

**Torah: Nitzavim-Vayelekh**

***Deuteronomy/D'varim 31:1-13***

**Haftarah**

***Isaiah 48:17-19***

***Torah Nuggets – Year Two***

***Trusting God – He Will Go with You!***

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(Deu 31:1 TLV) Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

(Deu 31:2 TLV) He said to them, “I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. Adonai has said to me, ‘You are not to cross over this Jordan.’”

(Deu 31:3 TLV) **Adonai your God—He will cross over before you.** He will destroy these nations from before you, and you will dispossess them. Joshua will cross over before you, just as Adonai has promised.

(Deu 31:4 TLV) “Adonai will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

(Deu 31:5 TLV) Adonai will give them over to you, and you are to do to them according to all the mitzvot that I commanded you.

(Deu 31:6 TLV) **Chazak! Be courageous!** Do not be afraid or tremble before them. For Adonai your God—**He is the One who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.”**

(Deu 31:7 TLV) Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “**Be strong! Be courageous!** For you are to go with this people into the land Adonai has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you are to enable them to inherit it.

(Deu 31:8 TLV) Adonai—**He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you.** He will not fail you or abandon you. **Do not fear or be discouraged.”**

(Deu 31:9 TLV) Moses wrote down this Torah and gave it to the kohanim, the sons of Levi who carry the Ark of the Covenant of Adonai, and to all the elders of Israel.

(Deu 31:10 TLV) Then Moses commanded them saying, “At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of cancelling debts, **during the feast of Sukkot,**

(Deu 31:11 TLV) **when all Israel comes to appear before Adonai your God in the place He chooses, you are to read this Torah before them in their hearing.**

(Deu 31:12 TLV) **Gather the people—the men and women and little ones, and the outsider within your town gates—so they may hear and so they may learn, and they will fear Adonai your God and take care to do all the words of this Torah.**

(Deu 31:13 TLV) So their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear Adonai your God—all the days you live on the land you are about to cross over the Jordan to possess.”

## **Key Words:**

### **Strong – H2388 Chazaq**

חָזַק

**ḥāzaq:** A verb meaning to be strong, to strengthen, to be courageous, to overpower. This verb is widely used to express the strength of various phenomena, such as the severity of famine (2Ki 25:3; Jer 52:6); the strength of humans to overpower each other: the condition of Pharaoh's heart (Exo 7:13); David and Goliath (1Sa 17:50); Amnon and Tamar (2Sa 13:14); a battle situation (2Ch 8:3); Samson's strength for his last superhuman performance (Jdg 16:28). This word occurs in the commonly known charge, "Be strong and of good courage!" (Jos 1:9). Moses urges Joshua (Deu 31:6-7) to be strong. The Lord also bids Joshua to be strong in taking the Promised Land (Deu 31:23; Jos 1:6-7, Jos 1:9), after which Joshua encourages the people in the same way (Jos 10:25).

### **Courageous – H 553 Ametz**

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**’āmaṣ:** A verb meaning to be strong, determined, bold, courageous; conquer. It means to be strong and courageous. This idea is translated by the NKJV as prevailed when referring to men of Judah in war (2Ch 13:18; conquered, NASB). A people or nation can be considered strong (Gen 25:23). The emphatic stem of the verb means to make strong or cause to grow strong (Pro 8:28; Pro 31:17; Isa 44:14) of inanimate objects. It is used of human activity in repairing or strengthening a house or building (2Ch 24:13). Metaphorically, it means to strengthen or harden one's attitude or heart (Deu 2:30; Deu 15:7; 2Ch 36:13). It also is used in some contexts to mean to show courage or to show or prove oneself strong (Psa 27:14; Psa 31:24 [25]); to persist in an activity (Rth 1:18); or make haste (1Ki 12:18). With a slight change, it means to be better or superior (2Ch 13:7).

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Our number one priority is to Trust YHVH ELOHIM. We look to leadership for guidance, and to one another for encouragement and unity, however leaders and people will often disappoint us because we put our eyes on the wrong thing. We need to work together, however, at times we will fail each other, but if we are trusting YHWH ELOHIM, He will never fail us.

**“A leader, if they are doing, what they ought to be doing, directs the people to trust YHVH ELOHIM and in themselves.”**

**True friends, admonish us to trust in YHVH ELOHIM when times are difficult.**

### **BE STRONG – CHAZAQ**

We are to lay hold of all that YHWH ELOHIM has revealed Himself to be as our Father, Our Protector, our Provider and ultimately our Savior in every sense of the Word.

### **OUR FATHER – YESHUA’S PRAYER**

(Mat 6:9 TLV) “Therefore, pray in this way: ‘Our Father in heaven, sanctified be Your name.

(Mat 6:10 TLV) Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(Mat 6:11 TLV) Give us this day our daily bread.

(Mat 6:12 TLV) And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.

(Mat 6:13 TLV) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

### **OUR PROTECTOR – PSALM 91**

(Psa 91:1 TLV) He who dwells in the shelter of Elyon, will abide in the shadow of Shaddai.

