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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

בְּמִדְבָּר

B'midbar

Hebrew for “in the wilderness of”

B'midbar / Numbers 1:1-4:20

Reading from: Numbers 4:1-20

# Blessing the Reading of the Torah

ברוך אתה אדני

אלהינו מלך העולם

אשר בחר בנו מכל העמים

ונתן לנו את תורתו

ברוך אתה אדני נותן התורה

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu,**

**melekh ha-olam,**

**Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim**

**venatan la-nu et Torato.**

**Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe**

**Who chose us from all the people and gave us His 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 *Rob Oaks* because he has come up for the honor of God, 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 Rob 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 4:1 - 3

1 Yah spoke to Moshe and to Aaron saying,

2 “Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families and by their ancestral households,

3 everyone from 30 years of age to 50, all who come to serve doing the work in the Tent of Meeting.

## Numbers 4:4 - 6

4 “This is the task of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting—the most holy things.

5 Whenever the camp is about to move out, Aaron and his sons are to take down the shielding curtain[a] and cover the Ark of the Testimony with it.

6 Then they are to cover this with porpoise hide, then spread over it a cloth of solid blue. Then they are to put its poles in place.

## Numbers 4:7 - 9

7 “Then over the table of the Presence they are to spread a solid blue cloth, then lay on it the plates, ladles, bowls, and jars for the drink offering. The bread that is continually there is to remain there.

8 Over them they are to spread a solid scarlet cloth, cover it with a covering of porpoise hide, then install its poles.

9 “Then they are to take a blue cloth and cover the menorah for light, along with its lamps, tongs, snuffers and oil jars that they use to tend to it.

## Numbers 4:10 - 12

10 They then are to wrap it and all its accessories in a cover of porpoise hide and place it all on a carrying frame.

11 “Over the golden altar they are to spread a blue cloth and cover that with a covering of porpoise hide, then put its poles in place.

12 “They are to take all the utensils used for the service of the ministry of the Sanctuary, wrap them in a blue cloth, cover them with porpoise hide, and place them on a carrying frame.



## Numbers 4:13 - 15

13 “They are to remove the ashes from the altar, then spread over it a purple cloth.

14 They are to put onto it all the utensils with which they tend to the altar, among them the firepans, meat forks, shovels and sprinkling bowls. They are to spread over it a covering of porpoise hide and install its poles.

15 “When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the Sanctuary and all its holy implements, and when the camp is ready to move out, after this the sons of Kohath may come to do the carrying. But they must not touch the holy items or they will die. These are the task of the sons of Kohath with regard to the Tent of Meeting.

## Numbers 4:16 - 18

16 “Eleazar son of Aaron the kohen will have charge of the oil for the light, the fragrant incense, the regular grain offering and the anointing oil. He is to have charge of the Tabernacle and all that is in it, including its holy items and all its implements.”

17 Adonai spoke to Moses and Aaron saying,

18 “You are not to let the families of the tribe of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites.

## Numbers 4:19 - 20

19 Do this for them so that they may live and not die whenever they approach the most holy items—Aaron and his sons are to go into the Sanctuary and assign each man his job and his responsibility.

20 But the Kohathites are not to go in to look at what is holy, not even momentarily, or they will die.”



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## MESSIAH'S TEMPTATION

Gospels Connection:  
Matthew 4

**B'MIDBAR –  
IN THE WILDERNESS**

# Sequence of Matthew's Gospel, chapters 2-5

1. Herod's killing of the boys
2. Leaving from Israel to Egypt
3. Returning to Israel from Egypt
4. Announcement and Arrival
5. Baptism
6. Wilderness Experience - Temptation
7. Preaching the Good News – the Kingdom is near
8. Calls his first disciples
9. Signs and Miracles
10. "Sermon" on the Mount

Do you see any parallels  
between Yeshua's story and  
Moses' or Israel's story in  
Exodus?



