

## SHAVUOT

**Torah:** Exodus 19 – 20, Numbers 28:26-31, Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17  
**Haftarah:** Ezekiel 1, Ezekiel 3:12, Habakkuk 3:1-19  
**Brit Chadasha:** Acts 1:1-2:13

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## TORAH

### Exodus 19

Theophany at Sinai

1 In the third month after *Bnei-Yisrael* had gone out of the land of Egypt, that same day they arrived at the wilderness of Sinai.

2 They travelled from Rephidim, came into to the wilderness of Sinai, and set up camp in the wilderness. Israel camped there, right in front of the mountain.

3 Moses went up to God, and *Adonai* called to him from the mountain saying, "Say this to the house of Jacob, and tell *Bnei-Yisrael*,

4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to Myself.

5 Now then, if you listen closely to My voice, and keep My covenant, then you will be My own treasure from among all people, for all the earth is Mine.

6 So as for you, you will be to Me a kingdom of *kohanim* and a holy nation.' These are the words which you are to speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*."

7 So Moses went, called for the elders of the people, and put before them all these words that *Adonai* had commanded him.

8 All the people answered together and said, "Everything that *Adonai* has spoken, we will do." Then Moses reported the words of the people to *Adonai*.

9 *Adonai* said to Moses, "I am about to come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to *Adonai*.

10 *Adonai* said to Moses, "Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow. Let them wash their clothing.

11 Be ready for the third day. For on the third day *Adonai* will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 You are to set boundaries for the people all around, saying, 'Be very careful not to go up onto the mountain, or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain will surely be put to death.

13 Not a hand is to touch it, but he will surely be stoned or shot through. Whether it is an animal or a man, it will not live.' When the *shofar* sounds, they may come up to the mountain."

14 Then Moses went down from the mountain to the people, consecrated them, and then, they washed their clothing.

15 He said to the people, "Be ready for the third day. Do not draw near your wives."

16 In the morning of the third day, there was thundering and lightning, a thick cloud on the mountain, and the blast of an exceedingly loud *shofar*. All the people in the camp trembled.

17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the lowest part of the mountain.

18 Now the entire Mount Sinai was in smoke, because *Adonai* had descended upon it in fire. The smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace. The whole mountain quaked greatly.

19 When the sound of the *shofar* grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him with a thunderous sound.

20 Then *Adonai* came down onto Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. *Adonai* called Moses to the top of the mountain, so Moses went up.

21 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to see *Adonai*, and many of them die.

22 Even the *kohanim* who come near to *Adonai* must consecrate themselves, so that *Adonai* does not break out against them."

23 Moses said to *Adonai*, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You are the One who warned us, saying, ‘Set boundaries around the mountain, and consecrate it.’”

24 Then *Adonai* said to him, “Go down. You are to come back up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the *kohanim* and the people break through to come up to *Adonai*, or He will break out against them.”

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

## **Exodus 20**

### The Ten Words

1 Then God spoke all these words saying,

2 “I am *Adonai* your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 Do not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth.

5 Do not bow down to them, do not let anyone make you serve them. For I, *Adonai* your God, am a jealous God, bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 but showing lovingkindness to the thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My *mitzvot*.

7 “You must not take the Name of *Adonai* your God in vain, for *Adonai* will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain.

8 “Remember Yom Shabbat, to keep it holy.

9 You are to work six days, and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a *Shabbat* to *Adonai* your God. In it you shall not do any work—not you, nor your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, your cattle, nor the outsider that is within your gates.

11 For in six days *Adonai* made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Thus *Adonai* blessed Yom Shabbat, and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which *Adonai* your God is giving you.

13 “Do not murder.

14 “Do not commit adultery.

15 “Do not steal.

16 “Do not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “Do not covet your neighbor’s house, your neighbor’s wife, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

18 All the people witnessed the thundering and the lightning, and the sound of the *shofar*, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off.

