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# Parashas:

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### Parashas HA'AZINU (הַאֲזִינָה) ["listen, you..."]

### Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52

H238 אָזַן 'azan {aw-zan'}

⌘ a primitive root; TWOT - 57; v

⌘ AV - **give ear**<sup>1</sup> 31, **hearken** 6, **hear** 3, **perceived by the ear** 1; 41

⌘ 1) **to hear, listen** 1a) (Hiphil) 1a1) to hear, listen, give ear 1a2) to be obedient, harken 1a3) to hear or listen to prayers (of God)

## Rashi Highlights & Divrei HaTorah

*HaShem: Creator, Sustainer, Orchestrator, Chastiser*

*Torah: Rules of The Land; Guarantor of Longevity*

*Israel: His Chosen People; His Son; His Children*

*The Nations: HaShem's Tool of Chastisement [Zechariah 1:15. And **I am very much displeased with the nations that are at ease**; for **I was only a little angry**, and **they furthered the affliction.**]*

**\*\*This is the end of the Torah. The nations, when reading this, should be able to see what the matter is all about...**

*w/Shir HaShirim*

<sup>1</sup> *Shemos/Exodus 15:26.* and He said: 'If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, **and wilt give ear** to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians; for I am the LORD that healeth thee.'

*Tehillim/Psalms 17:1.* A Prayer of David. Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry; **give ear** unto my prayer from lips without deceit.

*Tehillim/Psalms 39:13.* Hear my prayer, O LORD, and **give ear** unto my cry; keep not silence at my tears; for I am a stranger with Thee, a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

*Tehillim/Psalms 49:2.* Hear this, all ye peoples; **give ear**, all ye inhabitants of the world,

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w/Yishayahu 53

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Do the heavens have *ears*? Is the earth able to *hear*? Does HaShem have a *mouth*?  
 “Flesh & Blood” – *Do not go in the ways of the nations; do not trust in, or hope for a human being to save you...*<sup>2</sup>

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**Hope to HaShem or Hope for the Mashiach**

Tehillim/Psalm 146:3 Put not your **trust** in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Yishayahu/Isaiah 51:12 I, even I, am He that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man that shall be made as grass;

(Michah 5:6. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people like dew from the Lord, like the showers upon the grass, *that hope not for man, nor wait for the sons of men.*)

(לְאִיִּקוּהָ לְאִישׁ וְלֹא יִחַל לְבַנֵּי אָדָם)

H6960 קָוָה qavah {kaw-vaw'}

□ a primitive root; TWOT - 1994,1995; v

□ AV - wait 29, look 13, wait for 1, look for 1, gathered 1, misc 4; 49

□ 1) *to wait, look for, hope, expect* 1a) (Qal) waiting (participle) 1b) (Piel) 1b1) to wait or look eagerly for 1b2) to lie in wait for 1b3) to wait for, linger for 2) to collect, bind together 2a) (Niphal) to be collected

**Bereshis/Genesis 49:18 I wait for Thy salvation, O Lord.**

Tehillim/Psalm 25:3 Yea, none that **wait** for Thee shall be ashamed; they shall be ashamed that deal treacherously without cause... 5 Guide me in Thy truth, and teach me; for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee do I **wait** all the day... 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, because I **wait** for Thee.

Tehillim/Psalm 27:14 Wait on the LORD; be strong, and let thy heart take courage; yea, **wait thou for the LORD**.

Tehillim/Psalm 37:9 For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those that **wait** for the LORD, they shall inherit the land... 34 **Wait** for the LORD, and keep His way, and He will exalt thee to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

Tehillim/Psalm 39:7 (39-8) And now, Lord, what wait I for? .

Tehillim/Psalm 40:1 (40-1) For the Leader. A Psalm of David. (40-2) **I waited patiently for the LORD**; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Tehillim/Psalm 52:9 (52-11) I will give Thee thanks for ever, because Thou hast done it; and I will **wait** for Thy name, for it is good, in the presence of Thy saints.

Tehillim/Psalm 69:6 (69-7) Let not them that **wait** for Thee be ashamed through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those that **seek** Thee be brought to confusion through me, O God of Israel.

Tehillim/Psalm 130:5 **I wait for the LORD**, my soul doth **wait**, and in His word do I hope.

Mishlei/Proverbs 20:22 Say not thou: 'I will requite evil'; **wait for the LORD, and He will save thee**.

Yishayahu/Isaiah 25:9 And it shall be said in that day: 'Lo, this is our God, for whom we **waited**, that He might save us; this is the LORD, for whom we **waited**, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.'

Yishayahu/Isaiah 26:8 Yea, in the way of Thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for Thee; to Thy name and to Thy memorial is the desire of our soul.

Yishayahu/Isaiah 33:2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for Thee; be Thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Yishayahu/Isaiah 40:31 But they that **wait** for the LORD shall **renew their strength**; they shall **mount up with wings as eagles**; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Yishayahu/Isaiah 49:23 And kings shall be thy foster-fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers; they shall bow down to thee with their face to the earth, and lick the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD, for they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me.

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**Yishayahu/Isaiah 51:5** My favour is near, My salvation is gone forth, and Mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for Me, and on Mine arm shall they trust... **60:9** Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified thee.

**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 14:22** Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? Art not Thou He, O LORD our God, and do we not wait for Thee? For Thou hast made all these things.

**Eichah/Lamentations 3:25** The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.

**Hoshea/Hosea 12:6 (12-7)** Therefore turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and justice, and wait for thy God continually.

**H3176** יָחַל yachal {yaw-chal'}  
 a primitive root; TWOT - 859; v  
 AV - hope 22, wait 12, tarry 3, trust 2, variant 2, stayed 1; 42  
 1) to wait, hope, expect 1a) (Niphal) to wait 1b) (Piel) 1b1) to wait, await, tarry 1b2) to wait for, hope for 1c) (Hiphil) to wait, tarry, wait for, hope for

**Tehillim/Psalm 31:24 (31-25)** Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all ye that wait for the LORD.

**Tehillim/Psalm 33:18** Behold, the eye of the LORD is toward them that fear Him, toward them that wait for His mercy; ...22 Let Thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we have waited for Thee.

**Tehillim/Psalm 38:15 (38-16)** For in Thee, O LORD, do I hope; Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.

**Tehillim/Psalm 42:5 (42-6)** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why moanest thou within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him for the salvation of His countenance... **42:11 (42-12)** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why moanest thou within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the salvation of my countenance, and my God... **43:5** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why moanest thou within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

**Tehillim/Psalm 69:3 (69-4)** I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried; mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

**Tehillim/Psalm 71:14** But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise Thee yet more and more.

**Tehillim/Psalm 119:43** And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I hope in Thine ordinances; ...119:49 ZAIN. Remember the word unto Thy servant, because Thou hast made me to hope... **119:74** They that fear Thee shall see me and be glad, because I have hope in Thy word... **119:81** CAPH. My soul pineth for Thy salvation; in Thy word do I hope... **119:114** Thou art my covert and my shield; in Thy word do I hope... **119:147** I rose early at dawn, and cried; I hoped in Thy word.

**Tehillim/Psalm 130:5** I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope... **130:7** O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

**Tehillim/Psalm 131:3** O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and for ever.

**Tehillim/Psalm 147:11** The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that wait for His mercy.

**Eichah/Lamentations 3:24** 'The LORD is my portion', saith my soul; 'Therefore will I hope in Him.'

**Michah/Micah 7:7** 'But as for me, I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

**H8431** תִּוְּכַחֵת towcheleth {to-kheh'-leth}  
 from 03176; TWOT - 859b; n f  
 AV - hope 6; 6  
 1) hope

**Tehillim/Psalm 39:7 (39-8)** And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope, it is in Thee.

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The Nations = HaShem's sword [Vayikra 26:33. And I will scatter you among the nations, and *will draw out a sword after you*; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.]

**Rashi, Devarim 32:1 – Listen, O heavens** that I am warning Israel, and you shall be witnesses in this matter, for I have already told Israel that you will be witnesses. And so is [the clause] “And let the earth hear” [to be similarly understood]. Now why did [Moses] call upon heaven and earth to be witnesses [for warning Israel]? **Moses said: “I am [just] flesh and blood. Tomorrow I will die.** If Israel says, ‘We never accepted the covenant,’ who will come and refute them?’ Therefore, he called upon heaven and earth as witnesses for Israel—witnesses that endure forever. Furthermore, if they [Israel] act meritoriously, the witnesses will come and reward them: “The vine will give its fruit, the earth will yield its produce, and the heavens will give their dew” (Zech. 8:12). And if [Israel] acts sinfully, the hand of the witnesses will be upon them first [to inflict punishment upon them]: “And He will close off the heaven that there will be no rain, and the soil will not give its produce” (Deut. 11:17), and then [the verse continues]: “*and you will perish quickly*”—*through [the attacks of] the nations.*—[Sifrei 32:1]

**Rambam, Introduction to Perek Cheilek – Mashiach** will die, and his son will rule in his stead.

## Torah likened to Water, Rain, Dew, et al.

**Devarim 32:2.** My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;

**Devarim 32:2.** My doctrine shall drop as **the rain [04306]**, my speech shall distil as **the dew [02919]**; as **the small rain [08164]** upon the tender grass, and as **the showers [07241]** upon **the grass [06212]**.

H4306 מַטָּר matar {maw-tawr'}  
 ✧ from 04305; TWOT - 1187a; n m  
 ✧ **AV - rain 36, great 1, small 1; 38**  
 ✧ 1) rain

H2919 טַל tal {tal}  
 ✧ from 02926; TWOT - 807a; n m  
 ✧ **AV - dew 31; 31**  
 ✧ 1) dew, night mist

**Tehillim 110:3.** Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy warfare; in adornments of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, thine is the dew of thy youth.

**Hoshea 14:6.** I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

**Michah 5:6.** And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, as dew from the LORD, as showers upon the grass, that are not looked for from man, nor await the sons of men.

H8164 שְׁעִיר sa'iyar {saw-eer'}  
 ✧ formed the same as 08163; TWOT - 2277a; n m  
 ✧ **AV - small rain 1; 1**  
 ✧ 1) raindrops, rain showers

H7241 רִבִּיב rabiyyb {raw-beeb'}

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⌘ from 07231; TWOT - 2099f; n m

⌘ AV - shower 6; 6

⌘ 1) copious showers, heavy showers 1a) as bringing fertility 1b) of prophetic influence (fig)

**Tehillim 72:6.** May He come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth.

**Michah 5:6.** And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, as dew from the LORD, as showers upon the grass, that are not looked for from man, nor awaited at the hands of the sons of men.

H6212 עֵשֶׁב `eseb {eh'seb}

⌘ from an unused root meaning to glisten (or be green); TWOT - 1707a; n m

⌘ AV - herb 17, grass 16; 33

⌘ 1) herb, herbage, grass, green plants

**Iyov 5:25.** Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

**Tehillim 92:8.** When the wicked spring up as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they may be destroyed for ever.

**Tehillim 106:20.** Thus they exchanged their glory for the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.

**Mishlei 19:12.** The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

**Yishayahu 37:27.** Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as a field of corn before it is grown up.

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**Zecharaih 10:1.** Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain, even of the LORD that maketh lightnings; and He will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

**Rashi, Devarim 32:2 – My lesson will drip like rain** This is the testimony that you shall testify, that in your presence, I declare, "**The Torah (לְקַחְתִּי), which I gave to Israel, which provides life to the world, is just like this rain, which provides life to the world, [i.e.,] when the heavens drip down dew and rain.**"-[*Sifrei* 32:2] **will drip** Heb. יַעֲרֵף, meaning, "dripping." Similar to this [are the verses]: and "will drip (יִרְעַפֵּן) fatness" (Ps. 65:12), [where the root רַעַף is equivalent to עָרַף]; "will drip (יַעֲרַפֵּן) dew" (Deut. 33:28). **will flow like dew** with which everyone rejoices, [unlike] the rain [which occasionally] causes anguish to people, such as travelers, or one whose pit [into which he presses his grapes] is full of wine [which is spoiled by the rain].-[*Sifrei* 32:2] **like storm winds** Heb. כְּשַׁעֲרִים. This is an expression similar to, "storm (סַעֲרָה) wind" [since ס and ש are interchangeable. Accordingly,] the *Targum* renders [כְּשַׁעֲרִים as]: כְּרוּחֵי מְטָרָא, "like winds [that bring] rain." [The metaphor is explained as follows:] Just as these [stormy, rainy] winds maintain the plants and promote their growth, so too, the words of the Torah cause those who study them to grow. **like raindrops** Heb. וְכַרְבִּיבִים, *drops of rain*. It appears to me that [a raindrop] is called רַבִּיב because it shoots (רוֹבֵה) down like an arrow, as Scripture states, "an archer רֹבֵה קֶשֶׁת" (Gen. 21:20). **vegetation** *Erbediz* [in Old French, like the English: herbage]. This is [the general term for] the mantle of the earth covered with vegetation. **grass** Heb. עֵשֶׁב. A single stalk is called עֵשֶׁב and each species is called עֵשֶׁב [while דָּשָׁא denotes vegetation in general].

**Ben Avraham –** Rabbi Akiva and the water "dripping onto the rock" ... man is likened

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Rashi, Michah 5:6 – like dew sent by the Lord -which does not come to the world through man, and people do not ask for it, so **Israel will not hope for the help of man, but for the Lord.**

## Davening: Introductory Passuk to Minchah & Mussaf

Devarim 32:3. Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:3. Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; **ascribe greatness to our God.**

Rashi, Devarim 32:3 – When I call out the name of the Lord Here the word כִּי means “when”, just as [it also means “when” in the verse]: “When (כִּי) you come to the land...” (Lev. 23:10). [The meaning of our verse is therefore:] **When I call out and make mention of the Lord’s name, you shall ascribe greatness to our God, and bless His name.** From here, our Rabbis derived [the rule] that [the listeners] should respond: “Blessed be the Name of His glorious Kingdom [forever and ever]!” after [every] blessing [recited] in the Temple [instead of “Amen,” which is the response outside the Temple].-[Ta’anith 16b]

To HaShem, **not** to His Mashiach

## Our “Righteous Redeemer”

Devarim 32:4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice; a God of truth and without iniquity, **just and right is He.**

Rashi, Devarim 32:4 – The deeds of the [Mighty] Rock are perfect Even though God is strong [like a rock], when He brings retribution upon those who transgress His will, He does not bring it in a flood [of anger], but [rather] with justice because “His deeds are perfect.” a **faithful God** [Faithful] to reward the righteous their due in the world-to-come. And even though He defers their reward, in the end He will fulfill (לַאמֵן) His words. **without injustice** Even to the wicked; God rewards them in this world for [any] meritorious deeds [they might have performed].-[Sifrei 32:4] **He is righteous and upright** All acknowledge God’s judgment meted out to them to be just (צַדִּיק), and therefore fitting and upright (יָשָׁר) for them. [That is, God is declared] just (צַדִּיק) by people, and He is upright (יָשָׁר), and **it is fitting to declare God as righteous.**

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Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:5. Not his the corruption, but *his children* are blemished; they are a perverse and crooked generation... 32:19. And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of *his sons*, and of *his daughters*.

