

## Eikev, Torah, August 5, 2023

Deuteronomy 7:12-9:3

(12) And if you do obey these rules and observe them carefully, your God יהוה will maintain faithfully for you the covenant made on oath with your fathers: (13) [God] will favor you and bless you and multiply you—blessing your issue from the womb and your produce from the soil, your new grain and wine and oil, the calving of your herd and the lambing of your flock, in the land sworn to your fathers to be assigned to you. (14) You shall be blessed above all other peoples: there shall be no sterile male or female among you or among your livestock. (15) יהוה will ward off from you all sickness; [God] will not bring upon you any of the dreadful diseases of Egypt, about which you know, but will inflict

דברים ז':"ב-ט':ג'

(יב) וְהָיָה | עֲקֵב תִּשְׁמְעוּן אֶת  
הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים הָאֵלֶּה וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם  
וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְשָׁמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ  
לְךָ אֶת־הַבְּרִית וְאֶת־הַחֹסֶד אֲשֶׁר  
נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם: (יג) וְאַהֲבֶיךָ וַיְבָרְכֶךָ  
וְהִרְבֶּיךָ וַיְבָרְכֶךָ פְּרִי־בִטְנְךָ  
וּפְרִי־אֲדָמָתְךָ דִּגְנֶיךָ וְתִירְשֶׁךָ וַיְצַהֲרֶיךָ  
שִׁגְר־אֶלְפִיךָ וַעֲשִׂיתְךָ צֹאנֶיךָ עַל  
הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם  
לָתֵת לָךְ: (יד) בָּרוּךְ תִּהְיֶה  
מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים לֹא־יִהְיֶה בְּךָ עֲקָר  
וְעֲקָרָה וּבְבֵה־מִתֶּךָ: (טו) וְהִסִּיר  
יְהוָה מִמֶּךָ כָּל־חֲלִי וְכָל־מִדּוּי  
מִצָּרִים הָרָעִים אֲשֶׁר יִדְעָתָ לֹא  
יִשְׁיָמֶם בְּךָ וּנְתַנֶּם בְּכָל־שְׁנָאֵיךָ:  
(טז) וְאָכַלְתָּ אֶת־כָּל־הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ לֹא־תִתּוֹס

them upon all your enemies. (16)  
 You shall destroy all the peoples  
 that your God יהוה delivers to you,  
 showing them no pity. And you  
 shall not worship their gods, for  
 that would be a snare to you. (17)  
 Should you say to yourselves,  
 “These nations are more numerous  
 than we; how can we dispossess  
 them?” (18) You need have no fear  
 of them. You have but to bear in  
 mind what your God יהוה did to  
 Pharaoh and all the Egyptians: (19)  
 the wondrous acts that you saw  
 with your own eyes, the signs and  
 the portents, the mighty hand, and  
 the outstretched arm by which your  
 God יהוה liberated you. Thus will  
 your God יהוה do to all the peoples  
 you now fear. (20) Your God יהוה  
 will also send a plague against  
 them, until those who are left in  
 hiding perish before you. (21) Do  
 not stand in dread of them, for  
 your God יהוה is in your midst, a  
 great and awesome God. (22) Your

