

## **Eikev** (Because you listen) Torah Portion 46 Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

**Background:** Moses had pleaded with **יהוה** to be able to cross the Jordan and had been told not to speak of it again. Moses was told that Joshua would lead the people into the land. Only the people who had closely followed the commandments and loved **יהוה** were still alive this day. Moses recounted the Ten Commandments to the people and told them that they would fall away from following **יהוה** and would worship idols, **but** in the end days they would come back to the Torah of **יהוה**.

**Eikev** ( **עקב** ) = because you listen

### **Events in this Torah portion:**

- When you keep all the commands of **יהוה**, you will be the most blessed of all people
- **יהוה** will not put sickness on you but he will put it on your enemies
- **יהוה** will drive out your enemies with hornets and you will possess the land
- **יהוה** will drive away the enemy little by little so the beasts do not increase
- You shall destroy their carved images and not be ensnared by the gold in them
- You shall not bring an abomination into your home
- The entire Commandment (singular) you shall observe so that you will live
- You shall remember the entire road these 40 years where **יהוה** afflicted you to show you that your life is not by things but by everything that comes from Elohim's mouth
- Take care not to forget **יהוה** by not observing His commands when you have abundance
- **יהוה** tested you by many troubles in order to do good for you in the end
- **יהוה** gave you strength to make wealth in order to establish His Covenant
- If you forget **יהוה**, you will surely perish
- **יהוה** did not give you this land because of your righteousness but because of their wickedness, you are a stiff-necked people
- Moses was on the mountain twice for 40 days to receive the Tablets
- Moses broke the two Tablets
- **יהוה** became angry with Aaron to destroy him but Moses prayed for him
- Moses recounts the sin of the 10 spies
- Moses prayed for the people for the third 40 day period?
- Moses recounts the carving of the second set of Tablets
- Moses recounts being told to make the temporary Ark of acacia wood
- Moses recounts the children of Israel's journey to Moserah and Aaron's death
- Moses recounts the journeys and the Tribe of Levi chosen to carry the Ark
- **יהוה** requires you to fear, go in His ways, love Him, serve Him with all your heart and soul and observe the commandments for your benefit.
- You shall cut away the barrier of your heart
- Love the proselyte for you too were strangers

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- You shall swear in the Name of יהוה
- From 70 people יהוה has made you like the stars of heaven (in 211+40 years)
- Moses recounts all that this present generation had seen of יהוה's mighty works
- The land is not like Egypt, it is a land of hills and valleys and rain
- The eyes of יהוה are always on this land
- Second passage of the Shema

### **If we keep His commandments we will be Blessed in many ways**

**Deuteronomy 7:12-16** Therefore it shall come to pass, if you listen to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that יהוה your Elohim shall keep the Covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers: 13 And He will love you, and bless you, and multiply you: He will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He swore to your fathers to give you. 14 You shall be blessed above all people: there shall not be a male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. 15 And יהוה will take away from you all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, on you; but will place them on all *those* that hate you. 16 And you shall consume all the people which יהוה your Elohim shall deliver you; Your eye shall have no pity on them: neither shall you serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare to you.

**Sickness** = sickness, disease, grief (s#02483 חלי) (khol-ee)

**Disease** = sickness, disease (s#04064 מדוה) (mad-veh)

**Blessing comes from obedience not from faith. True faith will lead us to good deeds and obedience.**

### **Related Scripture: Faith causes us to do the works of יהוה**

**James 2:14-20** What *does it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he has faith, and has not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say to them, Depart in peace, be warmed and filled; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *does it* profit? 17 Even so **faith, if it has no works, it is dead, being alone.** 18 Yes, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: **show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.** 19 You believe that there is one Elohim; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

**If you keep His commands --- He will give you the blessings**

**If you don't obey His commands -- He is not obligated to bless you**

**This is יהוה's promise to us** if we obey His commandments. His commandments include what we eat, not to mix seeds like the Monsanto company, not to have improper sexual relations which is rampant in our society today, and to honor Him in all we do.

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**Mixing seed** Monsanto company is very involved in genetic Engineering of a very great number of plants that are our main sources of food. These foods are often marked as GMO's which means Genetically Modified Organisms. They have modified corn so that it is not eaten by insects or worms. They made a variety of corn called "Roundup" It is not affected by the herbicide Roundup, so the whole field can be sprayed with Roundup and it is not necessary to plow it up to keep the weed population under control. This sounds good on the surface, however it is believed that Roundup chemically breaks down within a short period of time. This also sounds good because that means if we eat corn from a field that has been sprayed with it we don't have to worry right? The problem with this is that it does break down into two other chemicals that are toxic and they remain in the soil for twenty years. These chemicals are not found in nature so our bodies can not process them and they remain within the cells of our body for long periods of time causing problems. The other bad thing about the corn is that it is invasive to other varieties of corn. In other words in a matter of time there will not be any non GMO varieties of corn left in the world when the wind carries the pollen from these plants to other fields of corn as it did in Canada. Australia does not allow any corn to be brought into their country in an effort to stop this from happening to their crops. It at most can slow it down but not stop it. Monsanto made the statement that they have taken DNA from fish and grafted it into plants so that insects will not eat the plant. They use a virus to splice the DNA of the two organisms. They also said that they are genetically modifying five hundred different plants each and every week. They have no idea what the consequences of these unnatural changes will do to our food supply. Others have said that they will begin work on cloning humans but since that has been forbidden by the law, they will perform the work in an off shore location. The human race now has the distinct ability to change the world of plants and animals to such an extent that we could easily bring famine on the earth even in years where there is no shortage of rain. We are beginning to understand the danger of these "**improvements.**" The decree to not mix seed is being ignored to our own demise. **יהוה's** commands are to preserve life and to break them brings death.