# Matthew's Gospel – Yeshua as Moses or Israel

Yeshua's Story	Israel's or Moses' story (Exodus)
Herod's killing of boys	✓ Pharaoh's killing of boys (1)
Leaving from Israel to Egypt	✓ Moses flees OR Israel goes down (2)
Returning to Israel	✓ Israel returning to land by God
Announcement and Arrival	✓ God to save Israel (4-14)
Baptism	✓ Red Sea experience (14-15)



# Matthew's Gospel – Yeshua as Moses or Israel

Yeshua's Story	Israel's or Moses' story (Exodus)
Wilderness Temptation	✓ - Grumbings, complaining (16)
Adonai's testing invoked	✓ - The people tested the Lord (17)
Good News – Kingdom	✓ - kingdom of priests, treasured (19)
Calling followers	✓ - people, judges, Aaron & Moses?
Signs and wonders	✓ - trumpet, fire, trembling, thunder
“Sermon” on the Mount	✓ - 10 commandments (Ex. 20)

Let's read the temptation passage – Matthew 4

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Let's read the temptation passage – Matthew 4

3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said,  
“If You are the son of God, tell these stones to  
become bread.”

But He replied, “It is written, ‘*Man shall not live  
by bread alone, but by every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.*’”

Let's read the temptation passage – Matthew 4

5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and placed Him on the highest point of the Temple. 6 He said, “If You are the Son of God,” throw Yourself down. For it is written,

*‘He shall command His angels concerning you,’  
and ‘upon their hands they shall lift you up,  
so that you may not strike your foot against a  
stone.’”*

Let's read the temptation passage – Matthew 4

7 Yeshua said to him, “Again it is written, ‘*You shall not put Adonai your God to the test.*’”

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8 Again, the devil takes Him to a very high mountain and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Yeshua says to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘*You shall worship Adonai your God, and Him only shall you serve.*’” 11 Then the devil leaves Him. And behold, angels came and began to take care of Him.

Matthew 4:1-2

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What comes to mind?

“After fasting forty days and forty nights...”

## Yeshua in the line of the Prophets

### Moses

Exodus 38:27-28 the Lord said to Moses, “Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” 28 Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant—the Ten Commandments.

### Elijah

1 Kings 19:7 the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God....10 Elijah said, “The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword.”



Tempted or Tested? - πειράζω [*peirazo*]

Positive or negative

1. To attempt (*to do something*)
2. To tempt (*if someone will do something, e.g. sin*)
3. To test (*quality, behavior, thoughts*)

## HB Examples of πειράζω [*peirazo*]: + or - ?

- Genesis 22:1 – “God tested Abraham”
- Exodus 16:4 – “I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, so that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My Torah.”
- Exodus 17:7 – “the sons of Israel tested Adonai, saying, “Is Adonai among us, or not?”

## NT Examples of πειράζω [*peirazo*]: + or - ?

- Matthew 19:3 - Some Pharisees came to Yeshua to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”
- Matthew 22:17-18 - “Tell us then, what do You think? Is it permissible to pay a tax to Caesar, or not?” But Yeshua, perceived their malice, and said, “Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?”

Why was Yeshua  
tested/tempted?

# Why was he being tested?

Deuteronomy 8:2 - Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

Matthew 4:1 - Then Yeshua was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Yeshua, “the embodiment of Israel and the fulfiller of all her hopes, repeats in his own experience the experience of Israel—with, of course, the one major difference, that whereas Israel failed its test in the wilderness, Yeshua succeeds, demonstrating the perfection of his own sonship”

*Donald A. Hagner, Matthew 1–13, vol. 33A, pg. 62*

# Why was Yeshua tempted/tested?

- To have the same experience as Israel, but do it right
- Submission
  - Will of the Father
  - Voluntarily & complete surrender
  - Son of God
    - *Just previously, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

# Israel vs. Yeshua

*Deuteronomy 9:7-8 “Remember this and never forget how you aroused the anger of the Lord your God in the wilderness. From the day you left Egypt until you arrived here, you have been rebellious against the Lord. 8 At Horeb you aroused the Lord’s wrath so that he was angry enough to destroy you.”*



## Wrath to Come – Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Messiah died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

# How does he get into the wilderness?

Mark 1:12 - the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness...

Matthew 4:1 - Then Yeshua was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted...

Luke 4:1 – Yeshua, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness

What do none of the gospel writers say?

# Who tempts Messiah?

Matthew 4:1 - Then Yeshua was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by **the devil**.

Devil - διάβολος (diabolos)

Zechariah 3:1 - he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan [diabolos] was standing at his right to accuse him.

## First Test by Satan

3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

But He replied, “It is written, ‘*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*’”

“IF you are the Son of God”



Better translation:

“since you are the Son of God...”

