn to fear *Adonai* your God always.

24 Now suppose the way is too long for you, for you cannot carry the tithe because the place *Adonai* your God chooses to set His Name is too far from you. When *Adonai* your God blesses you,

25 then you are to exchange the tithe for silver, bind up the silver in your hand, and go to the place that *Adonai* your God chooses.

26 You may spend the money for whatever your soul desires—cattle, sheep, wine, strong drink, or whatever your soul asks of you. Then you will eat there before *Adonai* your God and rejoice—you and your household.

27 But you are not to neglect the Levite within your gates, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

28 At the end of every three years, you are to bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year and store it within your gates.

29 Then the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, along with the outsider, the orphan and the widow within your gates, will come and eat and be satisfied, so that *Adonai* your God may bless you in all the work of your hand that you do.

Deuteronomy 15

Shmittah: Cancellation of Debts

1 “At the end of every seven years you are to cancel debts.

2 This is how you are to cancel debts: every creditor is to release what he has loaned to his neighbor. He must not force his neighbor or his brother to repay, for *Adonai*’s debt cancellation has been proclaimed.

3 A foreigner you may force, but your hand is to release whatever your brother owes you.

4 “However, there should be no poor among you, for *Adonai* will surely bless you in the land *Adonai* your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess.

5 If only you would carefully listen to the voice of *Adonai* your God, being careful to do all these *mitzvah* that I am commanding you today!

6 For *Adonai* your God will bless you as He promised you. So you will lend to many nations, but not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

7 “If there is a poor man among you—any of your brothers within any of your gates in your land that *Adonai* your God is giving you—you are not to harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother.

8 Rather, you must surely open your hand to him and you must surely lend him enough for his need—whatever he is lacking.

9 Watch yourself, so there is no unworthy thing in your heart saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of cancelling debts, is near,’ and your eye is evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing. Then he may call out to *Adonai* against you, and it will be a sin upon you.

10 You must surely give to him, and your heart is not to be grieved when you give to him—for because of this thing *Adonai* your God will bless you in all your work and in every undertaking of your hand.

11 “For there will never cease to be poor people in the land. Therefore I am commanding you, saying, ‘You must surely open your hand to your brother—to your needy and poor in your land.’

12 “If your fellow Hebrew—a man or woman—is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you are to set him free.

13 When you set him free, you are not to send him away empty-handed.

14 You are to surely provide for him from your flock and threshing floor and winepress. As *Adonai* your God has blessed you, you are to give to him.

15 You will remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and *Adonai* your God redeemed you; therefore I am commanding you this thing today.

16 “Now if he tells you, ‘I will not go away from you’—because he loves you and your household since he is well off with you—

17 then you are to take an awl and put it through his ear to the door, and he will be your servant forever. And to your female slave you are to do the same.

18 It should not seem hard to you when you set him free from you, for he has served you six years—double the value of a hired worker. So *Adonai* your God will bless you in all that you do.

19 “All the firstborn males that are born in your herd and your flock you are to consecrate to *Adonai* your God. You are to do no work with the firstborn of your herd or shear the firstborn of your flock.

20 You are to eat it before *Adonai* your God year after year in the place *Adonai* chooses—you and your household.

21 But if it has any blemish—if it is lame or blind or has any serious blemish—you are not to sacrifice it to *Adonai* your God.

22 You are to eat it within your gates, the unclean and the clean together, just as they eat the gazelle or deer.

23 Only its blood you are not to eat—you must pour it out on the ground like water.

Deuteronomy 16

Three Harvest Festivals

1 “Observe the month of Aviv and keep the Passover to *Adonai* your God, for in the month of Aviv *Adonai* your God brought you out from Egypt by night.

2 You are to sacrifice the Passover offering to *Adonai* your God, from the flock and the herd, in the place *Adonai* chooses to make His Name dwell.

