

Parashah 47 Re'eh (See)

Re'eh (See) {Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17}

Haftorah: Yesha'yahu (Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5)

B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah

Matthew 19:16-17; John 14:12-15; John 15:9-10;

1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 5:1-3; Revelation 12:17

This week's portion is from Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17

(Bold, Underlining and Italics added for emphasize) {NKJV-New King James Version, CJB-Complete Jewish Bible, TEV-Today's English Version}

Our Prayer today, for understanding of G-d's word with His promises and requirements for us:

Psalm 86:11,6 (NKJV) "⁶*Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer*; and attend to the voice of my supplications... ¹¹*teach me your way, O LORD*; I will walk in your truth; *unite my heart* to fear your name."

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 (NKJV) "²⁶"Behold, I set before you today a *blessing and a curse*: ²⁷*the blessing, if you obey the commandments* of the LORD your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and *the curse, if you do not obey the commandments* of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known."

26. Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse.

כו. ראה אנכי נתן לפניכם היום בְּרָכָה וּקְלָלָה:

27. The blessing, that you will heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today;

כז. אֵת הַבְּרָכָה אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁמָעוּ אֶל מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוֶּה אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם:

28. and the curse, if you will not heed the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn away from the way I command you this day, to follow other gods, which you did not know.

כח. וְהַקְלָלָה אִם לֹא תִשְׁמָעוּ אֶל מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְסָרְתֶם מִן הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוֶּה אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם לְלַכֵּת אַחֲרֵי אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִדְעֶתֶם:

As Moses continues addressing the Children of Israel, he gives exhortation for correct and proper obedience, laced with the blessings received when they are obedient. Then almost in the same breath Moses warns the Children of Israel about the consequences of disobedience, which lead to idolatry. Idolatry is not just the physical act of bowing to a graven image, praying to it and worshipping it as a god. Idolatry is the act of putting anything ahead of or before G-d Almighty in importance, attention and love. *Anything can become a god to us, demanding and getting our attention, devotion and love ahead of G-d Almighty.* Sports, sports figures, work, career, family members, Mothers, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Husbands, Wives, Sons and Daughters. One, multiple or even all of such things can become our idols.

Moses has broken it down to the bottom line. He places before the people **two choices, Blessings or**

Curses. It further breaks down to embracing, obeying and hearing the Word of G-d or turning ones back on the word and commands of G-d, abandoning the word of G-d and following the world.

The Hebrew word for the first word of this portion is important - See (behold) (Re'eh). The usage here is not a mere physical seeing as when you watch TV or a movie. It means to grasp the meaning of reality, with your mind not just your eyes. It is the sight of discernment. We even use the phrase for understanding with the same word today; "Oh, I see".

Moses continually hammered at them to make them understand. He wanted the Children of Israel to understand the effect their choices had with consequences for them right now in their life and in their future, as well as their descendants. Moses wants them to understand deeply within their very being. The blessings are not only spiritual, but very real in the physical too. As well the curses will be spiritual and very real in the physical too.

In the following chapters, Moses continually outlines what and how Israel is to do when they enter the Promised Land. Israel has a lot to do to cleanse the land physically and spiritually. They are not waltzing into the Waldorf Historia with a buffet line, nice ready rooms, maid service, cleanliness and recreation amongst other amenities. No, they are going in with a job to do, preparing the land, preparing themselves and their future descendants for living in G-d's abundant Grace, Love and many blessings. That is if they obediently listen to and see the commandments of G-d.

Deuteronomy 12:1-5 (NKJV) ¹ "These *are* the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. ² You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³ And you shall destroy their altars, break their *sacred* pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. ⁴ ***You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things.*** ⁵ ***But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.***"

1. These are the statutes and ordinances that you shall keep to perform in the land which the Lord God of your fathers gives you to possess all the days that you live on the earth.

א. אלה החקים והמשפטים אשר תשמרון לעשות בארץ אשר נתן יהוה אלהי אבותיך לך לרשתה כל הימים אשר אתם חיים על האדמה:

2. You shall utterly destroy from all the places where the nations, that you shall possess, worshipped their gods, upon the lofty mountains and upon the hills, and under every lush tree.