- Greek:  $\epsilon\iota$  – “if, since”
  - Since - “in citing a fact as a ground of argument or appeal”

Hungry? Make Bread!

Deuteronomy 8:3 *‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

Grumbling Israel vs. Submissive Messiah

Israel – manna

Israel – words of God?

# Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:11 *“give us today our daily provision of bread”*

- Won't save himself with food
- not provided bread by the Father
- John 4:34 – Yeshua said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His will”

Food didn't work... Satan's second test

5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and placed Him on the highest point of the Temple.

6 He said, “**Since** you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down.

For it is written,[Psalm 91:11-12] ‘*He shall command His angels concerning you, and ‘upon their hands they shall lift you up, so that you may not strike your foot against a stone.’*”



What is Satan trying to do  
here?

What is Satan trying to do?

- Satan's competition with Scripture
- Mortal danger
- Stop Messiah's mission, purpose
- Father's Will

# Yeshua's response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> test

## “Dilemma”

- If he throws himself down...
- If he doesn't throw himself down...
  - Trusts the Father entirely
  - Obedient to the Father's plan & will
  - Proves nothing

# Messiah's Response: Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:16 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

- Reference to waters of Massah & Meribah
  - Dissatisfied Israel challenges Moses and Yah
  - Just about food and water?

“Is Yah present with us, or not?”

- Plagues
- Destroyer passing over
- Freedom
- Pillar of fire, pillar of cloud
- Red Sea
- Manna and quail

Messiah not like Israel – questioning Father’s will  
Sons of Abraham...?

## Satan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Test

8 Again, the devil takes Him to a very high mountain and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."

10 Then Yeshua says to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship Adonai your God, and Him only shall you serve.*'" 11 Then the devil leaves Him.

“takes Him to a very high mountain”

Moses...Deuteronomy 34:

*“Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, 2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, 3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”*

*Messiah could conquer, but did not*

# A prophet greater than Moses

*Deuteronomy 34:10 “Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. 12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.”*



“All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

- In the Hebrew Bible, where did the pagans in the land go to worship?
- Where did Israel go to worship false gods?
- Deuteronomy 12:2 - *“You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills...”*

Where does power come from? – Deut. 8

You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. 20 Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

# Yeshua – Son of God

the devil takes Him to a very high mountain and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

- Where's “if you are the Son of God”?

# Yeshua's Response: Rejects Satan's Offer

Deuteronomy 6:13 *“Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him only.”*

- Rejects Satan – only one worthy of worship
- Promised things are silly!
  - Why?

## A Messianic Psalm – Psalm 2

6 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”

7 “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession...”

# Another Messianic Psalm – Psalm 72

1 Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

2 May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.

3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

4 May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.

## Another Messianic Psalm – Psalm 72

5 May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

6 May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

7 In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

8 May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

## Another Messianic Psalm – Psalm 72

9 May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust.

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.

11 May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him



## Another Messianic Psalm – Psalm 72

17 May his name endure forever;  
may it continue as long as the sun.

Then all nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.

Revelation also says so...

11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

Yeshua is the Messiah & Son of God

- Israel – false gods
- Messiah – worship to the Father ONLY

# Messiah accomplishes where Israel failed

- Test 1 – Messiah shows submission
- Test 2 – Messiah trusts the Father's will & plan
- Test 3 – Messiah gives worship only to the Father
- No compromise
- Complete and total surrender

The Messianic king's Psalm's ending- Praise be to God!

Psalm 72:18-19

18 Praise be to **Yahweh Elohim**, the God of Israel,  
who alone does marvelous deeds.

19 Praise be to His glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Amen and Amen.



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# Parashah Nasso Reading

נָשָׂא - Take up or Lift up

Numbers 4:21 – 7:89

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day Numbers 4:21 - 37
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Numbers 4:38 - 49
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Day Numbers 5:1 - 10
- 4<sup>th</sup> Day Numbers 5:11 – 6:27
- 5<sup>th</sup> Day Numbers 7:1 – 41
- 6<sup>th</sup> Day Numbers 7:42 - 71
- 7<sup>th</sup> Day Numbers 7:72 - 89

Haftarah

Judges 13:2 - 25

Gospels

Luke 1:11 - 20



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