

## Eikev, Torah, August 24, 2024

Deuteronomy 9:4-10:11

(4) And when your God יהוה has thrust them from your path, say not to yourselves, “יהוה has enabled us to possess this land because of our virtues”; it is rather because of the wickedness of those nations that יהוה 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 your God יהוה is dispossessing those nations before you, and in order to fulfill the oath that יהוה made to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (6) Know, then, that it is not for any virtue of yours that your God יהוה is giving you this good land to possess; for you are a stiffnecked people. (7)

Remember, never forget, how you

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(ד) אֶל־תֹּאמַר בְּלִבְבְּךָ בְּהַזְדָּקָה יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֶיךָ אַתֶּם | מִלְּפָנֶיךָ לֵאמֹר  
בְּצִדְקָתִי הֵבִיאֵנִי יְהוָה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ  
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וּבְרִשְׁעַת הַגּוֹיִם  
הָאֵלֶּה יְהוָה מוֹרִישָׁם מִפְּנֵיךָ: (ה)  
לֹא בְּצִדְקָתְךָ וּבִישׁוֹר לְבַבְּךָ אַתָּה  
בָּא לְרִשְׁתָּהּ אֶת־אֲרָצָם כִּי בְּרִשְׁעַת  
| הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
מוֹרִישָׁם מִפְּנֵיךָ וּלְמַעַן הַקִּים  
אֶת־הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה  
לְאַבְרָהָם לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב:  
(ו) וַיִּדְעַתָּה כִּי לֹא בְּצִדְקָתְךָ יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה  
הַזֹּאת לְרִשְׁתָּהּ כִּי עִם־קִשְׁי־עֲרָף  
אַתָּה: (ז) זָכֹר אֶל־תִּשְׁכַּח אֵת  
אֲשֶׁר־הִקְצַפְתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בַּמִּדְבָּר לְמוֹת־הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר־יֵצֵאתָ |

provoked your God יהוה 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 יהוה. (8) At Horeb you so provoked יהוה that יהוה 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 יהוה had made with you, and I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, eating no bread and drinking no water. (10) And יהוה gave me the two tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God, with the exact words that יהוה 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, יהוה gave me the two tablets of stone, the Tablets of the Covenant. (12) And יהוה said to me, “Hurry, go down from here at once, for the

מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם עַד-בְּאֶחָד  
עַד-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה מִמִּצְרַיִם הַיְיִתֶם  
עִם-יְהוָה: (ח) וּבַחֲרֹב הִקְצַפְתֶּם  
אֶת-יְהוָה וַיִּתְאַנֶּף יְהוָה בְּכֶם  
לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם: (ט) בַּעֲלֹתִי  
הַהָרָה לָקַחְתָּ לְוַחֲת הָאֲבָנִים לְוַחֲת  
הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר-כָּרַת יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם  
וְאָשֵׁב בְּהָר אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים  
לַיְלָה לָחֵם לֹא אָכַלְתִּי וּמַיִם לֹא  
שָׁתִיתִי: (י) וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה אֵלַי אֶת-שְׁנֵי  
לְוַחֲת הָאֲבָנִים כְּתָבִים בְּאֶצְבָּע  
אֱלֹהִים וְעָלִיהֶם כָּכָל-הַדְּבָרִים  
אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר מִתּוֹךְ  
הָאֵשׁ בַּיּוֹם הַהֵוא: (יא) וַיְהִי מִקִּץ  
אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה נָתַן  
יְהוָה אֵלַי אֶת-שְׁנֵי לְחַת הָאֲבָנִים  
לְחֹת הַבְּרִית: (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה  
אֵלַי קוּם רֵד מֵהָר מֵנִּי כִּי שָׁחַת  
עִמָּךְ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאת מִמִּצְרַיִם סְרוּ  
מֵהָר מִן-הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתֶם עֲשׂוּ  
לָהֶם מִסָּכָה: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי

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) יהוה 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 your God יהוה: you had made yourselves a molten calf; you had been quick to stray from the path that יהוה 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 יהוה —eating no bread

לֵאמֹר רְאִיתִי אֶת־הָעַם הַזֶּה וְהִנֵּה  
עִם־קִשְׁיָה־עֲרָף הוּא: (יג) הָרַף  
מִמְּנִי וְאַשְׁמִידֵם וְאַמְחָה אֶת־שִׁמְךָ  
מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאַעֲשֶׂה אוֹתָךְ  
לְגוֹי־עֲצוּם וְרַב מִמְּנוֹ: (יד) וְאַפֵּן  
וְאֵרֵד מִן־הָהָר וְהָהָר בֵּעַר בְּאֵשׁ  
וְשָׂנִי לוֹחֶת הַבְּרִית עַל שְׁתֵּי יָדַי:  
(טו) וְאָרָא וְהִנֵּה חֲטָאתֶם לַיהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם עֲשִׂיתֶם לָכֶם עֲגֹל מִסֶּכֶה  
סֶרֶתֶם מִהָר מִן־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר־צִוִּיתִי  
יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם: (טז) וְאַתְּפֹשׁ בְּשִׁנִּי  
הַלֶּחֶת וְאַשְׁלֹכֶם מֵעַל שְׁתֵּי יָדַי  
וְאַשְׁבֵּרֶם לְעֵינֵיכֶם: (יז) וְאַתְּנַפֵּל  
לְפָנַי יְהוָה כְּרֹאשְׁנָה אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם  
וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה לֶחֶם לֹא אֲכַלְתִּי  
וַיָּמִים לֹא שָׁתִיתִי עַל כָּל־חֲטָאתְכֶם  
אֲשֶׁר חֲטָאתֶם לַעֲשׂוֹת הָרַע בְּעֵינַי  
יְהוָה לְהַכְעִיסוֹ: (יח) כִּי יִגְרָתִי מִפָּנָי  
הָאֵף וְהַחֲמָה אֲשֶׁר קִצְּף יְהוָה  
עָלֵיכֶם לְהַשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם וַיִּשְׁמַע  
יְהוָה אֵלַי גַּם בַּפֶּעַם הַהוּא: (יט)

and drinking no water forty days  
and forty nights, as before—  
because of the great wrong you had  
committed, doing what displeased  
and vexed (19). יהוה For I was in  
dread of the fierce anger against you  
which moved יהוה to wipe you out.  
And that time, too, יהוה gave heed  
to me.— (20) Moreover, יהוה 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  
יהוה at Taberah, and at Massah, and  
at Kibroth-hattaavah. (23) And  
when יהוה 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 your God יהוה —

וּבְאַהֲרֹן הִתְאַנַּף יְהוָה מְאֹד  
לְהַשְׁמִידוֹ וְאֶת־פִּלֵּל גַּם־בְּעַד אֲהֲרֹן  
בְּעֵת הַהוּא: (כא) וְאֶת־חַטָּאתְכֶם  
אֲשֶׁר־עֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־הָעֵגֶל לְקַחְתִּי  
וְאֲשַׁרְף אֹתוֹ | בְּאֵשׁ וְאָכַת אֹתוֹ  
טַחֲוֹן הַיֵּטֵב עַד אֲשֶׁר־דָּק לְעָפָר  
וְאֲשַׁלְּךָ אֶת־עַפְרוֹ אֶל־הַנַּחַל הַיְרֵד  
מִן־הַהָר: (כב) וּבַתְּבַעֲרָה וּבַמִּטָּה  
וּבַקְבֻרֹת הַתְּאוּה מִקְצָפִים הָיִיתֶם  
אֶת־יְהוָה: (כג) וּבְשַׁלַּח יְהוָה  
אֶתְכֶם מִקְדָּשׁ בְּרַנֵּעַ לֵאמֹר עֲלוּ  
וּרְשׁוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לָכֶם  
וּתְמָרוּ אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְלֹא  
הָאִמַּנְתֶּם לוֹ וְלֹא שָׁמַעְתֶּם בְּקִלּוֹ:  
(כד) מִמְּרִים הָיִיתֶם עִם־יְהוָה מִיּוֹם  
דַּעַתִּי אֶתְכֶם: (כה) וְאֶת־נִפְלֵל לְפָנַי  
יְהוָה אֵת אַרְבָּעִים הַיּוֹם  
וְאֶת־אַרְבָּעִים הַלַּיְלָה אֲשֶׁר  
הִתְנַפְּלֹתִי כִּי־אָמַר יְהוָה לְהַשְׁמִיד  
אֶתְכֶם: (כו) וְאֶת־פִּלֵּל אֶל־יְהוָה  
וְאָמַר אֲדַנִּי יְהוָה אֶל־תִּשְׁחַת עַמִּי

whom you did not put your trust in nor obey. (24) As long as I have known you, you have been defiant toward (25) יהוה. When I lay prostrate before יהוה those forty days and forty nights, because יהוה was determined to destroy you, (26) I prayed to יהוה and said, “O Lord יהוה, 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 יהוה was powerless to bring them into the land promised to them, and because of having rejected them, that [their god] brought them out to have them die in the wilderness.’ (29) Yet they are Your very own people, whom You freed

וַנַּחֲלֶתְךָ אֲשֶׁר פָּדִיתָ בְּגִדְלֶךָ  
אֲשֶׁר-הוֹצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרַיִם בְּיַד חֲזָקָה:  
(כז) זָכֹר לְעַבְדְּךָ לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק  
וְלַיַּעֲקֹב אֶל-תְּפִלָּתוֹ אֶל-קְשֵׁי הָעַם  
הַזֶּה וְאֶל-רִשְׁעוֹ וְאֶל-חַטָּאתוֹ: (כח)  
פִּן-יֵאמְרוּ הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָנוּ  
מִשָּׁם מִבְּלִי יְכֹלֶת יְהוָה לְהַבִּיאֵם  
אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר לָהֶם  
וּמִשְׁנֵאתוֹ אוֹתָם הוֹצִיאֵם לְהַמָּתָם  
בְּמִדְבָּר: (כט) וְהֵם עִמָּךְ וַנַּחֲלֶתְךָ  
אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ בְּכַחֲךָ הַגָּדֹל וּבְזַרְעֶךָ  
הַנְּטוּיָה: {פ} (א) בָּעֵת הַהִוא אָמַר  
יְהוָה אֵלַי פֶּסֶל-לָךְ שְׁנֵי-לוֹחֹת  
אֲבָנִים כְּרָאשֵׁינִים וַעֲלֵה אֵלַי הַהָרָה  
וַעֲשִׂיתָ לָךְ אָרוֹן עֵץ: (ב) וְאָכַתְבָּ  
עַל-הַלֹּחֹת אֶת-הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ  
עַל-הַלֹּחֹת הַרְאשֵׁינִים אֲשֶׁר שִׁבַּרְתָּ  
וּשְׁמַתָּם בְּאָרוֹן: (ג) וְאָעַשׂ אָרוֹן  
עֲצֵי שִׁטִּים וְאָפְסַל שְׁנֵי-לוֹחֹת  
אֲבָנִים כְּרָאשֵׁינִים וְאָעַל הַהָרָה  
וּשְׁנֵי הַלֹּחֹת בְּיָדַי: (ד) וַיִּכְתֹּב

with Your great might and Your outstretched arm.” (1) Thereupon יהוה 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) After inscribing on the tablets the same text as on the first—the Ten Commandments that יהוה addressed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the Assembly— יהוה 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 יהוה had commanded me. (6) From Beeroth-bene-jaakan the Israelites

עַל־הַלְחַת כַּמִּכְתָּב הָרִאשׁוֹן אֵת  
עֲשֵׂרֶת הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה  
אֵלֵיכֶם בְּהַר מִתְּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ בְּיוֹם  
הַקָּהָל וַיִּתְּנֶם יְהוָה אֵלָי: (ה) וְאָפֹן  
וְאָרֶד מִן־הָהָר וְאָשַׁם אֶת־הַלְחַת  
בְּאָרוֹן אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי וַיְהִי נֶשֶׁם  
כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוִּנִי יְהוָה: (ו) וּבִגְיִי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
נִסְעוּ מִבְּאֵרֶת בְּנֵי־יַעֲקֹב מוֹסְרָה  
שֵׁם מֵת אֶהְרֹן וַיִּקְבֹּר שֵׁם וַיִּכְהֶן  
אֶלְעָזָר בְּנוֹ תַחֲתָיו: (ז) מִשָּׁם נִסְעוּ  
הַגִּדְגָדָה וּמִן־הַגִּדְגָדָה יִטְבְּתָה אֶרֶץ  
נַחֲלֵי מַיִם: (ח) בָּעֵת הַהִוא הִבְדִּיל  
יְהוָה אֶת־שִׁבְט הַלְוִי לְשֵׂאת  
אֶת־אֲרוֹן בְּרִית־יְהוָה לְעַמֹּד לְפָנָי  
יְהוָה לְשָׂרְתוֹ וּלְבָרָךְ בְּשִׁמּוֹ עַד  
הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: (ט) עַל־כֵּן לֹא־הָיָה  
לְלוֹי חֵלֶק וְנַחֲלָה עִם־אֶחָיו יְהוָה  
הוּא נַחֲלָתוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה  
אֶלְהֵיךָ לוֹ: (י) וְאֲנֹכִי עֲמַדְתִּי בְּהָר  
כִּימִים הָרִאשׁוֹנִים אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם  
וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה אֵלָי

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 יהוה set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark of יהוה's Covenant, to stand in attendance upon יהוה, and to bless in God's name, as is still the case. (9) That is why Levi has received no hereditary portion along with its kin: יהוה is its portion, as your God יהוה spoke concerning it. (10) I had stayed on the mountain, as I did the first time, forty days and forty nights; and יהוה heeded me once again: יהוה agreed not to destroy you. (11) And יהוה 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."

גַּם בַּפְּעַם הַהוּא לֹא־אָבָה יְהוָה  
הַשְׁתִּיתָדָּ: (יא) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי  
קוּם לְךָ לְמִסְעֵ לְפָנַי הָעַם וַיָּבֹאוּ  
וַיִּירְשׁוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי  
לְאַבְתָּם לָתֵת לָהֶם: {פ}