Devarim 14:1. *You are the children of the Lord your God*; you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. [The nations were created in the “image of G-d,” but only Israel are His children.]

## Credit to He Whom Credit is Due

Devarim 32:6. Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he your Father **Who has bought you?** has he not **made you**, and **established you?**

Rashi, Devarim 32:6 – Is this how you repay the Lord This should be read as a

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question: "[Why] are you doing such saddening things before God? He has the power to punish you, [nevertheless] **He has bestowed all these favors upon you. [Is this the way you repay Him for those favors?]**" -[Sifrei 32:6] **you disgraceful... people who have forgotten all that has been done for them. unwise [because you do not] understand the outcome, since it is in God's power to do them good or evil [according to their actions].** -[Sifrei 32:6] **Is He not your father, your Master?** [The word קָנָה means:] Who acquired (קָנָה) you; [alternatively it means:] Who nested you (קָנָה) in a nest (קָנָה) of rocks and in a strong land; [alternatively it means:] Who has rectified you (תְּקַנְנֶה) with every type of reparation (תְּקַנְנֶה). **He made you** A [special] nation among nations, **and established you** After [making you a special nation, God established you] upon every kind of firm base and foundation (בְּסֵדֶה) [i.e., made you self-contained]: **your kohanim are from among yourselves; your prophets are from among yourselves, and your kings are from among yourselves.** [Indeed, you are like] a city from which all [resources] are [drawn]. -[Sifrei 32:6]

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**Tamid 32a:** "Who is wise? He who foresees consequences."

*Would R.M.M.S. be pleased with what has happened to his movement? In retrospect, did he correctly envision what would happen to his flock after his death?*

### **He was there for you in the past, He will be there for you in the future**

**Devarim 32:7.** Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.

**Rashi, Devarim 32:7 – Remember the days of old** what God did to past generations who provoked Him to anger. **reflect upon the years of [other] generations** [I.e.,] **the generation of Enosh<sup>3</sup>**, whom [God] inundated with the waters of the ocean, and the generation of the Flood, whom [God] washed away. Another explanation is: **[If] you have not set your attention to the past, then "reflect upon the years of generations,"** i.e., to recognize **the future**, that **He** has the **power** to bestow good upon you and to give you as an inheritance **the days of the Messiah** and the world-to-come. -[Sifrei 32:6] **Ask your father** These are **the prophets**, who are called "fathers," as Scripture states regarding [Elisha's crying out to] Elijah, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel!" (II Kings 2:12). **your elders** These are the Sages. -[Sifrei 32:7] **and they will inform you** the events of the former times.

**Avos 6:6** – Knowledge of *Nach* is necessary to be a *Chacham*. If one does not know what our actual prophets had to say, then how is one to correctly understand the Will of HaShem?

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Learn from the past, and anticipate the future: *Yemos HaMashiach*

*Philo & the Zohar* (?)

**Yirmiyahu 16:19.** O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, **nations shall come to you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthless idols, and things in which there is no profit.** 20. Shall a man make gods to himself, and they are no gods? **[Is Israel – when she is scattered amongst the nations – immune from acting as the goyim do?]**

<sup>3</sup> **Ben Avraham** – See the Rambam, *Hilchos Yesodei HaTorah*, where the penchant of mankind to approach G-d through intermediaries is discussed and condemned. This generation worshipped HaShem's "messengers" in lieu of worshipping Him.

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**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:9.** For *the Lord’s portion is his people; Jacob* is the lot of his inheritance.

**Israel, NOT the nations**

**Rashi, Devarim 32:9 -- Because the Lord’s portion is His people** And why did God go to all this effort [to save mankind]? “Because the Lord’s portion” was hidden within them [i.e., mankind] and was destined to come forth. And **who is God’s portion?** “His people.” **And who is His people? Jacob, the lot of His inheritance** And he is the third among the Patriarchs. He is endowed with a threefold [parcel] of merits: The merit of his grandfather, the merit of his father, and his own merit—thus, totaling three, like a rope (חֵבֶל) composed of three strands [twined together for added strength (Sifrei 32:9)]. Thus, *it was [only] Jacob and his sons who became God’s inheritance, not Ishmael, the son of Abraham, and not Esau, the son of Isaac.*

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**HaShem over Moshe; Moshe & the Golden Calf; w/32:7 – learn from the past!**

w/Yishayahu 53 – *multiple “singular” references to Israel in this chapter* – a chapter dealing with Israel and the nations – *duh!*

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:15.** But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then **he** forsook God who made **him**, and lightly esteemed the Rock of **his** salvation. **16. They** provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked **they** him to anger. [*Singular/Plural references to Klal Yisroel*]

**Yishayahu 53**

## Who led them in the desert?

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<sup>4</sup> **Ben Avraham** – “alone” v. Moshe who could not do it alone:

**Shemos 18:14.** But when Moses' father-in-law saw how much he had to do for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing to the people? Why do you act **alone**, while all the people stand about you from morning until evening?" ... **18:18.** you will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is too heavy for you; **you cannot do it alone**... **Bamidbar 11:14.** **I am not able to bear all this people myself alone, because it is too heavy for me**... **11:17.** I will come down and speak with you there, and I will draw upon the spirit that is on you and put it upon them; they shall share the burden of the people

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with you, and you shall not bear it alone... **Devarim 1:9.** And I spoke unto you at that time, saying: **I am not able to bear you myself alone.**

**Shemos 24:2.** Moses alone shall come near the LORD; but the others shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him.”

**Devarim 32:12.** **The LORD alone did guide him, No alien god at His side.**

**Yishayahu 2:11.** The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day...** **2:17.** And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day...** **44:24.** Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, and He that formed thee from the womb: I am the LORD, that maketh all things; that **stretched forth the heavens alone;** that spread abroad the earth by Myself

**Nechemiah 9:6.** Thou art the LORD, **even Thou alone;** Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth Thee.

**Iyov 9:8.** Who alone stretcheth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

**Tehillim 86:10.** For **You are great and perform wonders; You alone are God...** **136:4.** To Him who alone doeth great wonders, for His mercy endureth for ever... **148:13.** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for **His name alone is exalted;** His glory is above the earth and heaven.

<sup>5</sup> **Ben Avraham – Tehillim 81:9.** Hear, O my people, and I will warn you, O Israel, if you will listen to me: 10. There shall be **no strange god among you;** nor shall you worship any foreign god. 11. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

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the eagle is representative of HaShem

HaShem ALONE [read: do not give credit to Moshe!] **see note 2: re: the future**

**redemption (?)**

No foreign god; yet Moshe is called an elohim (**Shemos 7:1**. And the Lord said to Moses, See, **I have made you a god to Pharaoh**; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.]

What HE did, and what HE is destined to do

**Learn from the past; study Jewish history**

<sup>6</sup> **Ben Avraham – Sanhedrin 99a** (see our *chidush*): R. Hillel [A brother of Judah II] said: There shall be no Messiah for Israel, [**But the Almighty will Himself redeem Israel and reign over them** (Rashi)] because they have already enjoyed him in the days of Hezekiah

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**Rashi, Devarim 32:11 – As an eagle awakens its nest** He guided them [Israel] with mercy and compassion *like an eagle*, which is merciful towards its own fledglings and does not enter its nest suddenly. [Rather,] it beats and flaps its wings above its young between one tree and another, between one branch and another, in order that its young should awaken and have the strength to receive it. **awakens its nest** [I.e.,] it awakens its fledglings. **hovering over its fledglings** [**The eagle**] does not impose its [whole] body upon them. Rather, it hovers above them, touching them and yet not quite touching them. **So too, is the Holy One, Blessed is He.** [As in the verse:] “We did not find the Almighty great in power” (Job 37:23). When He came to give the Torah to Israel, He did not reveal Himself to them from one direction [thus concentrating His power at one point, as it were], but rather, from four directions, as Scripture states, “The Lord came from Sinai, and shone forth from Seir to them, and appeared from Mount Paran” (Deut. 33:2). [This accounts for three directions.] The fourth direction is referred to in [the verse], “God comes from Teman” (Hab. 3:3). -[Sifrei 32:11] **spreading its wings, taking them** *When it [the eagle] comes to move [its fledglings] from place to place, it does not pick them up with its feet, as do other birds. Other birds are afraid of the eagle, which soars very high and flies above them. For this reason, it [the other bird] carries them with its feet because of the eagle [above them]. The eagle, however, is afraid only of an arrow. Therefore, it carries its young on its wings, saying, “It is better that an arrow pierce me, rather than pierce my young.” So too, the Holy One, Blessed is He, [says]: “I carried you on eagles’ wings”* (Exod. 19:4). [I.e.,] when the Egyptians pursued [the children of Israel] and overtook them at the [Red] Sea, they cast arrows and catapulted rocks [at Israel]. Immediately, “The angel of God moved... [behind them... and the pillar of cloud] came between the camp of Egypt [and the camp of Israel]” (Exod. 14:19-20) [for Israel’s protection].-[Mechilta 19:4]

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**Yishayahu 28:9.** To whom shall one teach knowledge? and whom shall one make understand doctrine? *Those who are weaned from the milk, and removed from the breasts.*

**We were destined to “Degrade the Rock of our Salvation.”**

[But this does not mean that we have to continue to do so!]

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18. **Of the Rock that fathered you, you are unmindful**, and have **forgotten God who formed you** [“Who brought you forth”]. 19. And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.

**Rashi, Devarim 32:15 – you grew...thick** Heb. עָבִיתָ, an expression stemming from the word עוֹבֵי, “thickness.” **you grew...rotund** Heb. כָּשִׁיתָ, similar to the word כָּסִיתָ [“cover,” since כ and ש are interchangeable]. This has the same meaning as in the verse, “For he has covered (כָּסָה) his face with his fat” (Job 15:27), like a person who is full of fat inside and whose flanks therefore have folds [of fat] outside. This is like [the continuation of that verse], “and he made folds of fat upon his flanks.” (Job 15:27). -[Sifrei 32:15] **you grew... rotund** [The root form כסה or כשה] can take on a simple conjugation meaning “to cover.” As [the verse], “But a prudent man covers (וְכָסָה) shame” (Prov. 12:16). However, if כָּשִׁיתָ had been written with a *dagesh* [in the “sin”], this would [represent the *piel* conjugation, i.e., making the verb transitive in form and thus] have the meaning: “You have covered someone [or something] else.” As in [the previously quoted verse], “For he has covered his face” (Job 15:27) [where the word “covered” is written as כָּסָה, with a *dagesh* in the “samech.” Thus here, since there is no *dagesh* in the “sin,” the verb is intransitive, and literally means: “You are covered with fat folds.”] **and spurned the [Mighty] rock of their salvation They disgraced and despised Him**, as Scripture states, “[about twenty-five men] with their backs towards the Heichal of the Lord...” (Ezek.8:16). [The prophet Ezekiel was shown these treacherous men, who had their backs to the Temple in the west, and were bowing down to the sun in the east. He was shown other abominable acts as well. However,] **there can be no more despicable act than this.** -[Sifrei 32:16]

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**Rashi, Devarim 32:18 – You forgot** Heb. נָשִׁיתָ, you have forgotten. However, our Rabbis explained this word homiletically to mean: **When God comes to bestow good upon you, you provoke Him to anger, and weaken (מַתְּשִׁיב) His power, as it were, to do you good.** -[Sifrei 32:18] **the God Who delivered you** Heb. מְחַלְלֵךְ. **God Who brought you out of the womb**. It has the same meaning as the verse, “[The voice of the Lord] makes hinds bring forth young (יְחַוֵּל) ” (Ps.29:9), and, “pangs (חֵיל) like those of a woman in confinement” (Ps. 48:7).

**Yirmiyahu 6:24.** We have heard the report of it; our hands grow feeble; anguish has taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in labor. [“Birthpangs of the Mashiach”]

**Malachi 3:1.** Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and

<sup>7</sup> Since Christianity is, in the eyes of the world, “based upon Judaism,” the agnostic/atheistic goyim see the “god of the Christians” as a “Jewish god.”

<sup>8</sup> The Yidden of the Tanakh did not “deify” the Mashiach – that was not done until after the destruction of the *Bais HaMikdash Sheni* [Midrash \_\_\_\_ (?): “The Mashiach was born the day that the Second Temple was destroyed”], and it is in this “deification” that we have repeated the sins of the Yidden who came out of Egypt and who worshipped the Golden Calf. Tanakh does not designate the “End Times” as *Yemos HaMashiach* – that was done by non-Neviim when the Mishnah and Gemara was codified.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (יְהוָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,** and the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in, behold, he shall come, says the Lord of hosts.

**Yechezkel 8:16.** And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the vestibule and the altar, were about twenty five men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. 17. Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? It is not enough for the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? But they also have filled the land with violence, and have provoked me even further to anger; and, behold, they put the branch to their nose. 18. Therefore I too will deal in fury; my eye shall not spare, nor will I have pity; and even if they would cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will I not hear them.

**Yechezkel 8:17.** Then He said unto me: 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here in that they fill the land with violence, and provoke Me still more, and, lo, they put **the branch [02168]** to their nose?'

H2156 זְמוּרָה z@mowrah {zem-o-raw'} or זְמוּרָה z@morah {zem-o-raw'} (fem.) and z@mor {zem-ore'} (masc.)

- ⌘ from 02168; TWOT - 559b; n m/f
- ⌘ AV - branch 4, slip 1; 5
- ⌘ 1) branch, twig, shoot

H2168 זָמַר zamar {zaw-mar'}

- ⌘ a primitive root [compare 02167, 05568, 06785]; TWOT - 559; v
- ⌘ AV - prune 3; 3
- ⌘ 1) to trim, prune 1a) (Qal) to trim, prune 1b) (Niphal) to be pruned

H6785 צֶמֶר tsemer {tseh'-mer}

- ⌘ from an unused root probably meaning to be shaggy; TWOT - 1931a; n m
- ⌘ AV - woollen 5, wool 11; 16
- ⌘ 1) wool 1a) wool 1b) whiteness (metaph.) 1c) wool (in garments)

**Yishayahu 11:1.** And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a twig [05342] shall grow forth out of his roots.

H5342 נֵצֶר netser {nay'-tser}

- ⌘ from 05341 in the sense of greenness as a striking colour; TWOT - 1408a; n m
- ⌘ AV - branch 4; 4
- ⌘ 1) sprout, shoot, branch (always fig.)

**Rashi, Yechezkel 8:17 – Was it [too] trivial to the house of Judah** Is it trivial and light in their eyes, the other sins that they have committed? **to prevent them from performing the abominations** that they should refrain from doing all the abominations that they have done in My house here? **for they have [already] filled the land with violence** and that that iniquity is trivial in their eyes, and they repeatedly provoke Me within My house with these abominations. **and behold they send disgrace into their nose** Behold they send to their nose the foul odor of this “song,” which they “sing” with the wind emerging from their anus; i.e., this disgrace of theirs will come back to their faces. Menachem (p. 79) explained: “and behold they send the disgrace into their nose” is a matter of disgrace and shame; and according to his explanation, He compares the

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aroma of their censers and (Ezek. 20:28) “the anger of their sacrifices” and (ibid.) “their pleasant aroma” to the work of the disgrace of the orifices. “Their backs to the Temple of the Lord” implies this idea.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:17.** They sacrificed to powerless spirits, not to God; to *gods whom they knew not*; to *new gods that came newly up*, whom your fathers feared not.

“Knowledge” of HaShem

[Devarim 4:35. *To you it was shown*, that you might **know** that the Lord is God; there is no other beside him.

**Yishayahu 43:10.** *You are my witnesses*, said the Lord, *and my servant* whom I have chosen; that you may **know** and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.]

“*This is a Jewish idol*” = *Yoshka*, and “scholars” claim that all “religions” based upon Abraham are essentially the same. [Comparative Religion]

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**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:18.** Of the Rock that fathered you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten *God who formed you*.

Sin leads to “distance” between ourselves and HaShem

[Yishayahu 59:2. But *your iniquities have separated between you and your God*, and *your sins have hidden his face from you*<sup>9</sup>, that he will not hear.]

*Chevlei HaMashiach*

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<sup>9</sup> Does HaShem “hide His face” from us? Has He really turned his back on us, or is it we who have moved behind Him?

**Devarim 31:17.** Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and *I will hide my face from them*, and they shall be devoured [Tehillim 14 & 53], and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? 18. And *I will surely hide my face* in that day *because of all the evils which they shall have done*, in that they are turned to other gods.

**Yishayahu 8:17.** And I will wait upon *the Lord, who hides his face from the house of Jacob*, and I will look for him.

**Yechezkel 39:29.** And *I will not hide my face any more from them*; for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord God.

**Tehillim 44:25.** *Why do you hide your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?*

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (יְהוָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

same meaning as the verse, “[The voice of the Lord] makes hinds bring forth young (יְחֻלֵּל)” (Ps.29:9), and, “**pangs (לי) like those of a woman in confinement**” (Ps. 48:7).

## Torah M'Sinai THEN the Golden Calf

Devarim 32:20. And he said, **I will hide my face from them**, I will see what their end shall be; for they are **a very perverse generation**, children in whom there is no faith.

Rashi, Devarim 32:20 – I will see what their end will be [i.e., I will see] what will befall them in the end. **for they are a generation of changes i.e., they change My good will into anger. they are not [recognizable]... whom I have reared** Heb. אָמַן. **My rearing [them] is not recognizable in them. for I taught them a good way, but they deviated from it.** אָמַן is an expression related to “And he reared (אָמַן) [Hadassah]” (Esther 2:7), *nourriture* in French. Another explanation of אָמַן: It is an expression of אֱמוּנָה, *faithfulness*, which is how the Targum renders it [literally, “*children who have no faithfulness*”]. **At Sinai, they said, “We will do and we will hear,” and a short while later, they broke their promise and made the golden calf!** -[Sifrei 32:20]

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HaShem as Teacher; but the way they were brought up is not noticeable when observing their actions

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## A “non-god” is a “god” who has no “power”

Devarim 32:21. They have moved me to jealousy with **that which is not God**; they have provoked me to anger with **their vanities**; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Rashi, Devarim 32:21 – **have provoked my jealousy** They kindled My anger. **with a non-god** With something that is not a god. **with a non-people** With a nation that has no name, as Scripture states, “This land of the Chaldeans—this people was not” (Isa. 23:13). And regarding Esau, Scripture states, “You are very despised” (Obad. 1:2). **I will... provoke their anger with a foolish nation** These are the heretics. So Scripture states, “**The fool (בָּל) said in his heart, There is no God!**” (Ps. 14:1). -[Sifrei 32:21]

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (אֲנִי) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:23. I will heap evils upon them; *I will spend my arrows upon them*. 24. They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send *the teeth of beasts* upon them, with *the poison of crawling things of the dust*. 25. The sword<sup>10</sup> outside, and terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

**The Nations = HaShem's tool(s) of punishment:**

Vayikra 26:25. And *I will bring a sword upon you*, that shall avenge my covenant; and when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and *you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy*.

Vayikra 26:33. And *I will scatter you among the nations*, and *will draw out a sword after you*; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.

Tehillim 78:62. *He gave his people over also to the sword*; and was angry with his inheritance.

Shmuel Beis/2Samuel 7:12. And when your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, *I will set up your seed after you, who shall issue from your bowels*, and *I will establish his kingdom*. 13. He shall build a house for my name, and *I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever*. 14. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. *If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with such plagues as befall the sons of men*; 15. But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. 16. And *your house and your kingdom shall be established forever* before you; *your throne shall be established forever*.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:26. I said, *I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease* from among men; 27. *Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy*, lest *their adversaries should judge amiss*, and *lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this*. 28. For *they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them*. 29. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

*Frustrated that Israel still exists*

*The Nations have no power; all that happened was by the orchestration of HaShem*

*"They are a nation" = the nations together, all with the same intention – to destroy*

Klal Yisroel

Rashi, Devarim 32:27 – Were it not that the enemy's wrath was heaped up Heb. אָגַר. Were it not that *the enemy's wrath was heaped up (אָגַר) against them to destroy them*, and *if the enemy would succeed in overtaking them and destroying them, he would attribute the greatness to himself and to his deity*, but he would not attribute the greatness to Me [says God]. This, then, is the meaning of... *lest their adversaries distort* Heb. פֶּן יִגְבְּרוּ צָרֵימוֹ, *lest they misconstrue the matter by attributing their might to an alien (גִּבְרִי), to whom the greatness does not belong*. Lest they claim, Our hand was triumphant...!

Rashi, Devarim 32:31 – “the victory is not theirs and their gods” -- **For their rock is not like our [Mighty] Rock** The enemies should have understood all the above, that the Lord gave Israel over [to them], and that *victory must not be attributed to them or to their deities*. For until now, their deities have achieved nothing against our Rock. Because their rock is not like our Rock. The word צֹר in Scripture is always an expression meaning סָלַע, rock. **nevertheless, our enemies sit in judgment** Nevertheless, now our enemies are judging us. It must be then, that our Rock has given us over to them.

<sup>10</sup> re: Mashiach – Tehillim 44:7. For *I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me*. 8. But *You have saved us from our enemies*, and have put to shame those who hate us.

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

## A “Misinterpretation of Torah”?

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Rashi, Devarim 32:34 – Is it not stored up with Me As the Targum renders it, “*They think that I have forgotten their [evil] deeds, but these deeds are all locked away and preserved before Me.*” Is it not [stored] The fruit of their [bitter] vine and the [bitter] produce of their field are stored up with Me.

Yom, Wednesday – Tehillim ...

## In it’s Time, Quickly

Devarim 32:35. To me belongs vengeance, and recompense when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Rashi, Devarim 32:35 – Vengeance is poised with Me, and it will pay Heb. וְשָׁלַם. The retribution of vengeance is with Me, prepared and held in readiness, and it will pay out punishment to them, according to their deeds. [That is to say,] Vengeance will pay the punishment they deserve. [Thus, the word וְשָׁלַם is to be understood as a verb.] However, some explain the word וְשָׁלַם as a noun, equivalent to וְשָׁלוּם, and recompense, the same grammatical form as [the noun in the phrase], “And the [prophetic] word (וְהַדְבָר) is not in them,” (Jer. 5:13) where the word is equivalent to וְהַדְבָר [i.e., a noun]. And when will I pay them [their punishment]? at the time their foot stumbles namely, when the merit of their forefathers expires, the merit upon which they are relying. For the appointed day [of their reckoning] is near As soon as I desire to bring the day of their disaster upon them, this day is near and in readiness before Me, to be brought about by many agents, and what is destined for them hastens And the things that are destined to come hasten [in coming]. hastens Heb. וְחָטַת, as in the verse, “Let him hurry, hasten (וְחִישָׁה)” (Isa. 5:19). Until here, Moses testified against them with words of reproof, that this Song should be a witness for Israel’s reproof, i.e., when punishment would come upon Israel, they would know that I told them about this from the very beginning. From here onwards, he testifies to Israel with words of comfort, about things that would come upon them at the conclusion of the retribution, like everything he stated earlier: “And it will be, when all these words happen to you—the blessing and the curse... then, the Lord,

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your God, will bring back your exiles..." (Deut. 30:1-3).

**Yishayahu 60:21.** Your people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. 22. The least one shall become a thousand, and a smallest one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

Yishayahu 8:1.

Chavvakuk 1:8.

Tehillim 90:10.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:35.** To me belongs vengeance, and recompense when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and *the things that shall come upon them make haste*. 36. For the Lord shall judge [will have judged] his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

**Sanhedrin 97a** -- it has been taught: Three come unawares: [Lit., 'when the mind is diverted.'] **Messiah**, a found article and a scorpion. [*Hence by thinking of him they were postponing his coming.*]

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**Rashi, Devarim 32:36 – When the Lord will judge His people** i.e., When God will exact judgment upon Israel by bringing upon them these aforementioned sufferings. Similar to this is the verse, "For through these He judges (וְיַדְיָ) peoples" (Job 36:31), i.e., He chastises peoples. The word כִּי here does not mean "because," giving the reason for the preceding statements, but rather, it introduces a new passage [i.e., it means "when"], as in the verse, "When (כִּי) you come to the land" (Lev. 25:2). [The meaning of our verse is:] **When these judgments will come upon them, and the Holy One, Blessed is He, will reconsider concerning His servants to return [to them] and to have mercy upon them.... will reconsider** Heb. וְתִתְחַלֵּם. [This word] denotes changing one's mind, whether for good or for evil. **when He will see that the power is growing** i.e., when God sees that the enemy's power is becoming stronger and stronger against Israel, and none among them is controlled or strengthened. **controlled** Heb. וְעָצָר. One who is rescued by an officer (וְעֹצֵר) or a ruler who would confine (וְעֹצֵר) the people. **or**

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

strengthened Heb. עָזַב, [One saved] by an עֹזֵב, one who gives strength [to someone else]. An עֹזֵב is a ruler who confines his people [within certain boundaries], so that they will not go out in scattered groups when they go to war against the enemy, *mentenedor* in Old French [like the English, maintain. Consequently:] עֲצוּר [the passive noun from the root עֶצַר] means: One saved through the confinement (מְעֻזָּר) of a ruler. עָזַב Strengthened, like “and they fortified (וַיְעִזְבוּ) Jerusalem until the... wall” (Neh. 3:8); and, “How is the city of praise not fortified (הָעִיר) ” (Jer. 49:25). עֲצוּר is *mentenude* in Old French, and עָזַב is *enforze*, fortified.

**“He shall reconsider; this means a change of heart.” [Anthropo....]**

### Avodah Zarah amongst Klal Yisroel?

Devarim 32:37. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, 38. Those who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. 39. See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

Rashi, Devarim 32:37 – Then He will say The Holy One, Blessed is He, will say about them [Israel]: **“Where is their deity which they worshipped [now]?” the rock in which they trusted** [The word צִוּר means: The rock. [This figuratively means: The rock under which] they used to shelter themselves from the sun and the cold. **That is to say, [the deity] in which they had placed their trust to protect them against any harm.**

Rashi, Devarim 32:38 – **who ate the fat of their sacrifices i.e., these deities would eat up [the fat] and would drink up the wine of their libations when they offered the sacrifices before them. Let them be your shelter! Let that same rock [you worshipped] be a refuge and shelter (מִסְתוֹר) for you.**

Alternative Rashi, Devarim 32:39 – See now that it is I! **Then the Holy One, Blessed is He, will reveal His salvation and say: “Now you see that it is I! I am the One!”** From Me the evil befell you, and **from Me good will come upon you; and no one can rescue from My Hand** i.e., who will rescue you from the disaster I will bring upon you.

Tehillim 20 with Redak

Zechariah 9 with Rashi

Zechariah 12:10 with Meforshim

Michah 5:6 with Rashi

### Salvation is from HaShem

Devarim 32:39. See now that I am he, and **there is no god with me**; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

Rashi, Devarim 32:39 – See now Understand from the punishment that I brought upon you, from which **no one can rescue you**, and from the salvation **with which I will save you**, and that there is no one to stop Me, that **It is I! I am the One** -"It is I" Who can bring someone down, and "I am the One" Who can lift someone up. **and there is no god with Me!** [There is no deity] which can stand up against Me, to stop Me. **with Me** resembling Me, like Me. **and no one can save from My Hand** those who sin against Me.

Ben Avraham – **“there is no god with Me.”** I, HaShem, need no help in accomplishing the tasks that I have set for Myself. (Thus we seem to be in minor disagreement with Rashi on the understanding of this *passuk*.)

ArtScroll Note #11:

Bereshis 28:20. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, **If God will be with me**, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and garment to put on,

Bereshis 31:5. And said to them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but **the God of my father has been with me.**

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ArtScroll Note #10: The verse does not mean...

Yishayahu 63:3. I have trampled the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me; for I have trampled them in my anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their blood was sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my clothing.

Rashi, Yishayahu 63:3 – and from the peoples, none was **with Me** standing before Me to wage war. and their lifeblood sprinkled Heb. נִצְחָם, Their blood, which is the strength and victory (נִצְחוֹן) of a man. I soiled Heb. אֶגְאָלְתִּי. Comp. (Lam. 4:14) “They were defiled (נִגְאָלוּ) with blood.”

Devarim 20:1. When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, and a people more numerous than you, be not afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt... 4. For the Lord your God is he who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Rashi, Devarim 20:1 – For the Lord, your God... They are coming with the victory of flesh and blood, whereas you approach with the victory of the Omnipresent. The Philistines came with the victory of Goliath—What was his end? He fell, and they fell with him. **Who goes with you** This refers to the camp of the ark.-[Sotah 42a]

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:39. See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

*No other “power” needed = Moshe & Mashiach*

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Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.

