

Midrash *Ki Tavo* (“When You Come”) Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:9

This Portion Transitions from Moses’ 2nd message (Stipulations) to his 3rd Message (Blessings & Curses)

Firstfruits Offerings

Deuteronomy 26:1-4

“When you come (*Ki Tavo*) into the land...”

What follows is binding when in the land

“Bring the Firstfruits of the ground...”

Rabbis:	Wheat	Pomegranates	}	those listed in Deuteronomy 8:8
	Barley	Olives		
	Vines	Dates		
	Figs			

Take to the “place where God places His Name.”

“Name” ⇔ God’s Authority

Proclaiming possession of The Land ⇔ **God’s Faithfulness**

Their Thank Offering

The “Wandering Syrian”

Deuteronomy 26:5-11

“Jacob fled to the country of Syria.”

Hosea 12:12

“about to perish” אָבָד (*avad*) means “Wandering” or “Destroyer”

Some translate it: “a Syrian sought to destroy my father.”

Referring to Laban (Syrian) who tried to prevent Jacob from returning home

Making Laban a “restrainer”

Picture of a future “Restrainer”

Isaiah 10:21; 24-27

Paul’s description of this “Restrainer”

II Thessalonians 2:1-10

Laban & Pharaoh were both “restrainers”

Could the future Restrainer be the “Son of Perdition”??

“Perdition” from *Apollyon* (Gr) ⇔ *Abbadon* (Heb)

Brought them out of Egypt with “with signs and wonders” - A future Exodus described Joel 2:31

Tithes to the Priests

Deuteronomy 26:12-15

The 1st Tithe (10%) was to go to the Levites

Numbers 18:21

The 2nd Tithe went to the sanctuary to be eaten there

In the 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th years

“Year of Tithing”: In the 3rd & 6th years it stayed home & went to the poor

God’s Special People

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Israel acknowledged יהוה as their God

And He acknowledged them as סְגֻלָּה *s’gulah* “a treasure”

Exodus 19:6 & Matt 13:44

Torah Written on Tablets of Stone

Deuteronomy 27:1–10

When Israel crossed the Jordan, they were to:

Write the entire Torah on 12 stones

Confirmed by discovery of *Hammurabi* Stone (8,000 words)

“Write plainly” ⇔ 70 languages of the Nations??

At least Everyone can read it!

Joshua 4:4-7 & Matt 3:9

Erect an altar on Mt *Ebal*

Joshua 8:30-35

Ratify Covenant on both mountains

Why did God choose that location??

Shechem is located between *Mts Gerizim & Ebal*

Where God promised the Land to Abraham in Gen 12:6 & 7

Pronounce 12 curses there

Mt Gerizim & Mt Ebal

Deuteronomy 27:11-26

Blessings from Gerizim

- Simeon (L-2)
- Issachar (L-9)
- Levi (L-3)
- Joseph (R-11)
- Judah (L-4)
- Benjamin (R-12)

Priests
Between

Curses from Ebal

- Reuben (L-1)
- Gad (Z-7)
- Asher (Z-8)
- Zebulun (L-10)
- Dan (B-5)
- Naphtali (B-6)

The Curses

- No Graven Images
- Dishonoring Parents
- Moving Neighbor's Landmark
- Causing Blind to go Astray
- Perverting Justice
- Prohibiting Relationships
- Bestiality
- Conspiring Against Neighbor
- Taking Bribes

Summary of the Curses: "Cursed is he who does not confirm this Torah by obeying!"

The Blessings for Obedience

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

"Blessed Shall Be" Blessings:

- Blessed in the City & in the Field
- Blessed is the Fruit of Your Body & Land
- Blessed is Your Basket & Kneading Trough
- Blessed are You Coming in & Going Out
- Cause the Defeat of Your Enemies

"The LORD Will" Blessings:

- Bless Your Storehouse & Land
- Bless is Your Storehouse & Land
- Establish You as a Holy People
- Make All People See You Called by His Name
- Bless You with Plenty
- Bless You with Rain in its Season
- Make You the Head & Not the Tail

The Curses for Disobedience

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

"Cursed Shall Be" Curses

"Blessed Shall Be" Blessings Written in negative form

verses 15-19

"The LORD Will" Curses

"The LORD Will" Blessings Written in negative form

verses 20-28

Curses of Helplessness

- Madness, Blindness, Confusion, Depression
- Loss of Home, Family, Land & Possessions

verses 29-34

More "The Lord Will" Curses

- Strike You with Boils
- Exile You to a Nation You Have Not Known

verses 35-37
Exodus 9:8-12

More Curses of Helplessness

- Locusts will Consume Your Crops
- Foreigner Among You Elevated & Become Your Lender
- He Becomes the Head & Not the Tail

verses 38-46
Exodus 10:14-15 & Joel 2:3

The LORD Retaliates

- You Shall Serve Your Enemies; they Shall Spoil Your Land

verses 47-52

Desperate Straits

- Starvation & Desperate Acts During Sieges

verses 53-57

Reversal of "Fortune"

- You Shall Have the Plagues of Egypt
- You Shall be Few in Number
- You Shall be Scattered from one end of the Earth to the Other
- You Shall Have Fear Day & Night
- You Shall Return to Egypt as Slaves

verses 58-68
Deuteronomy 7:15
Deuteronomy 10:22
Leviticus 26:33

Exodus 17:16

A New Covenant with the Next Generation

Deuteronomy 29:1-9

- Given at Moab but to be Ratified in The Land
- Was it Ratified?? Why Not??

Joshua 8:30-35

Haftarah:

Isaiah 60:1-22

Israel's Future Redemption

Brit Chadashah:

II Thessalonians 2:1-12

The Future Restrainer