**Kosher Food** We are told to eat certain animals and not to eat other animals. We are not to eat animals that eat other animals from which we could ingest disease. These unclean animals are placed on the earth to clean up the environment to remove things that are unhealthy for us to be around. These things and the unclean animals that **יהוה** put here to clean them up are here for our benefit to prevent us from getting sick. **יהוה** said if we follow His commands He will keep sickness from us. If we break these rules we should expect to get sick. When Yeshua healed the sick, He said your sins are forgiven you. Could it be that his sins were eating things that were forbidden by **יהוה**?

### **Related Scripture: Sickness from sin?**

**Matthew 9:2-7:** And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Yeshua seeing their faith said to the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; **your sins are forgiven you.** 3: And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4: And Yeshua knowing their thoughts said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5: For is it easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven you; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6: But that you

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may know that the Son of man has power on earth to forgive sins, (then He said to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. 7: And he arose, and departed to his house.

**Can we ask for healing when we disobey?** This answers the question do we have the right to ask יהוה to heal us when we have been doing what He had commanded us not to do. We can ask but we must repent of breaking His commandments and start doing what He told us if we want to remain healthy.

### Fear not Obey יהוה

**Deuteronomy 7:17-26** If you shall say in your heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them? 18 You shall not be afraid of them: *but* shall well remember what יהוה your Elohim did to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt; 19 The great temptations which your eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, that יהוה your Elohim brought you out: so shall יהוה your Elohim do to all the people of who you are afraid of. 20 Moreover יהוה your Elohim will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from you, are destroyed. 21 You shall not be afraid of them: for יהוה your Elohim *is* among you, a mighty Elohim and terrible. 22 And יהוה your Elohim will put out those nations before you by little by little: you may not consume them all at once, lest the beasts of the field increase against you. 23 But יהוה your Elohim shall deliver them to you, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they are destroyed. 24 And He shall deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them. 25 The **graven** images of their gods you shall burn with fire: you shall not desire the **silver** or **gold** *that is* on them, nor take *it* to you, lest you be **snared** by them: for it *is* an abomination to יהוה your Elohim. 26 Neither shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be a **cursed** thing like it: *but* you shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

**Graven** = carved (s#06456 פסיל ) (pes-eel)

**Silver** = silver, money (s#03701 כסף ) (keh'-sef)

**Gold** = gold, to shimmer (s#02091 זהב ) (zaw-hawb)

**Snared** = disgusting thing, abomination (s#03369 תועבה ) (to-ay-baw )

**Cursed** = a thing devoted, a net, doomed object (s#02764 חרם ) (kheh'-rem)

**Comment:** We must remember what יהוה has done in the past including the things He has enabled us to overcome to His glory. The more impossible that our problems seem, the greater the glory of His deliverance.

**Related Scripture:** The **hornet-swarm** was foretold in Exodus 23:27

**Exodus 23:27-30** I will send My fear before you, and will destroy all the people to who you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. 28: And **I will send**

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hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before you. 29: I will not drive them out from before you in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against you. 30: By little and little I will drive them out from before you, until you are increased, and inherit the land.

**The survivors and hidden ones** will perish before you

**Comment:** Those who did not go to war would attempt to hide from Israel until the hornets caused them to flee or be killed.

**Comment:** Over forty years ago while I was attending a Baptist church and teaching the high school and college training union class, I was flying home from a business trip when a person gave me a book on one of the religions of India. I thought it would be good to bring it home and study it. The class I was teaching was talking about different religions all over the world. We were comparing them to Christianity. So I brought the book home and planned to look through it before the next Sunday night. When I went to bed that night, I felt Adonai telling me to get that book out of my house. I did not know about this Scripture at that time, but I got up and put the book in the garbage can in the garage. I don't remember if I moved the garbage can outside of the garage or not but I may have. I believe we are not to have such things in our houses for any reason. The Scripture says it will make our house abominable. This is very serious, יהוה is not kidding. We also are not to let evil come into our houses through television. We don't need to study other religions as if we plan to take the best parts of all of them to combine them with יהוה's commands. That would be an abomination to יהוה.

