

HA'AZINU - HEAR/HEMA

DEUTERONOMY 32:1-53

V'ZOT HABERACHAH- THE BLESSINGS/BRACHOT —

DEUTERONOMY 33:1 – 34:12***

HEAR/THE BLESSINGS

Deu 32:1 “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak! Let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

Deu 32:2 May my teaching trickle like rain, my speech distill like dew—like gentle rain on new grass, like showers on tender plants.

Deu 32:3 For I will proclaim Adonai’s Name, ascribe greatness to our God!

Deu 32:4 The Rock—blameless is His work. Indeed, all His ways are just. God of faithfulness without iniquity, righteous and upright is He.

Deu 32:5 Did it corrupt Him? No! The blemish is His children’s—a generation crooked and twisted.

Deu 32:6 Is this how you pay back Adonai, O foolish, unwise people? Isn’t He your Father who ransomed you? He made you and established you.

Deu 32:7 “Remember the days of antiquity, understand the years across generations. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders and they will say to you.

Deu 32:8 When Elyon gave nations their heritage, when He separated the sons of man, He set boundaries for the people by the number of Bnei-Yisrael.

Deu 32:9 But Adonai’s portion is His people—Jacob is the share of His inheritance.

Deu 32:10 He found him in the wilderness land, in the void of a howling waste. He surrounded him, cared for him, guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

Deu 32:11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, He spreads His wings, catches him, lifts him up on His pinions.

Deu 32:12 Adonai alone guided him—there was no foreign god with him.

Deu 32:13 He made him mount the heights of the land. so he ate the produce of the field. He suckled him with honey from a rock, with oil from a flinty boulder.

Deu 32:14 Butter of cattle and milk of a flock, with fat of lambs, rams of the Bashan and he- goats, with fat of the kidneys of wheat, and blood of grapes you drank.

Deu 32:15 But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—you got fat, you grew thick, you gorged! He forsook God who made him. He mocked the Rock of his salvation.

Deu 32:16 They made him jealous with strangers, with abominations they angered Him.

Deu 32:17 They sacrificed to demons, a non-god, gods they had not known—to new ones who came in lately, ones your fathers had not dreaded.

Deu 32:18 The Rock who birthed you, you ignored. You forgot God who brought you forth.

Deu 32:19 “Adonai saw, and He spurned His sons and His daughters out of vexation.

Deu 32:20 He said, “I will hide My face from them, I want to see their hereafter. For they are an upside down generation, children with no faithfulness in them.

Deu 32:21 They made Me jealous with a non-god. They vexed Me with airy idols. So I will make them jealous with a non-people. With a foolish nation I will vex them.

Deu 32:22 For fire has ignited in My nostrils—it will burn to Sheol beneath, devour the earth and her produce, and scorch the foundations of mountains.

Deu 32:23 I will heap calamities upon them. With My arrows I will finish them.

Deu 32:24 Wasted by famine, ravaged by plague and pestilence so bitter, fangs of beasts I'll let loose on them, with venom of creepers in the dust.

Deu 32:25 Outside the sword deals death, and inside terror—to both young men and young women, infants, with men of gray hair.

Deu 32:26 I would have said, 'I will hack them to pieces, make the memory of them cease from mankind,'

Deu 32:27 except I dread the taunt of the enemy, lest their foes might misconstrue—lest they say, 'Our hand is held high, and Adonai has not done all this.'

Deu 32:28 For they are a nation lacking counsel, among them there is no understanding.

Deu 32:29 "If they were wise, they would discern this, they would understand their hereafter.

Deu 32:30 How can one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them and Adonai had handed them over?

Deu 32:31 Surely their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies judge.

Deu 32:32 For their vine is from the vine of Sodom and from the terraces of Gomorrah. Its grapes are grapes of poison—bitter clusters on it.

Deu 32:33 Venom of serpents is their wine—poison of vipers so cruel. Deu 32:34 Is it not stored up with Me, sealed up in My treasuries?

Deu 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and payback, for the time when their foot staggers. Surely their day of disaster is near—what is prepared rushes on them.

Deu 32:36 For Adonai will judge His people—for His servants, He will relent when He sees that strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.

Deu 32:37 He will say, "Where are their gods, the "rock" they took refuge in?"

Deu 32:38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their libation? Let them rise up and help you and be a shelter over you!

