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BLESS THE LORD, WHO IS TO BE BLESSED

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BARUCH ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH LA OLAM VA'ED

BLESSED IS ADONAI, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER

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Chukat – Statutes

Bamidbar / Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

Reading Numbers 21:21 – 22:1

Blessing The Reading Of The Torah

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu, melekh ha-olam,
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe**

**Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim venatan la-nu et
Torato,**

Who chose us from all the people and gave us His Torah

**Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah
Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah**

Blessing over the reader of Torah

May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless
oooooooo because he has come up for the honor of Yah, for the
honor of the Torah and for the honor of the Shabbat. In this merit
may the Holy One, Blessed be He, protect and deliver oooooooooo
from all trouble and distress, from all affliction and illness, and
may He send blessing and success to all his endeavors, together
with all Israel and all his brethren;
and the congregation says,
In Yeshua's Name
Amen.

Numbers 21:21 - 23

21 Israel sent messengers to King Sihon of the Amorites saying,

22 “Permit us to pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or vineyard nor drink water from the wells. We will travel on the king’s highway until we will have passed through your territory.”

23 But Sihon would not let Israel pass through his territory. Instead, Sihon called out his entire army and marched out into the desert to oppose Israel. When he came to Jahaz, he fought against Israel.

Numbers 21:24 - 26

24 But Israel struck him by the sword's edge and conquered his land from Arnon to Jabbok as far as the Ammonites, because the border of the sons of Ammon was fortified.

25 Israel conquered all these cities and occupied all the Amorite cities, Heshbon and all its towns.

26 Heshbon was the city of King Sihon of the Amorites, who had fought with the former king of Moab and had taken from his control all the land as far as the Arnon.

Numbers 21:27 - 29

27 Therefore the poets say, "Come to Heshbon! Let her be rebuilt! Let the city of Sihon be restored!

28 For fire went out from Heshbon, a blaze from the city of Sihon! It consumed Ar of Moab, the masters of Arnon's heights!

29 Woe to you, O Moab! You have been destroyed, people of Chemosh! He has given up his sons as refugees and his daughters as captives to Sihon, king of the Amorites.

Numbers 21:30 - 32

30 But we overthrew them! Heshbon as far as Dibon is destroyed! We have demolished them as far as Nophah up to Medeba.”

31 So Israel was living in the land of the Amorites.

32 After Moses sent spies to Jazer, they captured her towns and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Numbers 21:33 – 22:1

33 Then they turned and went up the road to the Bashan. Og, king of the Bashan, went out to confront them, he and all his people, in battle at Edrei.

34 Yah said to Moses, “Do not fear him. I have given him with all his people and his land into your hand. You are to do to him just as you did to Sihon, the Amorite king who was living in Heshbon.”

35 So they struck him and his sons and his entire army until no survivor was left to him, and they possessed his land.

22:1 Then Bnei-Yisrael set out and camped in the plains of Moab alongside the Jordan across from Jericho.



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Red Heifer Numbers 19

- Red Heifer without spot or blemish – flawless – never yoked
- Sacrificed and burned without the camp
- Kohen took her blood on his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting.
- “A clean man gathers up the ashes of the heifer and put them in a clean place outside the camp. They are to be for the community of Bnei-Yisrael to use as water of purification from sin.
- However, that man who is unclean but does not purify himself will be cut off from the community. He has defiled the Sanctuary of Yah, since the cleansing water was not sprinkled on him. He is unclean.

Striking the Rock Numbers 20

- People complained because of the lack of water
- Yah told Moshe to get his staff and bring Aaron to the rock along with the people
- Yah told Moshe to speak to the rock
- Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly in front of the rock. He said, “Listen now, you rebels! Must we bring you water from this rock?” and struck the rock twice
- Water gushed from the rock As Yah had said would happen
- Moshe was denied entry into the Promised Land because he struck the rock

Strike to the Rock Exodus 17:3 - 5

3 But the people thirsted for water there, and they complained against Moses and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt? To kill us with thirst, along with our children and cattle?”

4 So Moses cried out to Yah saying, “What am I to do for these people? They are about ready to stone me.”

5 Yah said to Moses, “Walk before the people, and take of the elders of Israel with you, along with your staff with which you struck the river. Take it in your hand and go.