Tehillim 83:3. For, behold, your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate you have lifted up the head. 4. They have taken crafty counsel against your people, and consulted against your hidden ones. 5. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may no longer be remembered. 6. For they conspire together with one accord; they make an alliance against you:

Devarim 5:9. You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 10. And showing mercy to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

*“Flesh and blood”*

Rashi, Devarim 32:41 – **When I sharpen the blade of My sword** If I sharpen the blade of My sword, so that it will shine (בָּרַק) [The word בָּרַק, literally lightning, means shine or flash] (see Ezek. 21:15), *flandor* in Old French. **and My hand grasps judgment** leaving the attribute of mercy [and applying the attribute of justice] on My enemies who harmed Israel, for “I was angry only a little, but they helped to do harm” (Zech. 1:15). Another explanation: My hand will grasp the attribute of justice, sustaining it and exacting vengeance with it. **I will bring vengeance upon My adversaries** Our Rabbis learned in the *Aggadah (Mechilta Shemoth 14:3)*: By virtue of the expression in the verse, “and grasp judgment in My hand,” we understand that *the nature of a human being is not like that of the Holy One, Blessed is He. For it is the nature of a human to*

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*cast an arrow, but he is unable to retrieve it. The Holy One, blessed be He, however, shoots His arrows and He can indeed retrieve them, as if He were holding them in His hand.* Now, lightning is His arrow, [alluded to here] by the phrase בְּרֶקַע חֲרָבִי, literally “the lightning of My sword,” [and the verse continues,] “and grasping judgment in My hand.” here, “judgment” refers to retribution; *justize* in Old French.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:42. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and of the captives; with the head of the wild bands of the enemy. [because of the earliest incursions of the enemy.]

Rashi, Devarim 32:42 -- I will intoxicate My arrows with blood of the enemy; and My sword will consume flesh their flesh [i.e., of the enemy]. from the blood of the slain and the captives [All] this will happen to them, because of the sin of the blood of Israel’s slain, and of the captives they took from them. from the first breach of the enemy From the very first breach the enemy made. For when the Holy One, Blessed is He, inflicts punishment upon the nations, He visits upon them their own sin and the sins of their ancestors, from the very first breach they made in Israel.-[Sifrei 32:42]

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:42. Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.

Tehillim 85:2. Lord, you have been favorable to your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. [Devarim 32:27. Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this.]

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## Apply Your Heart: Talmud Torah, the Toughest Job You’ll Ever Love

Devarim 32:46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah.

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**Rashi, Devarim 32:47 – For it is not an empty thing for you** You do not labor over it in vain, for a great reward is contingent upon it, for “it is your life” [that is, the reward is life itself]. Another explanation: There is not one empty [i.e., superfluous] word in the Torah which, if properly expounded upon, will not have a reward attached to it. You must know this, for [as an illustration:] our Rabbis teach, Scripture states, “And Lotan’s sister was Timna” (Gen. 36:22). [What, one might ask, is the purpose of telling us this? Furthermore, an earlier verse states,] “and Timna was a concubine [to Eliphaz the son of Esau]” (Gen. 36:12). [Is it necessary for the Torah to state this at all? But our Rabbis explain, as follows:] Because Timna said, “If I am unworthy to become Eliphaz’s wife, I hope, at least, to become his concubine!” So why does Scripture enter into all these details [of her birth and marriage]? To teach us the greatness of Abraham, that rulers and kings yearned to cleave to his seed. [Lotan was a prince of Seir; thus the verse tells us that Timna was of noble ancestry; and yet, she preferred to be a mere concubine to Eliphaz, Abraham’s great grandson, rather than become a princess in her own nation.]-[Sifrei 32:46]

## The “Over-Importance” of Moshe in the Eyes of the People

**Devarim 32:48.** And the Lord spoke to Moses that same day [in the middle of the day], saying, 49. Go up to this Mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel for a possession; 50. And **die in the mount where you go up**, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people.

**Rashi, Devarim 32:48 – And the Lord spoke to Moses on that very day** Heb. הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה בְּעֶצְם הַיּוֹם. In three places Scripture employs the phrase: הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה בְּעֶצְם הַיּוֹם [which has the meaning, “at the strongest light of the day”]. First, regarding Noah, Scripture states, “On that very day הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה בְּעֶצְם הַיּוֹם) Noah entered [... the ark]” (Gen. 7:13), which means **in the glare of full daylight**. Noah’s contemporaries said: “We swear by such and such, that if we notice him about to enter the ark, we will not let him proceed! Moreover, we will take axes and hatchets and split open the ark!” So the Holy One, Blessed is He, said: “I will have Noah enter at midday, and let anyone who has the power to prevent it, come and prevent it!” Second, regarding Egypt, Scripture states, “On that very day, the Lord brought [the children of Israel] out [of the land of Egypt]” (Exod. 12:51). The Egyptians said: “We swear by such and such, that if we notice them about to leave, we will stop them! And not only that, but we will take swords and other weapons, and kill them!” So, the Holy One, Blessed is He, said: “I will bring them out in the middle of the day, and let anyone who has power to prevent it, come and prevent it!” Likewise here, regarding Moses’ death, Scripture states, “on that very day (הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה בְּעֶצְם הַיּוֹם).” **The children of Israel said, “We swear by such and such, that if we notice Moses [ascending the mountain to die], we will not let him do so! The man who brought us out of Egypt, divided the Red Sea for us, brought the**

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## Speak to the Rock

**Devarim 32:51.** Because you trespassed against me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; **because you sanctified me not in the midst of the people of Israel.**

**Rashi, Devarim 32:51 – Because you betrayed Me You caused the people to rebel against Me.** because ***you did not sanctify Me [Says God to Israel:] You caused Me not to be sanctified*** [see Yalkut, end of Ha'azinu]: I said to you "Speak to the rock" [to provide you with water in the desert (see Num. 20:8)], but instead, they hit the rock, and so, they had to hit it twice [in order to extract water]. Had they, however, spoken to it [as I told them], so that the rock would have given forth water without being hit, the Name of Heaven would have been sanctified, for the Israelites would have said, "If the rock, which is subject neither to reward nor punishment, for if it acts meritoriously [i.e., fulfills God's will,] it receives no reward, and if it sins [i.e., not fulfilling God's will,] it is not punished, and yet [without any of these incentives] the rock fulfills the command of its Creator [by producing water when spoken to], how much more so should we [who do have the incentives of reward and punishment fulfill our Creator's will]!"

**Bamidbar 20:8.** Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their beasts drink. 9. And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. 10. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now, you rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? 11. And **Moses lifted up his hand, and with**

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his rod he struck the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 12. And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, ***Because you did not believe me to sanctify me in the eyes of the people of Israel***, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. 13. This is the water of Meribah, because the people of Israel strove with the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

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**Sifrei 339/Sefer Zikaron:** Moshe and Aaron hit the rock with good intentions. ***Their sin lay in their not foreseeing the result of their actions.***

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***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:13.*** He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:14.*** Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the wine of the pure blood of the grape.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:15.*** But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:16.*** They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

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**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:20.** And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:21.** They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

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**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:26.** I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men; 27. Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this.

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**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:36.** For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

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**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:40.** For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever. 41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.

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**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:43.** Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:44.** And Moses came and spoke all the words of this poem in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. 45. And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel; 46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah. 47. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life; and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.

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**Parashas HA'AZINU, First Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1 – 32:6**

1. Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;
3. Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.
4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
5. Not his the corruption, but his children are blemished; they are a perverse and crooked generation.
6. Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he your father who has bought you? has he not made you, and established you?

**Parashas HA'AZINU, Second Aliyah**

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:7 – 32:12**

7. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.
8. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he set apart the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the people of Israel.
9. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
10. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.
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**Parashas HA'AZINU, Third Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:13 – 32:18**

- He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;
14. Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the wine of the pure blood of the grape.
  15. But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
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**Parashas HA'AZINU, Fourth Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:19 – 32:28**

19. And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.
20. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith.
21. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
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23. I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.
24. They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.
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**Parashas HA'AZINU, Fifth Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:29 – 32:39**

29. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!
30. How should one man chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?
31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.
32. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;

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- 39. See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

***Parashas HA'AZINU, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:40 – 32:43***

- 40. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.
- 41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.
- 42. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and of the captives; with the head of the wild bands of the enemy.
- 43. Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.

***Parashas HA'AZINU, Seventh Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:44 – 32:52***

- 44. And Moses came and spoke all the words of this poem in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.
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- 46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah.
- 47. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life; and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.
- 48. And the Lord spoke to Moses that same day, saying,
- 49. Go up to this Mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel for a possession;
- 50. And die in the mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people;
- 51. Because you trespassed against me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you sanctified me not in the midst of the people of Israel.
- 52. Yet you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there to the land which I give the people of Israel.

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*Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (אֲנִי שָׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.*

# *Parashas: HA'AZINU*

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## *Parashas HA'AZINU (אֲנִי שָׁמַיִם) ["listen, you..."] Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52*

**H238** אֲנִי 'azan {aw-zan'}

א a primitive root; TWOT - 57; v

א AV - give ear 31, hearken 6, hear 3, perceived by the ear 1; 41

א 1) to hear, listen 1a) (Hiphil) 1a1) to hear, listen, give ear 1a2) to be obedient, hearken 1a3) to hear or listen to prayers (of God)

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1.* Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:2.* My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:3.* Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:4.* He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:5.* Not his the corruption, but his children are blemished; they are a perverse and crooked generation.

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:6.* Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he your father who has bought you? has he not made you, and established you?

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:7.* Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:8.* When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he set apart the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the people of Israel.

*Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:9.* For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲרָצוֹת) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:10.** He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:11.** As an eagle stirs up its nest, flutters over its young, spreads out its wings, takes them, bears them on its pinions;

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:12.** So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:13.** He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:14.** Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the wine of the pure blood of the grape.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:15.** But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:16.** They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:17.** They sacrificed to powerless spirits, not to God; to gods whom they knew not; to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:18.** Of the Rock that fathered you you are unmindful, and have forgotten God who formed you.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:19.** And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:20.** And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:21.** They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:22.** For a fire is kindled in my anger, and shall burn to the lowest part of Sheol, and shall consume the earth with her produce, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:23.** I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:24.** They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:25.** The sword outside, and terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

***Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you*** (אָרְצוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:26.*** I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men; 27. Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:28.*** For they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:29.*** O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:30.*** How should one man chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up? 31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:32.*** For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:33.*** Their wine is the fierceness of crocodiles, and the cruel venom of asps.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:34.*** Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:35.*** To me belongs vengeance, and recompense when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:36.*** For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:37.*** And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:38.*** Those who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:39.*** See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:40.*** For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever. 41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:42.*** I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and of the captives; with the head of the wild bands of the enemy.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:43.*** Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:44.*** And Moses came and spoke all the words of this poem in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. 45. And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel; 46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah. 47. For it is not a

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vain thing for you; because it is your life; and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:48.** And the Lord spoke to Moses that same day, saying, 49. Go up to this Mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel for a possession; 50. And die in the mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people; 51. Because you trespassed against me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you sanctified me not in the midst of the people of Israel. 52. Yet you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there to the land which I give the people of Israel.

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**Parashas HA'AZINU, First Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1 – 32:6**

1. Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;
3. Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.
4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
5. Not his the corruption, but his children are blemished; they are a perverse and crooked generation.
6. Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he your father who has bought you? has he not made you, and established you?

**Parashas HA'AZINU, Second Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:7 – 32:12**

7. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.
8. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he set apart the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the people of Israel.
9. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
10. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.
11. As an eagle stirs up its nest, flutters over its young, spreads out its wings, takes them, bears them on its pinions;
12. So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

**Parashas HA'AZINU, Third Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:13 – 32:18**

- He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;
14. Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the wine of the pure blood of the grape.
  15. But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
  16. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.
  17. They sacrificed to powerless spirits, not to God; to gods whom they knew not; to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.
  18. Of the Rock that fathered you you are unmindful, and have forgotten God who formed you.

**Parashas HA'AZINU, Fourth Aliyah**

**Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:19 – 32:28**

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

19. And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.
20. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith.
21. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
22. For a fire is kindled in my anger, and shall burn to the lowest part of Sheol, and shall consume the earth with her produce, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23. I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.
24. They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.
25. The sword outside, and terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.
26. I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;
27. Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this.
28. For they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them.

***Parashas HA'AZINU, Fifth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:29 – 32:39***

29. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!
30. How should one man chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?
31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.
32. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;
33. Their wine is the fierceness of crocodiles, and the cruel venom of asps.
34. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?
35. To me belongs vengeance, and recompense when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.
36. For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.
37. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,
38. Those who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.
39. See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.

***Parashas HA'AZINU, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:40 – 32:43***

40. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.
41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.
42. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and of the captives; with the head of the wild bands of the enemy.
43. Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.

***Parashas HA'AZINU, Seventh Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:44 – 32:52***

44. And Moses came and spoke all the words of this poem in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.
45. And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel;

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אָרְיָם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah.

47. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life; and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.

48. And the Lord spoke to Moses that same day, saying,

49. Go up to this Mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel for a possession;

50. And die in the mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people;

51. Because you trespassed against me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you sanctified me not in the midst of the people of Israel.

52. Yet you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there to the land which I give the people of Israel.

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Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

## Parashas HA'AZINU

(הִאֲזִינוּ) ["Give Ear"/"Listen"]

### Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1 - 32:52

H238 אָזַן 'azan {aw-zan'}

⊠ a primitive root; TWOT - 57; v

⊠ AV - give ear 31, hearken 6, hear 3, perceived by the ear 1; 41

⊠ 1) to hear, listen 1a) (Hiphil) 1a1) to hear, listen, give ear 1a2) to be obedient, harken 1a3) to hear or listen to prayers (of God)

\*\*\*\*H241 אוֹזֵן 'ozen {o'-zen}

⊠ from 0238; TWOT - 57a; n f

⊠ AV - ear(s) 163, audience 7, hearing 5, show + 01540 6, advertise + 01540 1, displeased the LORD 1, hear 1, hear + 08088 1, reveal + 01540 1, tell + 01540 1; 187

⊠ 1) ear, as part of the body 2) ear, as organ of hearing 3) (subjective) to uncover the ear to reveal; the receiver of divine revelation

\*\*\*\*\*Tehillim/Psalm 40:6 (40:7) Sacrifice and meal-offering Thou hast no delight in; mine ears hast Thou opened; burnt-offering and sin-offering hast Thou not required.

\*\*\*\*\*Tehillim/Psalm 78:1 Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline *your ears* to the words of my mouth.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:1 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender grass, and as the showers upon the herb.

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed;

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 31:28 Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

--Zechariah/Zechariah 8:12 For as the seed of peace, the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 17:7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of thee.

