

Shabbat HaGadol
The Great Shabbat

Torah:

Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Brit Chadasha: Matthew 16:13-28 & 20:17-19

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HAFTARAH

Malachi 3:4-24

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to *Adonai*, as in days of antiquity and years of old.

5 “Then I will draw near to you in judgment, and I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, adulterers, perjurers those who extort a worker’s wage, or oppress the widow or an orphan, those who mislead a stranger. They do not fear Me,” says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*.

6 “For I am *Adonai*. I do not change, So you, children of Jacob, are not consumed.

Bring the Whole Tithe

7 “From the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*.

Yet you say: “How should we return?”

8 “Will a man rob God? For you are robbing Me!” But you say: “How have we robbed You?” “In the tithe and the offering.

9 You have been cursed with the curse, yet you keep robbing Me—the whole nation!

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Then there will be food in My House. Now test Me in this”—says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*—“if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out blessing for you, until no one is without enough.

11 I will rebuke the devouring pest for you, so it will not destroy the fruit of your land, nor will your vine be barren in the field,” *Adonai-Tzva’ot* says.

12 “All the nations will call you blessed. For you will be a land of delight,” says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*.

13 “Your words against Me are grievous,” says *Adonai*. Yet you say: “What did we say against You?”

14 You say: “Serving God is worthless.” Also: “What good is it that we kept His service or that we walked as mourners before *Adonai-Tzva’ot*?”

15 So now we are calling the proud blessed. Those who practice iniquity are built up. Indeed, they have tested God, and escaped!”

16 Then those who revere *Adonai* spoke with each other, and *Adonai* took notice and heard, and a scroll of remembrance was written before Him, for those who revere *Adonai*, even those who esteem His Name.

17 “So they shall be Mine,” —says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*—“ in the day I make My own special possession. So I will spare them, as one spares his son serving him.

18 Then you will return and distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

The Day Is Coming

19 “For behold, the day is coming —it will burn like a furnace— when all the proud and every evildoer will become stubble. The day that is coming will set them ablaze” —says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*— “leaving them neither root nor branch.”

20 “But for you who revere My Name, the sun of righteousness will rise, with healing in its wings. Then you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

21 You will trample on the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I am making,” says *Adonai-Tzva’ot*.

22 “Remember the *Torah* of Moses My servant, whom I commanded at Horeb— statutes and ordinances for all Israel.

23 “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of *Adonai*.

24 He will turn the hearts of fathers to the children, and the hearts of children to their fathers—else I will come and strike the land with utter destruction.”

BRIT CHADASHA

Matthew 16:13-28

The Father Reveals His Son

13 When *Yeshua* came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 They answered, "Some say John the Immerser, others say Elijah, and still others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 He said, "But who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 *Yeshua* said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven!

18 And I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My community; and the gates of *Sheol* will not overpower it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will have been forbidden in heaven and what you permit on earth will have been permitted in heaven."

20 Then He ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Messiah.

First Prediction: Death & Resurrection

21 From that time on, *Yeshua* began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars, and be killed, and be raised on the third day.

22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Never, Master! This must never happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but the things of men."

24 Then *Yeshua* said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to follow after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but forfeits his soul?

Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then 'He will repay everyone according to his deeds.'

28 Amen, I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Matthew 20:17-19

17 Now as *Yeshua* was going up to Jerusalem, He took the Twelve aside privately; and on the way he told them,

18 "Look, we're going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars. They will condemn Him to death

19 and hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify. Yet on the third day, He will be raised up."