3 You are not to eat *hametz* with it. For seven days you are to eat *matzot* with it, the bread of affliction—for you came out from the land of Egypt in haste. Do this so that all the days of your life you will remember the day when you came out from the land of Egypt.

4 No *hametz* should be seen with you in all your territory for seven days, and none of the meat you sacrifice on the evening of the first day may be left overnight until the morning.

5 You may not sacrifice the Passover offering within any of your gates that *Adonai* your God is giving you.

6 Rather, at the place *Adonai* your God chooses to make His Name dwell, there you will sacrifice the Passover offering in the evening at sunset—the time of your coming out from Egypt.

7 You are to cook and eat it at the place *Adonai* your God chooses, then you will turn around in the morning and journey home.

8 For six days you are to eat *matzot*. On the seventh day there is to be a solemn gathering for *Adonai* your God—on it you are to do no work.

9 Seven weeks you are to count for yourself—from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain you will begin to count seven weeks.

10 Then you will keep the Feast of *Shavuot* to *Adonai* your God with a measure of a freewill offering from your hand, which you are to give according to how *Adonai* your God blesses you.

11 So you will rejoice before *Adonai* your God in the place *Adonai* your God chooses to make His Name dwell—you, your son and daughter, slave and maid, Levite and outsider, orphan and widow in your midst.

12 You will remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you are to take care and do these statutes.

13 “You are to keep the Feast of *Sukkot* for seven days, after gathering in the produce from your threshing floor and winepress.”

14 So you will rejoice in your feast—you, your son and daughter, slave and maid, Levite and outsider, orphan and widow within your gates.

15 Seven days you will feast to *Adonai* your God in the place He chooses, because *Adonai* your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hand, and you will be completely filled with joy.

16 Three times a year all your males are to appear before *Adonai* your God in the place He chooses—at the Feast of Matzot, the Feast of *Shavuot*, and the Feast of *Sukkot*. No one should appear before *Adonai* empty-handed—

17 the gift of each man’s hand according to the blessing *Adonai* your God has given you.

HAFTARAH

Isaiah 54:11-17

11 Afflicted one, storm-tossed, unconsolated, behold, I set your stones in antimony, lay your foundations with sapphires,

12 make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones.

13 All your children will be taught by *Adonai*. Your children will have great *shalom*.

No Weapon Formed Against You

14 “In righteousness you will be established. You will be far from oppression—for you will not fear—and from terror—for it will not come near you.

15 Behold, anyone fiercely attacking is not from Me. Whoever stirs up strife with you will fall because of you.

16 Behold, I created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its work, and I created the destroyer to ruin.

17 No weapon formed against you will prosper and you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of *Adonai*'s servants—their vindication is from Me.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

Isaiah 55:1-5

Trees of the Field will Clap Their Hands

1 “Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the water, and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost!

2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread? Your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance.

3 Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, so that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the trustworthy loyalty to David.

4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 Behold, you will summon a nation you do not know, and a nation that did not know you will run to you, because of *Adonai* your God and the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.”

BRIT CHADASHA

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to mix together with sexually immoral people—

10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral people of this world or the greedy or swindlers or idolaters, for then you would have to exit the world.

11 But now I am writing to you not to mix together with anyone who is being called a brother if he is sexually immoral or greedy or an idolater or a slanderer or a drunkard or a swindler—not even to eat with such a fellow.

12 For what business do I have judging outsiders? Don't you judge those who are inside?

13 But those who are outside, God judges. Put away the wicked fellow from among yourselves.

1 John 4:1-6

Yeshua, the Ruach of Truth

1 Loved ones, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God. For many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 You know the *Ruach Elohim* by this—every spirit that acknowledges that Messiah *Yeshua* has come in human flesh is from God,

3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge *Yeshua* is not from God. This is the spirit of the anti-messiah, which you have heard is coming and now is already in the world.

4 You are from God, children, and you have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

5 They are from the world, so they speak from the world and the world listens to them.

6 We are from God; whoever knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.