19 So they said to Moses, “You, speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.”

20 So Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come to test you, so that His fear may be in you, so that you do not sin.”

21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

22 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, “Say this to *Bnei-Yisrael*: You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.

23 Do not make gods of silver alongside Me, and do not make gods of gold for yourselves.

24 You are to make an altar of earth for Me, and there you will sacrifice your burnt offerings, your fellowship offerings—your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you.

25 When you make for Me an altar of stones, do not build it from cut stone, for if you use a tool on it, you will have profaned it.

26 Nor are you to go up to My altar on steps, so that your nakedness would not be uncovered while on it.”

## **Numbers 28:26-31**

*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.

## **Deuteronomy 15:19-23**

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 16:1-17

### 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

### Ezekiel 1

1 In the thirtieth year on the fifth day of the fourth month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,

3 the word of *Adonai* came to Ezekiel the *kohen*, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar. (The hand of *Adonai* was upon him there.)

Vision of Supernatural Beings

4 I looked, and behold, a storm wind came from the north, a great cloud with flashing fire and brightness all around it, and something like a glowing alloy out of the fire.

5 From within it came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: they had a likeness of a human,

6 but each one had four faces and each one of them had four wings.

7 Their legs were straight and the soles of their feet were like the hoof of a calf. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze.

8 They had human hands under their wings on their four sides. The four of them had faces and wings:

9 their wings touched one another; they did not turn when they moved; each could move in the direction of any of its faces.

10 As for the form of their faces, each had a human face, the four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side and the four had the face of an eagle.

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Each creature had two wings touching the wing of another, while another two were covering their bodies.

12 Now each being could move in the direction of any of its faces; wherever the *Ruach* would go, they went, without turning as they went.



13 As for the form of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, resembling torches moving between the living creatures. There was brightness to the fire, and lightning went forth from the fire.

14 The living creatures were running back and forth like flashes of lightning.

15 As I looked at the living creatures, behold, one wheel was on the ground next to each of the four-faced creatures.

16 The appearance and structure of the wheels was like the gleaming of beryl. The four had the same likeness, their appearance and their structure seemed to be a wheel within a wheel.

17 When they went, they went in any of their four directions without pivoting as they went.

18 Their rims were high and awesome—all four rims were full of eyes all around.

19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them. When the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose.

20 Wherever the *Ruach* wanted to go, they went, in the direction the *Ruach* wanted to go. The wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

21 Whenever the creatures went, the wheels went. When the creatures stood still, these wheels stood still. When the creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

22 Now over the heads of the living creatures there was something like an expanse, shining like the color of ice, stretched forth over their heads.

23 Under the expanse, their wings were stretched out straight, one toward the other. Each had another pair covering its body.

24 When they moved, I could hear the sound of their wings like the sound of rushing waters, like the voice of Shaddai, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army. Whenever they stood still, they let down their wings.

25 There came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. Whenever they stood still, they let down their wings.

26 Above the expanse over their heads was something like a throne, resembling a sapphire stone. Above the shape of the throne was a figure of human appearance.

27 From what appeared as his waist upward, I saw a glowing metal, looking like a fire encased in a frame. From what was like his waist down, I saw the appearance of fire radiating around him.

28 Like the appearance of the rainbow in the cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the radiance. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of *Adonai*. I saw it, fell upon my face, and heard the voice of the One who was speaking.

### **Ezekiel 3:12**

12 Then the *Ruach* lifted me up. I heard behind me the sound of a great earthquake—“Blessed is the glory of *Adonai* from His place!”—

### **Habakkuk 3:1-19**

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, as a passionate song.

2 *Adonai*, I have heard the report about You and I have come to fear. *Adonai*, revive Your work throughout the years, throughout the years make it known, In wrath remember compassion.

3 God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His majesty covers the heavens, and His praise fills the earth.