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 11:17 and the anger of the LORD 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 the LORD giveth you.

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 33:28 And Israel dwelleth in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone, in a land of corn and wine; yea, his heavens drop down dew.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

--Shemos/Exodus 12:25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

--Vayikra/Leviticus 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When ye are come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest.

--Shemos/Exodus 34:5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 116:4** But I called upon the name of the LORD: 'I beseech thee, O LORD, deliver my soul.'

--**Ta'anis 16; Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 20:25 (20:22)** And if thou make Me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast profaned it.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:4** The Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice; a God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is He.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:5** Is corruption His? No; His children's is the blemish; a generation crooked and perverse.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 14:1** Ye are the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

--**Michah/Micah 3:9** Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, that abhor justice, and pervert all equity;

--**Chullin 56a**

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 13:49** If the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be shown unto the priest.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 38:10 (38:11)** My heart fluttereth, my strength faileth me; as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

--**Targum Yonason, Melachim Alef/1 Kings 7:23** And he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:6** Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not He thy father that hath gotten thee? hath He not made thee, and established thee?

--**Tamid 32a: "Who is wise? He who forsees consequences."**

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:7** Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will declare unto thee, thine elders, and they will tell thee.

-- **"More than the Jews have kept the Torah the Torah has kept (read: "preserved") the Jews!"**

--**Rashi, Bereshis/Genesis 6:4** The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them; the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

--**Melachim Beis/2 Kings 2:12** And Elisha saw it, and he cried: '**My father, my father, the chariots of Israel** and the horsemen thereof!' And he saw him no more; and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

--**Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 6:7** and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 19:32** Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

**Deavrim/Deuteronomy 32:8** When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the children of men, He set the borders of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:9** For the portion of the LORD is His people, Jacob the lot of His inheritance.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:10** He found him in a desert land, and in the waste, a howling wilderness; He compassed him about, He cared for him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

--**Bereshis/Genesis 11:5** And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. **Bereshis/Genesis 10:32** These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations; and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אָרְצוֹת) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

---**Bereshis/Genesis 46:8** And these are *the names of the children of Israel*, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: **Reuben**, Jacob's first-born. 9 And the sons of Reuben: **Hanoch**, and **Pallu**, and **Hezron**, and **Carmi**. 10 And the sons of **Simeon**: **Jemuel**, and **Jamin**, and **Ohad**, and **Jachin**, and **Zohar**, and **Shaul** the son of a Canaanitish woman. 11 And the sons of **Levi**: **Gershon**, **Kohath**, and **Merari**. 12 And the sons of **Judah**: **Er**, and **Onan**, and **Shelah**, and **Perez**, and **Zerah**; but **Er** and **Onan** died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of **Perez** were **Hezron** and **Hamul**. 13 And the sons of **Issachar**: **Tola**, and **Puvah**, and **Iob**, and **Shimron**. 14 And the sons of **Zebulun**: **Sered**, and **Elon**, and **Jahleel**. 15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. 16 And the sons of **Gad**: **Ziphion**, and **Haggi**, **Shuni**, and **Ezbon**, **Eri**, and **Arodi**, and **Areli**. 17 And the sons of **Asher**: **Imnah**, and **Ishvah**, and **Ishvi**, and **Beriah**, and **Serah** their sister; and the sons of **Beriah**: **Heber**, and **Malchiel**. 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bore unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. 19 The sons of **Rachel** Jacob's wife: **Joseph** and **Benjamin**. 20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born **Manasseh** and **Ephraim**, whom **Asenath** the daughter of **Poti-phaera** priest of **On** bore unto him. 21 And the sons of **Benjamin**: **Bela**, and **Becher**, and **Ashbel**, **Gera**, and **Naaman**, **Ehi**, and **Rosh**, **Muppim**, and **Huppim**, and **Ard**. 22 These are the sons of **Rachel**, who were born to Jacob; all the souls were fourteen. 23 And the sons of **Dan**: **Hushim**. 24 And the sons of **Naphtali**: **Jahzeel**, and **Guni**, and **Jezer**, and **Shillem**. 25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and these she bore unto Jacob; all the souls were seven. 26 All the souls belonging to Jacob that came into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six. 27 And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.  
--**Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 1:8** Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.'

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 33:2** And he said: The LORD came from Sinai, and rose from **Seir** unto them; He shined forth from **mount Paran**, and He came from the myriads holy, at His right hand was a fiery law unto them.

--**Bamidbar/Numbers 21:20** and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, by the top of Pisgah, which looketh down upon **the desert/Y'shiemon**.

--**Rashi, Yoel/Joel 2:20** But I will remove far off from you the northern one, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the eastern sea, and his hinder part toward the western sea; that his foulness may come up, and his ill savour may come up, because he hath done great things.'

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 2:2** Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying: Thus saith the LORD: I remember for thee the affection of thy youth, the love of thine espousals; how thou wentest after Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

--**Rashi, Bamidbar/Numbers 10:35** And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said: 'Rise up, O LORD, and let Thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee.'

--**Bamidbar/Numbers 2:1** And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying: 2 *'The children of Israel shall pitch by their fathers' houses; every man with his own standard, according to the ensigns;* a good way off shall they pitch round about the tent of meeting. 3 Now those that pitch on the east side toward the sunrising shall be they of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Judah being Nahshon the son of Amminadab, 4 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred; 5 and those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar; the prince of the children of Issachar being Nethanel the son of Zuar, 6 and his host, even those that were numbered thereof, fifty and four thousand and four hundred; 7 and the tribe of Zebulun; the prince of the children of Zebulun being Eliab the son of Helon, 8 and his host, and those that were numbered thereof, fifty and seven thousand and four hundred; 9 all that were numbered of the camp of Judah being a hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, according to their hosts; they shall set forth first. 10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Reuben being Elizur the son of Shedeur, 11 and his host, and those that were numbered thereof, forty and six thousand and five hundred; 12 and those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Simeon; the prince of the children of Simeon being Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, 13 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and nine thousand and three hundred; 14 and the tribe of Gad; the prince of the children of Gad being Eliasaph the son of Reuel, 15 and his host, even those that were numbered of them, forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty;

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16 all that were numbered of the camp of Reuben being a hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts; and they shall set forth second. 17 Then the tent of meeting, with the camp of the Levites, shall set forward in the midst of the camps; as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place, by their standards. 18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Ephraim being Elishama the son of Ammihud, 19 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred; 20 and next unto him shall be the tribe of Manasseh; the prince of the children of Manasseh being Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, 21 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and two hundred; 22 and the tribe of Benjamin; the prince of the children of Benjamin being Abidan the son of Gideoni, 23 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, thirty and five thousand and four hundred; 24 all that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim being a hundred thousand and eight thousand and a hundred, according to their hosts; and they shall set forth third. 25 On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Dan being Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, 26 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, threescore and two thousand and seven hundred; 27 and those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Asher; the prince of the children of Asher being Pagiel the son of Ocran, 28 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, forty and one thousand and five hundred; 29 and the tribe of Naphtali; the prince of the children of Naphtali being Ahira the son of Enan, 30 and his host, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and three thousand and four hundred; 31 all that were numbered of the camp of Dan being a hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred; they shall set forth hindmost by their standards.' 32 These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses; all that were numbered of the camps according to their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. 33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses. 34 Thus did the children of Israel: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, each one according to its families, and according to its fathers' houses.

--**Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 19:17** And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

--**Rashi, Tehillim/Psalm 17:8** Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

--**Mishlei/Proverbs 7:9** In the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the blackness of night and the darkness.

--**Bamidbar/Numbers 11:22** If flocks and herds be slain for them, will they suffice them? or if all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, will they suffice them?'

--**Yehoshua/Joshua 17:16** And the children of Joseph said: 'The hill-country will not be enough for us; and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are in Beth-shean and its towns, and they who are in the valley of Jezreel.'

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:11** As an eagle that stirreth up her nest, hovereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her pinions -

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 50:4** The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of them that are taught, that I should know how to sustain with words him that is weary; He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as they that are taught.

--**Iyov/Job 37:23** The Almighty, whom we cannot find out, is excellent in power, yet to judgment and plenteous justice He doeth no violence.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 33:2** And he said: The LORD came from Sinai, and rose **from Seir** unto them; He shined forth **from mount Paran**, and He came from the myriads holy, at His right hand was a fiery law unto them.

--**Chavakkuk/Habakkuk 3:3** God cometh from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covereth the heavens, and the earth is full of His praise.

--**Shemos/Exodus 1:4** Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

--**Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 14:19** And **the angel of God**, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them; 20 and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness here, yet gave it light by night there; and the one came not near the other all the night.

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**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:12** The LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with Him. (\*\*R.M.)

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 13:46** All the days wherein the plague is in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his dwelling be.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 33:28** And Israel dwelleth in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone, in a land of corn and wine; yea, his heavens drop down dew.

--**Mishlei/Proverbs 6:22** When thou walkest, it shall lead thee, when thou liest down, it shall watch over thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 11:3** 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;

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:7** Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will declare unto thee, thine elders, and they will tell thee.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:13** He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he did eat the fruitage of the field; and He made him to suck honey out of the crag, and oil out of the flinty rock;

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:14** Curd of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and he-goats, with the kidney-fat of wheat; and of the blood of the grape thou drankest foaming wine.

--**Kiddushin 69a; Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 1:25** And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us back word, and said: 'Good is the land which the LORD our God giveth unto us.'

--**Menachos 85b; Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 33:24** And of Asher he said: Blessed be Asher above sons; let him be the favoured of his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 8:15** 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;

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:14** Curd of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and he-goats, with the kidney-fat of wheat; and of the blood of the grape thou drankest foaming wine.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:15** But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked - thou didst wax fat, thou didst grow thick, thou didst become gross - and he forsook God who made him, and contemned the Rock of his salvation.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:16** They roused Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations did they provoke Him.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:17** They sacrificed unto demons, no-gods, gods that they knew not, new gods that came up of late, which your fathers dreaded not.

--**Melachim Alef/1 Kings 4:23 (5:3)** ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, beside harts, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fatted fowl.

--**Amos/Amos 6:4** That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

--**Melachim Alef/1 Kings 4:22 (5:2)** And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal;

--**Amos/Amos 6:6** That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the hurt of Joseph.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 14:21** Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself; thou mayest give it unto the stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner; for thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 34:6** The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

--**Iyov/Job 15:27** Because he hath covered his face with his fatness, and made collops of fat on his loins;

--**Mishlei/Proverbs 12:16** A fool's vexation is presently known; but a prudent man concealeth shame.

--**Yechezkel/Ezekiel 8:16** And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with

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their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

--**Rashi, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:11** 'Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, *hath turned My wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was very jealous for My sake among them.* so that I consumed not the children of Israel in My jealousy.

--**Shemos/Numbers 8:22** And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons; as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

--**Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 7:25** 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 the LORD thy God. 26 And thou shalt not bring an abomination into thy house, and be accursed like unto it; thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 18:22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind; it is abomination.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 20:13** And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 18:12** For whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the LORD; and because of these abominations the LORD thy God is driving them out from before thee.

--**Rashi, Bereshis/Genesis 49:19** Gad, a troop shall troop upon him; but he shall troop upon their heel.

**Shemos/Exodus 15:9** The enemy said: 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.' **Yehoshua/Joshua 15:19** And she said: 'Give me a blessing; for that thou hast set me in the Southland, give me therefore springs of water.'

And he gave her the Upper Springs and the Nether Springs. **Yishayahu/Isaiah 16:9** Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah; I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh; for upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest the battle shout is fallen. **Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 10:20** My tent is spoiled, and all my cords are broken; my children are gone forth of me, and they are not; there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. **Shiur HaShiurim/Song of Solomon 8:5**

Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? Under the apple-tree I awakened thee; there thy mother was in travail with thee; there was she in travail and brought thee forth.

**Melachim Alef/1 Kings 19:21** And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 13:21** But wild-cats shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of ferrets; and ostriches shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. **Rashi, B'rachos 62a**

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 17:7** And they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices unto the satyrs, after whom they go astray. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. **Yishayahu/Isaiah 13:21** But wild-cats shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of ferrets; and ostriches shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:18** Of the Rock that begot thee thou wast unmindful, and didst forget God that bore thee.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 29:9** The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and strippeth the forests bare; and in His temple all say: 'Glory.'

--**Iyov/Job 39:1** Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 6:24** 'We have heard the fame thereof, our hands wax feeble, anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in travail.'

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:19** And the LORD saw, and spurned, because of the provoking of His sons and His daughters.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:20** And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faithfulness.

--**Amos/Amos 4:2** The Lord GOD hath sworn by His holiness: Lo, surely the days shall come upon you, that ye shall be taken away with hooks, and your residue with fish-hooks.

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--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 12:4** How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of the whole field wither? For the wickedness of them that dwell therein, the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said: 'He seeth not our end.'

--**Mishlei/Proverbs 2:12** To deliver thee from the way of evil, from the men that speak froward things; **Mishlei/Proverbs 10:31** The mouth of the righteous buddeth with wisdom; but the froward tongue shall be cut off.

--**Esther 2:7** And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother, and the maiden was of beautiful form and fair to look on; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter.

--**Shemos/Exodus 24:7** And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the hearing of the people; and they said: 'All that the LORD hath spoken will we do, and obey.'

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:21** They have roused Me to jealousy with a no-god; they have provoked Me with their vanities; and I will rouse them to jealousy with a no-people; I will provoke them with a vile nation.

--**Middah Kenegged Middah!**

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 23:13** Behold, the land of the Chaldeans - this is the people that was not, when Asshur founded it for shipmen - they set up their towers, they overthrew the palaces thereof; it is made a ruin.

--**Rashi, Bereshis/Genesis 36:43** the chief of Magdiel, the chief of Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Esau the father of the Edomites.

--**Ovadiyah/Obadiah 1:2** Behold, I make thee small among the nations; thou art greatly despised.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 14:1** For the Leader. A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart: 'There is no God'; they have dealt corruptly, they have done abominably; there is none that doeth good.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:22** For a fire is kindled in My nostril, and burneth unto the depths of the nether-world, and devoureth the earth with her produce, and setteth ablaze the foundations of the mountains.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:23** I will heap evils upon them; I will spend Mine arrows upon them;

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:24** The wasting of hunger, and the devouring of the fiery bolt, and bitter destruction; and the teeth of beasts will I send upon them, with the venom of crawling things of the dust.

--**Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 29:20 (29:19)** the LORD will not be willing to pardon him, but then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy shall be kindled against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven;

--**Shemos/Exodus 15:8** And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up - the floods stood upright as a heap; the deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 86:13** For great is Thy mercy toward me; and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest nether-world.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 125:2** As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people, from this time forth and for ever.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 29:1** Ah, Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped! Add ye year to year, let the feasts come round!