**יהוה Has tested you and now He will go before you**

**Deuteronomy 8:1-9** All the commandments which I command you this day shall you **observe** to do, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which יהוה swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall **remember** all the way which יהוה your Elohim led you these forty years in the wilderness, to **humble** you, and to **prove** you, to **know** what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments, or not. 3 And He humbled you, and allowed you to **hunger**, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; that He might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of יהוה does man live. 4 Your clothes did not wear out on you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. 5 You shall also consider in your heart, that, as a man chastens his son, so יהוה your Elohim **chastened** you. 6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments of יהוה your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him. 7 For יהוה your Elohim brings you to a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; 8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; 9 A land where you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills you may dig brass.

**Observe (Keep)** = keep, guard, observe (שמר) (shaw-mar)

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**Remember** = mention, remember (s#02142 זכר ) (zakar)

**Humble** = afflict, humble, to be depressed (s#06031 ענה ) (aw-naw)

**Test (Prove)** = to test, prove, tempt, assay (s#05254 נסה ) (naw-saw)

**Know** = to know by experience (s#03045 ידע ) (yaw-dah)

**Hunger** = hunger (s#07456 רעב ) (raw-abe)

**Chastened** = chasten, disciple, instruct, admonish (s#03256 יסר ) (yaw-sar)

**Comment:** It is important to know that the affliction that they went through did not put rebellion in their hearts it only exposed it to the light.

**Bad attitudes and Rats** : Lewis Sinclair wrote about rats in his basement. He said if you open the door to the basement and rush down the stairs you will see rats running away. The rushing down the stairs did not create the rats it just provided the necessary conditions for them to be visible. Likewise difficult times, being tired, hungry or any other condition does not create bad attitudes nor give us an excuse for them it just provides the necessary conditions for them to be visible. These times that they are visible are for us to take note of them and make corrections and ask Yeshua to help us to remove ungodly attitudes.

### **Related Scripture: Not by Bread alone**

**Matthew 4:2-4** And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward hungry. 3: And when the tempter came to Him, He said, If you are the Son of Elohim, command that these stones be made bread. 4: But He answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone**, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Elohim.

The part of Hebrew Shem Tov copy of Matthew 4:4 in George Howard's book **Hebrew Gospel of Matthew** page 12 is exactly the same as the Hebrew in Deuteronomy 8:3 **Schottenstein Edition Interlinear Chumash** page 1127. Messiah said "**It is Written**" this means that He is quoting the Torah.

כי לא על-הלחם לבדו חיה

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### When life gets easy don't forget who to thank

**Deuteronomy 8:10-20** When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless יהוה your Elohim for the good land which He has given you. 11 Beware that you do not forget יהוה your Elohim, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you this day: 12 Lest *when* you have eaten and are full, and have built good houses, and lived in them; 13 And *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 Then when your heart is lifted up, and you forget יהוה your Elohim, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *where were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought you water out of the rock of flint; 16 Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you, and that He might test you, to do you good at the end; 17 And you say in your heart, My power and the might of *my* hand has brought me this wealth. 18 But you shall remember יהוה your Elohim: for *it is* He that gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His Covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. 19 And it shall be, if you do at all forget יהוה your Elohim, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. 20 As the nations which יהוה destroyed before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient to the voice of יהוה your Elohim.

**Comment:** Human nature is such that we seldom rebel against our Creator when we are in need. When we have our needs met and have plenty, then we begin to believe that all that we have is a result of our skills and hard work. The point that we begin to think this way determines the limit of what יהוה can bless us with. We determine the limits of our blessings. He gave us the ability to receive wealth **to establish the Covenant for the kingdom** not to use it for lavish life styles. This verse is often quoted in part but the part about **establishing His Covenant** is left off in order to appeal to people's desires. Wealth is a tool that we may be given to establish the Kingdom not a goal we strive for.

**When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless יהוה your Elohim for the good land which He has given you.**

**Comment:** This is saying we are to **thank Elohim for the meal after we have eaten** it and are satisfied. Often a blessing is said before and after a meal.

The blessing before the meal is called **Hamotzee**

The blessing after the meal is called **Birkat Hamazon**

### **Related Scripture: The affliction we go through is for our ultimate good**

**James 1:2-4** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into many temptations; 3: Knowing this, that **the trying of your faith works patience**. 4: But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, wanting nothing.

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### Related Scripture: Trials bring praise, honor and glory

**I Peter 1:3-9** Blessed is יהוה Father of Adonai Yeshua HaMoshiach, which according to His abundant mercy has brought us again into a lively hope by the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah from the dead, 4: To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5: Who are kept by the power of Elohim through faith to salvation ready to be revealed in the end time. 6: Where you greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, you are in heaviness through many temptations: 7: That **the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold** that perishes, **though it is tried with fire, might be found to bring praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Yeshua the Messiah:** 8: Who having not seen, you love; in who, though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9: Receiving the goal of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

### יהוה destroys the inhabitants because of their wickedness

**Deuteronomy 9:1-6** Hear, O Israel: You *are* to pass over Jordan this day, to go into possess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fenced up to heaven, 2 A people great and tall, the children of the **Anakims**, who you know, and *of whom* you have heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak! 3 Understand therefore this day, that יהוה your Elohim *is* He which goes over before you; *as a consuming* fire He shall **destroy** them, and He shall bring them down before your face: so shall you drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as יהוה has said to you. 4 Speak not in your heart, after יהוה your Elohim has cast them out from before you, saying, For my **righteousness** יהוה has brought me in to possess this land: but for the **wickedness** of these nations יהוה drives them out from before you. 5 Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations יהוה your Elohim drives them out from before you, that He may perform the word which יהוה swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6 Understand therefore, that יהוה Your Elohim does not give you this good land to possess it for your righteousness; for you *are* a **stiffnecked** people.

