

Sh'lach, Torah, June 29, 2024

Numbers 14:8-15:7

(8) If pleased with us, יהוה will bring us into that land, a land that flows with milk and honey, and give it to us; (9) only you must not rebel against יהוה. Have no fear then of the people of the country, for they are our prey: their protection has departed from them, but יהוה is with us. Have no fear of them!” (10)

As the whole community threatened to pelt them with stones, the Presence of יהוה appeared in the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. (11) And יהוה said to Moses, “How long will this people spurn Me, and how long will they have no faith in Me despite all the signs that I have performed in their midst? (12) I will strike them with pestilence and disown them, and I will make of

במדבר י"ד:ח'-ט"ו:ז'

(ח) אִם־חָפֵץ בָּנוּ יְהוָה וְהֵבִיא
אֶתְנוּ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וַנִּתֶּנָּה לָנוּ
אָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־הִיא זֶבֶת חֶלֶב וְדָבָשׁ:
(ט) אַךְ בִּיהוָה אֶל־תִּמְרְדוּ וְאַתֶּם
אֶל־תִּירְאוּ אֶת־עַם הָאָרֶץ כִּי
לְחַמְנוּ הֵם סֵר צֶלֶם מַעֲלֵיהֶם
וַיהוָה אֶתְנוּ אֶל־תִּירָאֵם: (י) וַיֹּאמְרוּ
כָּל־הָעֵדָה לְרָגוּם אֹתָם בְּאֲבָנִים
וּכְבוֹד יְהוָה נִרְאָה בְּאֵהָל מוֹעֵד
אֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {פ} (יא)
וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עַד־אֵנָּה
יִנְאַצְנִי הָעָם הַזֶּה וְעַד־אֵנָּה
לֹא־יֵאֱמִינוּ בִּי בְּכָל הָאֵתוֹת אֲשֶׁר
עָשִׂיתִי בְּקִרְבּוֹ: (יב) אֲכַנּוּ בְּדָבָר
וְאוֹרְשָׁנוּ וְאֶעֱשֶׂה אִתְּךָ לְגוֹי־גְדוֹל
וְעָצוּם מִמֶּנּוּ: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה
אֶל־יְהוָה וְשָׁמְעוּ מִצְרַיִם כִּי־הֶעֱלִיתָ

you a nation far more numerous than they!” (13) But Moses said to יהוה, “When the Egyptians, from whose midst You brought up this people in Your might, hear the news, (14) they will tell it to the inhabitants of that land. Now they have heard that You, יהוה, are in the midst of this people; that You, יהוה, appear in plain sight when Your cloud rests over them and when You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. (15) If then You slay this people wholesale, the nations who have heard Your fame will say, (16) ‘It must be because יהוה was powerless to bring that people into the land promised them on oath that [that god] slaughtered them in the wilderness.’ (17) Therefore, I pray, let my Lord’s forbearance be great, as You have declared, saying, (18) ‘יהוה! slow to anger and abounding in kindness; forgiving iniquity and transgression; yet not

בְּכַחַךְ אֶת־הָעַם הַזֶּה מִקְרָבּוֹ: (יד)
 וְאָמְרוּ אֶל־יוֹשְׁבֵי הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
 שָׁמְעוּ כִּי־אַתָּה יְהוָה בְּקֶרֶב הָעַם
 הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר־עִיֵן בְּעֵיֵן נִרְאָה | אַתָּה
 יְהוָה וְעַנְנְךָ עֹמֵד עֲלֵהֶם וּבַעֲמֹד
 עָנָן אַתָּה הֹלֵךְ לִפְנֵיהֶם יוֹמָם
 וּבַעֲמֹד אֵשׁ לַיְלָה: (טו) וְהִמַּתָּה
 אֶת־הָעַם הַזֶּה כְּאִישׁ אֶחָד וְאָמְרוּ
 הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר־שָׁמְעוּ אֶת־שִׁמְעֶךָ
 לֵאמֹר: (טז) מִבְּלֹתִי יִכְלֹת יְהוָה
 לְהַבִּיא אֶת־הָעַם הַזֶּה אֶל־הָאָרֶץ
 אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע לָהֶם וַיִּשְׁחָטֵם
 בַּמִּדְבָּר: (יז) וְעַתָּה יִגְדַל־נָא כְּחַ
 אֲדֹנָי כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתָּ לֵאמֹר: (יח)
 יְהוָה אַרְבֵּי אַפִּים וְרַב־חֶסֶד נִשְׂא
 עוֹן וּפָשַׁע וְנִקְהָ לֹא יִנְקָה פֶלֶאֲד עוֹן
 אֲבוֹת עַל־בְּנִים עַל־שְׁלֵשִׁים
 וְעַל־רִבְעִים: (יט) סֶל־חֲנֹא לְעוֹן
 הָעַם הַזֶּה כַּגְּדֹל חֶסְדְּךָ וּכְאֲשֶׁר
 נִשְׂאָתָה לָעַם הַזֶּה מִמִּצְרַיִם
 וְעַד־הַנְּהָ: (כ) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה סֶל־חַתִּי

remitting all punishment, but visiting the iniquity of parents upon children, upon the third and fourth generations.’ (19) Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to Your great kindness, as You have forgiven this people ever since Egypt.” (20) And יהוה said, “I pardon, as you have asked. (21) Nevertheless, as I live and as יהוה’s Presence fills the whole world, (22) none of those involved—who have seen My Presence and the signs that I have performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, and who have tried Me these many times and have disobeyed Me— (23) shall see the land that I promised on oath to their fathers; none of those who spurn Me shall see it. (24) But My servant Caleb, because he was imbued with a different spirit and remained loyal to Me—him will I bring into the land that he entered, and his offspring shall hold it as a possession. (25) Now the Amalekites

כְּדַבְּרָךָ: (כא) וְאוֹלָם חִי-אֲנִי וְיִמְלֹא
כְבוֹד-יְהוָה אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ: (כב) כִּי
כָל-הָאֲנָשִׁים הָרְאִים אֶת-כְּבֹדִי
וְאֶת-אַתְתִּי אֲשֶׁר-עָשִׂיתִי בְּמִצְרַיִם
וּבְמִדְבָּר וַיִּנְסוּ אֹתִי זֶה עָשָׂר
פְּעָמִים וְלֹא שָׁמְעוּ בְּקוֹלִי: (כג)
אִם-יִרְאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי
לְאַבְתָּם וְכָל-מְנַאֲצֵי לֹא יִרְאוּהָ:
(כד) וְעַבְדִּי כָלֵב עֵקֵב הֵיטָה רֹחַ
אֲחֵרֶת עִמּוֹ וְיִמְלֹא אַחֲרָי וְהִבִּיאֹתִי
אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-בָּא שָׁמָּה וְזָרְעוּ
יִוֹשְׁנֶיהָ: (כה) וְהָעַמִּלְקִי וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי
יֹשֵׁב בְּעֵמֶק מַחֲרָ פָּנָו וְסָעוּ לָכֶם
הַמִּדְבָּר יִדְרֹךְ יַם-סוּף: {פ} (כו)
וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל-אַהֲרֹן
לֵאמֹר: (כז) עַד-מָתִי לַעֲדָה הָרַעָה
הַזֹּאת אֲשֶׁר הִמָּה מְלִינִים עָלַי
אֶת-תְּלִנּוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הִמָּה
מְלִינִים עָלַי שָׁמַעְתִּי: (כח) אָמַר
אֲלֵהֶם חִי-אֲנִי נְאֻם-יְהוָה אִם-לֹא
כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתֶּם בְּאָזְנֵי כֵן אֶעֱשֶׂה

and the Canaanites occupy the valleys. Start out, then, tomorrow and march into the wilderness by way of the Sea of Reeds.” (26) יהוה spoke further to Moses and Aaron, (27) “How much longer shall that wicked community keep muttering against Me? Very well, I have heeded the incessant muttering of the Israelites against Me. (28) Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says יהוה, ‘I will do to you just as you have urged Me. (29) In this very wilderness shall your carcasses drop. Of all of you [men] who were recorded in your various lists from the age of twenty years up, you who have muttered against Me, (30) not one shall enter the land in which I swore to settle you—save Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. (31) Your children who, you said, would be carried off—these will I allow to enter; they shall know the land that you have rejected. (32) But your carcasses shall drop in this

לְכֶם: (כט) בַּמָּדְבָר הַזֶּה יִפְּלוּ
פְּגָרֵיכֶם וְכָל־פְּקָדֵיכֶם
לְכָל־מִסְפְּרֵיכֶם מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה
וּמֵעַלָּה אֲשֶׁר הֶלִינְתֶם עֵלַי: (ל)
אִם־אַתֶּם תָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
נִשְׁאַתִּי אֶת־יָדִי לְשַׁכֵּן אֶתְכֶם בָּהּ
כִּי אִם־כָּלֵב בֶּן־יִפְנֹה וַיהוֹשֻׁעַ
בֶּן־נֹון: (לא) וְטַפְּכֶם אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתֶּם
לְבָזוּ יְהוָה וְהֵבִיאֲתִי אֹתָם וַיִּדְעוּ
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר מְאַסְתֶּם בָּהּ: (לב)
וּפְגָרֵיכֶם אֲתֶם יִפְּלוּ בַּמָּדְבָר הַזֶּה:
(לג) וּבְנֵיכֶם יִהְיוּ רֹעִים בַּמָּדְבָר
אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה וְנִשְׂאוּ אֶת־זִנּוּתֵיכֶם
עַד־תֶּם פְּגָרֵיכֶם בַּמָּדְבָר: (לד)
בְּמִסְפַּר הַיָּמִים אֲשֶׁר־תָּרַתֶּם
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם יוֹם לְשָׁנָה
יוֹם לְשָׁנָה תִשְׂאוּ אֶת־עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם
אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה וַיִּדְעֶתֶם אֶת־תְּנוּאַתִּי:
(לה) אֲנִי יְהוָה דִּבַּרְתִּי אִם־לֹא |
זֹאת אֲעֲשֶׂה לְכָל־הָעֵדָה הָרָעָה
הַזֹּאת הַנוֹעְדִים עָלַי בַּמָּדְבָר הַזֶּה

wilderness, (33) while your children roam the wilderness for forty years, suffering for your faithlessness, until the last of your carcasses is down in the wilderness. (34) You shall bear your punishment for forty years, corresponding to the number of days—forty days—that you scouted the land: a year for each day. Thus you shall know what it means to thwart Me. (35) I יהוה have spoken: Thus will I do to all that wicked band that has banded together against Me: in this very wilderness they shall die and so be finished off.” (36) As for the agents whom Moses sent to scout the land, those who came back and caused the whole community to mutter against him by spreading calumnies about the land— (37) those who spread such calumnies about the land died of plague, by the will of (38) יהוה. Of those involved in going to scout the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of

יִתְּמוּ וְשָׂם יָמָתוֹ: (לו) וְהָאֲנָשִׁים
אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַח מֹשֶׁה לְתוֹר אֶת־הָאָרֶץ
וַיָּשׁוּבוּ (וּלְוֹנוֹ) [וַיִּלְיִנוּ] עָלָיו
אֶת־כָּל־הָעֵדוּהָ לְהוֹצִיא דָבָה
עַל־הָאָרֶץ: (לז) וַיָּמָתוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים
מוֹצְאֵי דַבַּת־הָאָרֶץ רָעָה בַּמִּגֵּפָה
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה: (לח) וַיְהוֹשֶׁעַ בֶּן־נּוֹן
וְכָל־בְּנֵי־יִפְנֵהָ חָיוּ מִן־הָאֲנָשִׁים
הֵהֱמָה הַהֵלְכִים לְתוֹר אֶת־הָאָרֶץ:
(לט) וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה אֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וַיִּתְּאֲבְלוּ הָעָם מְאֹד: (מ) וַיִּשְׁכַּמּוּ
בְּבֹקֶר וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶל־רֹאשֵׁי־הָהָר לֵאמֹר
הֲנִנוּ וְעָלִינוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר
יְהוָה כִּי חָטְאֵנוּ: (מא) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה
לְמָה זֶה אַתֶּם עוֹבְרִים אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה
וְהוּא לֹא תִצְלַח: (מב) אֶל־תַּעֲלוּ כִּי
אֵין יְהוָה בְּקִרְבְּכֶם וְלֹא תִנְגַּפוּ
לִפְנֵי אֲבִיכֶם: (מג) כִּי הָעַמְלֵקִי
וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי שָׂם לִפְנֵיכֶם וּנְפִלְתֶם
בַּחָרֶב כִּי־עַל־כֵּן שָׂבַתֶם מֵאֲחֵרֵי

Jephunneh survived. (39) When Moses repeated these words to all the Israelites, the people were overcome by grief. (40) Early next morning [their fighting force] set out toward the crest of the hill country, saying, “We are prepared to go up to the place that יהוה has spoken of, for we were wrong.” (41) But Moses said, “Why do you transgress יהוה’s command? This will not succeed. (42) Do not go up, lest you be routed by your enemies, for יהוה is not in your midst. (43) For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will be there to face you, and you will fall by the sword, inasmuch as you have turned from following יהוה and יהוה will not be with you.” (44) Yet defiantly they marched toward the crest of the hill country, though neither יהוה’s Ark of the Covenant nor Moses stirred from the camp. (45) And the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that hill country came

יהוה ולא־יהיה יהוה עִמָּכֶם: (מד)
ויעָפְלוּ לְעֵלוֹת אֶל־רֹאשׁ הַהָר
וְאָרוֹן בְּרִית־יהוה וּמֹשֶׁה לֹא־מָשׁוּ
מִקֶּרֶב הַמַּחֲנֶה: (מה) וַיֵּרֶד
הָעַמֶּלְקִי וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי הַיֹּשֵׁב בְּהָר
הַהוּא וַיָּכּוּם וַיִּכְתּוּם עַד־הַחֲרָמָה:
{פ} (א) וַיְדַבֵּר יהוה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה
לֵאמֹר: (ב) דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם כִּי תָבֹאוּ אֶל־אֶרֶץ
מוֹשְׁבַתְיֶכֶם אֲשֶׁר אָנִי נֹתֵן לָכֶם: (ג)
וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֲשֶׁה לַיהוה עֲלֶה אוֹ־זִבַּח
לְפִל־אֶנְדֹר אוֹ בַנְּדָבָה אוֹ
בַמַּעֲדִיכֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת רִיחַ נִיחֹחַ
לַיהוה מִן־הַבֶּקָר אוֹ מִן־הַצֹּאן: (ד)
וְהַקְּרִיב הַמִּקְרִיב קָרְבָּנוֹ לַיהוה
מִנְחָה סֹלֶת עֶשְׂרוֹן בָּלוּל בַּרְבֵּיעִית
הֶהֱיִן שֶׁמֶן: (ה) וַיֵּין לַנֶּסֶךְ רְבִיעִית
הֶהֱיִן תַּעֲשֶׂה עַל־הָעֹלָה אוֹ לְזִבַּח
לְכַבֵּשׁ הָאֶחָד: (ו) אוֹ לְאֵיל תַּעֲשֶׂה
מִנְחָה סֹלֶת שְׁנֵי עֶשְׂרִינָיִם בָּלוּלָה
בְּשֶׁמֶן שְׁלִשִׁית הֶהֱיִן: (ז) וַיֵּין לַנֶּסֶךְ

שְׁלֵשִׁית הַהֵינִן תִּקְרִיב רֵיחַ-נִיחֹחַ
לַיהוָה:

down and dealt them a shattering blow at Hormah. (1) יהוה spoke to Moses, saying: (2) Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you to settle in, (3) and would present an offering by fire to יהוה from the herd or from the flock, be it burnt offering or sacrifice, in fulfillment of a vow explicitly uttered, or as a freewill offering, or at your fixed occasions, producing an odor pleasing to יהוה: (4) The person who presents the offering to יהוה shall bring as a meal offering: a tenth of a measure of choice flour with a quarter of a *hin* of oil mixed in. (5) You shall also offer, with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, a quarter of a *hin* of wine as a libation for each sheep. (6) In the case of a ram, you shall present as a meal offering: two-tenths of a measure of choice flour with a third of a *hin* of oil mixed in; (7) and a third of a *hin* of wine as a libation

—as an offering of pleasing odor to
יהוה.