ב. אבד תאבדון את כל המקומות אשר עבדו שם הגוים אשר אתם ירשים אתם את אלהיהם על ההרים הרמים ועל הגבעות ותחת כל עץ רענן:

3. And you shall tear down their altars, smash their monuments, burn their asherim with fire, cut down the graven images of their gods, and destroy their name from that place.

ג. ונתצתם את מזבחתם ושברתם את מצבתם ואשריהם תשרפון באש ופסילי אלהיהם תגדעון ואבדתם את שמם מן המקום ההוא:

4. You shall not do so to the Lord, your God.

ד. לא תעשו כן ליהוה אלהיכם:

5. But only to the place which the Lord your God shall choose from all your tribes, to set His Name there; you shall inquire after His dwelling and come there.

ה. כי אם אל המקום אשר יבחר יהוה אלהיכם מפל שבטיכם לשום את שמו שם לשכנו תדרשו ובאתשמה:

Take note of verse four. You shall not worship the one and only true G-d with the

idolatrous means, ways or items of the false and paganistic nations (the world).

Is it any different for us today? No it isn't. Today these things have different façades and new coat of paint to make it look different, but underneath all that, there are the same old disgusting ways of conduct and worship, which G-d Almighty despises.

Deuteronomy 12:29-32 (NKJV) "29 "When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, ³⁰ *take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them*, after they are destroyed from before you, and that *you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'* ³¹ ***You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods;*** for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. ³² ***Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.***"

29. When the Lord, your God cuts off the nations to which you will come to drive them out from before you, and when you drive them out and dwell in their land,

כט. כי יכרית יהוה אלהיך את הגוים אשר אתה בא שמה לרשת אותם מפניך וירשת אתם וישבת בארצם:

30. beware, lest you be attracted after them, after they are exterminated from before you; and lest you inquire about their gods, saying, "How did these nations serve their gods? And I will do likewise."

ל. השמר לך פן תנקש אחריהם אחרי השמד מפניך ופן תדרש לאלהיהם לאמר איכה יעבדו הגוים האלה את אלהיהם ואעשה כן גם אני:

31. You shall not do so to the Lord, your God; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates, they did to their gods, for also their sons and their daughters they would burn in fire to their gods.

לא. לא תעשה כן ליהוה אלהיך כי כל תועבת יהוה אשר שנא עשו לאלהיהם כי גם את בניהם ואת בנותיהם ישרפו באש לאלהיהם:

Has the church today taken in the ways of the world, their ways of worship and adopted those things, claiming to have cleaned them up so they can use them to worship god? Have you heard that it is okay because it is the intent that matters? Has the church taken and "inquired" of how the nations (the world) served their gods in admiration of the manners and means they did? Interesting justification isn't it?

G-d doesn't think it is interesting, let's reread:

Deuteronomy 12:31 (NKJV) "³¹ ***You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods;*** for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods."

Deuteronomy 12:31 (CJB) "³¹ ***You must not do this to Adonai your God! For they have done to their gods all the abominations that Adonai hates!*** They even burn up their sons and daughters in the fire for their gods!"

Consider this, Re'eh, "see" this, Shema, "hear/obey" this and see how it applies to our lives and worship today!

Moses goes on even in detail concerning some of the practices of the nations (world), as to the people this obviously was already a factor in not considering some of the practices "so bad" or even attractive to follow!

Then Moses continues reminding the Children of Israel how they are to praise and worship G-d correctly as had already been commanded forty years earlier. Moses gives a brief of the feasts of the Lord, along with some new commandments concerning them, which apply for being in the Promised Land.

**Moses is setting out the two choices, setting the standard,
which ADONAI has given for the choices, we all have.**

***BLESSINGS (THROUGH OBEDIENCE) OR CURSES (THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE)
LIFE (THROUGH OBEDIENCE) OR DEATH (THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE)***

This has not changed today; these are still the only two choices we have!

***Haftorah - Prophets
Yeshu'yahu (Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5)***

In this portion of the Haftorah, The Prophet Isaiah is delivering a message from G-d to the people of Israel concerning their abandonment of idolatry and false worship and the resultant blessings and protection which God promises for the return to true and correct worship of G-d.