**Anakims** = longnecked, tribe of giants, descendants of Anak from southern Canaan (s#06062 ענק) (aw-nawk')

**Consuming** = to eat, devour, burn up (s#0398 אכל) (aw-kal)

**Destroy** = to destroy, exterminate (s#08045 שמד) (shaw-mad)

**Righteousness** = rightness, justice, morally (virtue) (s#06666 צדקה) (tsed-aw-kaw')

**Wickedness** = moral wrong, fault, wickedly, feminine of s#7562 (s#07564 רשעה) (rish-aw')

**Stiffnecked** = back of neck, churlish, cruel, hard, impudent, obstinate, stubborn (s#06203,s#07186, s#5971 עם-קשה-צרך) (am'-kaw-sheh'-o-ref')

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**Comment:** We see that יהוה rewards His people by destroying their enemies even when Israel is not deserving. That is the definition of grace, to receive what we do not deserve. Many people believe that grace did not come until the first century, but grace is an attribute of our Creator and He never changes.

### Moses interceded for the people

**Deuteronomy 9:7-11** Remember, *and* do not forget, how you provoked יהוה your Elohim to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that you departed out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against יהוה. 8 Also in Horeb you provoked יהוה to wrath, so that יהוה was angry with you to have destroyed you. 9 When I had gone up to the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the **Covenant** which יהוה made with you, then I stayed on the mount **forty** days and forty nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water: 10 And יהוה delivered to me two tables of stone written with the finger of Elohim; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which יהוה spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. 11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* יהוה gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the Covenant.

**Covenant** = from s#1262 (sense of cutting), compact(because made by passing between the pieces of flesh): covenant, league (s#08045 ברית) (ber-eeth')

**Forty** = multiple of H702 (4) (s#0705 ארבעים) (ar-baw-eem')

### The golden calf

**Deuteronomy 9:12-16** And יהוה said to me, Arise, get down quickly from here; for your people which you have brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. 13 Furthermore יהוה spoke to me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people: 14 Let Me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they. 15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the Covenant *were* in my two hands. 16 And I looked, and, behold, you had sinned against יהוה your Elohim, *and* had made you a molten calf: you had turned aside quickly out of the way which יהוה had commanded you.

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### Moses goes before יהוה for another 40 days

**Deuteronomy 9:17-21** And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. 18 And I fell down before יהוה, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I neither ate bread, nor drank water, because of all your sins which you sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of יהוה, to provoke Him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, where יהוה was wroth against you to destroy you. But יהוה hearkened to me at that time also. 20 And יהוה was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time. 21 And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and ground it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cast the **dust of it into the brook** that descended out of the mount.

**Comment:** This is the breaking of the Covenant right after it was made. Moses did not even come back from the mountain before they broke it. The Covenant they made with יהוה was a marriage Covenant. They agreed to worship no other gods and be true to their Covenant, but they broke it in a matter of days. Moses ground up the golden calf and threw it into the brook that flowed from the mountain. This shows us several things. First of all it shows us that יהוה had created a brook in the middle of the desert and it flowed from the mountain where He met with Moses. This flowing water is living water or **myim hyim**. Messiah said He was the living water and if we ask Him as He said to the woman at the well we can have living water (life) flowing from us because of Him. Second we see this living water flowing that is made bitter is showing us the work that Messiah would have to do to provide us a way to come back to the Covenant that we through our ancestors had broken. The Children of Israel had broken the marriage Covenant with Messiah by worshipping a strange god. Deuteronomy 24 says that we could never be brought back into the marriage because it would be an abomination and the land would be greatly polluted. However the laws of marriage are in effect only until death. When Messiah died we could then be brought back into Covenant with Him. Three thousand were killed because of the sin of the golden calf. When Moses ground up the golden calf and sprinkled it in the waters it was like the Vow of Jealousy where the wife had broken the marriage vow. When she drank the bitter water she would suffer the curse of the oath that she had taken only if she was guilty. When those who had led in the worship of the golden calf drank the water they suffered the curse and died.

### Related Scripture: The vow of Jealousy

**Deuteronomy 24:1-4** When a man has taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And **when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife**. 3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife; 4 **Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled; for that is**

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**abomination before יהוה: and you shall not cause the land to sin,** which יהוה your Elohim gives you *for* an inheritance.

**Comment:** All of Israel were married to Yeshua at Mount Sinai when they agreed to accept the Covenant. When Moses went up the mountain for forty days they rebelled and made the golden calf. In essence they had gone to another lover against their first husband, Messiah. By the law of Deuteronomy 24, Israel could not be married to Yeshua again. However the laws of marriage and remarriage only are in effect until death. This is why in the wedding ceremony it is said, "till death do us part." When Messiah died on the tree, we could then be rejoined back to Him in the Covenant. This is a mystery that Satan did not understand or he would not have caused Messiah's death.

