

Eikev, Torah

Deuteronomy 9:4-10:11

(4) And when the LORD your God has thrust them from your path, say not to yourselves, “The LORD has enabled us to possess this land because of our virtues”; it is rather because of the wickedness of those nations that the LORD is dispossessing them before you. (5) It is not because of your virtues and your rectitude that you will be able to possess their country; but it is because of their wickedness that the LORD your God is dispossessing those nations before you, and in order to fulfill the oath that the LORD made to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (6) Know, then, that it is not for any virtue of yours that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess; for you are a stiffnecked people. (7) Remember, never forget, how you provoked the LORD your God to anger in the wilderness: from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you reached this place, you have continued defiant toward the LORD. (8) At Horeb you so provoked the LORD that the LORD was angry enough with you to have destroyed you. (9) I had ascended the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the Tablets of the Covenant that the LORD had made with you, and I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, eating no bread and drinking no water. (10) And the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God, with the exact words that the LORD had addressed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the Assembly. (11) At the end of those forty days and forty nights, the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the Tablets of the Covenant. (12) And the LORD said to me, “Hurry, go

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(ד) אֲלֹתֵי אֱמֹר בְּלִבְבְּךָ בְּהִדָּף יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֹתָם וּמִלְפָּנֶיךָ לֵאמֹר בְּצַדִּיקְתִּי הֵבִיאֵנִי יְהוָה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וּבְרִשְׁעַת הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה יְהוָה מוֹרִישָׁם מִפְּנֵיךָ: (ה) לֹא בְּצַדִּיקְתְּךָ וּבִישׁוֹר לִבְבְּךָ אֶתָּה בָּא לְרִשְׁתָּהּ אֶת־אֲרָצָם כִּי בְרִשְׁעַת הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מוֹרִישָׁם מִפְּנֵיךָ וְלִמְעַן הַקִּיָּם אֶת־הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלִיעֲקֹב: (ו) וַיִּדְעַתְּ כִּי לֹא בְּצַדִּיקְתְּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה הַזֹּאת לְרִשְׁתָּהּ כִּי עַם־קָשֶׁה־עֲרָף אָתָּה: (ז) זָכַר אֶל־תְּשׁוּבָתְךָ אֶת אֲשֶׁר־הִקְצַפְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּמַדְבָּר לְמוֹתֵי אֲשֶׁר־יָצָאתָ מֵאֲרָץ מִצְרַיִם עַד־בְּאֶמְקֶם עַד־הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה מִמְּרִיבֵי הַיַּיִתִּים עִם־יְהוָה: (ח) וּבַחֲרִב הִקְצַפְתָּם אֶת־יְהוָה וַיִּתְאַנֶּף יְהוָה בְּכֶם לְהַשְׁמִיד אֹתְכֶם: (ט) בַּעֲלֹתִי הַהֲרָה לָקַחְתָּ לְוַחֲת הָאֲבָנִים לְוַחֲת הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר־כָּרַת יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם וְאִשָּׁב בְּהָר אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה לָחֵם לֹא אָכַלְתִּי וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתִיתִי: (י) וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה אֵלָי אֶת־שְׁנֵי לְוַחֲת הָאֲבָנִים כְּתָבִים בְּאֶצְבַּע אֱלֹהִים וְעָלִיהֶם כָּכָל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר מְתוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ בַּיּוֹם הַקֶּהֱלָל: (יא) וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה נָתַן יְהוָה אֵלָי אֶת־שְׁנֵי לְוַחֲת הָאֲבָנִים לְוַחֲת הַבְּרִית: (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלָי קוּם רֵד מִהָר מִזֶּה כִּי שָׁחַת עִמָּךְ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם סָרוּ מִהָר מוֹתֵהֶם אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתָם עֲשׂוּ לָהֶם מִסְכָּה: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלָי

down from here at once, for the people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted wickedly; they have been quick to stray from the path that I enjoined upon them; they have made themselves a molten image.” (13) The LORD further said to me, “I see that this is a stiffnecked people. (14) Let Me alone and I will destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven, and I will make you a nation far more numerous than they.” (15) I started down the mountain, a mountain ablaze with fire, the two Tablets of the Covenant in my two hands. (16) I saw how you had sinned against the LORD your God: you had made yourselves a molten calf; you had been quick to stray from the path that the LORD had enjoined upon you. (17) Thereupon I gripped the two tablets and flung them away with both my hands, smashing them before your eyes. (18) I threw myself down before the LORD—eating no bread and drinking no water forty days and forty nights, as before—because of the great wrong you had committed, doing what displeased the LORD and vexing Him. (19) For I was in dread of the LORD’s fierce anger against you, which moved Him to wipe you out. And that time, too, the LORD gave heed to me.— (20) Moreover, the LORD was angry enough with Aaron to have destroyed him; so I also interceded for Aaron at that time.— (21) As for that sinful thing you had made, the calf, I took it and put it to the fire; I broke it to bits and ground it thoroughly until it was fine as dust, and I threw its dust into the brook that comes down from the mountain. (22) Again you provoked the LORD at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah. (23) And when the LORD sent you on from Kadesh-barnea, saying, “Go up and take possession of the land that I am giving you,” you flouted the command of the LORD your God; you did not put your trust in Him and did not obey Him. (24) As long as I have known you, you have been defiant toward the LORD. (25) When I lay prostrate before the LORD those forty days and forty

לֵאמֹר רֵאִיתִי אֶת־הָעַם הַזֶּה וְהִנֵּה
עִם־קִשָּׁה־עֲרֹף הוּא: (יד) הָרַף מִמְּנִי
וְאֲשַׁמְדֵם וְאֶמְחָה אֶת־שִׁמְם מִתַּחַת
הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶעֱשֶׂה אוֹתְךָ לְגוֹי־עֲצוּם וְרַב
מִמֶּנּוּ: (טו) וְאִפֹּן וְאֶרְדּ מִן־הַהָר וְהָהָר בַּעֲר
בָּאֵשׁ וְשָׁנִי לִוְחַת הַבְּרִית עַל שְׁתֵּי יָדַי:
(טז) וְאֶרְא וְהִנֵּה חֲטֵאתֶם לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
עֲשִׂיתֶם לָכֶם עֵגֶל מִסַּכָּה סִרְתֶּם מֵהָר
מִן־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר־צִוִּיה יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם: (יז)
וְאֶתְפֹּשׂ בַּשָּׁנִי הַלְּחַת וְאֲשַׁלְּכֶם מֵעַל שְׁתֵּי
יָדַי וְאֲשַׁבְּרֶם לְעֵינַיִכֶם: (יח) וְאֶתְנַפֵּל לְפָנַי
יְהוָה כְּרֹאשׁוֹנָה אַרְבַּעַיִם יוֹם וְאַרְבַּעַיִם
לַיְלָה לֶחֶם לֹא אֲכַלְתִּי וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתִיתִי
עַל כָּל־חֲטֵאתְכֶם אֲשֶׁר חֲטֵאתֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת
הָרַע בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה לְהַכְעִיסוֹ: (יט) כִּי יָגֵרְתִי
מִפְּנֵי הָאֵף וְהַחֲמָה אֲשֶׁר קִצַּף יְהוָה
עֲלֵיכֶם לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה אֵלַי
גַּם בַּפַּעַם הַהוּא: (כ) וּבִאֲהָרֵן הַתְּאֵנִף
יְהוָה מְאֹד לְהַשְׁמִידוֹ וְאֶתְפַּלֵּל גַּם־בְּעַד
אֲהָרֵן בְּעַת הַהוּא: (כא) וְאֶת־חֲטֵאתְכֶם
אֲשֶׁר־עֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־הָעֵגֶל לְקַחְתִּי וְאֲשַׁרְף
אֹתוֹ וּבָאֵשׁ וְאָפַת אֹתוֹ טָחוֹן הַיֵּטֵב עֵד
אֲשֶׁר־דָּק לְעַפֵּר וְאֲשַׁלֵּף אֶת־עַפְרוֹ
אֶל־הַנַּחַל הַיַּרְדּ מִן־הָהָר: (כב) וּבַתְּבַעֲרָה
וּבַמִּטָּה וּבַקְּבֻרַת הַתְּאֵוָה מִקְּצָפִים הֵייתֶם
אֶת־יְהוָה: (כג) וּבִשְׁלַח יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם
מִקְדֵּשׁ בְּרַנְעֵל לֵאמֹר עֲלוּ וּרְשׁוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לָכֶם וַתִּמְרוּ אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְלֹא הֵאֱמַנְתֶּם לוֹ וְלֹא שָׁמַעְתֶּם
בְּקוֹלוֹ: (כד) מִמְּרִים הֵייתֶם עִם־יְהוָה מִיּוֹם
דַּעַתִּי אֶתְכֶם: (כה) וְאֶתְנַפֵּל לְפָנַי יְהוָה אֶת
אַרְבַּעַיִם הַיּוֹם וְאֶת־אַרְבַּעַיִם הַלַּיְלָה אֲשֶׁר
הִתְנַפַּלְתִּי כִּי־אָמַר יְהוָה לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם:
(כו) וְאֶתְפַּלֵּל אֶל־יְהוָה וְאָמַר אֲדַנִּי יְהוָה
אֶל־תִּשְׁחַת עַמִּי וְנַחֲלֶתְךָ אֲשֶׁר פָּדִיתָ
בְּגֹדְלֶךָ אֲשֶׁר־הוֹצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם בְּיַד חֲזָקָה:
(כז) זָכַר לַעֲבֹדְךָ לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק
וּלְיַעֲקֹב אֶל־תִּפּוֹן אֶל־קִשֵׁי הָעַם הַזֶּה

nights, because the LORD was determined to destroy you, (26) I prayed to the LORD and said, “O Lord God, do not annihilate Your very own people, whom You redeemed in Your majesty and whom You freed from Egypt with a mighty hand. (27) Give thought to Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and pay no heed to the stubbornness of this people, its wickedness, and its sinfulness. (28) Else the country from which You freed us will say, ‘It was because the LORD was powerless to bring them into the land that He had promised them, and because He rejected them, that He brought them out to have them die in the wilderness.’ (29) Yet they are Your very own people, whom You freed with Your great might and Your outstretched arm.” (1) Thereupon the LORD said to me, “Carve out two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain; and make an ark of wood. (2) I will inscribe on the tablets the commandments that were on the first tablets that you smashed, and you shall deposit them in the ark.” (3) I made an ark of acacia wood and carved out two tablets of stone like the first; I took the two tablets with me and went up the mountain. (4) The LORD inscribed on the tablets the same text as on the first, the Ten Commandments that He addressed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the Assembly; and the LORD gave them to me. (5) Then I left and went down from the mountain, and I deposited the tablets in the ark that I had made, where they still are, as the LORD had commanded me. (6) From Beeroth-bene-jaakan the Israelites marched to Moserah. Aaron died there and was buried there; and his son Eleazar became priest in his stead. (7) From there they marched to Gudgod, and from Gudgod to Jotbath, a region of running brooks. (8) At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant, to stand in attendance upon the LORD, and to bless in His name, as is still the case. (9) That is why the Levites have received no hereditary

וְאֶל־רִשְׁעוֹ וְאֶל־חַטָּאתוֹ: (כח) פְּנִי־אֶמְרוּ
הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָנוּ מִשָּׁם מִבְּלִי יְכַלֵּת
יְהוָה לְהִבְיָאֵם אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר לָהֶם
וּמִשְׁנֵאתוֹ אוֹתָם הוֹצִיאָם לְהַמְתֵּם בַּמִּדְבָּר:
(כט) וְהֵם עִמָּךְ וְנִחַלְתָּךְ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ
בְּכַחֲךָ הַגָּדֹל וּבְזוֹרְעֶךָ הַנְּטוּיָה: {פ}
(א) בָּעֵת הַהִוא אָמַר יְהוָה אֵלַי פְּסֹל־לִי
שְׁנֵי־לוּחֹת אֲבָנִים כְּרִאשֹׁנִים וְעֲלֵה אֵלַי
הַהֲרָה וְעָשִׂיתָ לִּי אֲרוֹן עֵץ: (ב) וְאָכַתְבָּ
עַל־הַלּוּחֹת אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ
עַל־הַלּוּחֹת הַרְאשֹׁנִים אֲשֶׁר שִׁבַּרְתָּ וּשְׁמַתָּם
בָּאָרוֹן: (ג) וְאָעַשׂ אֲרוֹן עֵצִי שְׁטִים וְאָפְסַל
שְׁנֵי־לּוּחֹת אֲבָנִים כְּרִאשֹׁנִים וְאָעַל הַהֲרָה
וְשָׁנִי הַלּוּחֹת בְּיָדִי: (ד) וַיִּכְתֹּב עַל־הַלּוּחֹת
כַּמְּכַתֵּב הַרְאשֹׁן אֶת עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרִים
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֵלֵיכֶם בְּהַר מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ
בְּיוֹם הַקֹּהֵל וַיִּתֶּנֶם יְהוָה אֵלַי: (ה) וְאָפֹן
וְאֵרַד מִן־הָהָר וְאָשֵׁם אֶת־הַלּוּחֹת בָּאָרוֹן
אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי וַיְהִי שֵׁם כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוִּנִי יְהוָה:
(ו) וּבֹנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל נָסְעוּ מִבְּאֵרֶת בְּנֵי־יַעֲקֹב
מוֹסֵרָה שֵׁם מֵת אַהֲרֹן וַיִּקְבֹּר שָׁם וַיִּכְהֹן
אֶלְעָזָר בְּנוֹ תַחַתָּי: (ז) מִשָּׁם נָסְעוּ
הַגִּדְגָּדָה וּמִן־הַגִּדְגָּדָה יִטְבְּתָה אֶרֶץ נַחֲלֵי
מַיִם: (ח) בָּעֵת הַהִוא הִבְדִּיל יְהוָה
אֶת־שִׁבְט הַלְוִי לְשֵׂאת אֶת־אֲרוֹן
בְּרִית־יְהוָה לְעַמֹּד לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לְשֵׂרְתוֹ
וּלְכַרֵּךְ בְּשֵׁמוֹ עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ט) עַל־כֵּן
לֹא־הָיָה לִלְוִי חֶלֶק וְנִחַלָה עִם־אָחָיו יְהוָה
הוּא נִחַלְתּוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ לוֹ:
(י) וְאַנְכִי עִמָּדְתִּי בְּהָר כְּפִימֵם הַרְאשֹׁנִים
אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה
אֵלַי גַּם בַּפֶּעַם הַהִוא לֹא־אַבָּה יְהוָה
הַשְּׁחִיתָךְ: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי קוּם לִךְ
לְמִסְע לִפְנֵי הָעָם וַיְבֹאוּ וַיִּירָשׁוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ
אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאַבְתָּם לָתֵת לָהֶם: {פ}

portion along with their kinsmen: the LORD is their portion, as the LORD your God spoke concerning them. (10) I had stayed on the mountain, as I did the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD heeded me once again: the LORD agreed not to destroy you. (11) And the LORD said to me, “Up, resume the march at the head of the people, that they may go in and possess the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.”