Deu 32:39 See now that I, I am He! There are no other gods beside Me. I bring death and give life, I have wounded but I will heal, and none can rescue from My hand.'

Deu 32:40 "Yes, I lift My hand up to heaven and say, 'As I Myself live forever,

Deu 32:41 when I sharpen My lightning sword and My hand seizes it in judgment, I will return vengeance on My foes, and those who hate Me I will pay back.

Deu 32:42 I will make My arrows drunk from blood, and My sword will devour flesh—the blood of the slain and the captive, the head of the leaders of the enemy.'

Deu 32:43 Make His people rejoice, O nations, for He will avenge the blood of His servants. He will return vengeance on His foes, and atone for the land of His people."

Deu 32:44 Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people—he and Joshua son of Nun.

Deu 32:45 When Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

Deu 32:46 he said to them, "Put in your hearts all the words that I call as witness against you today—that you may command your children to keep and do all the words of this Torah.

Deu 32:47 For it is not an empty thing for you, because it is your life! By this word you will prolong your days on the land, which you are crossing over the Jordan to possess."

Deu 32:48 On that very day, Adonai spoke to Moses saying,

Deu 32:49 "Go up this mountain of the Avarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab facing Jericho, and see the land of Canaan, which I am giving to Bnei-Yisrael as a possession.

Deu 32:50 On the mountain that you are ascending, there be gathered to your people—as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people—

Deu 32:51 because you both broke faith with Me among Bnei-Yisrael at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of Bnei-Yisrael.

Deu 32:52 For you will see the land from afar, but you will not enter there, into the land that I am giving to Bnei-Yisrael."

Haazinu in a Nutshell

Introduction:

If you read both the Torah portion and the Haftorah portion, you will notice that both mention, “The Rock”. Moses prior to his death, is reminding Israel that their strength is not in themselves, but in YHWH, “The Rock”! Also David writing prior to his death bed as well that in the final analysis, that all his victories were due to “The Rock, my Fortress”.

All other ‘rocks’ are false and only Paper Mache’, with no substance or strength and offer only deception and death at the end. Only The Rock, Messiah can give us the strength we need to overcome the enemies that would come against us as we make our journey to the promised land, the Messianic Era.

Our strength, is ‘In Him”, “The Rock of Our Salvation”. When we allow YHWH to be our Rock and our Fortress, we need not fear our enemies, we only need to fear YHWH.

Moses is not only is exhorting them but prophesying as well regarding Israel’s falling away, but also restoration. The Human nature has not changed and unless we truly are sold out to God and fear Him, we can fall away as well. The enemy does not play fair, and his tactics do not change. That is why we need to daily walk in obedience to **His Word and in obedience to Messiah Yeshua who said, “If you love me, you will obey my Commandments.”**

We may become unfaithful in our walk and in keeping the Covenant, but YHWH is always faithful and true to His Word, He is always faithful and true. He does not hide the consequences of sin, He has made it plain to Israel and to all His Children that to obey is to receive the blessings, to disobey is to receive the curse, the choice is ours.

We see the same rebukes and chastening regarding those who would forsake the Covenants of God and their Messiah.

God is forever faithful to His Covenants and Messiah Yeshua is evidence of the Faithfulness and Mercy of our God.

Israel will enter the promised land via the leadership of Joshua. Joshua will lead Israel in great victories and in taking the land appointed to them. However, we will see after the death of the strong leadership of Joshua a decline in spiritual level of Israel in the book of Judges. From then on it is a roller coaster ride, with God having to raise up Judges to deliver them from their enemies due to their backsliding and eventually give them a King that they wanted only to eventually have the nation split into two (2) after Solomon’s reign with both Northern and Southern Kingdoms ending up in exile; all because of forsaking the covenant and turning to other gods and turning their hearts away from YHWH.

YHWH would then send them Prophets to preach repentance or receive the judgement of God and be sent into exile. Both Northern and Southern tribes would not heed the call to repent and would be sent in to exile to Babylon and Assyria with only Judah returning to Israel. However, YHWH always has a righteous remnant who will not compromise and will continue preserving His Word and He is forever watching over His Word to perform it.

In the Messianic Era, when Yeshua will return as Messiah Ben David and restore all of Israel as prophesied in Ezekiel 37, the final redemption and restoration will be completed!