עֵינֶיךָ עֲלֵיהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹד  
 אֶת־אֱלֹהֵיהֶם כִּי־מוֹקֵשׁ הוּא לָךְ:  
 {ס} {יז} כִּי תֹאמַר בְּלִבְבְּךָ רַבִּים  
 הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה מִמֶּנִּי אֵיכָה אוּכַל  
 לְהוֹרִישָׁם: {יח} לֹא תִירָא מֵהֶם  
 זָכַר תִּזְכֹּר אֶת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְפַרְעֹה וּלְכָל־מִצְרַיִם: {ט}  
 הַמַּסֹּת הַגְּדֹלֹת אֲשֶׁר־רָאוּ עֵינֶיךָ  
 וְהָאֵתוֹת וְהַמִּפְתִּימִים וְהַיָּד הַחֲזָקָה  
 וְהַזְרֹעַ הַנְּטוּיָה אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ כְּוַיַּעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
 לְכָל־הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה יֹרֵא  
 מִפְּנֵיהֶם: {כ} וְגַם אֶת־הַצְּרָעָה  
 יִשְׁלַח יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בָּם עַד־אַבֹּד  
 הַנְּשֹׂאָרִים וְהַנִּסְתָּרִים מִפְּנֵיךָ: {כא}  
 לֹא תַעֲרֹץ מִפְּנֵיהֶם כִּי־יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּקִרְבְּךָ אֵל גָּדוֹל וְנוֹרָא:  
 {כב} וְנִשְׁלִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת־הַגּוֹיִם  
 הָאֵל מִפְּנֵיךָ מַעֲט מַעֲט לֹא תוּכַל  
 כַּלְתָּם מִהָר פֶּן־תִּרְבֶּה עָלֶיךָ תִּית  
 הַשָּׂדֶה: {כג} וַנִּתְּנָם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ

God יהוה will dislodge those  
 peoples before you little by little;  
 you will not be able to put an end  
 to them at once, else the wild beasts  
 would multiply to your hurt. (23)  
 Your God יהוה will deliver them up  
 to you, throwing them into utter  
 panic until they are wiped out. (24)  
 [God] will deliver their kings into  
 your hand, and you shall obliterate  
 their name from under the heavens;  
 no one shall stand up to you, until  
 you have wiped them out. (25) You  
 shall consign the images of their  
 gods to the fire; you shall not covet  
 the silver and gold on them and  
 keep it for yourselves, lest you be  
 ensnared thereby; for that is  
 abhorrent to your God יהוה. (26)  
 You must not bring an abhorrent  
 thing into your house, or you will  
 be proscribed like it; you must  
 reject it as abominable and  
 abhorrent, for it is proscribed. (1)  
 You shall faithfully observe all the  
 Instruction that I enjoin upon you

לַפְּנֵיָי וְהָמָּם מִהוּמָה גְדֹלָה עַד  
 הַשְּׂמָדָם: (כד) וְנָתַן מְלֻכֵיהֶם בְּיָדִי  
 וְהֶאֱבַדְתָּ אֶת־שָׂמָם מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם  
 לֹא־יִתְיַצֵּב אִישׁ בְּפָנָי עַד הַשְּׂמָדָי  
 אַתֶּם: (כה) פְּסִילֵי אֱלֹהֵיהֶם  
 תִּשְׂרֹפוּן בְּאֵשׁ לֹא־תִחַמְדוּ כֶסֶף  
 וְזָהָב עֲלֵיהֶם וְלִקְחֹתָ לָךְ פֶּן תִּוְקַשׁ  
 בּוֹ כִּי תִוְעַבְתָּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הוּא:  
 (כו) וְלֹא־תִבְיֵא תִוְעֵבָה אֶל־בֵּיתְךָ  
 וְהָיִיתָ חָרָם כָּמֹהוּ שִׁקָץ | תִּשְׁקָצְנוּ  
 וְתִעַב | תִּתְעַבְנוּ כִּי־חָרָם הוּא: {פ}  
 (א) כָּל־הַמִּצֻוָּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצִוֶּה  
 הַיּוֹם תִּשְׁמְרוּן לַעֲשׂוֹת לְמַעַן תִּחְיֶינּוּ  
 וּרְבִיתֶם וּבִאתֶם וִירִשְׁתֶּם  
 אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה  
 לַאֲבוֹתֵיכֶם: (ב) וְזָכַרְתָּ  
 אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּרָךְ אֲשֶׁר הוֹלִיכָךָ יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ זֶה אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה בַּמִּדְבָּר  
 לְמַעַן עֲנֹתְךָ לְנִסְתֹךָ לְדַעַת  
 אֶת־אֲשֶׁר בְּלִבְבְּךָ הִתְשַׁמַּר מִצְוֹתָו  
 אִם־לֹא: (ג) וַיַּעֲנֶה וַיִּרְעַבְךָ וַיֵּאָכְלֶךָ

