

Verzot Bracha
“This is the blessing”

Torah: Deuteronomy 33 & 34, Numbers 29:35 – 30:1
Haftarah: Joshua 1:1-18
Brit Chadasha: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-10, Luke 9:28-36, Jude 1:3-4, 8-10

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TORAH:

Deuteronomy 33

The Blessing of Moses

1 This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed *Bnei-Yisrael* before his death.

2 He said, “*Adonai* came from Sinai and dawned on *Bnei-Yisrael* from Seir. He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came from the holy myriads— blazing fire for them from His right hand.

3 Indeed, a lover of peoples is He— all His *kedoshim* are in His hand. They followed in Your steps, each receiving Your words.

4 *Torah* Moses commanded us— a heritage for the community of Jacob.

5 He became king in Jeshurun when the heads of the people gathered, all the tribes of Israel together.

6 ‘Let Reuben live and not die, though his people become few.’

7 Now this is for Judah. He said, ‘Hear, *Adonai*, the voice of Judah! Bring him to his people. His hands contended for him, so You will be a help against his foes.’

8 For Levi he said, ‘Let Your Thummim and Urim be with Your pious man. You tested him at Massah, You strived with him at the waters of Meribah.’

9 He said of his father and mother, “I have not seen them,” nor did he acknowledge his brothers or recognize his children. For they observed Your word and kept Your covenant.

10 They will teach Jacob Your judgments and Israel Your *Torah*. They will put incense in your nose and whole burnt offerings on Your altar.

11 *Adonai*, bless his resources, find favor in the work of his hands. Crush the loins of those who rise against him and hate him, so they do not rise again.'

12 For Benjamin he said, 'The beloved of *Adonai* rests securely beside Him. He shields him all day long. Between His shoulders he rests.'

13 For Joseph he said, 'May his land be blessed by *Adonai* with heavenly bounty from the dew and from the deep lying beneath,

14 and with the bounty of the sun's produce and the months' yield,

15 and with the best from the ancient mountains and the bounty of the everlasting hills,

16 with earth's bounty and its fullness and the favor of the One dwelling in the bush. May it come on Joseph's head, on the crown of the prince among his brothers.

17 The firstborn ox—majesty is his. His horns are the horns of the wild ox. With them he gores peoples, all at once, to the ends of the earth. They are the myriads of Ephraim, they are the thousands of Manasseh.'

18 For Zebulun he said, 'Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents.

19 Peoples they call to the mountain— there they offer righteous sacrifices. For they suckle the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand.'

20 For Gad he said, 'Blessed is the one who enlarges Gad. Like a lion he crouches, and tears off an arm or even the crown of a head.

21 He chose the best for himself, for there a marked portion was reserved. He came with the heads of the people. He carried out *Adonai's* justice and His judgments for Israel.'

22 For Dan he said, 'Dan is a lion's cub leaping out of the Bashan.'

23 For Naphtali he said, 'O Naphtali, satisfied with favor and full of the blessing of *Adonai*, possess the sea and the south.'

24 For Asher he said, 'Most blessed of sons is Asher — may he be the favorite of his brothers, and may he dip his foot in oil.

25 The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze. As your days, so will your strength be.'

26 “There is none like God, Jeshurun, riding through the heavens to your aid and through the skies in His majesty.

27 A refuge is the ancient God, and underneath are everlasting arms. He drove out the enemy before you and said, ‘Destroy!’

28 So Israel rests in safety, untroubled is Jacob’s fountain in a land of grain and new wine. Yes, his heavens drip dew.

29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by *Adonai*, the Shield of your help and the Sword of your triumph? Your enemies will cower before you, and you will trample on their backs.”

Deuteronomy 34

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. *Adonai* showed him all the land—Gilead to Dan, 2 and all of Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,

3 the Negev and the plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

4 Then *Adonai* said to him, “This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob saying, ‘I will give it to your seed.’ I let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over there.”

5 So Moses the servant of *Adonai* died there in the land of Moab, as was from the mouth of *Adonai*.

6 Then He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor—but no one knows of his burial place to this day.

7 Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was not dim nor his vigor gone.

8 *Bnei-Yisrael* wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping, mourning for Moses, were ended.

9 Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So *Bnei-Yisrael* listened to him and did just as *Adonai* had commanded Moses.

10 There has not risen again a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom *Adonai* knew face to face,

11 with all the signs and wonders *Adonai* sent him to do in the land of Egypt—to Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land—
12 by the strong hand and great awe that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Numbers 29:35-40

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 30:1

Keeping or Nullifying Vows

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

HAFTARAH

Joshua 1:1-18

Chazak! Be strong!

1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of *Adonai* that *Adonai* spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide saying:

2 "My servant Moses is dead. So now, arise, you and all these people, cross over this Jordan to the land that I am giving to them—to *Bnei-Yisrael*.

3 Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I am giving to you, as I spoke to Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river, the Euphrates River— all the land of the Hittites— to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.

5 No one will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you.

6 *Chazak! Be strong!* For you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 Only be very strong, and resolute to observe diligently the *Torah* which Moses, My servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so you may be successful wherever you go.

8 This book of the *Torah* should not depart from your mouth—you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. For then you will make your ways prosperous and then you will be successful.

9 Have I not commanded you? *Chazak! Be strong!* Do not be terrified or dismayed, for *Adonai* your God is with you wherever you go."

10 Then Joshua commanded the officials of the people saying:

11 "Go through the camp and charge the people saying: 'Prepare provisions, for within three days you will be crossing over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which *Adonai* your God is giving you to possess it.'"

12 Then Joshua spoke to the Reubenites, Gadites and half-tribe of Manasseh saying:

13 “Remember the word that Moses the servant of *Adonai* commanded you saying: ‘*Adonai* your God has given you rest, and has assigned to you this land.’

14 Your wives, your little ones and your cattle will remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you will cross over before your brothers armed, all the mighty men of valor, and will help them

15 until *Adonai* gives your brothers rest, as He has given you, and they also possess the land that *Adonai* your God is giving them. Then you will return to the land of your inheritance, and possess what Moses the servant of *Adonai* gave you, beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

16 Then they answered Joshua saying: “All that you have commanded us, we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may *Adonai* your God be with you as He was with Moses.

18 Whoever rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, he will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!”

BRIT CHADASHA

Matthew 17:1-9

Two Witnesses and a Voice from Heaven

1 After six days, *Yeshua* takes with Him Peter and Jacob and John his brother, and brings them up a high mountain by themselves.

2 Now He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with *Yeshua*.

4 Peter responded to *Yeshua*, “Master, it’s good for us to be here! If You wish, I will make three sukkot here—one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5 While He was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice from out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down, terrified.

7 But *Yeshua* came and touched them. “Get up,” He said. “Stop being afraid.”

8 And lifting their eyes, they saw no one except *Yeshua* alone.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, *Yeshua* commanded them, saying, “Do not tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

Mark 9:2-10

2 After six days, *Yeshua* takes with Him Peter and Jacob and John, and brings them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them.

3 His clothes became radiant and brilliantly white, whiter than any launderer on earth could bleach them.

4 Then Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with *Yeshua*.

5 Peter responds to *Yeshua*, “Rabbi, it’s good for us to be here. Let’s make three sukkot—one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

6 (He didn't know what to say, for they were terrified.)

7 Then a cloud came, overshadowing them; and out of the cloud came a voice, "This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

8 Suddenly when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except *Yeshua*.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, *Yeshua* ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose up from the dead.

10 They kept this word to themselves, discussing among themselves what it is to rise up from the dead.

Luke 9:28-36

28 About eight days after these teachings, *Yeshua* took Peter, John, and Jacob with Him and went up the mountain to pray.

29 While He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothing flashed like white lightning.

30 And behold, two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah.

31 Appearing in glory, they were speaking of *Yeshua's* departure, which was about to take place in Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and those with him were overcome with sleep. But when they awakened, they saw *Yeshua's* glory and the two men standing with Him.

33 And as they were leaving *Yeshua*, Peter said to Him, "Master, it's good for us to be here. Let's make three sukkot: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he was saying.

34 While he was yet saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, the One I have chosen. Listen to Him!"

36 And after the voice happened, *Yeshua* was found alone. They kept quiet and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Jude 1:3-4, 8-10

3 Loved ones, though very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I felt it necessary to write to you urging you to continue to contend for the faith that was once for all handed down to the *kedoshim*.

4 For certain people have secretly slipped in—those who from long ago have been marked out for this judgment. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into indecency and deny our only Master and Lord, *Yeshua* the Messiah.

8 Yet in the same way these people also, by their visionary dreaming, defile the flesh, reject the Lord's authority, and defame glorious beings.

9 But when Michael the archangel, disputing with the devil, was arguing about the body of Moses, he did not dare to render a judgment against him for slander, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!"

10 But these people slander whatever they do not understand. And whatever they do understand instinctively—like animals without reason—by these things they are destroyed.