### **Related Scripture: Numbers 5:11-30 The vow of jealousy**

#### **The procedure for the vow of jealousy**

1. The husband shall bring his wife to the priest, with her offering of the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley without oil or frankincense.
2. The priest shall bring her near, and set her before יהוה
3. The priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the Tabernacle and put *it* into the water:
4. The priest shall uncover the woman's head, and put the offering in her hands, and he shall have in his hand the bitter water that causes the curse:
5. The priest shall cause her to take an oath, and say to her, **If no man has lain with you, and you are not unclean you shall be free from this bitter water that causes the curse: But if you have been with another instead of your husband, and are defiled, יהוה make you a curse and an oath among your people, when יהוה makes your thigh to rot, and your belly to swell; And this water that causes the curse shall go into your bowels, to make *your* belly to swell, and *your* thigh to rot: And she shall say, Amen, Amen.**
6. The priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water: And he shall cause her to drink the bitter water
7. The priest shall take the jealousy offering out of her hand, and shall wave the offering before יהוה, and offer it on the Altar:
8. The priest shall take a handful of the offering, and burn *it* on the Altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.
9. If she is defiled, and has been unfaithful to her husband, her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and she shall be a curse among her people. But if she is not defiled, she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

**We see that the sin of the golden calf could not be atoned for by any offering. There was nothing we could do to enable us to be brought back into the Covenant. We appeared to be without hope because יהוה would never break His own commandment and thus become defiled and sinful. But יהוה had made a Covenant with Abram when Abram divided the animals and יהוה walked between pieces the animals. This meant that יהוה would pay the price**

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by becoming like one of the animals if Abram or any of his descendants ever broke this Covenant. I am sure that hasatan believed he had won a great victory at this point in time.

### **Related Scripture: We are Brought back into the Covenant**

**Ephesians 2:2-20** Where in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation (*the way we lived our lives*) in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 3 But Elohim, who is rich in mercy, for His great love that He loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Messiah, (*by grace we are saved;*) 6 And has raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Messiah Yeshua: 7 That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us through Messiah Yeshua. 8 For by **grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of יהוה**: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua to good works, which יהוה has before ordained that we should walk in them. 11 **Therefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles (Gentiles means their backs are turned to יהוה) in the flesh,** who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time you were without Messiah, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the Covenants of promise, having no hope,** and without יהוה in the world: 13 But now in Messiah Yeshua you who in times were far off are made near by the blood of Messiah. (*The laws of remarriage only extend until death. He died so we can be joined back to Him in the Covenant that was broken by the sin of the golden calf*) 14 For He is our peace, who has made both one, and **has broken down the middle wall of partition between us;** 15 Having **abolished in His flesh the enmity,** *even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; (He died in His flesh because the laws of remarriage only extend until death. Because He was a new man we could be married to Him again)* for to make in Himself of two one new man, *so* making peace; 16 And that He might reconcile both to יהוה in one body by the cross, **having slain the enmity** thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were far off, and to them that were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. 19 Now therefore **you are no more strangers and foreigners,** but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of יהוה; 20 And are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua the Messiah Himself being the chief corner *stone*;

**Comment:** The enmity that He slew was the seemingly impossibility of being brought back into Covenant with Him. He could not break the Torah but He kept it perfectly by dying and this made it possible for us to be brought back into the Covenant since the laws of remarriage only were in effect on this side of the grave. When He died the restriction of being remarried to one who had left their 1st husband (marriage at Mount Sinai) and been married to another (worshiped the golden calf) was no longer in effect since the laws of marriage only apply until death do us part.

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### **Related Scripture: The cup of the vow of Jealousy He took from us**

**Isaiah 51:22-23** This says Adonai יהוה, and your Elohim *that* pleaded the cause of His people, **Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of My fury; you shall no more drink it again:** 23 But I will put it in the hand of them that afflict you; which have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and you have laid your body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

**We see that He did not break the Torah.** He died to pay the price to keep the Covenant He made with Abram and by His death He brought back those who could not be brought back any other way. This was a great mystery to the Sages throughout the ages, "How could those who had broken the marriage Covenant with יהוה be brought back into the Covenant without it being an abomination?" Paul speaks about this in Romans chapter six through seven, saying we are not under the Law (Torah). He means we are **not under the law of remarriage**, because Messiah has died and the laws of remarriage end at death.

### **Related Scripture: Messiah takes away the sin of the golden calf**

**John 1:29** The next day John seeing Yeshua coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away **the sin** of the world.

**Comment:** Notice that John said that Yeshua came to take away the sin (singular) of the world. He did not say He came to take away the sins (plural) of the world. The sin was the sin of the golden calf which could not be atoned for by any sacrifice. There was nothing that could be offered to atone for this sin. There was nothing that we could do to be joined back into the Covenant. It was only through His death that it was possible.

### **Related Scripture: Bitter waters in the future**

**Revelations 8:10-11** And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell on the third part of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters; 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and **many men died of the waters**, because they were made bitter.

**Comment:** The waters are made bitter and the whole world has to drink it, but only those who worshiped the beast will be affected. Those true to Elohim will not be affected by this.

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### The people fear to enter the land

**Deuteronomy 9:22-29** And at **Taberah**, and at **Massah**, and at **Kibrothhattaavah**, you provoked יהוה to wrath. 23 Likewise when יהוה sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then you rebelled against the commandment of יהוה your Elohim, and you did not believe Him, nor listened to His voice. 24 You have been rebellious against יהוה from the day that I knew you. 25 Thus I fell down before יהוה forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*; because יהוה had said He would destroy you. 26 I prayed therefore to יהוה, and said, O Adonai יהוה, destroy not Your people and your inheritance, which You have redeemed through Your greatness, which You have brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27 Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: 28 Lest the land where You brought us out say, Because יהוה was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. 29 Yet they *are* Your people and Your inheritance, which You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your stretched out arm.

**Taberah** = burning (s#08404 תבערה ) (tab-ay-raw') **complained about manna**

**Massah** = a testing of men or Elohim, temptation (s#04532 מטה ) (mas-saw') **complained about water Moses struck the rock**

**Kibroth-Hattaavah** = graves of the longing (greedy)(s#06914 קברות התאוה ) (hat-tah-av-aw') **where they demanded meat**

**Comment:** We see that Moses fell before יהוה and interceded for the people of Israel for the sin of the golden calf for **forty days** before he returned to the camp and appeared before Israel. Messiah was born about four thousand years after creation. It may have been **four thousand years** after the fall of Adam and Eve when He appeared to all Israel. Yeshua is our intercessor as Moses was. Moses was showing us the ministry of Yeshua.

### **Related Scripture: Moses wrote of Messiah by the things He did**

**John 5:43-47** I am come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. 44 How can you believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that *comes* from Elohim only? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuses you, *even* Moses, in whom you trust. 46 For **had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me.** 47 But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe My words?

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### Moses makes two new Tablets

**Deuteronomy 10:1-5** At that time יהוה said to me, Hew two **tables** of stone like the first, and come up to Me into the mount, and make an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark. 3 And I made an ark of **shittim** wood, and hewed two tables of stone like the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand. 4 And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which יהוה spoke to you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and יהוה gave them to me. 5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as יהוה commanded me.

**Tables** = meaning to glisten (as polished) of stone, wood or metal (s#03871 לוח ) (loo'-akh)

**Shittim** = Feminine of derivative, sticks of wood of acacia (from scourging thorns) (s#07848 שטים ) (shit-teem')

**Comment:** Moses was told by יהוה to build an Ark to put the new Tablets in. This was before the Ark of the Covenant was made and covered with gold. This first Ark was to be the place where the broken Tablets were to be stored along with the new Tablets that were to be inscribed the second time by יהוה. The Sages of Israel believe that this Ark was used only until the golden Ark of the Covenant was built. Then this first Ark was hidden. The two Arks were never used at the same time. It is not clear what happened to the broken Tablets, whether they were placed in the Ark of the Covenant or something else was done with them. It does not seem likely that something that had letters written by the hand of יהוה would be discarded.

### The Tribe of Levi is to carry the Ark of the Covenant

**Deuteronomy 10:6-11** And the children of Israel took their journey from **Beeroth** of the **sons** of **Jaakan** to **Mosera**: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. 7 From there they journeyed to **Gudgodah**; and from Gudgodah to **Jotbath**, a land of rivers of waters. 8 At that time יהוה separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the Ark of the Covenant of יהוה, to stand before יהוה to minister to Him, and to bless in His name, to this day. 9 Therefore Levi has no part nor inheritance with his brethren; יהוה is his inheritance, according as יהוה Your Elohim promised him. 10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and יהוה hearkened to me at that time also, and יהוה would not destroy you. 11 And יהוה said to me, Arise, take *your* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give to them.

**Beeroth** = Feminine plural of wells (s#0881 בארות ) (be-ay-rohth')

**Son** = son or child (s#01121 בן ) (bane)

**Jaakan** = Jaakan, an Idumaeon (Latin for land of Esau) (s#03292 יעקו ) (yah-ak-awn')

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**Mosera** = feminine of correction or corrections, place in the desert (s#04149 **מסרות**) (mo-ser-oth'e')

**Gudgodah** = by reduplicate in the sense of cutting (s#01412 **גדגדה**) (gud-go'-daw) from (s#01413 **גדד**) (gaw-dad') to crowd, gash as if by pressing into, assemble selves by troops, gather, cut selves

**Jotbath** = a place in the desert (s#03193 **יטבתה**) (yot-baw'-thaw) from (s#03192 **יטבה**) (yot-baw') pleasantness, a place in Israel

### Related Scripture: Death of Aaron

**Numbers 20:25-28** Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor: 26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *to his people*, and shall die there. 27 And Moses did as **יהוה** commanded: and they went up to mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. 28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them on Eleazar his son; and **Aaron died there** in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

### Love and serve **יהוה**

**Deuteronomy 10:12-22** And now, Israel, what does **יהוה** your Elohim require of you, but to **fear** **יהוה** your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to **love** Him, and to serve **יהוה** your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 To **keep** the **commandments** of **יהוה**, and His **statutes**, which I command you this day for your good? 14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is יהוה's* your Elohim, the earth *also*, with all that is in *it*. 15 Only **יהוה** had a delight in your fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. 17 For **יהוה** your Elohim *is* Elohim of elohims, and Lord of lords, a great Elohim, a mighty, and terrible, which regarded not persons, nor takes reward: 18 He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and clothing. 19 Love therefore the stranger: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear **יהוה** your Elohim; Him shall you serve, and to Him shall you cleave, and swear by His name. 21 He *is* your praise, and He *is* your Elohim, that has done for you these great and terrible things, which your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons; and now **יהוה** your Elohim has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude.

**Fear** = to fear, revere, to frighten, dread (s#03372 **ירא**) (yaw-ray')

**Love** = to have affection, be loved, friend (s#0157 **אהב**) (aw-hab')

**Keep** = to hedge about, guard, protect, preserve, watch (s#08104 **שמר**) (shaw-mar')

**Commandments** = commandments, precept (s#04687 **מצוה**) (mits-vaw')

**Statutes** = appointed, custom, manner, ordinance, statute (s#02708 **חקה**) (khook-kaw')

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### **What does יהוה require of you ? Fear Him**

1st - fear of being punished

2nd - fear a sense of awe and reverence

### **Related Scripture: Obey Him from our Hearts**

**Jeremiah 4:3-4** For this says יהוה to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. 4: **Circumcise yourselves to יהוה, and take away the foreskins of your heart**, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

### **Related Scripture: Widows and Orphans**

**Exodus 22:22-24** You shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. 23 If you afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; 24 **And My wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.**

### **Related Scripture: Swear in His Name**

**Deuteronomy 6:13** יהוה your Elohim shall you fear, Him shall you serve, and **in His Name shall you swear.**

**Comment:** We have always heard that we are not to swear at all. In fact the King James translation of Matthew says exactly that. We know that Yeshua does not contradict the Father, so what is the answer to this seemingly apparent contradiction? Let's first look at the King James translation of Matthew 5:33-37 and then look at the Shem-Tov copy of Matthew in Hebrew. This copy of Matthew from the fourteenth century appears in its original language, Hebrew. This text has been translated into English by George Howard in His book titled "**Hebrew Gospel of Matthew**" printed by Mercer University Press.

### **Related Scripture: The King James leaves out the word "falsely"**

**Matthew 5:33-37** (King James Translation) Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto Adonai thine oaths: 34 But I say unto you, **Swear not at all;** (\_\_\_) neither by heaven; for it is Elohim's throne: 35 Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. 36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. 37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

### **Related Scripture: Shem Tov includes the word for "in vain"**

**Matthew 5:33-37** (Shem Tov by George Howard) Again you have heard what was said to those of long ago: you shall not swear by My name **falsely**, but you shall return to the Lord your oath. 34 But I say to you **not to swear in vain** in any matter, neither by heaven because it is the throne of God, 35 nor by earth because it is the footstool of his feet, nor by (Jerusalem) because

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it is the city of God, 36 nor by your head for you are not able to make one hair white or black.  
37 But let your words be yes or no no. Everything in addition to this is evil.

**Comment:** Verse thirty three contains the phrase "You have heard what was said to those of long ago" or the King James Version "**Ye have heard** that it hath been said by them of old time." This is a phrase that is pointing to the commandments of men or the Oral Torah. The commandments of well known religious leaders were considered to be equal to the commandments of **יהוה**. Often these commandments actually contradicted the Torah. The Rabbis have added to the commandments and the Christians have taken away the commandments. What Messiah was saying was that men had given rules about taking a vow that did not agree with the Torah. He was saying that taking a vow is a very serious thing. You must fulfill the vows you make. You are not required to take a vow, but if you take one to another person or to **יהוה** you must do what you have vowed. He was also saying **not to take a false vow**. Deuteronomy 6:13 tells us we are to take a vow in **יהוה's** name. A person would say "As **יהוה** lives, this is true", or "As **יהוה** lives I will do so and so." This is a very serious thing and should never be taken lightly, because if what you said was not true then you have joined **יהוה** to a lie and doing that has severe consequences. If Messiah had said "It is written" then we would know that He was talking about the Torah. The Shem-Tov copy of Matthew makes it clear that we are **not to swear falsely**.

### **Related Scripture: Men adding commandments**

**Matthew 15:7-9** You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and honors Me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from Me. 9 But **in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

### **Related Scripture: Taking foolish oaths and linking them to יהוה**

**Matthew 23:16-22** Woe to you, **you blind guides**, which say, Whoever shall swear by the Temple, it is nothing; but whoever shall swear by the gold of the Temple, he is a debtor! 17 *You* fools and blind: for which is greater, the gold, or the Temple that sanctifies the gold? 18 And, Whoever shall swear by the Altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is guilty. 19 *You* fools and blind: for which *is* greater, the gift, or the Altar that sanctifies the gift? 20 Whoever therefore shall swear by the Altar, swears by it, and by all things on it. 21 And whoever shall swear by the Temple, swears by it, and by Him that dwells there. 22 And he that shall swear by heaven, swears by the throne of Elohim, and by Him that sits on it.

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### Remember all that יהוה has done for you

**Deuteronomy 11:1-12** Therefore you shall love יהוה your Elohim, and keep His charge, and His statutes, and His judgments, and His commandments, always. 2 And know this day: for *I speak* not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of יהוה your Elohim, His greatness, His mighty hand, and His stretched out arm, 3 And His miracles, and His acts, which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to all his land; 4 And what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots; how He made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* יהוה has destroyed them to this day; 5 And what He did to you in the wilderness, until you came into this place; 6 And what He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel: 7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of יהוה which He did. 8 Therefore shall you keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land, where you go to possess it; 9 And that you may prolong *your* days in the land, which יהוה swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land that flows with milk and honey. 10 For the land, where you go in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from where you came out, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your foot, as a garden of herbs: 11 But the land, where you go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinks water of the rain of heaven: 12 A land which יהוה your Elohim cares for: the eyes of יהוה your Elohim are always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year.

**Comment:** יהוה recounts all the mighty acts of judgment He did to the Egyptians, and to those who rebelled against Him in the wilderness as examples of what will happen if Israel refuses to obey as Dathan and Abiram and as the Egyptians did. The adults standing before Moses at this time had witnessed this themselves. They had more personal knowledge of the acts of יהוה than any other generation that had lived before this time or afterward. That will continue to be true until the judgment of the tribulation. Greater holiness is required in the land of Israel because יהוה's eyes are always on it. Judgment will soon fall on all that is going on now in Israel, both the Palestinians and those of the government of Israel that want to give away the land.

**Watered it with your foot** - refers to the method that Egypt watered their crops. They transferred water from the river to trenches by a water wheel that was powered by walking on steps attached to the side of the wheel. This is like the opposite of a water wheel that was used in the US in times past. We used water to turn a wheel that turned a shaft to grind corn into grits. Egypt turned a wheel by manual labor to cause water to flow to their crops.

**Related Scripture:** We have not seen with our eyes, but have been told

**1 Corinthians 10:1-12** Moreover, brethren, I would not that you should be ignorant, how that **all our fathers** were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual food; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock

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was Messiah. 5 But with many of them Elohim was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day twenty three thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Messiah, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them for examples: and **they are written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the world are come.** 12 Therefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

### Second part of the Shema

**Deuteronomy 11:13-21** And it shall come to pass, **if you will hearken you will hearken** to My commandments which I command you this day, to love **יהוה** your Elohim, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your wine, and your oil. 15 And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full. 16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart is not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 And *then* **יהוה's** wrath is kindled against you, and He shut up the heaven, that there is no rain, and that the land not yield her fruit; and *lest* you perish quickly from off the good land which **יהוה** gives you. 18 Therefore shall you lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign on your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 And you shall **teach** them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 And you shall **write** them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates: 21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which **יהוה** sware to your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven on the earth.

**Hear (Hearken)** = hear and obey (s#08085 **שמע**) (shaw-mah')

**Teach** = to teach (the rod being the incentive), learn (s#03925 **למד**) (law-mad')

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 995) **Deuteronomy 11:13 ... If you hearken you will hearken** ....The double use of the Hebrew word for hearken is believed to mean if you will hearken to what you know of the Torah then **יהוה** will give you greater understanding of what you have believed and obeyed.

**Comment:** The first part of the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:5 also commanded us **to love יהוה**. We can see that our relationship with our Creator is not just to blindly obey rules, it is to obey the commands of a loving Elohim because we desire to please Him and He desires what is best for us so that we will live long lives and enjoy His blessings.

## **Eikev** (Because you listen) Torah Portion 46 Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

### **Diligently keep the commands to be blessed**

**Deuteronomy 11:22-25** For if you shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love **יהוה** your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave to Him; 23 Then will **יהוה** drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place where the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and **Lebanon**, from the river, the river **Euphrates**, even to the uttermost sea shall your coast be. 25 No man shall be able to stand before you: *for* **יהוה** your Elohim shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread on, as He has said to you.

**Lebanon** = white mountain (from snow) (s#03844 **לבנון** ) (leb-aw-nohn')

**Euphrates** = to break forth, rushing, river of the east (s#06578 **פרת** ) (per-awth')

The Euphrates River - This is Moses' looking forward to the time of Messiah's return, when the Euphrates River will be the border of Israel. When Kol Israel (All Israel) will occupy the land (All twelve tribes),

#### **Every place where the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours**

**Comment** This instruction was also given much earlier when they first came out of Egypt. They traveled south around Saudi Arabia leaving thousands of rocks that they had traced their foot prints on that are still visible today.