Strike the Rock Exodus 17:6 - 7

6 Behold, I will stand before you, there upon the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people can drink.” Then Moses did just so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.

7 The name of the place was called Massah (Temptation) and Meribah (Provocation), because of the quarreling of Bnei-Yisrael, and because they tested Yah saying, “Is Yah among us, or not?”

Speak to the Rock Numbers 20

2 Now there was no water for the community, so they assembled against Moses and Aaron.

3 The people quarreled with Moses saying, "If only we had died when our brothers died before Yah!

4 Now why have you brought the community of Adonai into this wilderness, for us and our livestock to die here?

Speak to the Rock Numbers 20

5 Why have you brought us from Egypt to bring us to this evil place—a place without grain, fig, grapevine or pomegranate—and there's no water to drink!”

6 So Moses and Aaron went from before the assembly to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and fell on their faces. Then the glory of Yah appeared to them.

7 Yah spoke to Moses saying

Speak to the Rock Numbers 20

8 “Take the staff and gather the assembly, you and your brother Aaron. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will give out its water.[a] You will bring out water from the rock, and you will give the community something to drink, along with their livestock.”

9 So Moses took the staff from before the presence of Adonai, just as He had commanded him.

10 Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly in front of the rock. He said, “Listen now, you rebels! Must we bring you water from this rock?”

Speak to the Rock Numbers 20

11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with the staff. Water gushed out and the community and its livestock drank.

12 But Yah said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in Me so as to esteem Me as holy in the eyes of Bnei-Yisrael, therefore you will not bring this assembly into the land that I have given to them.”

13 These are the waters of Meribah where Bnei-Yisrael contended with Moses, and where Adonai showed Himself holy among them.

Edom And Aaron Numbers 20

- Edom would not let Israel pass through his land
- Moshe gives account to Yah's goodness in freeing Israel
- Edom again refuses
- Moshe promises to pay for any produce or water consumed
- Edom promises war if they come through his territory
- Israel turned away from that path
- Aaron was gathered to his people because of Moshe's rebellion at Meribah when he struck the rock twice

Arad, Complainers, Sihon and Og Numbers 21

- Canaanite King Arad attacked and captured some of Israel
- Moshe prayed to destroy their cities and was granted this prayer
- The people complained against Yah and poisonous serpents were sent among the camp
- ***Moshe raised up a bronze serpent on a pole and all who were bit but looked upon it lived***
- Sihon and Og were defeated after they refused to let Israel pass through
- They set their sights on a journey through Moab

The Brazen Serpent Numbers 21

4 They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Sea of Reeds in order to go around the land of Edom. The spirit of the people became impatient along the way.

5 The people spoke against God and Moses: “Why have you brought us from Egypt to die in the wilderness, because there is no bread, no water, and our very spirits detest the despicable food?”

6 So Adonai sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people and many of the people of Israel died.

The Brazen Serpent Numbers 21

7 The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against Adonai and you! Pray to Yah for us, that He may take away the snakes!” So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Yah said to Moses, “Make yourself a fiery snake and put it on a pole. Whenever anyone who has been bitten will look at it, he will live.”

9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it on a pole, and it happened that whenever a snake bit anyone and he looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

The Brazen Serpent

John 12:27 - 33

27 “Now My soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But it was for this reason I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify Your name!” Then a voice came out of heaven, “I have glorified it, and again I will glorify it!”

29 Therefore the crowd that was standing there and heard it was saying that it had thundered. Others were saying, “An angel has spoken to Him.”

John 12:30 – 32 TLV

30 Yeshua responded, “This voice hasn’t come for My sake, but for yours.

31 Now is the judgment of this world! Now the prince of this world will be driven out!

32 And as I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.”

33 He said this to show the kind of death He was about to die.

John 12:32 NKJV

NKJV

32 And I, if I am ***lifted up*** from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

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32 And if I receive the hagbah (lifting up) from ha'aretz, I will draw kol (The Whole, or All) Bnei Adam to myself.

Hagbah – Raising of the Torah

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The verse “And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people” (Neh. 8:5) is the biblical precedent for raising an open scroll so that the entire congregation can view the Torah script.