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 29:19 (29:18)** and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying: 'I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart - that the watered be swept away with the dry';

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 7:21** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye flesh.

--**Bereshis/Genesis 19:15** And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying: 'Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters that are here; lest thou be swept away in the iniquity of the city.'

--**Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 21:14** And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not deal with her as a slave, because thou hast humbled her.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 31:21** Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-posts; set thy heart toward the high-way, even the way by which thou wentest; Return, O virgin of Israel, return to these thy cities.

--**Megillah 18a**

--**Iyov/Job 5:7** But man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

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--**Hoshea/Hosea 13:14** Shall I ransom them from the power of the nether-world? Shall I redeem them from death? Ho, thy plagues, O death! Ho, thy destruction, O nether-world! Repentance be hid from Mine eyes!

--**Bereshis/Genesis 27:44** and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:33** Their wine is the venom of serpents, and the cruel poison of asps.

--**Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 11:42** Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all fours, or whatsoever hath many feet, even all swarming things that swarm upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are a detestable thing.

**Deavrim/Deuteronomy 32:25** Without shall the sword bereave, and in the chambers terror; slaying both young man and virgin, the suckling with the man of gray hairs.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 9:21 (9:20)** 'For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from the street, and the young men from the broad places. - **Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah**

**15:2** And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee: Whither shall we go forth? then thou shall tell them: Thus saith the LORD: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity.

--**Shemos/Exodus 9:3** behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which are in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the herds, and upon the flocks; there shall be a very grievous murrain.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 11:13** For according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to offer unto Baal.

--**Yechezkel/Ezekiel 8:12** Then said He unto me: 'Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say: The LORD seeth us not, the LORD hath forsaken the land.'

**Deavrim/Deuteronomy 32:26** I thought I would make an end of them, I would make their memory cease from among men; 27 Were it not that I dreaded the enemy's provocation, lest their adversaries should misdeem, lest they should say: Our hand is exalted, and not the LORD hath wrought all this.'

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:28** For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:29** If they were wise, they would understand this, they would discern their latter end.

--*for the Yidden*: the birth-pangs of the Mashiach

--*for the Goyim*: defeat during the war of Armeggedon

--**Rashi, Ishayahu/Isaiah 1:2** Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD hath spoken: Children I have reared, and brought up, and they have rebelled against Me. **Yishayahu/Isaiah 1:20** But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken.

**Yishayahu/Isaiah 66:21** And of them also will I take for the priests and for the Levites, saith the LORD.

**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 3:19** But I said: 'How would I put thee among the sons, and give thee a pleasant land, the goodliest heritage of the nations!' And I said: 'Thou shalt call Me, My father; and shalt not turn away from following Me.'

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 19:9** And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest.

--**Nechemiah/Nehemiah 9:22** Moreover Thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, which Thou didst allot quarter by quarter; so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 45:5** I am the LORD, and there is none else, beside Me there is no God; I have girded thee, though thou hast not known Me;

--**Iyov/Job 16:5** I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips would assuage your grief.

**Deavrim/Deuteronomy 32:30** How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, *except their Rock had given them over and the LORD had delivered them up?* 31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

--**Shmuel Beis/2 Samuel 7:12** When thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up **thy seed after thee**, that shall proceed out of thy body, and **I will establish his kingdom**. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will be to him for a father, and **he shall be to Me for a son; if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men;**

---**Zechariah/Zechariah 1:15** and I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they helped for evil.

--**Yechezkel/Ezekiel 30:12** And I will make the rivers dry, and will give the land over into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers; I the LORD have spoken it.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 2:21** To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crevices of the crags, from before the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of His majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily the earth.

**Shemos/Exodus 17:6** Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.' And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:4** **The Rock**, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice; a God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is He.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:32** For **their vine** is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; **their grapes** are grapes of gall, **their clusters** are bitter;

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:33** **Their wine** is the venom of serpents, and the cruel poison of asps.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:26** I thought I would make an end of them, I would make their memory cease from among men;

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 37:27** Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as a field of corn before it is grown up.

--**Chavakkuk/Habakkuk 3:17** For though the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;

--**Melachim Beis/2 Kings 23:4** And the king commanded Hilkiyah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 29:18 (29:17)** lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:34** 'Is not **this** laid up in store with Me, sealed up in My treasures?'

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:32** For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:35** **Vengeance is Mine**, and **recompense**, against **the time when their foot shall slip**; for **the day of their calamity is at hand**, and **the things that are to come upon them shall make haste**.

--**Hosheah/Hosea 9:7** The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come, Israel shall know it. The prophet is a fool, the man of the spirit is mad! For the multitude of thine iniquity, the enmity is great.

--**Michah/Micah 7:3** Their hands are upon that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince asketh, and the judge is ready for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 5:13** And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them; thus be it done unto them.'

--**Shabbos 55a re: "The Merits of the Avos;" Vayikra Rabbah 36:6**

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 8:1** And the LORD said unto me: 'Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it in common script: The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth;

--**Chavakkuk/Habakkuk 1:8** Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the wolves of the desert; and their horsemen spread themselves; yea, their horsemen come from far, they fly as a vulture that hasteth to devour.

--**Tehillim/Psalm 90:10** The days of our years are threescore years and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years; yet is their pride but travail and vanity; for it is speedily gone, and we fly away.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 5:19** That say: 'Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!'

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 30:1** And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt bethink thyself among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, 2 and shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and hearken to His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; 3 that then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:36** For the LORD will judge His people, and repent Himself for His servants; when He seeth that their stay is gone, and there is none remaining, shut up or left at large.

--**Iyov/Job 36:31** For by these He judgeth the peoples; He giveth food in abundance.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

--**Rashi, Shmuel Alef/1 Samuel 9:17** And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD spoke unto him: 'Behold the man of whom I said unto thee: This same shall have authority over My people.'

--**Nechemiah/Nehemiah 3:8** Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths. And next unto him repaired Hananiah one of the perfumers, and they restored Jerusalem even unto the broad wall.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 49:25** 'How is the city of praise left unrepaired, the city of my joy?'

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:37** And it is said: *Where are their gods, the rock in whom they trusted; 38 Who did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink-offering? let him rise up and help you, let him be your protection.*

--**Shemos/Exodus 15:1** Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spoke, saying: I will sing unto the LORD, for He is highly exalted; the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:39** See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with Me; I kill, and I make alive; I have wounded, and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand. (\*\*R.M.)

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:35** Vengeance is Mine, and recompense, against the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that are to come upon them shall make haste.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 63:3** 'I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the peoples there was no man with Me; yea, I trod them in Mine anger, and trampled them in My fury; and their lifeblood is dashed against My garments, and I have stained all My raiment.

--**Bereshis/Genesis 28:20** And Jacob vowed a vow, saying: 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

--**Bereshis/Genesis 31:5** and said unto them: 'I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as beforetime; but the God of my father hath been with me.

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 66:24** And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have rebelled against Me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

--**Yechezkel/Ezekiel 20:38** and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against Me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אָרְצוֹת הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:40** For I lift up My hand to heaven, and say: As I live for ever, 41 If I whet My glittering sword, and My hand take hold on judgment; **I will render vengeance to Mine adversaries, and will recompense them that hate Me.**

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:42** I will make **Mine arrows** drunk with blood, and **My sword** shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and the captives, **from the long-haired heads of the enemy.**

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:43** Sing aloud, **O ye nations**, of His people; for He doth avenge the blood of **His servants**, and doth render vengeance to **His adversaries**, and doth make expiation for **the land of His people.**

--Rashi, vv. 28 - 32 = the enemies of Israel; vv. 33 - 43 = Israel

--R' Yehudah, vv. 28 - 32 = *Klal Yisroel*

--R' Nechemiah, vv. 33 - 43 = *HaGoyim*

--**Bamidbar/Numbers 14:21** But in very deed, as I live - and all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD - ...**28** Say unto them: As I live, saith the LORD, surely as ye have spoken in Mine ears, so will I do to you:

--**Yishayahu/Isaiah 42:16** And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, in paths that they knew not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and rugged places plain. These things will I do, and I will not leave them undone.

--**Yonah/Jonah 2:1 (2:2)** Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly.

--**Yechezkel/Ezekiel 21:10 (21:15)** It is sharpened that it may make a sore slaughter, it is furnished that it may glitter - or shall we make mirth? - against the rod of My son, contemning every tree.

--**Zechariah/Zechariah 1:15** and **I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they helped for evil.**

--**Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 28:15** And thou shalt make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skilful workman; like the work of the ephod thou shalt make it: of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

--**Rashi, Yishayahu/Isaiah 32:7** The instruments also of the churl are evil; he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, and the needy when he speaketh right.

-- "**Lightning**" ("**Arrows**") **Shmuel Beis/2 Samuel 22:15** And He sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

--**Shoftim/Judges 5:2** When men let grow their hair in Israel, when the people offer themselves willingly, bless ye the LORD.

--**Yoel/Joel 3:19 (4:19)** Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

--**Ovadiyah/Obadiah 1:10** For the violence done to thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

--**Bereshis/Genesis 32:20 (32:21)** and ye shall say: Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us.' For he said: 'I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me.'

--**Tehillim/Psalm 85:1 (85:1)** For the Leader. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. (85:2) **LORD, Thou hast been favourable unto Thy land, Thou hast turned the captivity of Jacob.**

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:26** I thought I would make an end of them, I would make their memory cease from among men;

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:27** Were it not that I dreaded the enemy's provocation, lest their adversaries should misdeem, lest they should say: Our hand is exalted, and not the LORD hath wrought all this.'

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:28** For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:30** How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had given them over and the LORD had delivered them up?

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:43** Sing aloud, O ye nations, of His people; for He doth avenge the blood of His servants, and doth render vengeance to His adversaries, and doth make expiation for the land of His people.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (שָׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

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**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:44** And Moses came and spoke all the words of **this song** in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. 45 And when Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 he said unto them: '**Set your heart unto all the words wherewith I testify against you this day; that ye may charge your children therewith to observe to do all the words of this law.** 47 For **it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days upon the land,** whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.'

**--Torah: the Landlord's Rules for living in His land!**

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:48** And the LORD spoke unto Moses that selfsame day, saying: 49 '**Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession;** 50 **and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people.** 51 **Because ye trespassed against Me in the midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribath-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified Me not in the midst of the children of Israel.** 52 For thou shalt see the land afar off; but thou shalt not go thither into the land which I give the children of Israel.'

***Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.***

**Parashas: HA'AZINU (Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52)**

**Tanach - Deuteronomy Chapter 32**

1. Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;
3. Because I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.
4. He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are justice; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
5. Not his the corruption, but his children are blemished; they are a perverse and crooked generation.
6. Do you thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he your father who has bought you? has he not made you, and established you?
7. Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you.
8. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he set apart the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the people of Israel.
9. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
10. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.
11. As an eagle stirs up its nest, flutters over its young, spreads out its wings, takes them, bears them on its pinions;
12. So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.
13. (K) He made him ride on the high places of the earth, and he ate the produce of the fields; and he made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;
14. Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the wine of the pure blood of the grape.
15. But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked; you have become fat, you have become thick, you are covered with fatness; then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
16. They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.
17. They sacrificed to powerless spirits, not to God; to gods whom they knew not; to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.
18. Of the Rock that fathered you you are unmindful, and have forgotten God who formed you.
19. And when the Lord saw it, he loathed them, because of the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.
20. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith.
21. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.
22. For a fire is kindled in my anger, and shall burn to the lowest part of Sheol, and shall consume the earth with her produce, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23. I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.
24. They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of crawling things of the dust.
25. The sword outside, and terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.
26. I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;
27. Were it not that I feared the anger of the enemy, lest their adversaries should judge amiss, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord has not done all this.
28. For they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them.
29. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!
30. How should one man chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?
31. For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אֲדָמָה) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

32. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter;
33. Their wine is the fierceness of crocodiles, and the cruel venom of asps.
34. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?
35. To me belongs vengeance, and recompense when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.
36. For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.
37. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,
38. Those who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.
39. See now that I am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver out of my hand.
40. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.
41. If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to my enemies, and will requite those who hate me.
42. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; with the blood of the slain and of the captives; with the head of the wild bands of the enemy.
43. Rejoice, O you nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will make expiation for the land of his people.
44. And Moses came and spoke all the words of this poem in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.
45. And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel;
46. And he said to them, Set your hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to take care to do, all the words of this Torah.
47. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life; and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it.
48. And the Lord spoke to Moses that same day, saying,
49. Go up to this Mountain Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is opposite Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the people of Israel for a possession;
50. And die in the mount where you go up, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people;
51. Because you trespassed against me among the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you sanctified me not in the midst of the people of Israel.
52. Yet you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there to the land which I give the people of Israel.

**Haftorah II Samuel 22:1-41**

**Tanach - Samuel II Chapter 22**

1. And David spoke to the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul;
2. And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
3. The God of my rock; in him will I trust; he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.
4. I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.
5. When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
6. The cords of Sheol encircled me; the snares of death confronted me;
7. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; and he heard my voice from his temple, and my cry entered into his ears.
8. (K) Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because of his anger.
9. There went up a smoke from his nostrils, and fire from his mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it.
10. He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet.
11. And he rode upon a kerub, and did fly; and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (אָרְצוֹת) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

12. And he made darkness pavilions around him, the heavy mass of waters, and thick clouds of the skies.
13. Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.
14. The Lord thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.
15. (K) And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and confounded them.
16. And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were laid bare, at the rebuking of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
17. He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters;
18. He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too strong for me.
19. They surprised me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was my stay.
20. He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.
21. The Lord rewards me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompenses me.
22. For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
23. For all his judgments were before me; and as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.
24. I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from my iniquity.
25. Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eyesight.
26. With the merciful you will show yourself merciful, and with the upright man you will show yourself upright.
27. With the pure you will show yourself pure; and with the perverse you will show yourself subtle.
28. And the afflicted people you will save; but your eyes are upon the haughty, that you may bring them down.
29. For you are my lamp, O Lord; and the Lord will lighten my darkness.
30. For by you I run through a troop; by my God I leap over a wall.
31. As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a shield to all those who trust in him.
32. For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God?
33. (K) God is my strength and rampart; And he makes my way perfect.
34. (K) He makes my feet like hinds' feet; and sets me upon my heights.
35. He teaches my hands to war; and trains my arms to bend a bow of bronze..
36. You have also given me the shield of your salvation; and your condescension has made me great.
37. You have enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip.
38. I have pursued my enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.
39. And I have consumed them, and crushed them, that they could not arise; they are fallen under my feet.
40. For you have girded me with strength to battle; those who rose up against me have you subdued under me.
41. You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might destroy those who hate me.

