

Ha'azinu

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“Listen!”

First Pray

Father God,

We praise You because You created us, redeemed us and love us. Please help us understand that You are a jealous God Who demands we worship You only. Thank You for disciplining us when we sin. Your righteous judgment reminds us of Who You are, what You have done, and what You will do in the future. Thank You for forgiving us when we humbly return to You. We praise You for the restoration You will bring upon us and Your creation as the outcome of our salvation. In Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen

Next Read

Deuteronomy 32:1-52



Give ear O heavens, and I will speak:
And hear, O earth the words
of My mouth.
Deuteronomy 32:1

In this week's Parasha Moshe (Moses) taught the song God commanded him to write to the Yisra'elites (Israelites) prior to his death. This song serves as a witness to remind the Children of Yisra'el and all those joined to them of Who God is, what He does and has done and what He will do in the future.



For I proclaim the Name of the LORD: ascribe greatness to our God.
He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He. Deuteronomy 32:3-4

This song, which is often called the Song of Moshe, testifies to the mighty works the LORD God has done for the Children and Nation of Yisra'el. It urges them and us to remember that it is only the LORD God Who redeems from bondage, Who carries one through the wilderness providing for every need and Who delivers into the Land of Promise, the place of His inheritance. It describes how God responds when His redeemed people become arrogant and complacent, forgetting God and serving idols. It details what must happen due to God's righteous judgment of sin when this occurs. And finally, it declares that God will take vengeance on His enemies and avenge the blood of His servants, providing atonement for His Land and His redeemed people!

~ Focus Passage of Scripture ~

Deuteronomy 32:21-43



In this week's focus passage of Scripture we learn that the Song of Moshe detailed how the redeemed people of God would choose to live once they were safely delivered into the land that flowed with milk and honey, the Land of Promise. They would grow fat or full of pride, forgetting the LORD God Who created and redeemed them and brought them safely into the land by His mighty outstretched hand. They would deny the Rock of their salvation and provoke God to jealousy by worshiping and serving false gods in the Land of Yisra'el.

In Deuteronomy 32:20-25 Moshe proclaimed that God would respond to the idolatrous behavior of the Children of Yisra'el in the Land of Promise by hiding His face from them. He would allow them to suffer His curse for such behavior. God would make them jealous by those who were not a nation. His fierce anger would burn and consume all the earth, setting fire to the foundations of the mountains as the outcome of their lack of faith in Him. He would heap disaster upon them as they wasted away with hunger and were devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction. He would send empires against them to destroy them with the sword (war). He would no longer protect them and terror would seize them from the youngest to the oldest, whether male or female. He would show no favoritism.

In Deuteronomy 32:26-27 we learn that God Himself desired to dash His redeemed children in pieces, erasing them completely from the earth, but He held His hand from utterly destroying them so that the enemy and everyone on earth would know that it was by His hand these calamities had overtaken them. All these things would testify to His just judgement of sin. If God does not spare His chosen people, do you think He will spare His redeemed from the nations while they behave in the same manner?

In Deuteronomy 32:28-35 we learn that through their disobedience to God the Children of Yisra'el would become unable to understand His ways. This lack of understanding would allow them to continue on their course of destruction without turning back to Him for forgiveness and mercy. They would be unable to see the end result of their arrogance and pride. For this reason God would discipline them by allowing His enemies to persecute them.

How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had surrendered them? Deuteronomy 32:30

Vengeance and recompense belong to God! He will justly punish His redeemed people for their lack of obedience and faith in Him. For an unknown period of time the Children of Yisra'el would suffer hardships because they refused to return to God and serve Him only. They were deceived to believe that their works of worship allowed them to continually commit abominations against God from their hearts.

