

Parashat Veyelech- Mosheh's Parting Words

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Introduction: Our Torah portion for this week is the shortest reading of the year as it comprises only one chapter. As this is always read between **Yom Teruah** [The Day of Trumpets] or what many know as **Rosh Ha Shanah** and comes before **Yom Kippur** [the Day of Atonement] it falls on what is the **Ten Days of Awe** [Yamim Nora'im] and so calls for seeking the Lord sincerely. It is for this reason that Hoshea & Micah are read too. What truly makes this week special is that it recounts the events of the final day of Mosheh's earthly life. It is something for us too to contemplate since Mosheh desire's his final day to have such an impact that it will indeed cause this people whom he has led under the guidance of YHWH for 40 years to finally see the fulfillment of the promise Yahweh made that Yisrael take possession of the promised land.

The Events of This Torah:

In this portion Mosheh knows this day is his final day so he knows there are some extremely important issues that must be addressed the first of which is leadership:

1. **Mosheh first must transfer the leadership of the nation upon Joshua the man chosen by Yahweh to lead this people to possess the promised land.**
2. **Next Mosheh commissions the writing of a Torah to be handed to the Levites to preserve and to be read every Sabbatical year.**
3. **Mosheh also warns of the suffering that will come if Yisrael abandon Yahweh their Elohim.**

The Appointment of Kadosh [Holy] Leadership:



Mosheh begins his final address by proclaiming that he is by now 120 years old & unable to go out & come in any longer knowing that Yahweh has not permitted him to cross the **Yarden** [Jordan]. The choice of a new leader must then be the will of **Yahweh**, so this is no light matter.

We even receive this idea from the **Briyth Chadashah** [the New Testament] in the choosing of a Disciple to replace **Yahudah Iyish Kariyot** [Judas] found in:



Ma'asey Ha Shilychiym [Acts of the Apostles] 1:24 And praying they said, "You, YHWH, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to receive the share in this service and office of the emissary from which Yahudah by transgression

fell, to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast their lots and the lot fell on Mattithyahu [Mattaius]. And he was numbered with the eleven emissaries.

We see from this that set-apart leaders must be in the will of the Almighty, but we know through these 40 years of wilderness experiences that Yahushua [Joshua] revealed his great character.



He was one of only two that returned from spying the promised land with a good report & waited **patiently** for 40 years to see the promise come true. He also was such a great & faithful **Protégé to Mosheh** never once opposing Mosheh unlike Aaron & Miriam the family of Mosheh when Miriam was punished with Leprosy.



Joshua passionately demonstrated his heart for Yahweh since scripture records how he would linger at the door of The Tent of Appointment **[The Mishkan]** demonstrating his desire to draw near to Elohim. Surely it was not his Physical stature that caused him to stand out but rather his spiritual character.

Mosheh [Moses], however, was not about to leave the people leaderless, like sheep without a shepherd. He ordained Joshua as his successor to take over the leadership role in:



Devarim/Deuteronomy 31:7) “Then Mosheh called Yahushua [Joshua] and said to him in the sight of all Israel, ‘**Be strong and of good courage**, for you must go with this people to the land which YHWH has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.’”

Mosheh [Moses] gave us a beautiful example of someone who knew how to exit his position of prominence with grace and dignity. He knew when it was time to step down. He not only passed on the torch to the next generation without any display of resentment or hurt feelings, he also publicly bestowed blessings, encouragement, and affirmation upon the one who would take his place **“in the sight of all Yisrael.”**

It seems that Mosheh made a wise decision in choosing **Joshua**—even over his two sons (**Gershom and Eliezer**)—for Joshua followed the directions of Elohim, trusting Him to successfully lead the children of Yisrael into the Promised Land.

The Writing of a Torah:

In our reading we now find Mosheh commissioning the writing of a Torah, and this would be placed next to the Ark as we read in:



Devarim (Deut) 31:26 "Take this Book of the Torah (Law), and put it beside the ark of the covenant of YHWH your Elohim, that it may be there as a witness against you;"

This then brings into discussion, which Torah was this since Scripture speaks also of the Book of the Covenant in:

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The Book of the Covenant

Shemoth (Exodus) 24:7a "Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people."

Therefore, their already existed the book of the Covenant which as with Covenants, Yisrael had agreed to, in:



Shemoth (Exodus) 24:7b “All the words which YHWH (the Lord) has said we will do.”