## ***Haftorah: (Ha'azinu) Hoseah 14:2-10; Yoel 2:11-27; Micah 7:18-20***

### **Tanach - Twelve Prophets - Hoshea Chapter 14**

2. O Israel, return to the Lord your God; for you have stumbled in your iniquity.
3. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord; say to him: Forgive all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we offer the words of our lips instead of calves.
4. Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; nor shall we say any more to the work of our hands, You are our gods; for in you the orphan finds mercy.
5. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from him.
6. I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall flower like the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
7. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like the Lebanon.
8. Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive like the grain, and blossom like the vine; their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (יְיָיְיָיְיָ) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

9. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I answer him, and look on him; I am like an evergreen cypress tree. From me comes your fruit.

10. Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is prudent, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just walk in them; but the transgressors shall stumble in them.

### **Tanach - Twelve Prophets - Yoel Chapter 2**

11. And the Lord utters his voice before his army; for his camp is very large; for he who executes his word is strong; for the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; and who can abide it?

12. Yet even now, says the Lord, turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning;

13. And tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents of the evil.

14. Who knows if he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him; a meal offering and a drink offering to the Lord your God?

15. Blow the shofar in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;

16. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her chamber.

17. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the vestibule and the altar, and let them say, Spare your people, O Lord, and give not your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18. Then will the Lord be zealous for his land, and pitied his people.

19. And the Lord answered and said to his people, Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with that; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations;

20. But I will remove far off from you the northerner, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the eastern sea, and his rear toward the western sea, and his stench and foul smell shall rise, though he has done great things.

21. Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things.

22. Be not afraid, you beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness shall spring, for the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

23. Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given you the first rain in due measure, and he has brought down for you the rain in the first month, the former rain, and the latter rain.

24. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25. And I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten, the hopping locust, and the destroying locust, and the cutting locust, my great army which I sent among you.

26. And you shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be ashamed.

27. And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall never be ashamed.

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18. Who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity, and passes over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He does not retain his anger for ever, because he delights in mercy.

19. He will again have compassion upon us; he will suppress our iniquities; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20. You will show truth to Jacob, and loving mercy to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

## Parshas HA'AZINU

[הַשָּׁמַיִם][ "Give ear"; "Listen by the ear" ]

### Devarim (Deuteronomy) 32:1 - 52

(Rashi: page 330 thru 369 = 39 pages)

**NKJ Deuteronomy 32:1** "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass. 3 For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. 4 *He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.* 5 "They have corrupted themselves; *They are* not His children, Because of their blemish: A perverse and crooked generation. 6 Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? *Is He* not your Father, *who* bought you? Has He not made you and established you? 7 "Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you: 8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For the LORD's portion *is* His people; Jacob *is* the place of His inheritance. 10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. 11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings, 12 *So* the LORD alone led him, And *there was* no foreign god with him. 13 "He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock; 14 Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes. 15 " But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese! Then he forsook God *who* made him, And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign *gods*; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. 17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God, *To gods* they did not know, To new *gods*, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear. 18 Of the Rock *who* begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you. 19 " And when the LORD saw *it*, He spurned *them*, Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters. 20 And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end *will be*, For they *are* a perverse generation, Children in whom *is* no faith. 21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by *what* is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by *those who are* not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled by my anger, And shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, And set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23 ' I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them. 24 *They shall be* wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, With the poison of serpents of the dust. 25 The sword shall destroy outside; *There shall be* terror within For the young man and virgin, The nursing child with the man of gray hairs. 26 I would have said, "I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men," 27 Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misunderstand, Lest they should say, "Our hand *is* high; And it is not the LORD who has done all this." ' 28 " For they *are* a nation void of counsel, Nor *is there any* understanding in them. 29 Oh, that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *That* they would consider their latter end! 30 How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had surrendered them? 31 For their rock *is* not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves *being* judges. 32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom And of the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes *are* grapes of gall, Their clusters *are* bitter. 33 Their wine *is* the poison of serpents, And the cruel venom of cobras. 34 ' *Is* this not laid up in store with Me, Sealed up among My treasures? 35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in *due* time; For the day of their calamity *is* at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.' 36 "For the LORD will judge His people And have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their* power is gone, And *there is* no one *remaining*, bond or free. 37 He will say: 'Where *are* their gods, The rock in which they sought refuge? 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *And* drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, *And* be your refuge. 39 'Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He, And *there is* no God besides Me; I kill and

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I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor *is there any* who can deliver from My hand. 40 For I raise My hand to heaven, And say, "As I live forever, 41 If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me. 42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the heads of the leaders of the enemy." ' 43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, *with His people*; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land *and His people*." 44 So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. 45 Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 and He said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe -- all the words of this law. 47 "For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess." 48 Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: 49 "Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; 50 "and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people; 51 "because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel. 52 "Yet you shall see the land before *you*, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel."

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**NRS Deuteronomy 32:1** Give ear, **O heavens**, and I will speak; **let the earth hear** the words of my mouth. 2 May **my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth.** 3 For **I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God!** 4 **The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he;**

5 yet **his degenerate children have dealt falsely with him, a perverse and crooked generation.** 6 **Do you thus repay the LORD, O foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you?** 7 Remember **the days of old, consider the years long past; ask your father, and he will inform you; your elders, and they will tell you.** 8 **When the Most High apportioned the nations, when he divided humankind, he fixed the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the gods;** 9 **the LORD's own portion was his people, Jacob his allotted share.** 10 **He sustained him in a desert land, in a howling wilderness waste; he shielded him, cared for him, guarded him as the apple of his eye.** 11 **As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young; as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions,** 12 **the LORD alone guided him; no foreign god was with him.** 13 **He set him atop the heights of the land, and fed him with produce of the field; he nursed him with honey from the crags, with oil from flinty rock; 14 curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs and rams; Bashan bulls and goats, together with the choicest wheat-- you drank fine wine from the blood of grapes.** 15 **Jacob ate his fill; Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked. *You grew fat, bloated, and gorged!*** He abandoned God who made him, and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation. 16 **They made him jealous with strange gods, with abhorrent things they provoked him.** 17 **They sacrificed to demons, not God, to deities they had never known, to *new ones recently arrived,*** whom your ancestors had not feared. 18 **You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you; you forgot the God who gave you birth.**

19 ***The LORD saw it, and was jealous*** he spurned his sons and daughters. 20 **He said: I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children in whom there is no faithfulness.** 21

They made me jealous with **what is no god,** provoked me with **their idols.** So ***I will make them jealous with what is no people, provoke them with a***

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**foolish nation**. 22 For a fire is kindled by my anger, and burns to the depths of Sheol; it devours the earth and its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23 I will heap disasters upon them, spend my arrows against them; 24 wasting hunger, burning consumption, bitter pestilence. **The teeth of beasts I will send against them, with venom of things crawling in the dust.** 25 In the street the sword shall bereave, and in the chambers terror, for young man and woman alike, nursing child and old gray head.

26 **I thought to scatter them and blot out the memory of them from humankind;** 27 **but I feared provocation by the enemy, for their adversaries might misunderstand and say, "Our hand is triumphant; it was not the LORD who did all this."** 28 They are a nation void of sense; there is no understanding in them. 29 **If they were wise, they would understand this; they would discern what the end would be.** 30 **How could one have routed a thousand, and two put a myriad to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, the LORD had given them up?**

31 Indeed **their rock is not like our Rock; our enemies are fools.** 32 **Their vine** comes from the vinestock of Sodom, from the vineyards of Gomorrah; **their grapes** are grapes of poison, their clusters are bitter; 33 **their wine is the poison of serpents, the cruel venom of asps.** 34 Is not this laid up in store with me, sealed up in my treasuries? 35 **Vengeance is mine,** and recompense, for the time when **their foot shall slip;** because the day of **their calamity** is at hand, **their doom** comes swiftly. 36 Indeed **the LORD will vindicate his people, have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, neither bond nor free remaining.** 37 Then he will say: Where are **their gods,** the rock in which they took refuge, 38 who ate the fat of **their sacrifices,** and drank the wine of **their libations?** Let **them** rise up and help you, let **them** be your protection!

39 **See now that I, even I, am he; there is no god besides me.** I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and no one can deliver from my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and swear: As I live forever,

41 when I whet my flashing sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment; **I will take vengeance on my adversaries,** and will repay **those who hate me.** 42 I will make **my arrows drunk with blood,** and my sword shall devour flesh-- with the blood of the slain and the captives, from **the long-haired enemy.** 43 Praise, O heavens, his people, worship him, all you gods! For **he will avenge the blood of his children, and take vengeance on his adversaries; he will repay those who hate him, and cleanse the land for his people.** 44 Moses came and recited all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Joshua son of Nun. 45 When Moses had finished reciting all these words to all Israel, 46 he said to them:

**"Take to heart all the words that I am giving in witness against you today; give them as a command to your children, so that they may diligently observe all the words of this law.** 47 **This is no trifling matter for you,** but rather your very life; through it you may live long in the land that you are crossing over the Jordan to possess." 48 On that very day the LORD addressed Moses as follows: 49 "Ascend this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites for a possession; 50 you shall die there on the mountain that you ascend and shall be gathered to your kin, as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his kin; 51 **because both of you broke faith with me among the**

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**Israelites at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, by failing to maintain my holiness among the Israelites.** 52 Although you may view the land from a distance, you shall not enter it--the land that I am giving to the Israelites."

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**KJV Deuteronomy 32:1** Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine [לְקַחְתִּי] shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God [לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ]. 4 He is the Rock, his work [פְּעָלָיו] is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth [אֱלֹהֵי אֱמוּנָה] and without iniquity, just and right [צַדִּיק וְיָשָׁר] is he. 5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot [מוֹמָם] is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse [עֲקֹשׂ] and crooked [וּפְתָלִיתִל] generation. 6 Do ye thus requite [תִּגְמְלוּ] the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? **is not he thy father** that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established [וַיִּכְנֶנְךָ] thee? 7 **Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.** 8 When the most High divided [בְּהִנְחָל] to the nations [גּוֹיִם] their inheritance [בְּהִנְחָל], when he separated [בְּהַפְרִידוֹ] the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For **the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.** 10 **He** found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. 13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; 14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape. 15 But **Jeshurun** waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, **to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.** 18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. 19 And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. 21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and **I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.** 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23 **I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.** 24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction:

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**I** will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. 25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs. 26 **I** said, **I** would scatter them into corners, **I** would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: 27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this. 28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. 29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider **their latter end**

[Numbers 24:20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. Jeremiah 30:11 For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished. Jeremiah 46:28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished. ]! 30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up? 31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. 32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: 33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. 34 Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures? 35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. 36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. 37 And he shall say, Where are their gods [אֱלֹהֵימֹן], their rock in whom they trusted, 38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection [re: a pagan sacrifices were NOT precursors to the non-Jews accepting the G-d of Israel...!!!]. 39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: **I kill, and I make alive**; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, **I live for ever** [Psalm 121:4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.]. 41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; **I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me**. 42 **I** will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. 43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for **he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people**. 44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and

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Hoshea the son of Nun. 45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: 46 And he said unto them, **Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.** 47 For ***it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life***: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it. 48 And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: 50 And **die** in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: 51 **Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.** 52 Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

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Deuteronomy 32:2 My doctrine [לְקַחֲחִי] shall drop as the rain [בְּפִטְרָה], my speech shall distil as the dew [בְּטַל], as the small rain [בְּשֵׁעִירָם] upon the tender herb, and as the showers [בְּכֶרֶב־בַּיָּבֵיבִים] upon the grass [עֵשֶׂב]: [re: Isaiah 53...???]

\*\*H4306 מַטָּר matar {maw-tawr'}

⌘ from 04305; TWOT - 1187a; n m

⌘ AV - rain 36, great 1, small 1; 38

⌘ 1) rain

\*\*NRS Deuteronomy 11:11 But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky... 14 then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil... 17 "lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

\*\*NRS Deuteronomy 28:12 The LORD will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow... 24 The LORD will change the rain of your land into powder, and only dust shall come down upon you from the sky until you are destroyed.

\*\*NRS 1 Kings 8:35 "When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and then they pray toward this place, confess your name, and turn from their sin, because you punish them, 36 then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and grant rain on your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance.

\*\*NRS Psalm 72:6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

\*\*H5140 נָזַל nazal {naw-zal'}

⌘ a primitive root; TWOT - 1337; v

⌘ AV - flood 3, flow 3, stream 2, pour out 1, distil 1, melted 1, drop 1, running waters 1, flow out 1, pour down 1, gush out 1; 16

⌘ 1) to flow, distil, flow forth or down, trickle, drop 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to flow 1a1a) streams, floods (participle) 1a2) to distil 1b) (Hiphil) to cause to flow

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\*\*H2919 טַל tal {tal}

⌘ from 02926; TWOT - 807a; n m

⌘ AV - dew 31; 31

⌘ 1) dew, night mist

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\*\*H1877 דֶּשֶׁה deshe' {deh'-sheh}

⌘ from 01876; TWOT - 456a; n m

⌘ AV - grass 8, herb 6, green 1; 15

⌘ 1) grass, new grass, green herb, vegetation, young

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\*\*H7241 רַבִּיב rabiyy {raw-beeb'}

⌘ from 07231; TWOT - 2099f; n m

⌘ AV - shower 6; 6

⌘ 1) copious showers, heavy showers 1a) as bringing fertility 1b) of prophetic influence (fig)

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\*\*H6212 עֵשֶׁב `eseb {eh'seb}

⌘ from an unused root meaning to glisten (or be green); TWOT - 1707a; n m

⌘ AV - herb 17, grass 16; 33

⌘ 1) herb, herbage, grass, green plants

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**Deuteronomy 32:5** They have **corrupted** [שָׁחֲתוּ] themselves, their **spot** [מִזְמוֹמָם] is not *the spot* of his children: *they are* a **perverse** [עֲקָשׁ] and **crooked** [וּפְתָלִיתִל] generation.

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**Deuteronomy 32:6** Do ye thus **requite** [תִּגְמָלוּ] the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established* [נִיכַנְנִיךָ] thee?

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**Deuteronomy 32:8** When the most High **divided** [בָּהֲנִיחַל] to the nations their inheritance, when he **separated** [בָּהֲפָרִירָו] the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

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**Deuteronomy 32:9** For the LORD'S **portion** [חֶלֶק] is **his people**; Jacob *is* the lot of **his inheritance**.

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**Deuteronomy 32:12** So the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no **strange** [נִכְרִי] god with him.