(Psa 91:2 TLV) I will say of Adonai, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

(Psa 91:3 TLV) For He will rescue you from the hunter’s trap and from the deadly pestilence.

(Psa 91:4 TLV) He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge. His faithfulness is body armor and shield.

(Psa 91:5 TLV) You will not fear the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

(Psa 91:6 TLV) nor the plague that stalks in darkness, nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

(Psa 91:7 TLV) A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

(Psa 91:8 TLV) You will only look on with your eyes and see the wicked paid back.

(Psa 91:9 TLV) For you have made Elyon your dwelling, even Adonai, who is my refuge,

(Psa 91:10 TLV) so no evil will befall you nor any plague come near your tent.  
(Psa 91:11 TLV) For He will give His angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.  
(Psa 91:12 TLV) Upon their hands they will lift you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
(Psa 91:13 TLV) You will tread upon the lion and cobra, trample the young lion and serpent.  
(Psa 91:14 TLV) “Because he has devoted his love to Me, I will deliver him. I will set him securely on high, because he knows My Name.  
(Psa 91:15 TLV) When he calls on Me, I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble, rescue him, and honor him.  
(Psa 91:16 TLV) With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

## **OUR PROVIDER – HE WILL MEET ALL OF OUR NEEDS**

(Luk 11:9 TLV) “So I say to you, **‘Ask, and it shall be given to you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you.**  
(Luk 11:10 TLV) For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.’  
(Luk 11:11 TLV) What father, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?  
(Luk 11:12 TLV) And if he asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?  
(Luk 11:13 TLV) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Ruach ha-Kodesh to those who ask Him!”

(Php 4:19 TLV) My God will fulfill every need of yours according to the riches of His glory in Messiah Yeshua.  
(Php 4:20 TLV) To our God and Father be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

## **OUR SAVIOR/REDEEMER – YESHUA**

(Isa 54:4 TLV) Fear not, for you will not be ashamed. Nor cringe, for you will not be disgraced. For you will forget the shame of your youth, and you will remember the reproach of your widowhood no more.  
(Isa 54:5 TLV) For your Maker is your husband—Adonai-Tzva’ot is His Name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He will be called God of all the earth.  
(Isa 54:6 TLV) “For Adonai has called you back like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of one’s youth that is rejected,” says your God.  
(Isa 54:7 TLV) “For a brief moment I deserted you, but I will regather you with great compassion.  
(Isa 54:8 TLV) In a surge of anger I hid My face from you a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” **says Adonai your Redeemer.**

(Act 4:11 TLV) This Yeshua is ‘the stone—rejected by you, the builders—that has become the chief cornerstone.’

(Act 4:12 TLV) There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved!”

## **BE COURAGEOUS – AMATZ**

The 2 words “Strong and Courageous” joined together present one idea, that a true faith in YHWH ELOHIM produces strength or courage which can stand in the face of what would otherwise, be viewed as inevitable disaster!

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## **SO, IN HIS POWER AND HIS MIGHT WE CAN**

### **BE STRONG**

(Eph 6:10 TLV) Finally, *be strong in the Lord* and **in His mighty power**.

(Eph 6:11 TLV) Put on the full armor of God, so that you are able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

(Eph 6:12 TLV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the worldly forces of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

(Eph 6:13 TLV) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the times are evil, and after you have done everything, to stand firm.

(Eph 6:14 TLV) Stand firm then! Buckle the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

(Eph 6:15 TLV) Strap up your feet in readiness with the Good News of shalom.

(Eph 6:16 TLV) Above all, take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

(Eph 6:17 TLV) And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

(Eph 6:18 TLV) Pray in the Ruach on every occasion, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, keep alert with perseverance and supplication for all the kedoshim.

## **BE STRENGTHENED – VERSES NASB95**

Act 15:32 Judah and Silas, prophets themselves, encouraged the brothers and sisters with a long message **and strengthened them.**

Act 16:5 So Messiah’s communities **were strengthened in the faith** and kept increasing daily in number.

Rom 4:20 Yet he did not waver in unbelief concerning the promise of God. Rather, **he was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.**

Eph 3:16 I pray that from His glorious riches **He would grant you to be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Ruach,**

Col 1:11 We pray **that you may be strengthened with all the power that comes from His glorious might,** for you to have all kinds of patience and steadfastness. With joy

1Ti 1:12 I thank Messiah Yeshua our Lord, **who has strengthened me,** because He considered me faithful, appointing me to service—

2Ti 2:1 Therefore, my child, **be strengthened in the grace** that is in Messiah Yeshua.

2Ti 4:17 **But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me,** so that through me the message might be proclaimed in full measure, and all the nations might hear—and I was rescued from the lion’s mouth!

## **BE COURAGEOUS – TREE OF LIFE VERSION BIBLE**

Jos 1:18 Whoever rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, he will be put to death. **Only be strong and courageous!”**

1Ch 22:13 Then you will prosper, if you carefully observe the statutes and the ordinances that Adonai commanded Moses concerning Israel. **Chazak! And be courageous! Do not be afraid or dismayed.**

1Ch 28:20 Also David said to his son Solomon: **“Chazak! And be courageous,** and do it! Do not be afraid or dismayed, for Adonai Elohim my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the avodah of the House of Adonai is finished.

2Ch 32:7 **Chazak! Be courageous!** Do not be afraid or dismayed by the king of Assyria and the whole horde that is with him—for we have more with us than he has with him!

Nah 2:2 A shatterer has come up against you. Guard the rampart! Watch the way! **Chazak! Be very courageous!**

## **THE ENEMY WILL NOT OVERPOWER HIS PEOPLE**

(Mat 16:18 TLV) And I also tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My **community**; and **the gates of Sheol will not overpower it.**

**Community**, Greek *ekklêsia*, which means "called-out ones," and is used in the Septuagint to translate Hebrew *kahal*, "assembly, congregation, community." The usual English translation of *ekklêsia* is "church"; and from it comes the word "ecclesiastical," meaning, "having to do with the church." The *JNT* sometimes uses "Messianic community" or "congregation" to render *ekklêsia*. What is being spoken about is a spiritual community of people based on trust in God and his son the Messiah Yeshua. This can be all people throughout history who so commit themselves, or a group of such people at a particular time and place, such as the Messianic community in Corinth or Jerusalem. The phrase, "the *ekklêsia* that meets in their house" (Rom\_16:5), refers to a particular congregation. Unlike "church," *ekklêsia* never refers either to an institution or to a building.

### **BE DETERMINED TO GROW AND TO KNOW**

(1Co 2:2 NAS95) For I determined **to know** nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

(Joh 17:3 NAS95) "This is eternal life, that **they may know** You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

(Php 3:7 TLV) But whatever things were gain to me, these I have considered as loss for the sake of the Messiah.

(Php 3:8 TLV) More than that, I consider all things to be loss in comparison to the surpassing **value of the knowledge of Messiah Yeshua my Lord**. Because of Him I have suffered the loss of all things; and I consider them garbage in order that I might gain Messiah

(Php 3:9 TLV) and be found in Him not having my righteousness derived from Torah, but one that is through trusting in Messiah—the righteousness from God based on trust.

(Php 3:10 TLV) **My aim is to know Him** and the power of His resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death—

(Php 3:11 TLV) if somehow I might arrive at the resurrection from among the dead.

### **BE BOLD IN MESSIAH YESHUA – TREE OF LIVE VERSION**

Psa\_138:3 On the day I called, You answered me. **You made me bold with strength in my soul.**

Pro\_28:1 The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, **but the righteous are as bold as a lion.**

Act\_4:13 Now when **they saw the boldness** of Peter and John and figured out they were laymen without training, they were amazed. They began to realize that these men had been with Yeshua.

Act\_4:31 When they had prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. And they were all filled with the Ruach ha-Kodesh and **began to speak the word of God with boldness.**

Act\_28:31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Yeshua the Messiah **with all boldness and without hindrance.**

2Co\_3:12 Therefore, having such a hope, **we act with great boldness.**

Eph\_3:12 **In Him we have boldness** and access with confidence through trusting in Him.

Eph\_6:19 And pray for me when I open my mouth **to make known with boldness** the mystery of the Good News,

Heb\_3:6 But Messiah, as Son, is over God's house—and we are His house, **if we hold firm to our boldness and what we are proud to hope.**

Heb\_4:16 Therefore let us draw near **to the throne of grace with boldness**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace for help in time of need.

Heb\_10:19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, **we have boldness to enter** into the Holies by the blood of Yeshua.

Heb\_10:35 Therefore, **do not lose your boldness**, which has great reward.

1Jn\_4:17 In this way, love is made perfect among us, so **that we should have boldness** on the Day of Judgment. For just as He is, so also are we in this world.

(Mat 28:20 TLV) teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. **And remember! I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

(Isa 48:17 TLV) Thus says Adonai, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: **“I am Adonai your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.**

**Our faith/Trust is based upon HIS WORD and HIS PROMISES!**

**God said it, I believe it, that settles it!**

(Psa 19:8 TLV) **The Torah of Adonai is perfect, restoring the soul.** The testimony of Adonai is trustworthy, making the simple wise.

(Psa 19:9 TLV) **The precepts of Adonai are right, giving joy to the heart.** The mitzvot of Adonai are pure, giving light to the eyes.

(Psa 19:10 TLV) **The fear of Adonai is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of Adonai are true and altogether righteous.**

(Psa 19:11 TLV) They are more desirable than gold, yes, more than much pure gold! They are



sweeter than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

(Psa 19:12 TLV) Moreover by them Your servant is warned. In keeping them there is great reward.

(Psa 37:3 TLV) **Trust in Adonai** and do good. Dwell in the land, feed on faithfulness.

(Psa 37:4 TLV) **Delight yourself in Adonai**, and He will give you the requests of your heart.

(Psa 37:5 TLV) **Commit your way to Adonai. Trust in Him, and He will do it.**