In Deuteronomy 32:36-38 we learn that God judges His people and has compassion on His servants. Only when the power of the Children of Yisra'el is gone will they repent giving God all glory, honor and praise. His fierce judgment will prove that the false gods they served are nothing! When God is ready to judge rebelliousness, His judgment comes quickly. Once God has judged evil, He is comforted and extends grace. He will repay, reward and restore for the sake of His Name and the promises He made to Avraham (Abraham), Yitzchak (Isaac) and Ya'kov (Jacob).

In Deuteronomy 32:39-42 the Song of Moshe testified that there is no other God besides the LORD God of Yisra'el! He alone has the power to kill and make alive. He alone is able to both wound and heal, and no one can deliver anyone from His hand. He swears by Himself that when He renders judgment on His people for their sin He will take vengeance upon all those who are His enemy. He will repay those who hate Him and oppose His plans for the Land and People of Yisra'el with eternal condemnation. With His sword He will devour the heads of the leaders of the enemy, Satan, and all who follow him.

In Deuteronomy 32:43 we learn that once all these things are accomplished by the LORD God of Yisra'el the Gentiles who are joined with Yisra'el will rejoice! God will avenge the blood of His servants and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people!



“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people.”

Deuteronomy 32:43

Moshe came with Yehoshua (Joshua) and spoke all the words of this song for the people of Yisra'el to hear. When Moshe finished speaking all these words to all Yisra'el, he commanded them to be careful to set their minds and hearts on these words. He commanded them to teach the words of this song to their children in order to prolong the days they would live in the Land of Promise.

The LORD God then commanded Moshe to ascend Mount Nebo in the land of Moab across from Jericho to view the land of Canaan which the LORD God was giving the Children of Yisra'el as a possession. There Moshe would die and be gathered to his people just as Aharon (Aaron) had died and gathered to his people at Mount Hor. Moshe would not enter the Land of Promise at this time due to his failure to honor God in the midst of the Children of Yisra'el when he struck the Rock to draw water instead of speaking to it.

Haftarah

2 Samuel 22:1-51



In this week's prophetic portion of Scripture God has just given King David victory in battle against the Philistines. The huge sons of Goliath the Giant attempted to kill David in four different battles, but God saved him and gave Yisra'el victory over the Philistines.

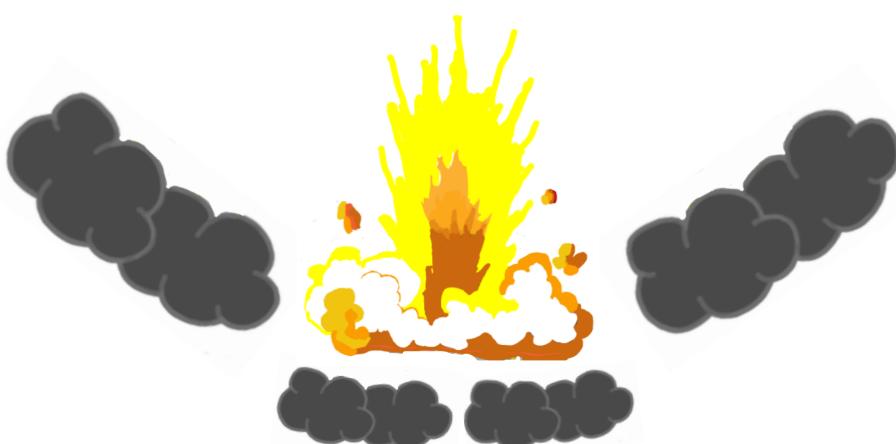
With a thankful heart King David wrote a song of praise to the LORD God on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, including his enemy from within the Yisra'elites, king Saul.



“The LORD is my Rock, my Fortress and my Deliverer; The God of my strength, in Him I will trust, my Shield and the Horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold and my Refuge; my Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the LORD, Who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.” 2 Samuel 22:2-4

When King David was surrounded by his enemies and grew faint, the LORD God saved him. David called upon the LORD when he was afraid of his enemies and faced certain destruction to the depths of Sheol (death). God heard his cry from His Temple in heaven and responded at a time when only hope remained.

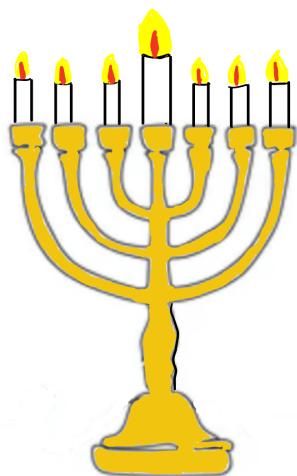
King David described his Salvation by the LORD God in prophetic terms, mirroring what God will do for His redeemed people in the latter days. David spoke of the great earthquake that will occur when the foundations of heaven are moved because of God's fierce anger. He proclaimed how God would devour His enemies by the fire of His mouth that would kindle a fire with coals to destroy them. He described how the heavens will bow down to reveal God riding on a cherub with darkness under His feet, revealing Him to the world upon the wings of the wind. Dark canopies made from dark waters and thick clouds of the skies will surround Him. From the brightness before Him coals of fire will be kindled.



The LORD God will thunder from heaven, and the Most High will speak. He will send out arrows that scatter His enemies and lightening bolts to completely destroy them. The channels of the sea will be uncovered as the foundations of the world are revealed. All these things will happen at the rebuke of the LORD at the blast of His Breath.



King David also described how the LORD God sent for him from above and saved him by drawing him out of many waters (complete instability). He delivered David from all those who hated him and were too strong for him to defeat. The LORD God is the One Who supported David in the day of his calamity and brought him out to a spacious place because He was happy with him. King David was rewarded by God according to his obedience and faith in God. God repaid him for the good things he had done in submission to His authority.



King David declared that the LORD God is just and repays without favoritism. He saves the humble and brings down those who are proud.

“You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD shall enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of God is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.”

2 Samuel 22:29-31

King David declared in his song of praise to the LORD that there is no other God except the LORD! There is no other Rock except our God! He alone has the strength and power to make our ways perfect. Through His gentleness Salvation has come. The LORD God destroyed the enemies of King David who hated him. His enemies looked for someone to deliver them, but no one was found. In their defeat they cried out to the LORD, but He would not hear them.

David exalted the LORD God for delivering him from the struggles of his own people against him and preserving him as the head of the nations, the King of Yisra'el. He acknowledged God as the One Who would cause a people he does not know to serve him and cause foreigners to obediently submit to him.

As David comes to the conclusion of his song of praise to God, he boldly proclaimed that the LORD God is alive! He is the Rock of Salvation and deserves to be exalted! He avenges those who belong to Him from the enemy and lifts them above those who are against them. Therefore give thanks to the LORD God! King David proclaimed he would give thanks to the LORD among the Gentiles and sing the praises of His Name.

“He is the Tower of Salvation to His king, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.” 2 Samuel 22:51

Directions: Unscramble the words in the word bank below, and list the attributes Moshe and King David used to describe the LORD God of Yisra'el in the correct column.



Moshe



King David

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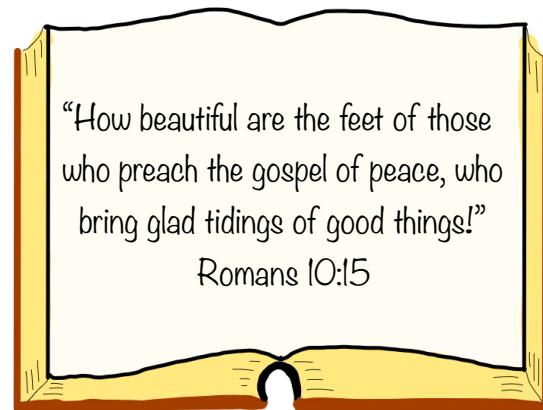
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1. Which attribute used by both Moshe and King David speaks of God's solid and immovable character?

2. Which attribute used by both Moshe and King David describes what God will do for His servants when He returns to destroy His enemies?

New Testament

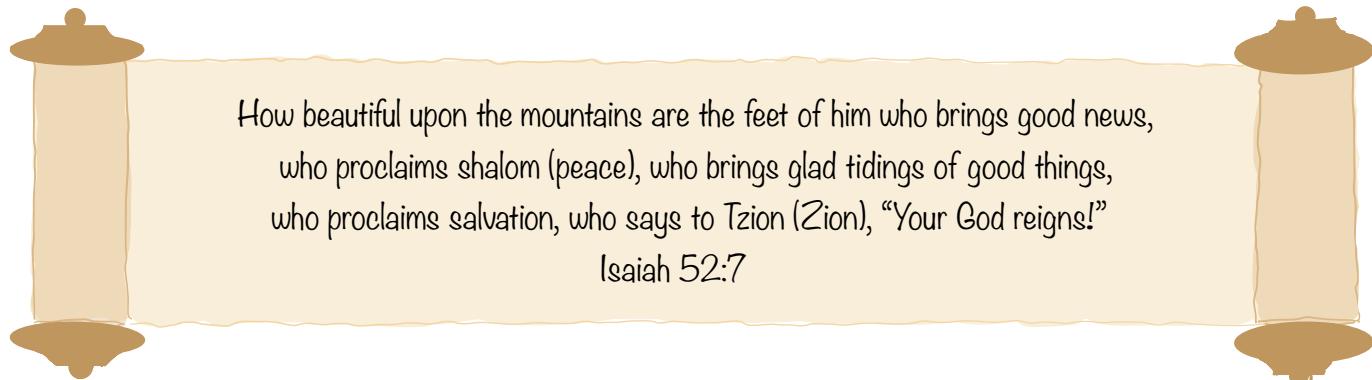
Romans 10:13-11:15



In this week's New Testament passage of Scripture the Apostle Shaul (Paul) explained to the assembly of believers in Rome that God's Salvation is not only for the Jew but for the Gentile also. He explained that whoever calls upon the Name of the LORD, Messiah Yeshua, will be saved! He then asks these simple questions:

1. How can one call on the Name of Messiah Yeshua unless they believe the gospel message?
2. How can one believe the gospel message if they have not heard it?
3. How can one hear the gospel message without a preacher to speak it?
4. How can a preacher speak the gospel message if he is not sent?

After asking these questions, Shaul paraphrased the Prophet Yeshayahu (Isaiah) who wrote these words:



The word Shalom has only one meaning. It means the fulfillment of God's will on earth. The word Tzion refers to Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) in its Kingdom state.

Shaul explained that although the Nation of Yisra'el has heard the gospel message, they have not as a whole received it by quoting these words from the prophet Yeshayahu:

"LORD, who has believed our report?"
Isaiah 53:1 / Romans 10:16



Shaul explained that Yisra'el has heard the gospel message because it has been available since the beginning of time. The gospel message has gone forth to all the earth but has been ignored by many. Moshe was the first one to say that God would provoke Yisra'el to jealousy by those who were not a nation. He said this knowing that the majority of Yisra'el would reject the gospel message of salvation through Messiah Yeshua given to all people through the nation of Yisra'el.

You may be asking yourself this question: How was the gospel message given to all people by Yisra'el if the leaders and majority of Yisra'el rejected it? The first believers in Messiah Yeshua were Jewish (Yisra'elites). Jewish men were the first to receive the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit following the death, burial and resurrection of the Son of God, Messiah Yeshua. The first assembly (church) was comprised of Jewish believers, and every word given by God concerning His gift of Salvation was given to a Jew who wrote it down in the Scriptures (Bible). The gospel message was given to the nations through Yisra'el because God first gave it to the Jews.

The gospel message that was first given to the Jews has the power to save the Gentiles who were not given the Scriptures. Through hearing the Word of God written in His Holy Scripture, salvation is attained by all who receive the message of the gospel. Paul explained to the Jewish believers in Rome that the truth of Messiah was found by the nations when they were not seeking Him and revealed to them without asking because of the power of the gospel message. Through faith in the message of the gospel all people, whether Jew or Gentile, can be saved.

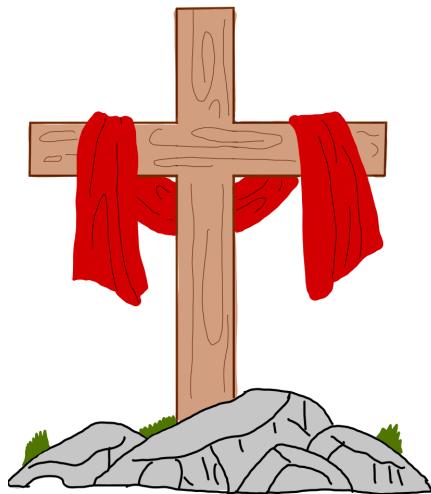
Salvation is available by faith alone and cannot be obtained by works of the law.



This truth about salvation through faith was first clearly expressed when Avraham received the Kingdom blessing of salvation because He believed the gospel message spoken to him by God. He entered into the Covenant of Faith and through his seed all the world would be blessed with the opportunity to receive the Kingdom of God. This covenant is still available to all the families of the earth today.

Paul continued to explain that although the entire Nation of Yisra'el or the descendants of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'kov have not accepted the Only Way to salvation, God continually and currently stretches out His hands to them, offering His redemption. Faith in Messiah Yeshua comes by hearing and not by performing works of the law. Although this simple truth has become a stumbling block to the majority of Jewish people, the Kingdom of God will not be established on earth until the Nation of Yisra'el receives the New Covenant of Faith contained in the gospel message. In this way God shows His faithfulness to His Old Covenant people, and this is an encouragement to those in the New Covenant or the Kingdom Covenant with God because it reassures us that God always keeps His promises. God will extend His mercy to Yisra'el in the future just as He has extended His mercy to the nations. God is not a respecter of persons, and He shows no favoritism.

What God does for one He does for all!



Although Shaul said very true and harsh things against Yisra'el's sin, he makes it perfectly clear that God has not nor will He ever replace Yisra'el. The Apostle Shaul testified that he was a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin who was sent to bring the gospel message to the Gentiles. Shaul was certain that God had not cast away His people, the Children of Yisra'el, and we can be certain too!

Eliyahu (Elijah) the prophet pleaded with God about his desperate situation, but God said that He had saved for Himself 7,000 faithful men who had not turned away from Him to idolatry. God reassured Eliyahu that by His power His purpose and plans for the people and land of Yisra'el would be fulfilled.

By the grace of God those who trust in Messiah Yeshua as their LORD and Savior, whether Jew or Gentile, are predestined to become like Him in the Kingdom of God. No one will ever become divine like God, but with respect to being made perfect without the presence of sin in our lives, while knowing good and evil, we will be like Him. This will be our reality because Messiah Yeshua's righteousness is given to all who trust in His Name.

In the meantime God responds justly to all those who disobediently reject His One and Only Son for Salvation. He responds by giving them hardened hearts and a slumbering spirit that is insensitive and unable to respond to the truth of His Word. Shaul reminded us that King David said those who refuse to respond to the grace of God will fall into a trap from which they cannot escape. God will respond to their disobedience by hiding His face from them. Their eyes will be darkened, making it impossible for them to understand as they suffer in humiliation.

Shaul asked this simple question, regarding the Children of Yisra'el:

**“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 Gentiles.”**

Romans 11:11

In other words since God foreknew from before creation that a remnant of Yisra'el would continually receive His Grace due to their faith in His Word, is it possible for all the descendants of Yisra'el to fall away from the grace of God? Paul answers his own question by responding, "**Certainly not!**" This means may it never be because it is not possible!

God has chosen Yisra'el to be a light to the nations, and His response to their obedience and disobedience throughout history serves as a testimony of His Character to the world. In this way God's plans and purpose for Yisra'el are accomplished both through their obedience and disobedience to His Word.



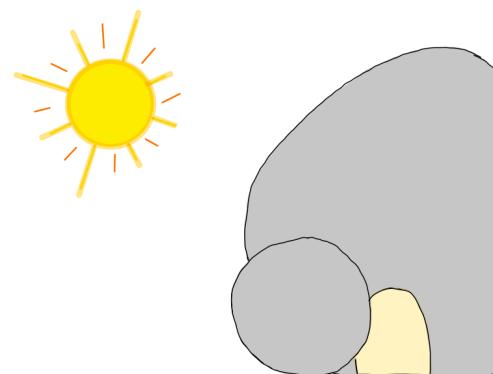
The message of salvation received by the nations has enriched the world! If Yisra'el's rejection of this message has enriched the world, how much more will their acceptance of it affect the world positively? God has and will again discipline and judge Yisra'el for their lack of faith in His Word. But after experiencing the most severe time of persecution from the enemy, known as the time of Yakov's trouble, a remnant of Yisra'el will receive salvation as they accept Messiah Yeshua as their LORD and God. When this occurs, God's plans and purpose for the land and Children of Yisra'el will be completely fulfilled.

Shaul clearly, simply, and joyfully explained this fact of Scripture concerning Yisra'el. He was happy to share the gospel message with the nations in order to provoke Yisra'el to jealousy in hopes of saving more of them. Shaul asked one more question in this week's New Testament Scripture:

"For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be, but life from the dead?" Romans 11:15

If Yisra'el's rejection of Messiah has given all the nations of the world the potential to receive reconciliation with God through the gospel message, what will the nations (redeemed Gentiles) receive when Yisra'el receives Messiah Yeshua for their Salvation? The answer to this question is clear and simple. The result of Yisra'el's acceptance of Messiah Yeshua for their Salvation will be life from the dead, the first resurrection!

The first resurrection from the dead relates to the establishment of the Kingdom of God. At the end of this age when the remnant of Yisra'el receives Messiah Yeshua for their Salvation, the Kingdom of God will be established on the earth!



~ Recap Review Fun ~

Directions: Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks of the following questions.

Suffer	Yisra'el	Vengeance	Kingdom	Faith	God	Alive
Heal	Yeshua	Fire	Favoritism	Who	Justly	Devour
Jews	Understand	What	Save	Future	Gospel	

1. Before creation according to His foreknowledge, God chose the nation of _____ to demonstrate His plans and purpose to the world.
2. Avraham believed the gospel message by hearing it and having _____ in the Word of God.
3. The Song of Moshe teaches us _____ God is, _____ He has done and what He will do in the _____.
4. When God's redeemed people arrogantly serve false gods, He allows them to _____ the consequences of their behavior.
5. God shows no _____.
6. God judges our behavior _____.
7. Continued disobedience to God results in the inability to _____ His ways.
8. Vengeance and recompense belong to _____.
9. God will take _____ on all those who are His enemies.
10. Only God has the power to kill and make _____.

11. Only God can both wound and _____.

12. God will _____ the heads of the leaders of the enemy, who is Satan, and all who follow him.

13. King David wrote a prophetic song, describing how God will destroy His enemies with _____ at the end of this age.

14. The Song of King David also describes how God will _____ His people from heaven before He destroys with fire.

15. Whoever calls upon the Name of the LORD, Messiah _____, will be saved.

16. The gospel message was first given to the _____.

17. No one is saved by works but only through faith in the _____ message.

18. At the end of this age when the remnant of Yisra'el receive Messiah Yeshua for their salvation, the _____ of God will be established on earth.

Answers: 1/Yisra'el, 2/faith, 3/who, what, future, 4/suffer, 5/favouritism, 6/justify, 7/understand, 8/God, 9/vengeance, 10/allive, 11/heal, 12/devout, 13/fire, 14/save, 15/Yeshua, 16/true, 17/gospel, 18/kingdom

