

# The book of Deuteronomy

## ספר דברים

### Ekev – עֵקֶב

*Ekev, (עֵקֶב — Hebrew for "if," the second word, and the first distinctive word in the parashah) is the 46th weekly Torah portion (פְּרָשָׁה, parashah) in the annual Jewish cycle of Torah reading and the third in the Book of Deuteronomy. It comprises Deuteronomy 7:12–11:25. The parashah tells of the blessings of obedience to God, the dangers of forgetting God, and directions for taking the Land of Israel. Moses recalls the making and re-making of the Tablets of Stone, the incident of the Golden Calf, Aaron's death, the Levites' duties, and exhortations to serve God. The parashah is made up of 6,865 Hebrew letters, 1,747 Hebrew words, 111 verses, and 232 lines in a Torah Scroll (סֵפֶר תּוֹרָה, Sefer Torah). Jews generally read it in August or on rare occasions in late July.*

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## Chapter: 7

*In the first reading (עליה, aliyah), Moses told the Israelites that if they obeyed God's rules, God would faithfully maintain the covenant, would bless them with fertility and agricultural productivity, and would ward off sickness. Moses directed the Israelites to destroy all the peoples whom God delivered to them, showing no pity and not worshipping their gods. A closed portion (סתומה, setumah) ends here.*

*Moses told the Israelites not to fear these nations because they were numerous, for the Israelites had but to recall what God did to Pharaoh and the Egyptians and the wonders by which God liberated them. God would do the same to the peoples whom they feared, and would send a plague against them, too. God would dislodge those peoples little by little, so that the wild beasts would not take over the land. Moses directed the Israelites to burn the images of their gods, not to covet nor keep the silver and gold on them, nor to bring an abhorrent thing into their houses. The first open portion (פתוחה, petuchah) ends here with the end of chapter 7.*

*God made the Israelites travel the long way in the wilderness for an additional thirty-eight years (for a total of 40 years) because of their sin of unbelief and their rebellion after the twelve spies returned from reconnoitering Canaan, of whom ten gave a negative report about Israel's ability to take the land. God determined that none of that generation would enter the land which He had promised and so they remained in the wilderness until all that generation died. God subjected them to hunger and then gave them manna to teach them that man does not live on bread alone, but on what God decrees.*

*Their clothes did not wear out, nor did their feet swell for 40 years. God disciplined them as a man disciplines his son. Moses told the Israelites that God was bringing them into a good land, where they might eat food without end, and thus when they had eaten their fill, they were to give thanks to God for the good land that God had given them. The first reading (עליה, aliyah) ends here.*

12. וְהָיָה וְעָקַבְתֶּם אֶת הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים הָאֵלֶּה וְשָׁמַרְתֶּם וַעֲשִׂיתֶם  
אֹתָם וְשָׁמַר יְהוָה אִלֵּיכֶם לְךָ אֶת-הַבְּרִית וְאֶת-הַחֶסֶד אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע  
לְאֲבוֹתֶיךָ:

12. And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these ordinances, and keep, and do them, that YHVH your God shall keep with thee the covenant and the mercy which He swore unto your fathers,

13. וְאֵהָבְךָ וּבִרְכָךָ וְהִרְבִּיךָ וּבִרְכָךָ פְּרִי-בִטְנֶךָ וּפְרִי-אֲדָמָתְךָ הַגֵּנֶךָ  
וְתִירְשֶׁךָ וּיְצַהֲרֶךָ שְׁזָר-אֶלְפֶיךָ וַעֲשִׂיתָ רַחֲמֵיךָ עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר-  
נִשְׁבַּע לְאֲבוֹתֶיךָ לָתֵת לְךָ:

13. and He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; He will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your land, your corn and your wine and thine oil, the increase of your kine and the young of your flock, in the land which He swore unto your fathers to give thee.

14. בָּרוּךְ תִּהְיֶה מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים לֹא-יְהִיָּה בְךָ עָקָר וְעִקְרָה  
וּבְבָהֳמֹתֶיךָ:

14. Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15. וְהִסִּיר יְהוָה מִמֶּךָ כָּל-זֹלִי וְכָל-מִדְּוֵי מִצְרַיִם הָרָעִים אֲשֶׁר יָדַעְתָּ לֹא יִשְׁיִמּוּ בְךָ וּנְתַנֶּם בְּכָל-שְׁזָאִיךָ:

15. And YHVH will take away from thee all sickness; and He will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

16. וְאֶכְלַת אֶת-כָּל-הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ לֹא-תַזּוּס עֵינֶךָ עֲלֵיהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹד אֶת-אֱלֹהֵיהֶם כִּי-מוֹקֵשׁ הוּא לְךָ:  
(ס)

16. And thou shalt consume all the peoples that YHVH your God shall deliver unto thee; thine eye shall not pity them; neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17. כִּי תֹאמַר בְּלִבְבְּךָ רַבִּים הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה מִמֶּנִּי אֵיכָה אוֹכֵל  
לְהוֹרִישָׁם:

17. If thou shalt say in your heart: 'These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?'

18. לֹא תִירָא מֵהֶם זָכַר תִּזְכֹּר אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשְׂהָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפָרְעֹה וּלְכָל-מִצְרַיִם:

18. thou shalt not be afraid of them; thou shalt well remember what YHVH your God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt:

19. הַבֹּסוֹת הַגְּדֹלוֹת אֲשֶׁר-רָאוּ עֵינֶיךָ וְהָאֲתוֹת וְהַמִּפְתִּימִים וְהַיָּד הַזּוֹזֶקֶת וְהַיָּרֵעַ הַנְּטוּיָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאָךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּן-יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְכָל-הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר-אֲתָה יִרָא מִפְּנֵיהֶם:

19. the great trials which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, whereby YHVH your God brought thee out; so shall YHVH your God do unto all the peoples of whom thou art afraid.

20. וגם את-הַצִּרְעָה יִשְׁלֹחַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בָּם עַד-אֲבֹד הַנִּשְׁאָרִים  
וְהַנִּסְתָּרִים מִפְּנֵיךָ:

20. Moreover YHVH your God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and they that hide themselves, perish from before thee.

21. לֹא תִעַרְץ מִפְּנֵיהֶם כִּי-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּקִרְבְּךָ אֵל גָּדוֹל וְנוֹרָא:

21. Thou shalt not be affrighted at them; for YHVH your God is in the midst of thee, a God great and awful.

22. וְנִשְׁלַח יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת-הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵל מִפְּנֵיךָ מֵעַט מֵעַט לֹא תֹכַח  
כִּלְתָּם מִהֵרָ פֶן-תִּרְבֶּה עִלְיָךְ זוּמַת הַשָּׂדֶה:

22. And YHVH your God will cast out those nations before thee by little and little; thou mayest not consume them quickly, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23. וְנִתְּנָם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפָנֶיךָ וְהָבִים מִהוּמָה גְדֹלָה עַד הַשְׂמֹדָם:

23. But YHVH your God shall deliver them up before thee, and shall discomfit them with a great discomfiture, until they be destroyed.

24. וְנָתַן מַלְכֵיהֶם בְּיָדְךָ וְהִאֲבֹדְתָ אֶת-שְׂמֵם מִתְּנוֹת הַשְּׂמִים לֹא-  
יִתְיַצֵּב אִישׁ בְּפָנֶיךָ עַד הַשְׂמֹדָה אֹתָם:

24. And He shall deliver their kings into your hand, and thou shalt make their name to perish from under heaven; there shall no man be able to stand against thee, until thou have destroyed them.

25. פָּסִילֵי אֱלֹהֵיהֶם תִּשְׂרֹפוּן בָּאֵשׁ לֹא-תִזְוֹד כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב עֲלֵיהֶם  
וְלִקְחוֹת לָךְ פֶּן תִּקְשֶׁ בּוֹ כִּי תֹעֲבֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הוּא:

25. The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou shalt not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to YHVH your God.

26. וְלֹא-תָבִיא תֹעֲבָה אֶל-בֵּיתְךָ וְהָיִיתָ זֹרֵם כְּמוֹהוּ שִׁקֵּץ | תִּשְׂקָצְנוּ  
וְתִעַב | תִּתְעַבְנוּ כִּי-זֹרֵם הוּא: (פ)

26. And thou shalt not bring an abomination into your house, and be accursed like unto it; thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

## Chapter: 8

1. כֹּל-הַמַּעֲוָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מִצַּוְרֵי הַיּוֹם תִּשְׂמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תִּזְוִיוּ  
וּרְבִיתֶם וּבָאתֶם וִירִשְׁתֶּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם:

1. All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which YHVH swore unto your fathers.

2. וּזְכַרְתָּ אֶת-כָּל-הַדְּרָרָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹלִיכָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ זֶה אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בְּמִדְבָּר לְמַעַן עֲנִיתָ לְנִסֹּתַי לְדַעַת אֶת-אֲשֶׁר בְּלִבְּךָ הִתְשָׁמַר (מִצְוֹתַי) מִצְוֹתַי אִם-לֹא:

2. And thou shalt remember all the way which YHVH your God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that He might afflict thee, to prove thee, to know what was in your heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no.

3. וַיַּעֲנֶה וַיְרַעֲבֶךָ וַיֹּאכַלְךָ אֶת-הַמֶּן אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדַעְתָּ וְלֹא יָדְעוּן אֲבוֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן הוֹדִיעֶךָ כִּי לֹא עַל-הַלֶּחֶם לִבְדּוֹ יֵוֹזֵה הָאָדָם כִּי עַל-כָּל-מוֹצֵא פִי-יְהוָה יֵוֹזֵה הָאָדָם:

3. And He afflicted thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did your fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every thing that proceedeth out of the mouth of YHVH doth man live.

4. שְׂמַלְתְּךָ לֹא בִלְתָהּ מִעֲלִיף וְרַגְלְךָ לֹא בִצְקָה זֶה אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה:

4. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did your foot swell, these forty years.

5. וַיִּדְעַתָּ עִם-לִבְבְּךָ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר יִסַּר אִישׁ אֶת-בְּנוֹ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִיִּסְרָךָ:

5. And thou shalt consider in your heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so YHVH your God chasteneth thee.

6. וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת בְּדַרְכָּיו וּלְרַאֲתָהּ אֹתוֹ:

6. And thou shalt keep the commandments of YHVH your God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

7. כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִבְּיַאֲךָ אֶל-אֶרֶץ טוֹבָה אֶרֶץ זָוָלִי מִיָּמַי עֵינַת וַתִּהְיֶינָה יְצֵאִים בְּבִקְעָה וּבְהָר:

7. For YHVH your God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills;

8. אֶרֶץ זֵוֶטָה וְשִׁעְרָה וְגִפְן וַתִּמְאֵנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ-זֵית שִׁמְן וְדַבְשִׁי:

8. a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey;

9. אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא בְּמִסְכַּנּוֹת תֹּאכַל-בָּהּ לָחֶם לֹא-תִזְוָסֵר כָּל בָּהּ אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲבִינֶיהָ בְּרוֹל וּמִהַרְרִיָּה תִזְוָצֵב זֵוֶשֶׁת:

9. a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10. וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ וּבֵרַכְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל־הָאָרֶץ הַטֹּבָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לְךָ:

10. And thou shalt eat and be satisfied, and bless YHVH your God for the good land which He hath given thee.

—◆ Aliya: Levi-Gevurah-Isaac ◆—

*In the second reading (עליה, aliyah), Moses warned the Israelites not to forget God, not to violate God's commandments, and not to grow haughty and believe that their own power had won their wealth, but to remember that God gave them the power to prosper. The second open portion (פתוחה, petuchah) ends here.*

*Moses warned that if they forgot God and followed other gods, then they would certainly perish like the nations that God was going to displace from the land. The third open portion (פתוחה, petuchah) ends here with the end of chapter 8.*

*Moses warned the Israelites that they were to dispossess nations greater than they, but God would go before them as a devouring fire to drive out the land's inhabitants. The second reading (עליה, aliyah) ends here.*

11. הַשָּׁמֹר לְךָ פֶּן־תִּשְׁכַּח אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְבַלְתִּי עֲשׂוֹר מִצְוֹתַי וּמִשְׁפָּטַי וּזְוָתַי אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִּי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם:

11. Beware lest thou forget YHVH your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His ordinances, and His statutes, which I command thee this day;

12. פֶּן־תֹּאכַל וְשָׂבַעְתָּ וּבָתִּים טֹבִים תִּבְנֶה וְיֹשְׁבֹתָ:

12. lest when thou hast eaten and art satisfied, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13. וּבִקְרָךְ וּצְאֲנָךְ יִרְבּוּ וְכֶסֶף וְזָהָב יִרְבֶּה־לְךָ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־לְךָ יִרְבֶּה:

13. and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14. וְרָם לְבַבְךָ וְשָׂכַחְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַמוֹצִיאֲךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים:

14. then your heart be lifted up, and thou forget YHVH your God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage;

15. המולִיכָהּ בַּמִּדְבָּר | הַגָּדֵל וְהַנּוֹרָא נָזוּשׁ | שָׂרָף וְעָקָרָב וְצַמְאֹן  
אֲשֶׁר אִין-מַיִם הַמוֹצִיא לָהּ מַיִם מִצֹּר הַזּוֹלָמִישׁ:

15. who led thee through the great and dreadful wilderness, wherein were serpents, fiery serpents, and scorpions, and thirsty ground where was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16. הַמֵּאֲכִלְךָ מִן בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדְעוּן אֲבֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן עֲנֶתְךָ  
וּלְמַעַן נִסֶּתְךָ לְהִטְבִּיחַ בְּאֲזוּרֹתֶיךָ:

16. who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers knew not, that He might afflict thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at your latter end;

17. וְאָמַרְתָּ בְּלִבְבֶךָ כּוֹזֵל וְעַצְמִי יָדֵי עָשָׂה לִי אֶת-הַנּוֹיֵל הַזֶּה:

17. and thou say in your heart: 'My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth.'

18. וַיִּכְרַתְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי הוּא הִנְתֵּן לָךְ כֶּזֶב לַעֲשׂוֹת וְזוּל לְמַעַן  
הִקִּים אֶת-בְּרִיתוֹ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּע לְאֲבֹתֶיךָ כַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (פ)

18. But thou shalt remember YHVH your God, for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto your fathers, as it is this day.

19. וְהָיָה אִם-שָׁכַחְתָּ תִּשְׁכַּח אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְהִלַּכְתָּ אַחֲרֵי אֱלֹהִים  
אֲחֵרִים וְעַבַּדְתָּם וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתָ לָהֶם הֲעַרְתִּי בְכֶם הַיּוֹם כִּי אָבִד  
תֵּאבְדוּן:

19. And it shall be, if thou shalt forget YHVH your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I forewarn you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20. כַּגֹּוִים אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה מֵאבִיד מִפְּנֵיכֶם כֵּן תֵּאבְדוּן עַקֵּב לֹא תִשְׁמְעוּן  
בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: (פ)

20. As the nations that YHVH maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish; because ye would not hearken unto the voice of YHVH your God.

## Chapter: 9

1. שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶתְּהָ עַבְרַת הַיּוֹם אֶת-הַיְרֵדוֹן לְבֹא לְרִשְׁתָּ גֹוִים  
גְּדֹלִים וְעַצְמִים מִמֶּךָ עָרִים גְּדֹלֹת וּבְעָרָת בְּשָׂמַיִם:

1. Hear, O Israel: thou art to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fortified up to heaven,

2. עַם-גָּדוֹל וְרַם בְּנֵי עַנְקִיִּים אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה יֹדְעֵת וְאַתָּה שֹׁבְעֵת בְּיָמֶיךָ יִתְיַצֵּב לְפָנֶיךָ בְּנֵי עַנְקִי:  
יהוה יודעת הימים כי יהוה אלהיה הוא-העבר לפניך אש אכלה הוא

2. a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say: 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?'

3. וידעת הימים כי יהוה אלהיה הוא-העבר לפניך אש אכלה הוא ישמידם והוא יכניעם לפניך והורשתם והאבדתם במהר כאשר דבר יהוה לך:

3. Know therefore this day, that YHVH your God is He who goeth over before thee as a devouring fire; He will destroy them, and He will bring them down before thee; so shalt thou drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as YHVH hath spoken unto thee.



### Aliya: Third-Tiferet-Jacob

*In the third reading (עלייה, aliyah), Moses warned the Israelites not to believe that God had enabled them to possess the land because of their own virtue; God was dispossessing the land's current inhabitants for two reasons: because of those nations' wickedness, and to fulfill the oath that God had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses exhorted the Israelites to remember how they had provoked God to anger in the wilderness. At Horeb they so provoked God that God was angry enough to have destroyed them. Moses ascended the mountain, stayed for 40 days and nights, and consumed no bread or water. At the end of the 40 days, God gave Moses two stone tablets that God had inscribed with the covenant that God had addressed to the Israelites. God told Moses to hurry down, for the people whom Moses brought out of Egypt had acted wickedly and had made a molten image. God told Moses that God was inclined to destroy them and make of Moses a nation far more numerous than they. Moses started down the mountain with the two tablets in his hands, when he saw how the Israelites had made themselves a molten calf. Moses smashed the two tablets before their eyes, and threw himself down before God, fasting another 40 days and nights. God gave heed to Moses. God was angry enough with Aaron to have destroyed him, so Moses also interceded for Aaron. Moses burned the calf, ground it into dust, and threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain. In the continuation of the reading, Moses reminded the Israelites how they provoked God at Taberah, at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah. And when God sent them from Kadesh-barnea to take possession of the land, they flouted God's command and did not put their trust in God. When Moses lay prostrate before God those 40 days, because God was determined to destroy the Israelites, Moses prayed to God not to annihilate God's own people, whom God freed from Egypt, but to give thought to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and ignore the Israelites' sinfulness, else the Egyptians would say that God was powerless to bring them into the land that God had promised them. The third reading (עלייה, aliyah) and the fourth open portion (פתוחה, petuchah) end here with the end of chapter 9.*

4. אל-תאמר בלבבך בהנהיך יהוה אלהיך אתם | מלפניך לאמר  
 בעדקתי הביאני יהוה לרשת את-הארץ הזאת וברשעת הגוים  
 האלה יהוה בורישם מפניך:

4. Speak not thou in your heart, after that YHVH your God hath thrust them out from before thee, saying: 'For my righteousness YHVH hath brought me in to possess this land';

whereas for the wickedness of these nations YHVH doth drive them out from before thee.

5. לא בצדקתך ובישור לבבך אתה בא לרשת את-ארצם כי ברשעת הגוים האלה יהוה אלהיך מורישם מפניך ולמען הקים את-הדבר אשר נשבע יהוה לאבותיך לאברהם ליצחק וליעקב:

5. Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, dost thou go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations YHVH your God doth drive them out from before thee, and that He may establish the word which YHVH swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

6. וידעת כי לא בצדקתך יהוה אלהיך נתן לך את-הארץ הטובה הזאת לרשתה כי עם-קשה-ערף אתה:

6. Know therefore that it is not for your righteousness that YHVH your God giveth thee this good land to possess it; for thou art a stiffnecked people.

7. זכר אל-תשכח את אשר-הקצפת את-יהוה אלהיך במדבר למן-היום אשר-יצאת מארץ מצרים עד-באכם עד-המקום הזה במרים הייתם עם-יהוה:

7. Remember, forget thou not, how thou didst make YHVH your God wroth in the wilderness; from the day that thou didst go forth out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against YHVH.

8. ובחורב הקצפתם את-יהוה ויתאנף יהוה בכם להשמיד אתכם:

8. Also in Horeb ye made YHVH wroth, and YHVH was angered with you to have destroyed you.

9. בעלתי ההרה לקנות לוונת האבנים לוונת הברית אשר-ברת יהוה עמכם ואשב בהר ארבעים יום וארבעים לילה לזום לא אכלתי ומים לא שתיתי:

9. When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which YHVH made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water.

10. ויתן יהוה אלי את-שני לוונת האבנים כתבים באצבע אלהים ועליהם ככל-הדברים אשר דבר יהוה עמכם בהר בנותן האש ביום הקהל:

10. And YHVH delivered unto me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which YHVH spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11. ויהי מקץ ארבעים יום וארבעים לילה נתן יהוה אלי את-שני  
לוחות האבנים לוחות הברית:

11. And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that YHVH gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

12. ויאמר יהוה אלי קום רד מהר מזה כי שונות עמך אשר הוצאת  
ממצרים סרו מהר מן-הדרך אשר צויתם עשו להם מסכה:

12. And YHVH said unto me: 'Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for your people that thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have dealt corruptly; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.'

13. ויאמר יהוה אלי לאמר ראיתי את-העם הזה והנה עם-קשה-  
ערף הוא:

13. Furthermore YHVH spoke unto me, saying: 'I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people;

14. הרף ממני ואשמידם ואמוזה את-שׁבם מתוחות השמים ואעשה  
אותך לגוי-עצים ורב ממני:

14. let Me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.'

15. ואפן וארד מן-ההר וההר בער באש ושני לוחות הברית על  
שתי ידי:

15. So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

16. וארא והנה זוטאתם ליהוה אלהיכם עשיתם לכם עגל מסכה  
סרתם מהר מן-הדרך אשר-צוה יהוה אתכם:

16. And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against YHVH your God; ye had made you a molten calf; ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which YHVH had commanded you.

17. ואתפש בשני הלוחות ואשלכם מעל שתי ידי ואשברם  
לעיניכם:

17. And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes.

18. ואתנפל לפני יהוה כראשנה ארבעים יום וארבעים לילה לזום  
לא אכלתי ומים לא שתיתי על כל-זוטאתכם אשר זוטאתם  
לעשות הרע בעיני יהוה להכעיסו:

18. And I fell down before YHVH, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water; because of all your sin which ye sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of YHVH, to provoke Him.

19. כִּי יִגְרַתִּי מִפְּנֵי הָאֵף וְהַזּוּמָה אֲשֶׁר קָצַף יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה אֵלַי גַּם בַּפֹּעַם הַהוּא:

19. For I was in dread of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith YHVH was wroth against you to destroy you. But YHVH hearkened unto me that time also.

20. וּבְאֶהְרֹן הִתְאַנֵּף יְהוָה מְאֹד לְהַשְׁמִידוֹ וְאֶתְפַּלֵּל גַּם-בְּעַד אֶהְרֹן בְּעֵת הַהוּא:

20. Moreover YHVH was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him; and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21. וְאֶת-זוֹטְאֹתְכֶם אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂיתֶם אֶת-הָעֵזֶל לְקֹזְתֵי וְאֲשֶׁרְךָ אֲתוּ | בָּאֵשׁ וְאָכַת אֲתוֹ טוֹזוֹן הֵיטֵב עַד אֲשֶׁר-הֵק לְעֹפָר וְאֲשַׁלְּךָ אֶת-עֹפְרוֹ אֶל-הַנָּחַל הַיַּרְדֵּי מִן-הַהָר:

21. And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and beat it in pieces, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.--

22. וּבַתְּבַעֲרָה וּבַמִּסָּה וּבַקְּבֻרָת הִתְאַוָּה מִקְּצָפִים הָיִיתֶם אֶת-יְהוָה:

22. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye made YHVH wroth.

23. וּבְשַׁלּוֹן יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם מִקְדָּשׁ בְּרָנַע לֵאמֹר עֲלוּ וְרִשׁוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ | אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לָכֶם וַתִּמְרֹו אֶת-פִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְלֹא הֵאֱמַנְתֶּם לוֹ וְלֹא שָׁמַעְתֶּם בְּקוֹלִי:

23. And when YHVH sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying: 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you'; then ye rebelled against the commandment of YHVH your God, and ye believed Him not, nor hearkened to His voice.

24. מִמְּרִים הָיִיתֶם עִם-יְהוָה מִיּוֹם דִּעַתִּי אֶתְכֶם:

24. Ye have been rebellious against YHVH from the day that I knew you.--

25. וְאֶתְנַפֵּל לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֶת אַרְבָּעִים הַיּוֹם וְאֶת-אַרְבָּעִים הַלַּיְלָה | אֲשֶׁר הִתְנַפַּלְתִּי כִּי-אָמַר יְהוָה לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם:

25. So I fell down before YHVH the forty days and forty nights that I fell down; because YHVH had said He would destroy you.

26. וְאַתְּפָלֵל אֶל-יְהוָה וְאָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה אֵל-תְּשׁוּזֹת עַמְּךָ וְנִזְוֹלְתֶךָ  
אֲשֶׁר פָּדִיתָ בְּגֹדְלֶךָ אֲשֶׁר-הוֹצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם בְּיַד זְוֹקָה:

26. And I prayed unto YHVH, and said: 'O Lord GOD, destroy not Thy people and Thine inheritance, that Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness, that Thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27. זָכֹר לְעַבְדֶּיךָ לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלְיַעֲקֹב אֵל-תִּפְּן אֶל-קִשְׁי הָעַם  
הַזֶּה וְאֶל-רָשָׁעוֹ וְאֶל-זִטְאוֹתָיו:

27. Remember Thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin;

28. פֶּן-יֹאמְרוּ הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָנוּ מִשָּׁם מִבְּלִי יָכֹלֶת יְהוָה  
לְהַבְיֵאֵם אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר לָהֶם וּבְשִׁנְאוֹתָיו אוֹתָם הוֹצֵאֵם  
לְהַמּוֹתָם בַּמִּדְבָּר:

28. lest the land whence Thou broughtest us out say: Because YHVH was not able to bring them into the land which He promised unto them, and because He hated them, He hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29. וְהֵם עַמְּךָ וְנִזְוֹלְתֶךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ בְּכֹזֶךָ הַגָּדֹל וּבְזִרְעֶךָ הַנְּטוּיָה:  
(פ)

29. Yet they are Thy people and Thine inheritance, that Thou didst bring out by Thy great power and by Thy outstretched arm.'


**Aliya: Fourth-Netzach-Moses**


*sfdasfd In the fourth reading (עליה, aliyah), God told Moses to carve out two tablets of stone like the first, come up the mountain, and make an ark of wood. God inscribed on the tablets the Ten Commandments that were on the first tablets that Moses had smashed, and Moses came down from the mountain and deposited the tablets in the Ark. In the continuation of the reading, the Israelites marched to Moserah, where Aaron died and was buried, and his son Eleazar became priest in his stead. From there they marched to Gudgod, and on to Jotbath. God set apart the Levites to carry the Ark of the Covenant, to stand in attendance upon the Tabernacle, and to bless in God's Name, and that was why the Levites were to receive no portion of the land, as God was their portion. The fourth reading (עליה, aliyah) and the fifth open portion (פתוחה, petuchah) end with Deuteronomy 10:11.*

## Chapter: 10

1. בַּעֲתָה הַהִוא אָמַר יְהוָה אֵלַי כָּךְ-שְׁנֵי-לְוָזוֹת אֲבָנִים  
כָּרְאשֵׁימִים וְעֵלָה אֵלַי הַהָרָה וְעִשִׂיתָ כָךְ אֲרוֹן עֵץ:

1. At that time YHVH said unto me: 'Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto Me into the mount; and make thee an ark of wood.

2. וְאָכַתְבָּ עַל-הַלְוָזוֹת אֶת-הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ עַל-הַלְוָזוֹת הַכְּרָאשִׁימִים  
אֲשֶׁר שִׁבַּרְתָּ וְשִׂמְתָם בְּאֲרוֹן:

2. And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which thou didst break, and thou shalt put them in the ark.'

3. וָאֶעַשׂ אֲרוֹן עֵצֵי שִׁטִּים וָאֶפְסַל שְׁנֵי-לְוָזוֹת אֲבָנִים כְּרָאשֵׁימִים וָאֶעַל  
הַהָרָה וְשְׁנֵי הַלְוָזוֹת בְּיָדַי:

3. So I made an ark of acacia-wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand.

4. וַיִּכְתֹּב עַל-הַלְוָזוֹת כַּמִּכְתָּב הַכְּרָאשִׁימִים אֶת עֲשֵׂרֵת הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר  
דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֵלַיכֶם בְּהָר בְּתוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ בַּיּוֹם הַהֵוא וַיִּתֶּנָּם יְהוָה אֵלַי:

4. And He wrote on the tables according to the first writing, the ten words, which YHVH spoke unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and YHVH gave them unto me.

5. וְאֶפֶן וְאָרַח מִן-הַהָר וְאָשַׁם אֶת-הַלְוִוִּית בְּאָרוֹן אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי וַיְהִי שָׁם כְּאֲשֶׁר צִוִּי יְהוָה:

5. And I turned and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as YHVH commanded me.--

6. וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל נָסְעוּ מִבְּאֵרַת בְּנֵי-יַעֲקֹב מוֹסֵרָה שָׁם בַּת אֶהָרֹן וַיִּקְבֹּר שָׁם וַיְכַהֵן אֶלְעָזָר בְּנֹו תוֹזֹתָיו:

6. And the children of Israel journeyed from Beeroth-benejaakan to Moserah; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

7. מִשָּׁם נָסְעוּ הַגִּדְגָּדָה וּמִן-הַגִּדְגָּדָה יָטְבַתָּה אֶרֶץ גּוֹזְלֵי מַיִם:

7. From thence they journeyed unto Gudgod; and from Gudgod to Jotbah, a land of brooks of water.--

8. בָּעֵת הַהִוא הִבְדִּיל יְהוָה אֶת-שֵׁבֶט הַלְוִי לְשֵׂאת אֶת-אָרוֹן בְּרִית-יְהוָה לְעֹמֵד לְפָנַי יְהוָה לְשִׁרְתוֹ וּלְבָרְךָ בְּשִׁמּוֹ עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:

8. At that time YHVH separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of YHVH, to stand before YHVH to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day.

9. עַל-כֵּן לֹא-הָיָה לְלוֹוֵי חֵלֶק וְנַחֲלָה עִם-אֲזוּזֵי יְהוָה הוּא נַחֲלָתוֹ כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֶלְהֵיךָ לֵאמֹר:

9. Wherefore Levi hath no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; YHVH is his inheritance, according as YHVH your God spoke unto him.--

10. וְאַנְכִי עֹמְדָתִי בְּהָר כְּיָמִים הָרְאִישִׁים אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה אֵלַי גַּם בַּפֶּעַם הַהִוא לֹא-אַבְהָה יְהוָה הַשְׁחִיחַתְךָ:

10. Now I stayed in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights; and YHVH hearkened unto me that time also; YHVH would not destroy thee.

11. וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי הַיּוֹם כִּי לְמִסְעֵ לְפָנַי הָעַם וַיִּבְאוּ וַיִּירָשׁוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאֲבֹתָם לָתֵת לָהֶם: (פ)

11. And YHVH said unto me: 'Arise, go before the people, causing them to set forward, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.'


**Aliya: Fifth-Hod-Aaron**


*In the fifth reading (עלייה, aliyah), Moses exhorted the Israelites to revere God, to walk only in God's paths, to love God, to serve God with all their heart and soul, and to keep God's commandments. Moses noted that although heaven and earth belong to God, God was drawn to love their fathers, so that God chose the Israelites from among all peoples. Moses described God as supreme, great, mighty, and awesome, showing no favor and taking no bribe, but upholding the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriending the stranger. Moses thus instructed the Israelites to befriend the stranger, for they were strangers in Egypt. Moses exhorted the Israelites to revere God, worship only God, and swear only by God's name, for God was their glory, who performed for them marvelous deeds, and made them as numerous as the stars. Moses exhorted the Israelites to love God and always keep God's commandments. Moses asked the Israelites to note that they themselves witnessed the signs that God performed in Egypt against Pharaoh, what God did to Egypt's army, how God rolled upon them the waters of the Sea of Reeds, what God did for them in the wilderness, and what God did to Dathan and Abiram when the earth swallowed them. Moses instructed them therefore to keep all the law so that they might have the strength to enter and possess the land and long endure on that land flowing with milk and honey. The fifth reading (עלייה, aliyah) and a closed portion (סתומה, setumah) end here.*

12. וְעַתָּה יִשְׂרָאֵל מִהַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ שֶׁאֵל מֵעַמֶּךָ כִּי אִם-לְיִרְאָה  
 אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת בְּכָל-דְּרָכָיו וּלְאַהֲבָה אֹתוֹ וּלְעַבְדוֹ אֶת-  
 יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ:

12. And now, Israel, what doth YHVH your God require of thee, but to fear YHVH your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul;

13. לְשִׁמּוֹר אֶת-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה וְאֶת-זִקְזָתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֶנְכִי מִצְוֶה הַיּוֹם  
 לְטוֹב לָךְ:

13. to keep for your good the commandments of YHVH, and His statutes, which I command thee this day?

14. הִן לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַשָּׁמַיִם וּשְׁמַי הַשָּׁמַיִם הָאָרֶץ וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר-בָּהּ:

14. Behold, unto YHVH your God belongeth the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that therein is.

15. רַק בְּאֲבוֹתֶיךָ זָשַׁק יְהוָה לְאַהֲבָה אוֹתָם וַיִּבְחֹר בְּרָעַם אֲזוּרֵיהֶם בְּכֶם מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים כִּי־וַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:

15. Only YHVH had a delight in your fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you, above all peoples, as it is this day.

16. וּמִלְתֶּם אֶת עֵרְלַת לִבְבְּכֶם וְעֲרַפְכֶם לֹא תִקְשׂוּ עוֹד:

16. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

17. כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא אֱלֹהֵי הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֵדֵנִי הָאֲדֹנָיִם הָאֵל הַגָּדֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִשָּׂא פָנָיִם וְלֹא יִקְוֹ שְׂזוֹד:

17. For YHVH your God, He is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awful, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.

18. עֹשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוֹם וְאַלְמָנָה וְאָהֵב גֵּר לְתֵת לוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה:

18. He doth execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19. וְאַהֲבַתֶּם אֶת-הַגֵּר כִּי-גֵרִים הֵייתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:

19. Love ye therefore the stranger; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20. אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִירָא אֹתוֹ תַעֲבֹד וּבֹו תִדְבֹּק וּבְשִׁבְמוֹ תִשָּׁבַע:

20. Thou shalt fear YHVH your God; Him shalt thou serve; and to Him shalt thou cleave, and by His name shalt thou swear.

21. הוּא תִהְיֶה לְךָ וְהוּא אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה אֹתְךָ אֶת-הַגְּדֹלָת וְאֶת-הַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר רָאוּ עֵינֶיךָ:

21. He is your glory, and He is your God, that hath done for thee these great and tremendous things, which thine eyes have seen.

22. בְּשִׁבְעִים נָפֶשׁ יָרְדוּ אֲבוֹתֶיךָ מִצְרַיִמָּה וְעַתָּה שְׁמֹרָה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כְּכֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם לְרֹב:

22. Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now YHVH your God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Chapter: 11

1. וְאֶהְבֶּתְךָ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְשָׁמַרְתָּ מִשְׁמֵרֹתָיו וּמִצְוֹתָיו וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו וּמִצְוֹתָיו כָּל-הַיָּמִים:

1. Therefore thou shalt love YHVH your God, and keep His charge, and His statutes, and His ordinances, and His commandments, always.

2. וַיִּדְעַתֶּם הַיּוֹם כִּי לֹא אֶת-בְּנֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדְעוּ וְאֲשֶׁר לֹא-רָאוּ אֶת-מוֹסַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֶת-גְּדֻלּוֹ אֶת-יָדוֹ הַנּוֹזֵקָה וְיָרְעוּ הַנְּטוּיָה:

2. And know ye this day; for I speak not with your children that have not known, and that have not seen the chastisement of YHVH your God, His greatness, His mighty hand, and His outstretched arm,

3. וְאֶת-אֲתָתָיו וְאֶת-מַעֲשָׂיו אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה בְּתוֹךְ מִצְרַיִם לְפָרְעָה בְּקֶלֶךְ-מִצְרַיִם וּכְכֹל-אֲרָצוֹ:

3. and His signs, and His works, which He did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

4. וְאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְזוּלַת מִצְרַיִם לְסוֹסָיו וּלְרֶכֶבֹּוֹ אֲשֶׁר הֲצִיף אֶת-מַיִם יָם-סוּף עַל-פְּנֵיהֶם בְּרֹדְפָם אֲזוּרֵיכֶם וַיֹּאבְדוּם יְהוָה עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה:

4. and what He did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how He made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how YHVH hath destroyed them unto this day;

5. וְאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לָכֶם בַּמִּדְבָּר עַד-בְּאֲכֹם עַד-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה:

5. and what He did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came unto this place;

6. וְאֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לְדָתָן וּלְאָבִירָם בְּנֵי אֱלִיאָב בֶּן-רְאוּבֵן אֲשֶׁר פָּצְתָה הָאָרֶץ אֶת-פִּיהָ וַתִּבְלַעֵם וְאֶת-בְּתֵיהֶם וְאֶת-אֵהְלֵיהֶם וְאֶת כָּל-הַיְקוּם אֲשֶׁר בְּרִגְלֵיהֶם בְּקֶרֶב כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל:

6. and what He did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living substance that followed them, in the midst of all Israel;

7. כִּי עֵינֵיכֶם הָרְאִיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מַעֲשֵׂה יְהוָה הַגָּדֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה:

7. but your eyes have seen all the great work of YHVH which He did.

8. וְשָׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת-כָּל-הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֶנֶכִי מִצְוֶה הַיּוֹם לְמַעַן תִּנּוֹזְקוּ וּבְאֲתֶם וּיְרִשְׁתֶּם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲתֶם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ:

8. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandment which I command thee this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go over to possess it;

9. וּלְמַעַן תִּתְאַרְיִכוּ יָמִים עַל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר זָשָׁבַע יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם לָתֵת לָהֶם וּלְיִצְחָק אֶרֶץ זָבֵת זֶזְלָב וּדְבָשׁ: (ס)

9. and that ye may prolong your days upon the land, which YHVH swore unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey.

 **Aliya: Sixth-Yessod-Joseph** 

*In the sixth reading (עלייה, aliyah), Moses extolled the promised land as a land of hills and valleys that soaks up its water from the rains, a land that God looks after. He contrasted this with Egypt, which was dependent on irrigation. A closed portion (סתומה, setumah) end here.*

*Then Moses told them words now found in the Shema prayer: If the Israelites obeyed the commandments, loving God and serving God with heart and soul, God would grant the rain in season and they would gather their grain, wine, and oil. God would provide grass for their cattle and the Israelites would eat their fill. Moses warned them not to be lured away to serve other gods, for God's anger would flare up against them, God would suspend the rain, and they would soon perish from the land. Moses urged them to impress God's words upon their heart, bind them as a sign on their hands, let them serve as a symbol on their foreheads, teach them to their children, and recite them when they stayed at home and when they were away, when they lay down and when they got up. Moses instructed them to inscribe God's words on the doorposts of their houses and on their gates, so that they and their children might endure in the land that God swore to their fathers as long as there is a heaven over the earth. The sixth reading (עלייה, aliyah) and a closed portion (סתומה, setumah) end here.*

10. כִּי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה בָּא-שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ לֹא כְאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם הוּא אֲשֶׁר יֵצְאתֶם מִשָּׁם אֲשֶׁר תִּזְרַע אֶת-זְרַעְךָ וְהִשְׁקִיתָ בְּרַגְלְךָ כְּגַן הָיִרְק:

10. For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou didst sow your seed, and didst water it with your foot, as a garden of herbs;

11. וְהָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ אֶרֶץ הָרִים וּבְקָעוֹת לְמִטְרַת הַשָּׁמַיִם תִּשְׁתָּהּ-בַּיּוֹם:

11. but the land, whither ye go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water as the rain of heaven cometh down;

12. אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ דָּרַשׁ אֹתָהּ תָּמִיד עֵינָי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בָּהּ מְרִשִׁית הַשָּׁנָה וְעַד אַחֲרֵית שָׁנָה: (ס)

12. a land which YHVH your God careth for; the eyes of YHVH your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13. וְהָיָה אִם-שָׁמַעַתְּ תִשְׁמְעוּ אֵל-מִצְוֹתַי אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מֵצַוֶּה אֹתְכֶם  
הַיּוֹם לְאַהֲבָה אֹת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וּלְעַבְדּוֹ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּכֶם וּבְכָל-  
נַפְשְׁכֶם:

13. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto My commandments which I command you this day, to love YHVH your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14. וְנָתַתִּי מִטֶּר-אֲרָצְכֶם בְּעֵתוֹ יוֹרֵה וּמִלְקוֹשֵׁי וְאִסְפֹת דָּגְנָה וְתִירֹשָׁה  
וַיִּצְהָרָה:

14. that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in your corn, and your wine, and thine oil.

15. וְנָתַתִּי עֵשֶׂב בְּשָׂדֶךָ לְבַהֲמֹתָ וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ:

15. And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and thou shalt eat and be satisfied.

16. הַשְּׂמֵרוּ לָכֶם פֶּן יִפְתֶּה לְבַבְכֶם וְסָרְתֶם וְעַבַדְתֶּם אֱלֹהִים  
אֲזֵרִים וְהִשְׁתַּוְּוִיתֶם לָהֶם:

16. Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17. וְזָרָה אַף-יְהוָה בְּכֶם וְעָזַר אֹת-הַשָּׁמַיִם וְכֹא-יְהִי מִטֶּר  
וְהָאָרְבֶּה לֹא תִתֵּן אֹת-יְבוּלָהּ וְאֶבְרָתָם מִהָרָה מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ הַטְּבָה  
אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה נָתַן לָכֶם:

17. and the anger of YHVH be kindled against you, and He shut up the heaven, so that there shall be no rain, and the ground shall not yield her fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which YHVH giveth you.

18. וְשִׁמַּמְתֶּם אֹת-דְּבָרֵי אֱלֹהֵי עַל-לְבַבְכֶם וְעַל-נַפְשְׁכֶם וְקִשְׂרֹתֶם  
אֹתָם לְאוֹת עַל-יַדְכֶם וְהָיוּ לְטוֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֵיכֶם:

18. Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.

19. וְלַמְדֹתֵיכֶם אֹתָם אֶת-בְּנֵיכֶם לְדַרְכַּר בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ  
וּבְלַכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:

19. And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in your house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20. וּכְתַבְתֶּם עַל-מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

20. And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of your house, and upon your gates;

21. לְמַעַן יִרְבּוּ יְמֵיכֶם וְיָמֵי בְנֵיכֶם עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה  
לְאֲבֹתֵיכֶם לֵאמֹר לְהֵם כִּימֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם עַל-הָאָרֶץ: (ס)

21. that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, upon the land which YHVH swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth.

 **Aliya: Seventh-Malchut-King David** 

*In the seventh reading (עליה, aliyah), which is also the concluding maftir (מפטיר) reading, Moses promised that if the Israelites faithfully kept the law, loving God, walking in all God's ways, and holding fast to God, then God would dislodge the nations then in the land, and every spot on which their feet tread would be theirs, and their territory would extend from the wilderness to Lebanon and from the Euphrates to the Mediterranean Sea. Parashat Eikev and a closed portion (סתומה, setumah) end here.*

22. בְּמִזְוֹבוֹרוֹת מִפְטִיר כִּי אִם-שָׁמַר תִּשְׁמְרוּן אֶת-כָּל-הַמִּצְוֹת  
הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מִצְוֶה אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹתָהּ לְאַהֲבָה אֶת-יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לְלַכֵּת בְּכָל-דְּרָכָיו וּלְדַבְּקָה-בּוֹ:

22. For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love YHVH your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave unto Him,

23. וְהוֹרִישׁ יְהוָה אֶת-כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה מִלְּפָנֵיכֶם וִירְשִׁתֶּם גּוֹיִם  
גְּדֹלִים וְעֹצְמִים מִכֶּם:

23. then will YHVH drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves.

24. כָּל-הַמְּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר תִּדְרֹךְ כָּף-רַגְלְכֶם בּוֹ לְכֶם יְהִי מִן-  
הַמִּדְבָּר וְהַלְּבָנוֹן מִן-הַנְּהָר הַזֶּה-פְּרִת וְעַד הַיָּם הָאֲזוּרִין יְהִי  
גְּבֻלְכֶם:

24. Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the hinder sea shall be your border.

25. לֹא-יִתְיַעַב אִישׁ בְּפָנֶיכֶם פּוֹדְדֵיכֶם וּמוֹרְאֵיכֶם יִתֵּן | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם  
עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר תֵּדְרֹכּוּ-בָּהּ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר לָכֶם: (ססס)

25. There shall no man be able to stand against you: YHVH your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as He hath spoken unto you.

- End of Parasha -