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**Deuteronomy 32:15** But **Jeshurun** [יֵשׁוּרוּן] waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then **he** forsook God *which* made **him**, and lightly esteemed the Rock of **his** salvation.

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**Deuteronomy 32:16** They provoked him to jealousy with **strange** [בְּזָרִים] *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

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**Deuteronomy 32:20** And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*: for they *are* a very froward generation, children in whom *is no faith* [לֹא־אֱמֵן].

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**Deuteronomy 32:23** I will heap **mischiefs** [רָעוּת] upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.

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**Deuteronomy 32:26** I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease [אֲשַׁבֵּיתָהּ] from among men:

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**Deuteronomy 32:27** Were it not that I feared the wrath of **the enemy** [אֹיֵב], lest **their adversaries** [צָרִימוֹ] should behave themselves strangely, *and* lest they should say, Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

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**Deuteronomy 32:28** For they *are* a nation void of **counsel** [עֵצוּת], neither *is there any understanding* [הִבְיָנְהוּ] in them.

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**Deuteronomy 32:29** O that they were **wise** [חָכְמוֹ], that they **understood** [יָשְׁכִילוּ] this, that they would consider [יִבְיִנוּ] their **latter end** [לְאַחֲרֵיתָם]!

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**Deuteronomy 32:31** For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being judges* [פְּלִילִים].

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**Deuteronomy 32:32** For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their **grapes** [עֲנַבֵּי מוֹ] *are grapes of gall* [עֲנַבֵּי יִרְוֹשׁ], their **clusters** [אֲשָׁכֶלֶת] *are bitter* [מְרֹרֶת]:

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**Deuteronomy 32:33** Their **wine** [יַיִן] *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of **asps** [פְּתָנִים].

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**Deuteronomy 32:35** To me *belongeth vengeance* [נִקְמָה], and **recompence** [וְשִׁלְמָה]; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their **calamity** [אִירָם] *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

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**Deuteronomy 32:36** For the LORD shall **judge** [יִרְיָן] his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left.

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**Deuteronomy 32:37** And he shall say, Where *are their gods* [אֱלֹהֵימוֹ], *their* rock in whom they **trusted** [חָסְיוּ],

**Devarim 32:1.** Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

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**Deuteronomy 32:38** Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be **your protection** [כִּתְרוֹתָם].

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**Deuteronomy 32:39** See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound [מַחַצְוֹתַי], and I heal [אֲרַפֵּא]: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.  
 \*\*Job 5:18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.  
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**Deuteronomy 32:41** If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward [אֲשַׁלֵּם] them that hate me.

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**Deuteronomy 32:42** I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges [פְּרַעוֹתַי] upon the enemy.

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**Deuteronomy 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations,** with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

\*\*Psalm 67:5(4) O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

\*\*Psalm 92:15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.  
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**Deuteronomy 32:46** And he said unto them, Set your hearts [לְבַבְכֶם] unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children [אֶת־בְּנֵיכֶם אֲתִצְוֶם] to observe to do [לְעֲשׂוֹתָם לְשִׁמּוֹר לְעֲשׂוֹתָם], all the words of this law [אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה]. 47 For it is **not a vain thing** [לֹא־דָבָר רֵק] for you; because it is your life: and through this thing [וּבְדָבָר] ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

\*\*H7386 רֵיק reyq {rake} or (shorter) רֵק req {rake}

⊖ from 07324; TWOT - 2161a; adj

⊖ AV - empty 6, vain 5, emptied 1, vain men 1, vain fellows 1; 14

⊖ 1) empty, vain 1a) empty (of vessels) 1b) empty, idle, worthless (ethically)

\*\*Genesis 37:24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty [רֵק], there was no water in it.

\*\*Genesis 41:27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty [הָרֵקוֹת] ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

\*\*Judges 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty [רֵקִים] pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

\*\*Judges 9:4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baalberith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain [רֵיקִים] and light persons, which followed him.

\*\*Judges 11:3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain [רֵיקִים] men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

\*\*2 Samuel 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to

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meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the **vain** [הַרְקִים] fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

**\*\*2 Kings 4:3** Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even empty* [רֵיקִים] vessels; borrow not a few.

**\*\*2 Chronicles 13:7** And there are gathered unto him **vain** [רֵיקִים] men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

**\*\*Nehemiah 5:13** Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and **emptied** [נָקַה]. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

**\*\*Proverbs 12:11** He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth **vain** [רֵיקִים] persons is void of understanding.

**\*\*Proverbs 28:19** He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after **vain** [רֵיקִים] persons shall have poverty enough.

**\*\*Isaiah 29:8** It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is **empty** [רֵיקָה]: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he is faint*, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

**\*\*Ezekiel 24:11** Then set it **empty** [רֵיקָה] upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed.

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**Deuteronomy 32:51** Because ye **trespassed** [מָעַלְתֶּם] against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye **sanctified** [קִדַּשְׁתֶּם] me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

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**Parashat HAAZINU Verses & Notes**

--**KJV Deuteronomy 31:19** Now therefore write ye this **song** for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this **song** may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:1** Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the **words of my mouth** [פִּי־רִי־פִי].

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:2** My **doctrine** [לְקַחֵי] shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: [MANKIND = GRASS]

--**H3948** לְקַחֵי leqach {leh'-kakh} מ from 03947; TWOT - 1124a; n m AV - **doctrine 4, learning 4, fair speech 1; 9** מ 1) learning, teaching, insight 1a) instruction (obj) 1b) teaching (thing taught) 1b1) teaching-power 1b2) persuasiveness

---**KJV Deuteronomy 32:2** My **doctrine** shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

---**KJV Job 11:4** For thou hast said, My **doctrine** is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

---**KJV Proverbs 1:5** A wise *man* will hear, and will increase **learning**; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

---**KJV Proverbs 4:2** For I give you good **doctrine**, forsake ye not my law.

---**KJV Proverbs 7:21** With her much **fair speech** she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips

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she forced him.

---KJV Proverbs 9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase **in learning**.

---KJV Proverbs 16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth **learning**.

---KJV Proverbs 16:23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth **learning** to his lips.

---KJV Isaiah 29:24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn **doctrine**.

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:3** Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto **our God**. 4 *He is* the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

--B'rachoth 21a

--Taanit 16b

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:5** They have corrupted themselves, their spot *is not the spot* of his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation. 6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?*

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee**. 8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For **the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance**.

--Genesis 11:1ff. re: Tower of Babel

--H2506 חֶלֶק {khay'lek} ꝥ from 02505; TWOT - 669a; n m ꝥ AV - **portion 40, part 22, flattering 1, flattery 1, inheritance 1, partaker 1; 66** ꝥ 1) portion, share, part, territory 1a) portion, share 1b) portion, tract, parcel (of land) 1c) one's portion, one's possession 1d) (chosen) portion 1e) portion, award (from God) 2) smoothness, seductiveness, flattery

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:10** He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 *So* the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was no strange god with him*. 13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; 14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

--H1316 בָּשָׁן {baw-shawn'} ꝥ of uncertain derivation;; n pr loc ꝥ AV - **Bashan 59,**

**Bashanhavothjair + 02334; 60** ꝥ Bashan = "fruitful" 1) a district east of the Jordan known for its fertility which was given to the half-tribe of Manasseh

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:15** But **Jeshurun waxed fat**, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then **he forsook God which made him**, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger. 17 **They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not**. 18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

--Jeremiah 44:1ff. re: Israelite women & idol worship.

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:19** And when the LORD saw *it*, he abhorred *them*, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. 20 And he said, **I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith**. 21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her

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increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23 **I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.** 24 *They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.* 25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs.

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:26** I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: 27 **Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this.** 28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. 29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! 30 **How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?** 31 **For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.**

--Genesis 18:1ff.-19:1ff. re: Sodom & Gomorrah

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:32** For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: 33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. 34 *Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?* 35 To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompence; **their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.**

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:36** For the LORD shall judge **his people**, and repent himself for **his servants**, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left. 37 And he shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted, 38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, *and* be your protection. 39 **See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.**

--**KJV Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

--**KJV Zechariah 1:15** And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

**Deuteronomy 32:40** For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. 41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. 42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. 43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

--**KJV Numbers 13:16** These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:44** And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. 45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: 46 And he said unto them, **Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.**

--**KJV Genesis 18:19** For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

**Deuteronomy 32:47** For **it is not a vain thing for you**; because it *is* your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

--**KJV Genesis 7:13** In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

--**KJV Exodus 12:51** And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (וְהַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**KJV Deuteronomy 32:48** And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: 50 And **die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:** 51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. 52 Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

--**KJV Numbers 20:12** And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

--**KJV Numbers 27:12** And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel. 13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered. 14 For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that *is* the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

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**Deuteronomy 32:9** For the LORD'S portion is his people [עַמּוֹ]; Jacob *is* the lot of **his inheritance** [נַחֲלָתוֹ].

\*\***Exodus 18:1** When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people [עַמּוֹ], and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;

\*\***Deuteronomy 32:36** For the LORD shall judge **his people** [עַמּוֹ], and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left.

\*\***Deuteronomy 32:43** Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people [עַמּוֹ]: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be **merciful** [רַחֲמָנִי] unto his land, and to **his people** [עַמּוֹ].

\*\***Judges 11:23** So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people [עַמּוֹ] Israel, and shouldst thou possess it?

\*\***Ruth 1:6** Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited **his people** [אֶת־עַמּוֹ] in giving them bread.

\*\***1 Samuel 12:22** For the LORD will not forsake **his people** [אֶת־עַמּוֹ] for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

\*\***1 Samuel 13:14** But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* **captain** [לְנַגִּיד] over **his people** [עַל־עַמּוֹ], because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

\*\***1 Samuel 15:1** Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint [לְמַשְׁחָךְ] thee to be king over his people [עַל־עַמּוֹ לְמַלְכֵךְ], over Israel: now therefore **hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.**

\*\***2 Samuel 5:12** And David perceived that the LORD had **established** [כִּי־הָקִינֹהוּ] **him king** over Israel, and that he had **exalted his kingdom** for **his people** [עַמּוֹ] Israel's sake.

\*\***1 Kings 8:59** And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of **his people Israel** [עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל] at all times, as the matter shall require:

\*\***1 Kings 8:66** On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done **for David his servant, and for**

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Israel his people [עַמּוֹ] וְלִישְׂרָאֵל עַמּוֹ].

\*\*Ezra 1:3 Who is there among you of all his people [מִכָּל-עַמּוֹ]? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

\*\*Psalm 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people [עַמּוֹ], Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. [see Psalms 53:6]

\*\*Psalm 29:11 The LORD will give strength unto his people [אֶת-עַמּוֹ]; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

\*\*Psalm 50:4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people [עַמּוֹ].

\*\*Psalm 73:10 Therefore his people [עַמּוֹ] return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

\*\*Psalm 78:52 But made his own people [עַמּוֹ] to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock... 62 He gave his people [עַמּוֹ] over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance...

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people [עַמּוֹ], and Israel his inheritance.

\*\*Psalm 85:8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people [עַמּוֹ] אֱלֹהִים], and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

\*\*Psalm 94:14 For the LORD will not cast off his people [עַמּוֹ], neither will he forsake his inheritance.

\*\*Psalm 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people [עַמּוֹ], and the sheep of his pasture.

\*\*Psalm 105:24 And he increased his people [אֶת-עַמּוֹ] greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. 25 He turned their heart to hate his people [עַמּוֹ], to deal subtilly [לְהַתְּנִיבָל] with his servants... 43 And he brought forth his people [עַמּוֹ] with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

\*\*Psalm 135:12 And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people [עַמּוֹ]... 14 For the LORD will judge his people [עַמּוֹ], and he will repent(relent) [יִתְנַחֵם] himself concerning his servants.

\*\*Psalm 136:16 To him which led his people [עַמּוֹ] through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

\*\*Isaiah 3:14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people [עַמּוֹ], and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

\*\*Isaiah 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people [עַמּוֹ], which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea... 16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people [עַמּוֹ], which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

\*\*Isaiah 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people [עַמּוֹ] shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

\*\*Isaiah 28:5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people [עַמּוֹ],

\*\*Isaiah 30:26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people [עַמּוֹ], and healeth the stroke of their wound.

\*\*Isaiah 49:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people [עַמּוֹ], and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

\*\*Isaiah 51:22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of **his people** [עַמּוֹ], Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

\*\*Isaiah 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people [עַמּוֹ], he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

\*\*Isaiah 56:3 Neither let **the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD**, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from **his people** [עַמּוֹ]: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

\*\*Joel 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity **his people** [עַל-עַמּוֹ].

\*\*Micah 6:2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a **controversy** [אַתְּ-רִיב] with **his people** [עַם-עַמּוֹ], and he will plead with Israel.

\*\*Zechariah 9:16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of **his people** [עַמּוֹ]: for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

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Deuteronomy 32:12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was no strange god with him* [אֵל נֹכַח עִמּוֹ].

1 Samuel 18:14 And David behaved [לְכָל-דָּרָכָו] himself wisely [בְּמִשְׁכִּיל] in all his ways; *and the LORD was with him* [וַיְהִי ה' עִמּוֹ].

1 Kings 20:42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, **Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.** [Middah kenegged middah!!!]

Micah 6:2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a **controversy** [אַתְּ-רִיב] with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

\*\*Deuteronomy 17:8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being matters of controversy* [רִיבֹת] within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

\*\*Deuteronomy 25:1 If there be a **controversy** [רִיב] between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

\*\*Proverbs 18:17 *He that is first in his own cause* [בְּרִיבּוֹ] *seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.*

\*\*Isaiah 41:11 Behold, **all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive** [רִיבּוֹ] **with thee shall perish.**

\*\*Jeremiah 11:20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest [בְּחִן] the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my **cause** [אַתְּ-רִיבִי].

\*\*Jeremiah 20:12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest [בְּחִן] the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my **cause** [אַתְּ-רִיבִי].

\*\*Jeremiah 25:31 A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy [רִיב] with the nations [בְּגוֹיִם], he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

\*\*Ezekiel 44:24 And in **controversy** [וְעַל-רִיב] they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and **they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.**

Devarim 32:1. Give ear, O you (הַשָּׁמַיִם) heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**\*\*Hosea 4:1** Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a **controversy** [רִיב] with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

**\*\*Hosea 12:2** The LORD hath also a **controversy** [רִיב] with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him. [Middah kenegged middah...!!!]

**\*\*Micah 6:2** Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a **controversy** [רִיב] with his people, and he will **plead(rebuke)** [יִתְוַכַּח] with Israel.

**\*\*Micah 7:9** I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead [רִיב רִיב] **my cause**, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness.