

**Deuteronomy/Devarim 1:1 – 3:22 Year Two**  
**Devarim 1:1 – 2:1- Haftorah Isaiah 1:1-27**  
**Do Not Let Your Heart Become Hardened**

*Author and Title*

The name “Deuteronomy” derives from the Greek for “second Torah,” an early mistranslation of “copy of this law” in 17:18. In fact, Deuteronomy emphasizes that its laws are not a new law but rather the preaching of the original law given to Israel at Sinai.

Deuteronomy 31:9 records that Moses wrote down “this Torah,” most likely referring to chapters 1–30. Certainly the bulk of these chapters is the speech of Moses to Israel in the plains of Moab at the end of the 40-year wilderness period and immediately preceding the conquest under Joshua. Later OT and NT statements also assume Mosaic authorship (cf. Josh. 23:6; 1 Kings 2:3; Mal. 4:4; Matt. 19:7–8; Rom. 10:19).<sup>1</sup>

*Structure*

There are a number of similarities between the structure of Deuteronomy and ancient treaty documents. In particular, treaties from the Hittites of the second millennium and treaties from the Assyrians of the eighth century B.C. have clear affinities with the structure of Deuteronomy, though each with differences. Though Deuteronomy does not perfectly match the treaties of the Hittites, it is much closer in structure to them than to the later Assyrian treaties.

A simple summary of the treaty structure, with Deuteronomy’s verses, is shown on the chart.

<b>Ancient Treaty Structure</b>	<b>Deuteronomy</b>
Preamble	1:1–5
Historical Prologue	1:6–4:49
General Stipulations	5:1–11:32
Specific Stipulations	12:1–26:19
Blessings and Curses	27:1–28:68
Document Clause	31:9–29
Witnesses	32:1–47 <sup>2</sup>

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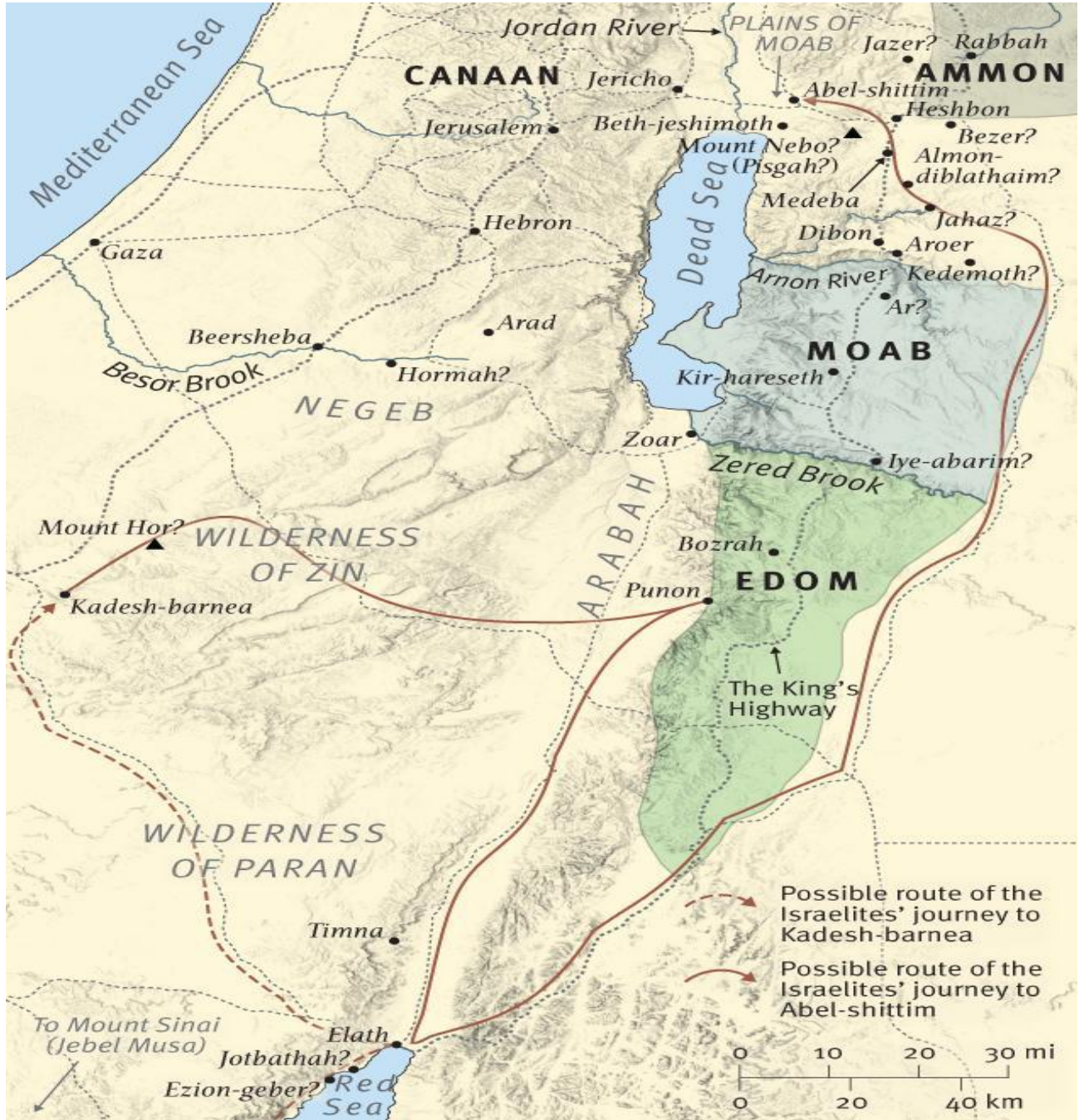
<sup>1</sup> Crossway Bibles. (2008). [The ESV Study Bible](#) (p. 325). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

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## The Setting of Deuteronomy

c. 1406/1220 B.C.

The book of Deuteronomy recounts Moses' words to the Israelites as they waited on the plains of Moab to enter Canaan. Moses begins by reviewing the events of Israel's journey from Mount Sinai (or Mount Horeb) to the plains of Moab.



c. about, approximately

## Key Themes

1. The uniqueness of YHVH Elohim (4:1–40).
2. The election of Israel (4:5–9; 7:6; 10:14–15; 14:1–2, 21).
3. The goodness of the land that YHVH Elohim has promised to give Israel (1:25; 6:10–11; 8:7–13; 11:8–15).
4. The faithfulness of YHVH Elohim, despite Israel’s sin, to keep his promise of land made originally to Abraham (1:8, 19–46; 7:1–26; 8:1–20; 9:1–10:11).
5. The power of YHVH Elohim to defeat the enemies in the land (2:1–3:11; 4:1–40; 7:1–26).
6. Exhortations to Israel to love, serve, fear, and obey YHVH Elohim (6:5; 10:12–13; 13:4).
7. Warnings against idolatry and instruction for proper worship of YHVH Elohim (4:9–31; 5:6–10; 7:1–5; 8:19–20; 12:1–32; 13:1–18).
8. The comprehensiveness of the laws of YHVH Elohim affecting all of life in the land (12:1–27:26).
9. The imminent death of Moses (1:37; 3:26; 4:21; 32:51; 34:1–12).<sup>3</sup>

### Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land

(Deu 1:19 TLV) “**Then we journeyed** from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as Adonai our YHVH Elohim commanded us. Then we came to Kadesh-barnea.

(Deu 1:20 TLV) I said to you: ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which Adonai our YHVH Elohim is giving to us.

(Deu 1:21 TLV) See, Adonai your YHVH Elohim has set the land before you—go up, take possession, as Adonai YHVH Elohim of your fathers has promised you. **Do not be afraid or discouraged.**’

(Deu 1:22 TLV) Then all of you came near to me and said: ‘Let’s send men ahead of us to explore the land for us and bring us back word about the way we should go up and the cities we will enter.’

(Deu 1:23 TLV) “The idea seemed good to me, so I took twelve men from among you—one man for each tribe.

(Deu 1:24 TLV) They turned and went up into the hill country, and they came to the Wadi Eshcol and spied it out.

(Deu 1:25 TLV) They took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us. They also brought back word to us and said, ‘Good is the land that Adonai our YHVH Elohim is giving to us.’

(Deu 1:26 TLV) “**Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of Adonai your YHVH Elohim.**

(Deu 1:27 TLV) **In your tents you grumbled** and said: ‘Because Adonai hates us, He has brought us out from the land of Egypt to hand us over to the Amorites, to destroy us!

(Deu 1:28 TLV) Where are we going? **Our brothers have discouraged our hearts saying,** “The people are greater and taller than we are! The cities are great and fortified up to the

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heavens! Besides, we have even seen the children of Anakim there!”

(Deu 1:29 TLV) “Then I said to you, ‘**Don’t tremble or be afraid of them.**

(Deu 1:30 TLV) **Adonai your YHVH Elohim, who goes before you, He Himself will fight for you**—just as He did for you in Egypt before your own eyes,

(Deu 1:31 TLV) and in the wilderness, where you saw **how Adonai your YHVH Elohim carried you as a man carries his son, everywhere you went until you came to this place.’**

(Deu 1:32 TLV) **Yet for all this you did not trust in Adonai your YHVH Elohim—**

(Deu 1:33 TLV) the One who goes before you on the way to scout out a place for you to camp and to show you the way you should go, in fire by night and in the cloud by day.

### **The Penalty for Israel's Rebellion**

(Deu 1:34 TLV) “**When Adonai heard the tone of your words,** He was angry and swore an oath saying,

(Deu 1:35 TLV) ‘**Not one of these men of this evil generation will see the good land that I swore to give your fathers—**

(Deu 1:36 TLV) **except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He will see it—yet to him and his children I will give the land that he has walked on, because he has followed Adonai wholeheartedly.’**

(Deu 1:37 TLV) “Adonai was even angry with me on your account, saying, ‘You will not enter there, either.

(Deu 1:38 TLV) **Joshua son of Nun, who stands before you, will enter there—encourage him, for he will enable Israel to inherit it.**

(Deu 1:39 TLV) “**Moreover, your little ones—whom you said would become plunder, and your children who today have no knowledge of good or evil—they will enter there. To them I will give it and they will possess it.**

(Deu 1:40 TLV) But as for you, turn around and journey into the wilderness by way of the Sea of Reeds .’

(Deu 1:41 TLV) “Then you answered and said to me, ‘**We have sinned against Adonai. We will go up and fight, just as Adonai our YHVH Elohim commanded us.’** So each of you strapped on his weapons of war, figuring it was easy to go up to the hill country.

(Deu 1:42 TLV) “But Adonai said to me, ‘Tell them, “**Do not go up and fight—for I am not with you, and you will be defeated by your enemies.**”’

(Deu 1:43 TLV) “So I told you, but you would not listen—**you rebelled against the command of Adonai and presumptuously went up into the hill country.**

(Deu 1:44 TLV) The Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you, and they chased you as bees do and scattered you from Seir to Hormah.

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(Deu 1:45 TLV) Then you returned and wept before Adonai, but Adonai did not listen to your voice or pay attention to you.

(Deu 1:46 TLV) So you stayed in Kadesh many days—like the days you had spent before.

## Key Verses for Practical Torah Application

### Do not be afraid or discouraged!

#1 (Deu 1:21 TLV) See, Adonai your YHVH Elohim has set the land before you—go up, take possession, as Adonai YHVH Elohim of your fathers has promised you. **Do not be afraid or discouraged.**

(Isa 41:9 TLV) I took hold of you from the ends of the earth, and called from its uttermost parts, and said to you, ‘You are My servant—I have chosen you, not rejected you.

(Isa 41:10 TLV) **Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your YHVH Elohim. I will strengthen you.** Surely I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

(Isa 43:1 TLV) But now, thus says Adonai—the One who created you, O Jacob, the One who formed you, O Israel: **“Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are Mine.**

(Isa 43:2 TLV) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, or through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, nor will the flame burn you.

### Rebellion is as witchcraft

#2 (Deu 1:26 TLV) **“Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of Adonai your YHVH Elohim.**

(Deu 1:27 TLV) **In your tents you grumbled** and said: ‘Because Adonai hates us, He has brought us out from the land of Egypt to hand us over to the Amorites, to destroy us!

(Deu 1:28 TLV) Where are we going? **Our brothers have discouraged our hearts saying,** “The people are greater and taller than we are! The cities are great and fortified up to the heavens! Besides, we have even seen the children of Anakim there!”

(Psa 107:11 TLV) for **they had defied YHVH Elohim’s words, and spurned the counsel of Elyon.**

(1Sa 15:22 TLV) Samuel said: “Does Adonai delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Adonai? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay heed than the fat of rams.**

(1Sa 15:23 TLV) **For rebellion is like the sin of divination** and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry. Since you have rejected Adonai’s word, He has also rejected you as king.”

**sin.** Heb. *chata*, S# H2403. *To sin*; to miss the mark (as in Jdg 20:16). Also of the feet, *to stumble* and *fall* (Pro 19:2). Hence, morally, *a coming short*, blameworthiness—not necessarily willful. An act of thought, word, or deed, not a condition. Usually (but by no means always) rendered *sin*, and other words so rendered (CB, Appendix 44,i., page 37). Gen 4:7, 2Sa 12:13, Pro 20:9, Dan 9:20; Dan 9:24, Mic 7:19, Zec 14:19 mg.

### **Fear Not YHVH Elohim is with you**

#3 (Deu 1:29 TLV) “Then I said to you, ‘**Don’t tremble or be afraid of them.**

(Deu 1:30 TLV) **Adonai your YHVH Elohim, who goes before you, He Himself will fight for you**—just as He did for you in Egypt before your own eyes,

(Deu 1:31 TLV) and in the wilderness, where you saw **how Adonai your YHVH Elohim carried you as a man carries his son, everywhere you went until you came to this place.’**

**1:29–31 Do not be ... afraid.** See v. 21. This exhortation is grounded in past experience of the plagues and the exodus from **Egypt** (see Exodus 7–14) and the **wilderness** provision (see also Deut. 1:33). **before your eyes ... you have seen.** Even though this is the next generation (see note on vv. 20–21), Moses sees the nation as a unity and addresses his audience as though they were there with the previous generation. **carried you, as a man carries his son.** The image is tender and loving, repudiating the false claim of v. 27.<sup>4</sup>

### **We are to Trust Adonai completely**

(Deu 1:32 TLV) **Yet for all this you did not trust in Adonai your YHVH Elohim—**

**1:32** The people’s unbelief (see Numbers 14) contrasts with faith for entering YHVH Elohim’s rest (Heb. 3:7–4:11).<sup>5</sup>

(Heb 3:7 NASB) Therefore, just as the Ruach HaKodesh says, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

(Heb 3:8 NASB) DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

(Heb 3:9 NASB) WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED *Me* BY TESTING *Me*, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.

(Heb 3:10 NASB) "THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';

(Heb 3:11 NASB) AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"

(Heb 3:12 NASB) Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living YHVH Elohim.

(Heb 3:13 NASB) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(Heb 3:14 NASB) For we have become partakers of Messiah, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

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(Heb 3:15 NASB) while it is said, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

(Heb 3:18 NASB) And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?

(Heb 3:19 NASB) *So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.*

(Heb 4:1 TLV) Let us fear then! Though a promise of entering His rest is left open, some of you would seem to have fallen short.

(Heb 4:2 TLV) For we also have had Good News proclaimed to us, just as they did. But the word they heard did not help them, because they were not unified with those who listened in faith.

(Heb 4:3 TLV) **For we who have trusted are entering into that rest.** It is just as YHVH Elohim has said, "So in My wrath I swore, 'They shall never enter My rest,'" even though His works were finished since the foundation of the world.

(Heb 4:4 TLV) For somewhere He has spoken about the seventh day in this way: "And YHVH Elohim rested on the seventh day from all His works,"

(Heb 4:5 TLV) and again in this passage: "They shall never enter My rest."

(Heb 4:6 TLV) So then it remains for some to enter into it; yet those who formerly had Good News proclaimed to them did not enter because of disobedience.

(Heb 4:7 TLV) Again, YHVH Elohim appoints a certain day—"Today"—saying through David after so long a time, just as it has been said before, "**Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.**"

(Heb 4:8 TLV) For if Joshua had given them rest, YHVH Elohim would not have spoken of another day later on.

(Heb 4:9 TLV) **So there remains a Shabbat rest for the people of YHVH Elohim.**

(Heb 4:10 TLV) **For the one who has entered YHVH Elohim's rest has also ceased from his own work, just as YHVH Elohim did from His.**

(Heb 4:11 TLV) Let us, therefore, **make every effort to enter that rest**, so that no one may fall through the same pattern of disobedience.

**A Shabbat-keeping**, Greek *sabbatismos*, used only here in the New Testament. In the Septuagint, the related Greek word "*sabbatizein*" was coined to translate the Hebrew verb *shabat* when it means "to observe *Shabbat*." The usual translation, "There remains a Sabbath rest," minimizes the observance aspect and makes the role of YHVH Elohim's people entirely passive.

Christians often assume that the New Testament does not require YHVH Elohim's people to observe *Shabbat* and go on to claim that Sunday has replaced Saturday as the Church's day of worship (see 1C 16:2N). But this passage, and in particular v. 9, shows that *Shabbat*-observance is expected of believers. From Co 2:16–17, which says that *Shabbat* was a shadow of the things that were to come, but the substance comes from the Messiah, we learn that the essence of *Shabbat*-observance for believers is not following the detailed rules which *halakhah* sets forth concerning what may or may not be done on the seventh day of the week. Rather, as v. 10 explains, the ***Shabbat-keeping*** expected of

YHVH Elohim's people consists in resting from one's **own works, as YHVH Elohim did from his**; it consists in trusting and being faithful to YHVH Elohim (vv. 2–3). Although the specific “works” from which the readers of this letter were to rest were animal sacrifices (see 6:4–6), by implication all self-struggle, in which one relies on one's own efforts instead of trusting YHVH Elohim, is to be avoided; and in this the author is making the same point as Sha'ul does at Ro 3:19–4:25.<sup>6</sup>

(Heb 4:12 TLV) For the word of YHVH Elohim is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword—piercing right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

(Heb 4:13 TLV) No creature is hidden from Him, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

**See, the Word of YHVH Elohim is alive!** The Bible does not merely speak in the dead tones of the past but applies living truth to the people of “Today” (3:7&N). When we read the Word of YHVH Elohim with an open heart, mind and spirit, we let YHVH Elohim penetrate deeply into our lives. **The inner reflections and attitudes of the heart** quickly come under judgment against the standards of Scripture; and there is no hope for us apart from entering YHVH Elohim's rest, trusting in the *cohen hagadol* whom YHVH Elohim has provided to intercede for us (7:25&N), and holding **firmly to what we acknowledge as true**.

But the Word of YHVH Elohim is also Yeshua the Messiah (Yn 1:1&N, 14&N). When he returns to conquer the wicked at the End of Days, “he is called **the Word of YHVH Elohim**, ... and out of his mouth comes a sharp sword”; while **the eyes of him to whom we must render an account** are described as “like a fiery flame” (Rv 19:11–15). Actually, our account is rendered to YHVH Elohim, but YHVH Elohim has committed all judgment to Yeshua (Yn 5:22, Ac 17:31, Ro 2:16).<sup>7</sup>

### **From your mouth to YHVH Elohim's ears!**

(Deu 1:34 TLV) “**When Adonai heard the tone of your words**, He was angry and swore an oath saying,

(Deu 1:35 TLV) ‘**Not one of these men of this evil generation will see the good land that I swore to give your fathers—**

(Pro 12:13 TLV) An evil one is **ensnared by the sin of lips**, but the righteous one escapes trouble.

(Pro 12:14 TLV) By **the fruit of his mouth a man will be satisfied with good**. The work of a man's hands will reward him.

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<sup>6</sup> Stern, D. H. (1996). [Jewish New Testament Commentary: a companion volume to the Jewish New Testament](#) (electronic ed., Heb 4:9). Clarksville: Jewish New Testament Publications.

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(Mal 3:16 TLV) Then **those who revere Adonai spoke with each other, and Adonai took notice and heard, and a scroll of remembrance was written before Him, for those who revere Adonai, even those who esteem His Name.**

(Mal 3:17 TLV) “So they shall be Mine,”—says Adonai-Tzva’ot—“ in the day I make My own special possession. So I will spare them, as one spares his son serving him.

(Mal 3:18 TLV) Then you will return and distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves YHVH Elohim and one who does not serve Him.”

(Mal 3:19 TLV) “For behold, the day is coming—it will burn like a furnace—when all the proud and every evildoer will become stubble. The day that is coming will set them ablaze”—says Adonai-Tzva’ot—“leaving them neither root nor branch.”

(Mal 3:20 TLV) **“But for you who revere My Name, the sun of righteousness will rise, with healing in its wings. Then you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.**

(Mal 3:21 TLV) You will trample on the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I am making,” says Adonai-Tzva’ot.

(Mal 3:22 TLV) **“Remember the Torah of Moses My servant, whom I commanded at Horeb—statutes and ordinances for all Israel.**

(Mal 3:23 TLV) **“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of Adonai.**

(Mal 3:24 TLV) He will turn the hearts of fathers to the children, and the hearts of children to their fathers—else I will come and strike the land with utter destruction.”

### **The Rewards of the Righteous and the Judgement of the Wicked**

1. I will come to make up My jewels (Mal 3:17).
2. I will spare them, as a man spares his own son.
3. Then you will be able to judge (discern) between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves and one who does not (Mal 3:18).
4. The day comes that shall burn as an oven (Mal 4:1).
5. All the proud and wicked shall be burned up like stubble.
6. To you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings (Mal 4:2).
7. You shall grow up like calves in the stall.
8. You shall tread down the wicked; they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in that day (Mal 4:3).
9. I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord (Mal 4:5).
10. He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse (Mal 4:6).

**b [in that day] the day YHVH Elohim makes up His jewels**—He will spare them, as a man sparing his own son that serves him.

(Mal 3:17 KJV) And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, **in that day when I make up my jewels**; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

**jewels:** or, special treasure, Exo 19:5; Deu 7:6, Deu 14:2, Deu 26:17-18; Psa 135:4; Isa 62:3-4; Tit 2:14; 1Pe 2:9

(Isa 62:3 TLV) You will also be **a crown of beauty** in the hand of Adonai, and **a royal diadem** in the hand of your YHVH Elohim.

### **Faiths Reward**

(Deu 1:36 TLV) except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He will see it—yet to him and his children I will give the land that he has walked on, **because he has followed Adonai wholeheartedly.**'

(Deu 1:38 TLV) Joshua son of Nun, who stands before you, will enter there—**encourage him, for he will enable Israel to inherit it.**

(Heb 11:30 TLV) (under Joshua's Leadership) By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were circled for seven days.

(Heb 11:32 TLV) And what more shall I say? For time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets.

(Heb 11:33 TLV) By faith they conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

(Heb 11:34 TLV) quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, and made foreign armies flee.

(Heb 11:35 TLV) Women received their dead raised back to life; and others were tortured, after not accepting release, so they might obtain a better resurrection.

### **Haftarah – YHVH Elohim's Mercy upon Judah after their Rebellion**

(Isa 1:2 TLV) Listen! Heavens, and hear, earth, for Adonai has spoken: "Sons I have raised and brought up, **but they have rebelled against Me.**

(Isa 1:3 TLV) The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its manger, **but Israel does not know, My people do not understand."**

(Isa 1:4 TLV) Oy, a sinful nation, a people weighed down with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons dealing corruptly! They have abandoned Adonai. **They have despised Israel's Holy One. They have turned backwards.**

(Isa 1:5 TLV) Where will you be struck again, as you stray away more and more? **The whole head is sick, the whole heart faint.**

(Isa 1:6 TLV) From the foot to the head there is no soundness. Wounds, bruises and raw sores: not pressed, nor bandaged, nor softened with oil.

(Isa 1:7 TLV) Your land is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your fields, strangers devour it in your presence—a desolation, overthrown by strangers.

(Isa 1:8 TLV) So the Daughter of Zion is left as a sukkah in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

(Isa 1:9 TLV) **Unless Adonai-Tzva’ot had left us a small remnant, we would have been as Sodom, we would have been as Gomorrah.**

(Isa 1:10 TLV) Hear the word of Adonai, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the Torah of our YHVH Elohim, you people of Gomorrah!

(Isa 1:11 TLV) “For what is it to Me—the multitude of your sacrifices?” says Adonai. “I am full of burnt offerings of rams and fat of fed animals. I have no delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or he-goats.

(Isa 1:12 TLV) When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand—trampling My courts?

(Isa 1:13 TLV) Bring no more worthless offerings! Incense is an abomination to Me. New Moon and Shabbat, the calling of convocations—I cannot endure it—iniquity with solemn assembly.

(Isa 1:14 TLV) Your New Moons and your Festivals My soul hates! They are a burden to Me. I am weary to bear them.

(Isa 1:15 TLV) When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you. When you multiply prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood!”

(Isa 1:16 TLV) **Wash and make yourselves clean. Put away the evil of your deeds from before My eyes. Cease to do evil.**

(Isa 1:17 TLV) **Learn to do good, seek justice, relieve the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.”**

(Isa 1:18 TLV) “Come now, let us reason together,” says Adonai. “Though your sins be like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they will become like wool.

(Isa 1:19 TLV) **If you are willing and obey, you will eat the good of the land.**

(Isa 1:20 TLV) **But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured with the sword.”** For the mouth of Adonai has spoken.

(Isa 1:21 TLV) How the Faithful City became a harlot! She once was full of justice, righteousness lodged in her—but now murderers!

(Isa 1:22 TLV) Your silver has become dross, your wine diluted by water.

(Isa 1:23 TLV) Your princes are rebellious and friends with thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and chases after rewards. They do not defend the orphan, nor does a widow’s case come to them.

(Isa 1:24 TLV) Therefore says the Lord Adonai-Tzva’ot, the Mighty One of Israel: “Oy! I will get relief from My foes and avenge Myself on My enemies.

(Isa 1:25 TLV) **Then I will turn My hand on you, purge away your dross, and remove all your alloy.**

(Isa 1:26 TLV) **I will restore your judges as at first, your counselors as at the start. Afterward you will be called City of Righteousness, Faithful City.**

(Isa 1:27 TLV) **Zion will be redeemed with justice, her repentant with righteousness.”**