More than in the natural of the time then, Isaiah is giving a tremendous prophecy for our time also. As G-d restores Israel in the last days, He will defend her, coming against all those who come against Israel. That time is upon Israel and us now; it is coming to fruition to be completed upon the return of the Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 54:11- 17 (CJB) ¹¹“Storm-ravaged [city], unconsolated, I will set your stones in the finest way, lay your foundations with sapphires, ¹² make your windows shine with rubies, your gates with garnet, your walls with gemstones. ¹³ All your children will be taught by Adonai; your children will have great peace. ¹⁴ In righteousness you will be established, far from oppression, with nothing to fear; far from ruin, for it will not come near you. ¹⁵ Any alliance that forms against you will not be my doing; whoever tries to form such an alliance will fall because of you. ¹⁶ It is I who created the craftsman who blows on the coals and forges weapons suited to their purpose; I also created the destroyer to work havoc. ¹⁷ No weapon made will prevail against you. In court you will refute every accusation. The servants of Adonai inherit all this; the reward for their righteousness is from me,” says Adonai.”

Isaiah furthers his prophecies concerning the Messiah, Yeshua from chapter 53, here in chapter 55. We see the many references used by Yeshua himself and the Apostles in teaching about Him as the "Son of David" through whom G-d has made a new blood covenant through the sacrificial death of His "only begotten" son, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah. It is a covenant of Grace and full forgiveness and salvation for all of mankind, not just the Nation of Israel. See verses 3 -5 as they describe the grafting in of the Gentiles through the "grace assured David", the "witness to the peoples, a leader and lawgiver for the peoples". That is none other than our Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah! We become, through the grace of

G-d, through the blood of Yeshua HaMashiach, one new man with the Gentiles grafted into the common wealth of Israel now sharing in the covenant promises and blessings.

Isaiah 55:1-5 (CJB) "1 "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You without money, come, buy, and eat! Yes, come! Buy wine and milk without money— it's free! 2 Why spend money for what isn't food, your wages for what doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and you will eat well, you will enjoy the fat of the land. 3 Open your ears, and come to me; listen well, and you will live— I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the grace I assured David. 4 I have given him as a witness to the peoples, a leader and lawgiver for the peoples. 5 You will summon a nation you do not know, and a nation that doesn't know you will run to you, for the sake of Adonai your God, the Holy One of Isra'el, who will glorify you." "

B'rit Hadashah – New Testament

Matthew 19:16-17; John 14:12-15; John 15:9-10;

1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 5:1-3; Revelation 12:17

Time to review and summarize this week's teaching and study

Moses continues to hammer at the children of Israel about their choices. Mankind has had a choice since the beginning. Adam and Eve had a choice, the same choice, obedience listening to the word of G-d and life full of blessings or disobedience resulting in a life full of curses. Their choice was very simple, but the lie told to cause them to doubt and fall into sin, disobedience and death, has not changed; it is the base of all Satan's deceptions.

What else can ADONAI, G-d Almighty do, but keep "hammering away at us" through His written word and through the living Word, Yeshua, Jesus about the benefits and blessings of following His commands, the Torah, the Law and the consequences of not doing so?

Let's take a look at what Yeshua, Jesus says in the scriptures:

Matthew 19:16-17 (NKJV) "16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.**" "

What commandments was Yeshua talking about here? He was talking about the commandments ever discussed being followed or obeyed, the "Law of Moses", "The Law", "the Torah". Get it, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah, believed, followed and instructed believers to follow the "commandments" or in other words, the Torah!

John 14:12-15 (NKJV) ""12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 **"If you love Me, keep My commandments."**

What commandments did Yeshua issue? As we have seen before he commanded obedience to the Father and to the "commandments" contained in the Torah.

John 15:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰***If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.***"

Speaks for its self doesn't. Again, remember Yeshua fulfilled the "Law", but did not do away with it! The commands and principals for living our life in a holy manner so as to walk with G-d and be prepared to enter His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven. These commands not only still apply, but are necessary for our obedience in order to take full advantage of G-d's Grace through His only begotten Son, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ.

See how this continues the teaching and the admonition of Yeshua HaMashiach, see how G-d's word "hammers at us too, to make the right choices. G-d through His Grace continues to give us chances to come to Him properly, that we may be saved through His Son. Our Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus.

1 John 2:3-6 (CJB) ³***The way we can be sure we know him is if we are obeying his commands.*** ⁴ Anyone who says, "I know him," ***but isn't obeying his commands is a liar — the truth is not in him.*** ⁵ But if someone keeps doing what he says, then truly love for God has been brought to its goal in him. *This is how we are sure that we are united with him.* ⁶ *A person who claims to be continuing in union with him ought to conduct his life the way he did.*""

1 John 5:1-3 (NKJV) ¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ²***By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.*** ³***For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.***"

If we have the Love, which Yeshua said fulfills the "Law", then we automatically, will be fulfilling into obedience, G-d's commands for our lives as found in the Torah. Remember, this does not put us "under the Law". Instead we are bound by Love to recognize and follow G-d's requirements for the proper way of living for and worshipping Him.

Let us look ahead in our future, a not too distant future at that. Take note, of Satan, the great dragon who, in the last days will come after all believers in order to attack to destroy when he can not destroy "the woman", Israel":

Revelation 12:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and ***he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***"

Revelation 12:17 (CJB) ¹⁷The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off ***to fight the rest of her children, those who obey God's commands and bear witness to Yeshua.***"

Understand nothing from the beginning, Genesis to the end; Revelation in G-d's word has changed. We are to keep His commandments as contained in His Torah, His Law. While we are not "under the "Law" any ore by G-d's Grace, we are under the obligation of obedience to G-d's will and commands for our morals, ethics and behavior. By doing so we are making the correct choice, the choice of obedience resulting in blessings and life.

When we make our "choice", the choice to accept and follow the Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach, we

have to discard preconceived notions of Him and discover the truth about Him through the complete word of G-d. The great deceiver, Satan, presents us a god that will fit into our own perceived idea of what ADONAI should be. Satan tickles the ears, telling us what we want to hear and just as with Adam and Eve presents just enough "light" and "truth" to make the lie palatable. Let's go back to our Torah portion and see the command and warning:

Deuteronomy 12:32 (NKJV) "³² Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it."

Deuteronomy 12:32 (CJB) "³² "Everything I am commanding you, you are to take care to do. Do not add to it or subtract from it."

Our best example of following the Torah is Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ. Not only did he follow it, preach and teach it, he fulfilled it by his life. Yeshua testified to the truth and the grace of the Torah, bringing to it fullness and full explanation of the meaning and intent of the Law, the Torah!!

See how John address this:

John 1:16-17 (NKJV) "¹⁶ And of *His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.* ¹⁷ ***For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***"

John 1:16-17 (CJB) "¹⁶ We have all *received from his fullness, yes, grace upon grace.* ¹⁷ ***For the Torah was given through Moshe; grace and truth came through Yeshua the Messiah.***"

Closing:

From the beginning, Almighty G-d, the Father has given us a choice. This choice is following his commandments with the consequences of blessings or the choice is disobedience with the consequences of the curses. This pattern has been set through throughout the outline of G-d's plan to bring man back to him, providing the blood sacrifice necessary to redeem all of mankind out of sin and death, giving grace and forgiveness. This pattern has shown the benefits with consequences of choosing to follow G-d's commandments and the curses with consequences of choosing disobedience to G-d's commandments. Here is what it boils down to in a formula:

"See, Hear, Obey" = Blessings = Life

"Disobey, Abandon, refuse to "See" = Curses = Death

Therefore we will close with what Moses's immediate predecessor and disciple said:

Joshua 24:14-15 (NKJV) ¹⁴ "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! ¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:14-15 (CJB) ¹⁴ "Therefore fear Adonai, and serve him truly and sincerely. Put away the gods your ancestors served beyond the [Euphrates] River and in Egypt, and serve Adonai! ¹⁵ If it seems bad to you to serve Adonai, then choose today whom you are going to serve! Will it be the gods your ancestors served beyond the River? or the gods of the Emori, in whose land you are living? As for me and my household, we will serve Adonai!"

*YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE WORD,
FOR THE WORD TO BE IN YOU!*

*PRAISE G-D FOR HIS INSTRUCTION,
GUIDANCE AND GRACE GIVEN TO US
THROUGH HIS UNENDING LOVE FOR
HIS SPECIAL CREATION, MANKIND!!*

Shabbat Shalom, G-d Bless and Keep you!

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