However, after Yisrael worshipped the Golden Calf, we find the term **“the Book of the Law”** being introduced & here we clearly see that this addition is not part of the previous Covenant but rather an imposed law to be a witness against them so Shaul [Paul] writes this in:



Galatians 3:19 “What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions [the Golden Calf], until the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through Messengers by the hand of a mediator.”

The suggestion therefore is, that there were additions imposed upon Yisrael to guide them until Messiah comes which helps us to understand the thought of Shaul [Paul] in this reading:

Galatians 3:23- 26 But before faith came, we were being guarded under Torah, having been shut up for the faith being about to be revealed. 24 Therefore the Torah became our trainer unto Messiah, in order to be declared right by faith. 25 And after faith has come, we are no longer under a trainer. 26 For you are all sons of Elohim through faith in Messiah Yeshua [Yahusha].

We need to see like a loving Father that Mosheh was giving house rules that his people would not stray and be cursed but for us that are in Messiah what requirement do we have then. Hopefully, we should have gained maturity through faith and choose now to do what is good not out of legal obligation but out of faith & love of our Master.

The Tragic Final Warning:

Just as a loving Father who knows his departure is imminent Mosheh offers his final words to challenge his people knowing that YHWH has revealed that his people will stray. That is the concern of every parent. When they depart, they wonder if they have done enough to keep their beloved children on the path of truth. Therefore, we observe Mosheh writing a song known as “**The Song of Moses**” which will hopefully challenge his people when he has departed.

Surely, we have seen through Scripture how the people did turn to other Elohim and were subsequently punished.



We know the 10 northern tribes after corrupting themselves & turning to false worship were taken into captivity by the Assyrian Empire.

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**Yahudah
[Judah]
taken
captive to
Babylon in
597 B.C.**

We also remember how Yahudah [Judah] also in the days of **YermeYahu** [Jeremiah] were taken captive to Babylon & later were oppressed by the Greeks in the Maccabean time & then in Yeshua's day with the Romans to finally see the fulfilment of the destruction of the **Temple & Yerushalayim** [Jerusalem].

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**Titus Destroys Yerushalayim
in 70AD**



We may not think this relevant for today but though it may be different it is the same. The challenge today for our children is the false worship of Self & Atheism which is a strong influence in our days & must be of great concern to us all so Scripture gives us a most relevant answer through this Mashal [Proverb]:

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Mishle [Proverbs] 22:6



Mishle [Proverbs] 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

In Conclusion:

Though Yahweh for a long time has remained hidden from Yisrael he has so graciously revealed himself to those far off for we read these great words in:

Romiyim [Romans] 11:11-12 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Goyim [the Gentiles]. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

The challenge for us then is to realize the goodness that we have received that we might be called children of the living Elohim. If we can understand this indescribable truth I do pray, we never neglect the work given to all believers to speak his great truth as Kepha [Peter] reveals in:



Ma'asey Ha Shilychiym [Acts] Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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So Shaul [Paul] continues saying this to challenge all the believers in:

Romiyim [Romans] 11:22-24 Therefore, consider the goodness and severity of Elohim: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. 23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for Elohim is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

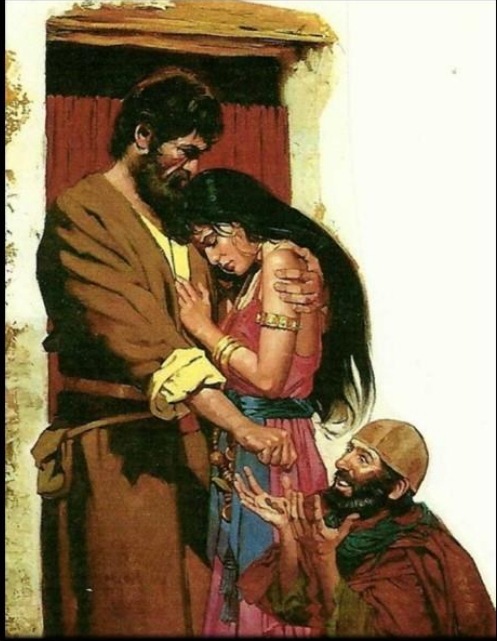
May we never let go of this tree of life & be found faithful to the praise of Yeshua our Master through the power of the Ruach Ha Kodesh [the Holy Spirit] who is our seal.

Amein!

The Torah ends!

Haftah: Hoshea [Hosea] 2:1-17 { 14:2-10 }

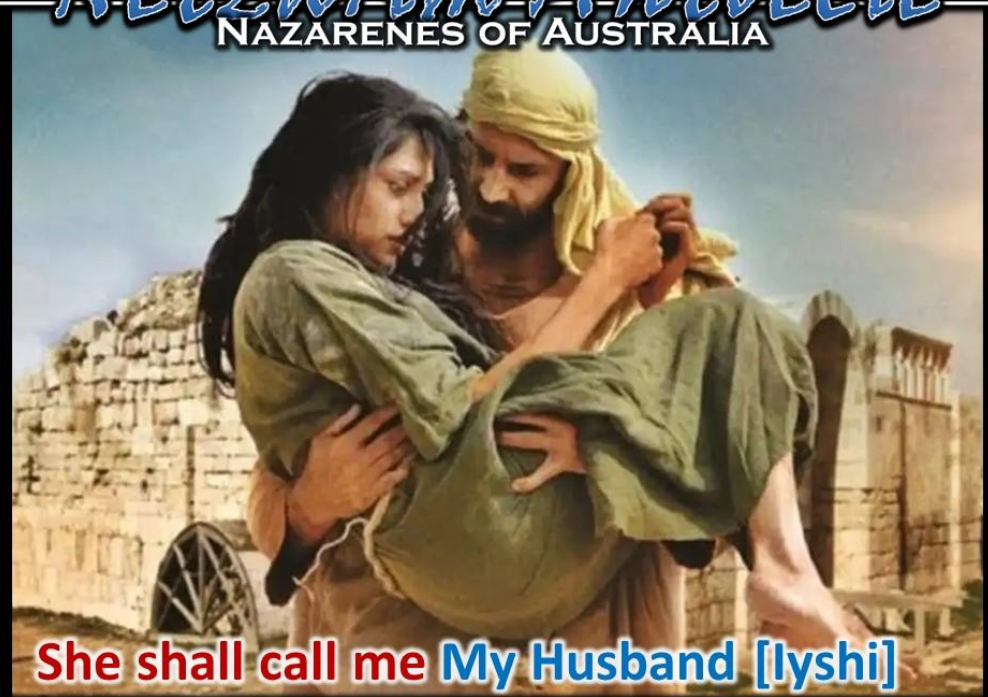
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Haftarah- Hoshea
2: 1-17

Hoshea was a **Navi** [a Prophet] in the final days of **Jeroboam** the 2nd in a time of prosperity that led to corruption & spiritual bankruptcy. The theme here is one of Yahweh's **loyal love** for his covenant people in spite of their idolatry. As an object lesson for Yisrael Hoshea was instructed by YHWH to marry a harlot that she could reveal a dramatic life of sin & unfaithfulness that Yisrael had shown to YHWH. The theme so powerfully revealed here is one of **sin, judgement & forgiving love**.

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She shall call me My Husband [lyshi]

Therefore, as we see this story unfolding, we come to see the great love of YHWH for all those who have come into Covenant with him but through their own unfaithfulness have strayed only to see YHWH time and again returning them in his great love. This is surely the good news of an **Elohim of love** who never fails to renew his love to his often-faithless people & this often-tragic story demonstrates the beauty of an ever-constant Elohim of love for all of us who so often fall prey to our own weakness to the praise of our Master who is always the way back to fellowship with Yahweh.

End of the Haftarah with the Netzarim Portion below:

Netzarim Ketuvim: Rabbi Silus [Luke] 24:44-53

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Netzarim Ketuvim- Silus [Luke] 24:44-53



In this portion we come to see that even his Disciples who had walked with him through all his ministry still were subject to the indoctrination of their Nation so they still could not understand much of what had happened to their Master. We see Yeshua expressing that fact to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus when he says:

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Luke 24: 25 O foolish ones, and slow in heart to believe in all that the Prophets have spoken!

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Yeshua undoubtedly taught them from the Tanak **[the Old Testament]** however the gist of the expression that he opened their understanding suggests a supernatural opening of their minds to receive the truths he unfolded since they had once been dull but now, they could see clearly. Is that any different than us who also by the power of the Spirit have come to see the greater truth of his word which can only be achieved by the power & goodness of our Master. May we never forget to bring the message to all people as written that Messiah had to **suffer** and to **rise** the 3rd day and that **repentance & remission** of sins be preached in His name to all nations.

Amein!