

Vayelech
“And he went”

Torah: Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Haftarah: Hosea 14:1-10, Joel 2:15-27, Micah 7:18-20
Brit Chadasha: Hebrews 13:5-8

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TORAH:

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

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

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.