today, that you may thrive and increase and be able to possess the land that יהוה promised on oath to your fathers. (2) Remember the long way that your God יהוה has made you travel in the wilderness these past forty years, in order to test you by hardships to learn what was in your hearts: whether you would keep the divine commandments or not. (3) [God] subjected you to the hardship of hunger and then gave you manna to eat, which neither you nor your ancestors had ever known, in order to teach you that a human being does not live on bread alone, but that one may live on anything that יהוה decrees. (4) The clothes upon you did not wear out, nor did your feet swell these forty years. (5) Bear in mind that your God יהוה disciplines you just as a householder disciplines his son. (6) Therefore keep the commandments of your God יהוה: walk in God's

אֶת־הַמָּוֶן אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִדְעֶתָ וְלֹא יִדְעוּן  
אֲבֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן הוֹדִיעֶיךָ כִּי לֹא  
עַל־הַלֶּחֶם לְבַדּוֹ יַחֲיֶה הָאָדָם כִּי  
עַל־כָּל־מוֹצֵא פִי־יְהוָה יַחֲיֶה  
הָאָדָם: (ד) שְׂמַלְתֶּךָ לֹא בָלְתָהּ  
מֵעַלְיֶךָ וְרַגְלֶךָ לֹא בִצְקָה זֶה  
אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה: (ה) וַיִּדְעֶתָ  
עִם־לִבְבֶךָ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר יִיָּסֵר אִישׁ  
אֶת־בְּנוֹ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִיִּסְרֶךָ: (ו)  
וְשִׁמְרָתָ אֶת־מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
לְלַכֵּת בְּדַרְכָּיו וְלִירְאֵה אֹתוֹ: (ז) כִּי  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מְבִיאֶךָ אֶל־אֶרֶץ  
טוֹבָה אֶרֶץ נַחְלֵי מַיִם עֵינַת  
וְתַהֲלִימֹת יִצְאִים בְּבִקְעָה וּבְהָר: (ח)  
אֶרֶץ חָטָה וְשִׁעֲרָה וְגִפּוֹן וְתַאֲנָה  
וְרָמוֹן אֶרֶץ־זֵית שָׁמֶן וְדַבְּשׁ: (ט)  
אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא בְּמִסְכָּנֹת  
תֹּאכְלֶנָּה לֶחֶם לֹא־תַחֲסֹר כָּל בָּה  
אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲבַנֶּיהָ בְּרוֹזַל וּמַהֲרָרֶיהָ  
תַּחֲצֹב נְחָשׁת: (י) וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשִׂבַּעְתָּ  
וּבְרַכְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל־הָאֶרֶץ

ways and show reverence. (7) For your God יהוה is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams and springs and fountains issuing from plain and hill; (8) a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey; (9) a land where you may eat food without stint, where you will lack nothing; a land whose rocks are iron and from whose hills you can mine copper. (10) When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to your God יהוה for the good land given to you. (11) Take care lest you forget your God יהוה and fail to keep the divine commandments, rules, and laws which I enjoin upon you today. (12) When you have eaten your fill, and have built fine houses to live in, (13) and your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold have increased, and everything you own has prospered, (14) beware lest your heart grow haughty and you forget

הטבה אשר נתן-לך: (יא) השמר  
לך פורת-שכח את-יהוה אלהיך  
לבִּלְתִּי שָׁמַר מְצוֹתָיו וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו  
וּחְקֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם:  
(יב) פֶּן-תֹּאכַל וְשָׁבַעְתָּ וּבָתִּים טֹבִים  
תִּבְנֶה וַיִּשְׁבַּחְתָּ: (יג) וּבְקִרְךָ וּצְאֻנְךָ  
יִרְבְּזוּ וּכְסֹף וְזָהָב יִרְבֶּה-לְךָ וְכֹל  
אֲשֶׁר-לְךָ יִרְבֶּה: (יד) וְרָם לְבַבְךָ  
וּשְׁכַחְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הַמוֹצִיאֲךָ  
מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עֶבְדִּים: (טו)  
הַמוֹלִיכֶךָ בַּמִּדְבָּר | הַגָּדֹל וְהַנּוֹרָא  
נִחַשׁ | שָׂרָף וְעִקָּרָב וְצִמְאֹן אֲשֶׁר  
אִין-מַיִם הַמוֹצִיא לְךָ מֵיַם מִצְוֹר  
הַחֲלָמִישׁ: (טז) הַמֵּאֲכִלְךָ מִן  
בַּמִּדְבָּר אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִדְעוּן אֲבֹתֶיךָ  
לְמַעַן עֲנֹתְךָ וּלְמַעַן נִסְתָּךָ לְהִיטִבְךָ  
בְּאַחֲרִיתְךָ: (יז) וְאָמַרְתָּ בְּלִבְבְּךָ כַּחֲלִי  
וְעַצֶּם יָדַי עָשָׂה לִּי אֶת-הַחֲלִיל הַזֶּה:  
(יח) וְזָכַרְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי  
הוּא הִנְתָּן לְךָ כֶּסֶף לַעֲשׂוֹת חֲלִיל  
לְמַעַן הִקְיָם אֶת-בְּרִיתוֹ

your God יהוה —who freed you from the land of Egypt, the house of bondage; (15) who led you through the great and terrible wilderness with its *seraph* serpents and scorpions, a parched land with no water in it, who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock; (16) who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your ancestors had never known, in order to test you by hardships only to benefit you in the end— (17) and you say to yourselves, “My own power and the might of my own hand have won this wealth for me.” (18) Remember that it is your God יהוה who gives you the power to get wealth, in fulfillment of the covenant made on oath with your fathers, as is still the case. (19) If you do forget your God יהוה and follow other gods to serve them or bow down to them, I warn you this day that you shall certainly perish; (20) like the nations that יהוה will

אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם בְּיוֹם הַזֶּה:  
 {פ} (ט) וְהָיָה אִם־שָׁכַחַת תִּשְׁכַּח  
 אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְהִלַּכְתָּ אַחֲרֵי  
 אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים וְעַבַדְתֶּם  
 וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתָ לָהֶם הֲעֵלֹתִי בְכֶם הַיּוֹם  
 כִּי אֶבְדֶּה תֹאבְדוֹן: (כ) כַּגֹּיִם אֲשֶׁר  
 יְהוּה מֵאֲבִיד מִפְּנֵיכֶם כֵּן תֹאבְדוֹן  
 עֵקֶב לֹא תִשְׁמְעוּן בְּקוֹל יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: {פ} (א) שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל  
 אִתָּה עִבְרַת הַיּוֹם אֶת־הִירְדֵן לְבֹא  
 לְרִשְׁתָּ גֹיִם גְּדֹלִים וְעֵצָמִים מִמֶּנּוּ  
 עָרִים גְּדֹלֹת וּבְצֻרֹת בַּשָּׁמַיִם: (ב)  
 עִם־גְּדוֹל וָרֵם בְּנֵי עֲנָקִים אֲשֶׁר  
 אָתָּה יָדַעְתָּ וְאִתָּה שָׁמַעְתָּ מִי  
 יִתְיַצֵּב לְפָנַי בְּנֵי עֲנָק: (ג) וַיִּדְעַתָּ  
 הַיּוֹם כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הוּא־הָעִבְרַת  
 לְפָנֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אָכְלָה הוּא יִשְׁמִידֶם  
 וְהוּא יִכְנִיעֶם לְפָנֶיךָ וְהוֹרֶשְׁתֶּם  
 וְהָאֲבֹדְתֶם מִהָרַךְ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה  
 לָךְ:

cause to perish before you, so shall you perish—because you did not heed your God (1) .יְהוָה Hear, O Israel! You are about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and more populous than you: great cities with walls sky-high; (2) a people great and tall, the Anakites, of whom you have knowledge; for you have heard it said, “Who can stand up to the children of Anak?” (3) Know then this day that none other than your God יְהוָה is crossing at your head, a devouring fire; it is [God] who will wipe them out—subduing them before you, that you may quickly dispossess and destroy them, as יְהוָה promised you.