

# Midrash *VaYelech* (“And He Went”) Deuteronomy 31:1–30

After the Blessings & Curses of *Ki Tavo* and the promise of restoration in *Netzivim*:  
The people return to their tents  
Moses went (*VaYelech*) throughout the camp  
And spoke to the people... and then he died (traditionally *Adar 7*)

## Joshua Succeeds Moses

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Moses “*can no longer go out and come in.*”

Not because he is old (120 years)

..... but because he is forbidden to lead Israel into the Land

Deuteronomy 34:7

Numbers 20:12

Moses reminds them that Yehovah will lead them – through Joshua  
Just as another “*Yehoshua*” will lead us in the Millennium

Encourages them to “*be strong and of good courage...*” From this we get:

“**Chazak, chazak, ve-nitchazek!**” **Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!**”

Yeshua also reassures us that He will not forsake us.

Matthew 28:20

Then Moses ordained Joshua “*before all the people.*”

So nobody could question Joshua’s authority

## The “Law” Read Every *Shmitah*

Deuteronomy 31:9-13

Moses wrote his copy (required of a king) & gave to Priests

Deuteronomy 17:18

To be read every 7<sup>th</sup> year at *Sukkot*

At first by the king, then later by the Priests

And now: 1-Year & 3-Year Torah Cycles

Everyone (men, women, children & strangers) were to:

verse 13

**Hear** שְׁמַע (*Shema*) **Learn** לָמַד (*Lamad*) **Fear** יָרָא (*Yareh*) (the LORD)

Children were included for Torah to impact future generations

Paul’s Comments on hearing and faith

Romans 10:13-17

What was “the Word of God” Paul referred to??

“Faith” אֱמוּנָה *emunah* “so be it” (we get “amen” from this)

“Faith” = “Hearing” + “Doing”

## The Prediction of Israel’s Rebellion

Deuteronomy 31:14-23

God speaks to Moses & Joshua alone in the Tabernacle:

The people will stray after foreign gods & disobey the “Law”

God will hide (conceal) His Face from them

Golden Calf: If not for Moses’ interceding .....

Exodus 32:30-35

Purpose of Tabernacle: God dwells among them!

Exodus 25:8

Is God’s Face still concealed??

Isaiah 8:17

Is this what the Priestly Blessing is all about???

Numbers 6:23-27

God **WILL** restore us to Himself!!!

Prov 25:2; Jer 29:13 & Matt 7:7

## The Book of the Law

Deuteronomy 31:24-29

“Take this Book of the Law, and put it outside the ark...that it may be a witness against you.”

“...that I may speak these words in their hearing...and call heaven and earth to witness against them.”

**We are not under the (Book of the) Law, We are Above it!**  
**We have God’s (Book of the) Covenant Written upon our Hearts!**

## The Song of Moses....next week’s Portion!

Deuteronomy 31:30

**Haftarah:** Hosea 14:2-10

“O Israel, return to the LORD your God”

**Brit Chadashah:** Luke 24:13-43

Hearing Torah on the Road to Emmaus