

Midrash Ekev (“Because” (On the Heels))
Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

“Then it shall come to pass.....”

עָקַב ekev “as a consequence of” or “because”

Root word: אָקַב akav “to take by the heel, to follow at the heel”

Related to: יַאֲקֹב ya’akov “heel-grabber”

Genesis 25:26

God’s Promises to Israel

Deuteronomy 7:12-26

When Israel Hears (*shema*)
Keeps (guards) (*shamar*)
Does

God’s Commandments, then He will:

Love them	Bless the Fruit of their Womb (Luke 1:42)
Bless them	Bless the Fruit of the Land
Multiply them	They Shall Have None of Egypt’s Diseases

And .. God will deliver all the Canaanite Nations to them for Destruction

By the hornet ... compare to.....

Pharaoh’s emblem was the hornet (*Thutmoses III??*)

Revelation 9:1-12

“Little by little.....”

Don’t overrun your ability to control your conquered land

Ex 23:29 & Lev 26:22

Destroy their idols ... don’t even keep the gold & silver from them

Achan’s Sin

Joshua 7

God’s Mercies in the Wilderness

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

“.....to humble you and test (prove) you.....”

Observe God’s Commandments so that you may:

Live
Multiply
Go in & possess the land

Remember how God provided in the Wilderness:

To humble & test you ... נָסָא nassa “to prove”

Genesis 22

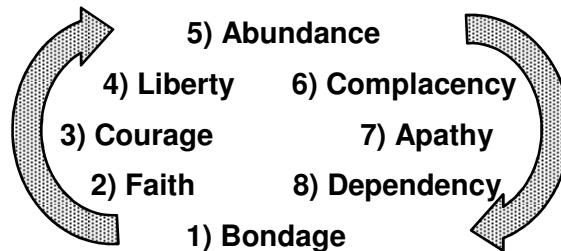
Made you hungry & fed you with manna

Clothes & shoes never wore out – in 40 years!

A Warning Against Pride

Deuteronomy 8:11– 9:6

The Life Cycle of an Empire (Alexander Tyler in 1787):



Romans 11:19-20
& Ezekiel 36:22-23

It usually takes about 2 centuries**Where are we in this cycle???**

What we learn from history is that we don’t learn from history!

“Everything is in the hands of Heaven ... other than the fear of Heaven.” Psalm 111:10 (& The Talmud)

God finds a new way, every day, to ask you, “Do you love Me ... do you trust Me?”

The Golden Calf

Retelling of Golden Calf episode from Exodus 32

Testing of an Adulterous Woman

Moses interceded for the Children of Israel

Who does Moses use to punish Israel!

How many were killed?

How many saved at the 1st Pentecost?

Deuteronomy 9:7–21

Numbers 5:11-31

Exodus 32:32

Exodus 32:27-28

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Acts 2:41

The Other Provocations

Taberah – Fire consumed the murmurers

Massah – Water from the Rock (the 1st time)

Kibrot-Hata'avah – God sends quail

Deuteronomy 9:22-29

Numbers 11:1-3

Exodus 17:1-7

Numbers 11:4-34

The Tablets of Stone

	<u>Ascended</u>	<u>Descended</u>	
1 st Time	7 th Sivan	17 th Tammuz	40 Days
2 nd Time	19 th Tammuz	28 th Av	40 Days
3 rd Time	1 st Elul	10 th Tishri	40 Days

1st Set

Mercy (Rashi)

2nd Set

Deuteronomy 10:1–5

The Separation of Levi

To carry the Ark of the Covenant

To stand before God to minister to Him

To bless in His Name

Deuteronomy 10:6-11

God's Great Requirements

To fear God

To walk in all His Ways

To love Him

...with all your "heart and soul"

To Serve Him

To keep His Commandments

Circumcise your heart

Compare to Micah 6:8

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

And ... love your neighbor as yourself!

Love and Obey God

Keep God's Commandments that you:

May be strong

May go in and possess the land

May prolong your days in the land

God will give them the former rain & latter rain

Jeremiah 5:24: Hosea 6:3

Literally:

"Former Rain" falls in the Fall (October – November)

"Latter Rain" falls in the Spring (March – April)

Spiritually:

Joel 2:23: "*He has given you the former rain moderately*"

former = *moreh* "teacher"

moderately = *tzadakah* "righteous"

"Teacher of Righteousness"

God will drive out all the Nations

"*From every place the soles of your feet shall tread ...*"

...from Lebanon to the Euphrates

A boundary for the demons??

Revelation 9:13-15

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14–51:3 The Restoration of Israel

Brit Chadashah: Romans 8:31-39 The Magnitude of God's Love