

Midrash V'Etchanan ("And I Pleaded")
Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11

חָנַן chanan - to be gracious, show favor, show pity

Moses Forbidden to Cross the Jordan

Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Moses wanted to "see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains"

Mountain east of the Jordan is Mt Moriah

Moriah = "Seen of Yahweh"

Moses' life was defined by mountains:

<i>Horeb:</i>	Called to be the Leader	Exodus 3:1
<i>Sinai:</i>	Received Marriage Covenant on Behalf of Israel	Exodus 19:2
<i>Pisgah:</i>	Looked upon the Promised Land	Deuteronomy 3:26
Mount of Transfiguration:	Stood with Messiah	Matthew 17:1

Why did Moses plead with God to enter the Promised Land?

Talmud: So he would fulfill the commandments that could only be fulfilled there

"Hear" God's Commands

Deuteronomy 4:1-14

"Hear, Oh Israel (Sh'mah Yisra'el) ... to do them, that you may live."

"Not learning, but doing is the principal thing." (Ethics of the Fathers)

Neither add nor take away

The Serpent did that in the Garden

Genesis 3:4

Nor "mingle"

Baal-Peor: Midianite women "mingled" with Israelite men

Numbers 25

Keeping these commandments will distinguish Israel from the Nations

"And the LORD spoke to you out of midst of the fire." Repeated in Acts 2

A Covenant etched in stone and sealed with fire!

"...you saw no form; only a voice... Take careful heed to yourselves."

Never saw God, so could not make accurate image

Exactly What Happened with the Golden Calf

Idolatry is Forbidden

Deuteronomy 4:15-31

Commanded to make no images:

Neither male nor female

No beast on the earth nor winged fowl in the air

Nothing that creeps on the ground nor any fish of the sea

Neither sun, moon nor host of heaven

Celestial lights for the Nations; Who is Israel's Light?

} Egyptian & Babylonian gods?

Isaiah 60:19

Israel as a Chosen Nation

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

God delivered them from Egypt by: Trials
Signs
Wonders
War

A Mighty Hand
Outstretched Arm
Great Terrors

verse 34

Why keep God's Commandments??

verses 39- 40

Things will go well with you

... and with your children

Your days will be prolonged on earth

} **NOTHING HERE ABOUT SALVATION!**

Cities of Refuge

3 Cities East of Jordan identified: *Bezer*, for Reuben
Ramot, for Gad
Golan, for Manasseh

Deuteronomy 4:41–43

Introduction to God's Instructions

Testimonies עֵדָה *edah*
Statutes חֻק *choq*
Judgments מִשְׁפָּט *mishpat*

Deuteronomy 4:44-49

Retelling the 10 Commandments

Given on Two Tablets of Stone:

- 1) No Other Gods
- 2) No Images
- 3) Don' Take Name in Vain
- 4) Keep Shabbat
- 5) Honor Father & Mother

Our Vertical Relationship
With God

- 6) Shall Not Murder
- 7) Shall Not Commit Adultery
- 8) Shall Not Steal
- 9) Shall Not Falsely Testify
- 10) Shall Not Covet

Our Horizontal Relationship
with Fellow Man

Deuteronomy 5:1–22

Fear in God's Presence

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Deuteronomy 5:23-33

Shema, Yisrael: Love the LORD Your God

Shema: Hear AND Obey: With All Your Heart (*L'avvcha*)
Everything on the Inside
With All Your Soul (*Nafshacha*)
Everything on the Outside
With All Your Might (*Me'odecha*)
All Your "Muchness"

Deuteronomy 6:1–25

Israel is to: Hear them Deuteronomy 6:4
Teach them to our children Deuteronomy 6:7
Talk of them Deuteronomy 6:7
Bind them on our hand and forehead Deuteronomy 6:8
Tefilin (Phylacteries)
Imitation: Mark of the Beast?? Revelation 13:16-18
Write them on our door posts (*Mezuzah*) Deuteronomy 6:9
Matthew 22:34-40
The Greatest Commandment
Compare The *Shema* to Jeremiah's "New Covenant" Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Chosen People

Why did God Choose Israel?

Deuteronomy 7:1-11
verses 6 - 10

Joshua conquers 7 kingdoms after entering The Land
What are God's instructions to Joshua? Why??

Deuteronomy 7:1
Deuteronomy 7:2-5

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1–26 Isaiah's *Shema*: "Comfort Ye, My People..."

Brit Chadashah: Romans 13:8-10 *Rav Shaul's Shema!*