4 With brilliance like light, rays emanate from His hand. There His power was hidden.

5 Pestilence goes before Him, a fiery bolt goes forth at His feet.

6 He stood, and the earth shook. He looked, and startled nations. Ancient mountains were shattered, hills of antiquity sank down. His ways are everlasting.

7 I saw tents of Cushan under calamity. The curtains of the land of Midian are trembling.

8 *Adonai*, is your wrath against rivers? Or Your anger at the rivers? Or is Your fury with the sea? For You ride on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation!

9 Your bow is laid bare. Sworn are rods—a decree. Selah You cleave the land with rivers.

10 The mountains saw You and writhe. A downpour of water overflows. The deep gives its voice— it lifts up hands high.

11 Sun and moon, stand in lofty abode. At the flash of Your arrows they go, at the radiance of the lightning of Your spear.

12 With indignation You pace the land. With anger You thresh nations.

13 You went out for the salvation of Your people—for the deliverance of Your anointed one. You shatter the head of the house of the wicked—to lay it bare from foundation up to the top. Selah

14 You have pierced his chief rulers with his own staff— They stormed in to scatter me. Their exultation is like devouring the weak in secret.

15 You marched forth, Your horses in the sea— much water foaming.

16 I heard, and my belly trembled. My lips quivered at the sound. Decay comes into my bones. I tremble where I stand, since I must wait quietly for a day of distress to come up against the people who will invade us.

17 Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there is no yield on the vines, Though the olive crop fail, and the fields produce no food, the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no cattle in the stalls.

18 Yet will I triumph in *Adonai*, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation!

19 *Adonai* my Lord, is my strength. He has made my feet like a deer's, and will make me walk on my high places. For the choir director: On my stringed instruments.

## BRIT CHADASHA

### Acts 1:1-26

When Will *Yeshua* Restore the Kingdom?

1 I wrote the first volume, Theophilus, about all that *Yeshua* began to do and teach—

2 up to the day He was taken up, after He had given orders by the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* to the emissaries He had chosen.

3 To them He showed Himself to be alive after His suffering through many convincing proofs, appearing to them for forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 Now while staying with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father promised—which, He said, “you heard from Me.

5 For John immersed with water, but you will be immersed in the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* not many days from now.”

6 So when they gathered together, they asked Him, “Lord, are You restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?”

7 He said to them, “It is not your place to know the times or seasons which the Father has placed under His own control.

8 But you will receive power when the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and through all Judah, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

9 After saying all this—while they were watching—He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 While they were staring into heaven as He went up, suddenly two men stood with them in white clothing.

11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you keep standing here staring into heaven? This *Yeshua*, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

## Appointing a New Emissary

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives (which is near Jerusalem, a *Shabbat* day's journey).

13 When they had entered, they went up to the upper room where they were staying—Peter and John and Jacob and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; Jacob son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judah son of Jacob.

14 All these with one mind were continuing together in prayer—along with the women and Miriam, *Yeshua's* mother, and His brothers.

15 In those days, Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (the number of names all together was about a hundred and twenty) and said,

16 “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* foretold by the mouth of David, concerning Judah—who became a guide to those who seized *Yeshua*.

17 For he was counted among us and received his share of this office.”

18 (Now this man Judah bought a field with the reward of his wickedness. Falling headfirst, he burst open in the middle and his intestines splattered out.

19 And it became known to all those living in Jerusalem, so in their own language that field was called Akeldama—that is, ‘Field of Blood.’)

20 For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘Let his dwelling place become desolate, and let there be no one living in it’ and ‘Let another take his position.’

21 “Therefore one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord *Yeshua* went in and out among us—

22 beginning with His immersion by John until the day He was taken up from us—must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

23 So they nominated two—Joseph, called Barsabbas (also called Justus), and Matthias.

24 And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show us which of these two You have chosen

25 to take the position in this office as emissary, from which Judah turned aside to go to his own place.”

26 Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was added to the eleven emissaries.

## Acts 2:1-13

### 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!”