The person who lifts the Torah traditionally opens at least three columns of the scroll before raising it up as high as possible, and then slowly turns to show the script to all assembled. This allows everyone in the congregation to see the text and proclaim “v’zot ha-Torah” (this is the Torah [that Moses placed before the Children of Israel]; Deut. 4:44).

Some worshipers raise the edges of the tallit toward the script and then kiss the tzitzit , though the halachic (Jewish law) requirement is merely to bow toward the open Torah.

The HagBah and Gelilah - My Jewish Learning

Ashkenazi and Sephardic Traditions

Ashkenazim and Sephardim have developed different traditions for the timing and wording of this dramatic ceremony.

In Ashkenazi congregations, the Torah scroll is raised after the reading is completed, whereas Sephardic Jews raise the Torah scroll before the reading begins.

In addition, in the Ashkenazi rite there is the addition of a second verse, “at the Lord’s bidding through Moses” (Num. 9:23).

Although now everyone at an Ashkenazic service says both verses together, at one time only the person who raised the Torah may have recited the first line, while the second was the congregational response.

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“Hagbah ” is the term for raising the Torah, which is performed by the magbiah;

“Gelilah” is the word for rolling up and tying the Torah scroll and replacing its cover and ornaments, which is done by the goleil. The Talmud does not appear to separate these two functions, referring primarily to the latter (Meg. 32a).

Indeed, at one time, the person who received the last aliyah may have performed both of these duties.

Nehemiah 8:1 - 3

1 Then all the people were brought as a single body into the plaza that was before the Water Gate. They said to Ezra the scribe, "Bring out the Torah scroll of Moses that Yah had commanded Israel."

2 Ezra the kohen brought the Torah before the assembly, which included men and women and all who could understand what they heard. This happened on the first day of the seventh month.

3 So he read from it before the plaza in front of the Water Gate from first light until midday, in the presence of the men and women, and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the scroll of the Torah.

Nehemiah 8:4 - 6

4 Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform constructed for this purpose. Standing near him at his right hand were Mattitiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah and at his left hand were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.

5 Ezra opened the scroll in the sight of all the people for he was above all the people. When he opened it, all the people stood up.

6 Ezra blessed Yah, the great Elohim, and all the people answered, "Amen, amen!" as they lifted up of their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped Yah with their faces to the ground.

Nehemiah 8:7 - 9

7 The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbetai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah—instructed the people in the Torah while the people were standing in their place.

8 They read from the Torah scroll of Yah, distinctly explaining it and giving insight. Thus they understood what was read.

9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the kohen-scribe, and the Levites who were teaching the people said to all the people, “Today is kadosh to Yah your Elohim. Do not mourn or weep!” For all the people had been weeping when they heard the words of the Torah.

Nehemiah 8:10 - 12

10 So he said to them, "Go! Eat choice food, drink sweet drinks, and send portions to those who have nothing ready. For today is kadosh to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of Yah is your strength."

11 Then the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Hush! For today is kadosh. Do not grieve."

12 So all the people departed to eat and drink, to send portions and to celebrate with great joy, because they came to understand the words that were explained to them.

Romans 15:7 - 9

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Yeshua also received us, to the glory of Yah.

8 Now I say that Messiah Yeshua has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of Yah, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

9 and that the Gentiles might glorify Yah for His mercy, as it is written:

“For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name.”

Romans 15:10 - 13

10 And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, *with His people!*”

11 And again: “Praise Yah, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!”

12 And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse;
And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the
Gentiles shall hope.”

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the
Ruach HaKodesh

The Whole Duty Of Man

12 Be warned my son of anything in addition to them: There is no end to the making of many books, and excessive study wearies the flesh.

13 A final word, when all has been heard: Fear Yah and keep His mitzvot! For this applies to all mankind.

14 God will bring every deed into judgment, including everything that is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

The Whole Duty Of Man

9 Furthermore, Kohelet was not only wise but he also taught the people knowledge. He pondered, sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

10 Kohelet searched to find delightful words and truthful, accurate sayings.

11 The words of the wise are like goads, their collective sayings are like firmly affixed nails. They have been given by one Shepherd.

Yeshua Kept The Commands

John 14

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Statutes Are My Heritage and Joy

Psalm 119:111 - "Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart."



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