The Rock of Israel

The Rock a Symbol of God

The Stable and Strong One – Vs. 4, Isa 17:10

Isa 17:10 For you have forgotten the God of your salvation and you have not remembered the **Rock of your strength**. Therefore you plant delightful plants and set out exotic vines.

The Rock of Salvation – Vs. 15, Psalm 89:27; 95:1

Psa 89:27 He will call to Me: ‘You are my Father, my God and **the rock of my salvation.**’

Psa 95:1 O come, let us sing for joy to Adonai. Let us shout for joy **to the rock of our salvation.**

The Rock that Begat Thee – Vs.18

Deu 32:18 **The Rock who birthed you**, you ignored. You forgot God who brought you forth.

The Rock that sold them – Vs. 30

Deu 32:30 How can one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight, **unless their Rock had sold them, and Adonai had handed them over?**

Deu 32:31 **Surely their rock is not like our Rock**, as even our enemy’s judge.

The Rock of Israel – Vs.37, 2 Samuel 23:3

2Sa 23:3 The God of Israel has said, **the Rock of Israel has spoken to me**, ‘He who rules over men righteously, he who rules in the fear of God—

No Rock Like God – 1 Samuel 2:2

1Sa 2:2 There is none holy as Adonai, for there is none besides **You, nor is there any rock like our God.**

YHWH is my Rock – 2 Samuel 22:2, 47; Ps. 18:3, 32; Ps 28:1; Ps 62:2, 6-7; 71:3

2Sa 22:2 **He said: “Adonai is my rock**, my fortress and my deliverer.

2Sa 22:3 My God is my rock, in Him I take refuge, my shield, my horn of salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior—You save me from violence.

2Sa 22:47 **Adonai lives! And blessed be my Rock!** Exalted be God—the Rock of my salvation!

Psa 18:3 **Adonai is my rock**, my fortress and my deliverer. **My God is my rock**, in Him I take refuge, my shield, my horn of salvation, my stronghold.

Psa 18:32 For who is God, except Adonai? **And who is a Rock, except our God?**

Psa 62:3 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress—I will never be moved.

Psa 62:7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my strong tower—I will not be moved.

Psa 62:8 On God, my salvation and my glory **is the rock of my strength**. My refuge is in God. Psa 71:3 **Be to me a sheltering rock where** I may always go. Give the command to save me—for You are my rock and my fortress.

None like Him – 2 Sam 22:32

2Sa 22:32 For who is God, besides Adonai? and **who is a Rock**, besides our God?

The Rock of m refuge – Ps 94:22

Psa 94:22 But Adonai has been my fortress and my **God the rock of my refuge**.

Psa 94:23 He will repay them for their wickedness and will annihilate them in their evil. Adonai our God will annihilate them.

A Great Rock- Isa 32:2

Isa 32:2 Each will be like a refuge from the wind and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a **massive rock in a weary land**.

The Rock a Symbol of Messiah

A Rock of Offense – Isa. 8:14, Romans 9:33; 1 Peter 2:8

Isa 8:14 He will be a Sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Rom 9:33 just as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and whoever believes in Him shall not be put to shame.”

1Pe 2:8 and “a stone of stumbling, **and a rock of offense.**” They stumble because they are disobeying the word—to this they were also appointed.

A Spiritual Rock – 1 Cor. 10:4

1Co 10:2 They all were immersed into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 1Co 10:3

And all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink—for they were drinking from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the **Rock was Messiah**.

A literal rock a type of Messiah – Ex 17:6; Numbers 20:8-11; 1 Cor. 10:4

Exo 17:6 Behold, I will stand before you, **there upon the rock in Horeb**. You are to strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people can drink.” Then Moses did just so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.

Num 20:8 “Take the staff and gather the assembly, you and your brother Aaron. **Speak to the rock before their eyes**, and it will give out its water. **You will bring out water from the rock**, and you will give the community something to drink, along with their livestock.”

Num 20:9 So Moses took the staff from before the presence of Adonai, just as He had commanded him.

Num 20:10 Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly in front of the rock. He said, “Listen now, you rebels! Must we bring you water from this rock?”

Num 20:11 **Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with the staff**. Water gushed out and the community and its livestock drank.

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink—for they were drinking from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the **Rock was Messiah**.

Torah Cycle ends with the Blessings by Moses over the 12 Tribes of Israel, and the death of Moses- Deuteronomy 33-34: 12.

(Deu 33:1 TLV) This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed Bnei-Yisrael before his death.

(Deu 33:2 TLV) He said, “Adonai came from Sinai and dawned on Bnei-Yisrael from Seir. He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came from the holy myriads—blazing fire for them from His right hand.

(Deu 33:3 TLV) Indeed, a lover of peoples is He—all His kedoshim are in His hand. They followed in Your steps, each receiving Your words.

(Deu 33:4 TLV) Torah Moses commanded us—a heritage for the community of Jacob.

(Deu 33:5 TLV) He became king in Jeshurun when the heads of the people gathered, all the tribes of Israel together.

(Deu 34:1 TLV) Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. Adonai showed him all the land—Gilead to Dan,

(Deu 34:2 TLV) and all of Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,

(Deu 34:3 TLV) the Negev and the plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

(Deu 34:4 TLV) Then Adonai said to him, “This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob saying, ‘I will give it to your seed.’ I let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over there.”

(Deu 34:5 TLV) So Moses the servant of Adonai died there in the land of Moab, as was from the mouth of Adonai.

(Deu 34:6 TLV) Then He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor—but no one knows of his burial place to this day.

(Deu 34:7 TLV) Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was not dim nor his vigor gone.

(Deu 34:8 TLV) Bnei-Yisrael wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping, mourning for Moses, were ended.

(Deu 34:9 TLV) Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So Bnei-Yisrael listened to him and did just as Adonai had commanded Moses.

(Deu 34:10 TLV) There has not risen again a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom Adonai knew face to face,

(Deu 34:11 TLV) with all the signs and wonders Adonai sent him to do in the land of Egypt—to Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land—

(Deu 34:12 TLV) by the strong hand and great awe that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Apostolic Scriptures

The Song of Moses: Revelation 15:3;

(Rev 15:3 TLV) And they are singing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and wonderful are Your deeds, Adonai Elohei-Tzva’ot! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

YHVH’s Word being like water: Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 10:22;

(Eph 5:26 TLV) to make her holy, having cleansed her by immersion in the word.

(Tit 3:5 TLV) not by deeds of righteousness which we had done ourselves, but because of His mercy—He saved us through the mikveh of rebirth and renewing of the Ruach ha-Kodesh,

(Heb 10:22 TLV) So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and body washed with pure water.

YHVH-Yeshua, the spiritual Rock: 1Corinthians 10:4; 1Peter 2:6;

(1Co 10:4 TLV) and all drank the same spiritual drink—for they were drinking from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the Rock was Messiah.

(1Pe 2:6 TLV) For it says in Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone, a chosen, precious cornerstone. Whoever trusts in Him will never be put to shame.”

The nations of the world: Acts 17:26;

(Act 17:26 TLV) From one He made every nation of men to live on the face of the earth, having set appointed times and the boundaries of their territory.

On YHVH making his people to ride on the high places of the earth: Ephesians 2:6;

(Eph 2:6 TLV) And He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua—

YHVH's people becoming spiritually fat and forsaking him: Acts 28:25–27; Revelation 3:14–21;

(Act 28:25 TLV) So when they disagreed among themselves, they began leaving after Paul had said one last statement: “The Ruach ha-Kodesh rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

(Act 28:26 TLV) saying, ‘Go to this people and say, “You will keep on hearing but will never understand; you will keep looking, but will never see.

(Act 28:27 TLV) For the heart of this people has become dull, their ears can barely hear, and they have shut their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts. Then they would turn back, and I would heal them.”

(Rev 3:14 TLV) To the angel of Messiah’s community in Laodicea write: “Thus says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Originator of God’s creation:

(Rev 3:15 TLV) I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. Oh, that you were either cold or hot!

(Rev 3:16 TLV) So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spew you out of My mouth.

(Rev 3:17 TLV) For you say, ‘I am rich, I have made myself wealthy, and I need nothing.’ But you do not know that you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked.

(Rev 3:18 TLV) I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothes so that you may dress yourself and so the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed, and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

(Rev 3:19 TLV) Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline. Therefore, be zealous and repent.

(Rev 3:20 TLV) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

(Rev 3:21 TLV) To the one who overcomes I will grant the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I myself overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

(Rev 3:22 TLV) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah’s communities.”

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik

Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened.