



NATZARIM YAHSHUA FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Weekly Teen Torah

Training our youth to be sons and daughters of the commandments.

Parasha Va'etchanan

"I pleaded"

Devarim/Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

"If you love me, keep my commandments." Yashua (John 14:15)

PORTION IN A NUTSHELL

VA ETCHANAN: "I PLEADED"

Moshe recounts the time he plead with Yahweh and wasn't allowed to enter into the land. Joshua was selected to go over at the head of the people and put them in possession of the land of Canaan. Moshe was instructed to encourage and strengthen Joshua for this task. Moshe instructed the people to listen and obey so that they might live and take possession of the land that Yahweh was giving them. They were commanded not to add to the word that was commanded of them. Moshe tells the people that if they keep the commandments and do them, that they will be their wisdom and understanding in the sight of the nations. Other nations will see that Israel is a wise and understanding people. Moshe asked the people, "What nation is there that has a god so near to it as Yahweh our Elohim is to us, whenever we call upon him. What great nation is there that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? Moshe warns the people to keep their souls diligently so they don't forget the things they have seen and it leaves their hearts. They were to teach these things to their children and their children's children. Moshe reminded the people of the day they heard the word of Yahweh at Mount Horeb and the mountain burned with fire and was wrapped with darkness, cloud, and gloom. Yahweh spoke to the people that day from the fire. They heard his voice. He declared to them His covenant; the Ten Commandments. He wrote them on two tablets of stone. Yahweh commanded Moshe that day to teach the people the statutes and rules that they might do them in the land of Canaan. Yahweh never appeared to the people. They heard his voice only. He warns the people not to make an image for themselves in the likeness of man or woman, any figure, an animal, a bird, or anything that creeps, any fish, the sun, the moon, the stars, or the host of heaven. Yahweh warns that the people will be drawn away by these things. Yahweh is a consuming fire, a jealous El. If the people do what Yahweh has asked them not to do, then heaven and earth will witness against them and they will soon utterly perish from the land and not live long in it. They will be utterly destroyed. They will be scattered among the people and be left few in number among the nations where Yahweh will drive them. There they will serve other gods. There they will seek Yahweh their Elohim and find him if they search with all their heart and soul. In tribulation in the latter days, they will return to Yahweh and hear his voice. He is a merciful Elohim. He will not leave us or forget the covenant with our fathers that he swore to them. Moshe tells the people that nothing has even happened or was ever heard that was as great as the things that Yahweh does for Israel. Moshe set apart three cities as cities of refuge. Moshe introduces the law, testimonies, statutes, and rules. Moshe recites the ten Commandments beginning with "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today and you shall learn them and be careful to do them." He reminds the people of the covenant with Yahweh. He reminded the people that they said that if they hear the voice of Yahweh anymore, they would lie. They told Moshe to tell them what Yahweh said. They agreed to hear from Moshe and obey. Yahweh said to Moshe, "Oh, that the people might have such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments forever!" Yahweh promises long life in Canaan to those who obey him. Moshe says, "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh is our Elohim, Yahweh is one. You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Yahweh tells the people to remember him in the prosperity with which he is about to bless them. Moshe tells the people not to test Yahweh but to obey him. If a son questions why we do what we do, we are to say, "We were slaves in Mitsrayim. Yahweh brought us out with a mighty hand. Yahweh showed us signs and wonders. He commanded us to do these things and to fear him. This is for our good." Yahweh will give other nations over to Israel. Israel was to make no covenant with them or intermarry with them. They were to destroy their carved images with fire. Israel is holy to Yahweh and was chosen to be a people for his treasured possession out of all the peoples of the earth not because they were great in number but because they were the fewest and because Yahweh loves Israel. Yahweh is faithful to keep his covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay them to his face. Therefore, be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and rules commanded.



STOP & STUDY

Psalm 42:1 "As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O Yahweh."

Psalm 84:2 "My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of Yahweh; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living El."

Matthew 9:27-31 "When Yahshua departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, 'Son of David, have mercy on us!' And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Yahshua said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to Him, 'Yes, Master.' Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith let it be to you.' And their eyes were opened. And Yahshua sternly warned them, saying, 'See that no one knows it.' But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so Yahweh will bring with Him those who sleep in Yahshua."

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

THE ANSWER IS "NO": 101

"And I pleaded with Yahweh at that time, saying, 'O Yahweh Elohim, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours? Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.' But Yahweh was angry with me because of you and would not listen to me. And Yahweh said to me, 'Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again.'" (Deuteronomy 3:23-26)

Sometimes an answer of "No" can be really hard to digest. There are things that we are certain are for our good that we ask Yahweh for. Sometimes the answer is no so that he can protect us from harm. Sometimes the answer is no because he is bound by his word (and therefore bound by the law of reaping and sowing). Sometimes the answer is no because he is being merciful toward us. **Trusting Yahweh's decision making skills over our own is often a difficult thing.** The bible says that "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then [when we are with our Father again] we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known," (1 Corinthians 13:12). **It is important to understand that we are limited in our understanding and we can't see the fullness of Yahweh's plan.** Remember, "we know that all things work together for good to them that love Yahweh, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose," (Romans 8:28). Next time you receive an answer of "No" from Yahweh, have faith that it is for the good. **Love him, obey him, and trust him to lead you and guide you in the right way.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

2 Samuel 22:3 Elohim of my rock; in him will I _____: [he is] my _____, and the horn of my _____, my high _____, and my _____, my _____; thou save me from violence.

Psalm 31:3 For thou [art] my _____ and my _____; therefore for thy name's sake _____ me, and _____ me.

Psalm 118:8-9 It is better to _____ in Yahweh than to put _____ in _____. It is better to _____ in Yahweh than to put _____ in _____.

Proverbs 30:5 _____ word of Yahweh [is] _____ he [is] a _____ unto them that put their _____ in him.

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not _____, but _____ what the _____ of Yahweh [is].

IMAGES! IMAGES!

Yahweh hates when his people are carried away by false doctrines and idols. He wants us to worship and adore only HIM. Deuteronomy 4:24 says, "For Yahweh your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Mighty One." That means Yahweh doesn't want us to partake of false acts of worship, celebration, or service. Remember to spend your time worshipping Him the way He asks you to. Don't turn to the right or to the left. Don't mix the things of Yah with the things of Baal. Remain pure and holy because Yahweh has called you to be holy (set apart). If you've strayed, remember to repent and make a change.



WORSHIP (n./v.)

Religious adoration, great devotion, to admire without questioning.



TORAH CHALLENGE

Number the commandments in order from 1-10. Read Deuteronomy 5:6-21.

- _____ You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- _____ You shall not steal.
- _____ You shall not commit adultery.
- _____ You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
- _____ You shall not bear false witness.
- _____ I am Yahweh your Elohim who has taken you out of Mitsrayim.
- _____ Honor your father and mother.
- _____ You shall have no other gods but me.
- _____ You shall not murder.
- _____ You shall not take the name of Yahweh your Elohim in vain.

Answers: 4, 8, 7, 10, 9, 1, 5, 2, 6, 3

• check this out •

Hebrew: va etchanan

English: I pleaded

Hebrew: chalab debash

English: with milk and honey

Hebrew: shema

English: hear

Hebrew: zakar

English: and I will remember

HEBREW LANGUAGE

DID YOU KNOW...

VA ETCHANAN in Hebrew means "I PLEADED" and is written in Hebrew below.

וַאֲתַחֲנֶנּוּ

WRITE IT!

VA ETCHANAN in Hebrew, it is spelled: VAV . ALEF . TAV . CHET . NUN . NUN (sofit)

וַאֲתַחֲנֶנּוּ

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ALEPH-BET REVIEW

א ב ג ד ה
ו ז ח ט י
כ ל מ נ ס
ע פ צ ק ר
ש ת

Read the aleph-bet chart from right to left:

aleph, bet, gimmel, dalet, hey

vav, tzion, chet, tet, yod

khaf/kaf, lamed, mem, nun, samech

ayin, pey/fey, tzadi, kof, resh

sheen/sin, tav

