



**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,<sup>46</sup> and upon finding a single pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Mathew 13:45**

## VaYelech - And He Went

Deuteronomy 31:1–30  
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Daily reading
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The parashah commences with Moses again speaking to all of Israel saying ***“I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross over this Jordan.’<sup>3</sup> The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said.*** Deut. 31:1-3

Moses opens his address by stating his age that he was 120 years old that day. Therefore, he could no longer go out or come in, but why? We know that YHVH had informed him that he could not enter the Promised Land, due to that he did not believe God or sanctify Him in the eyes of Israel when he struck the *Rock* the second time (Numbers 20:7-12).

However, here Moses states specifically his age. In scripture, we read that after the flood YHVH decreed that man’s days would not exceed one hundred and twenty years. Yet, what we must understand is that within this there is a prophetic mystery, one which Moses is alluding to when stating his age along with Israel entering the Promised Land.

The prophetic mystery regarding the 120 years is a reference to the period of time man has before YHVH judge’s creation, and Messiah comes and reigns from Zion. That of the Day of the LORD and the regathering of the children of Israel to the Promised Land in the latter days.

If we take the maximum lifespan of man which YHVH has decreed and times it by the number of years in a jubilee cycle, that of 120 x 50 we get 6,000 years. We know that for YHVH one day is like a thousand years. Therefore, the 6,000 years are representative of 6 days of creation, after which we have the Sabbath. Thus, man has 6,000 years represented in 120 x 50 prior to the Day of the LORD, the return of Messiah, after which we have the Millennium reign, the Sabbath for creation prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> day, when our hearts are entirely circumcised, and we enter eternity with YHVH, the New Beginning.

Therefore, just as each day begins with darkness after which the light comes and extinguishes the darkness so, too does the Day of the LORD begin during a time of great darkness. This is often referred to as the time of Jacob's Trouble or the Great Tribulation. During this period of darkness, Jacob (consisting of both houses) will wrestle with YHVH; then as the dawn breaks, Messiah will come in all His glory and expel the darkness and establish His Kingdom upon the earth. Jacob will have been transformed by the encounter and wrestling with YHVH and will no longer walk the same but will walk in unison as one people. For the Houses will have been united by the Messiah as the exiles return to the Promised Land.

Furthermore, just as we see Joshua leading the people into the Promised Land and not Moses we see too that it is Messiah who will take Jacob into the land and not any legal or manmade initiative. It must be YHVH who establishes His people in the land, the law, when followed/observed, is what maintains them in the land. For it is when they transgress the Torah that they are exiled. Thus, it is only through, and by the Messiah, the exiles can return.

We see this further in the name given to Hoshea, whom Moses renamed Joshua (Numbers 13:16). Joshua in Hebrew is the same name given to Messiah; it is Yehoshua meaning YHVH is salvation. This further shows that after the six thousand years, when Moses dies, the Messiah would come and lead His people into the Promised Land. Today we see Moses who is seen to represent the Torah of YHVH has been removed from our nations, through the passing of ungodly laws. Thus, Moses has been put to death and replaced with lawlessness. Therefore, we MUST see the return of Messiah Yeshua soon. For we are that final generation, the one appointed by YHVH for such a time as this.

Before we examine other aspects of this parashah, let me ask, have you ever contemplated what would have happened if the people had cried out to YHVH, asking for Moses to be allowed to enter the Promised Land with the people? Not to lead them, but to just step foot into the land and then be at peace.

We see in scripture how Moses interceded for the people when YHVH was going to smite them. Yet, we do not see them upholding Moses before YHVH as He did them, but why not?

Was it because of their unrighteousness, and therefore because of this YHVH could not answer the prayers they did make? Or was it that they were too self-absorbed, infants in the faith and thus unable to comprehend what they could do? Or was it that they feared YHVH? We do not know, however, let me ask one more question. What would you have done?

In the opening text, it also states that YHVH would go before them and defeat their enemies. Friends, this is not just for them, but also for us too. During the Day of YHVH, while we are on the Greater Exodus, Messiah will go before us, He will guide and direct our paths (Ezekiel 20:33-40). All we need to do is humble ourselves, seek Him, that in everything we do we trust in YHVH, lean not on our own understanding and acknowledge YHVH in everything and He will direct our path (Prov. 3:5-6)

***So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup> And Moses commanded them, saying: "At the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles, <sup>11</sup> when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. <sup>12</sup> Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this***

**law, <sup>13</sup> and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess.” Deut. 31:9-13**

During the Millennium, the 7<sup>th</sup> Day, when Messiah reigns from Zion. The Torah will go forth from Zion into the nations, as Yeshua declares the word of the LORD from Zion and the Torah from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3, Micah 4:2). We read above that every seventh year the Torah is to be read to the people during Sukkot. The Feast of Sukkot is a picture of the Millennium reign of Messiah when YHVH will tabernacle with His creation as He did in the garden with man. What we see transpiring during the seventh year is a what Isaiah and Micah wrote of **That the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem**. For the people will want to go up to Zion to meet with YHVH and hear His instructions. Can you imagine this period? Can you imagine keeping the Feasts of YHVH during this time, as we all go up to Zion to meet with Messiah and hear Him teach us regarding the things of YHVH?

For Messiah will gather His people, that of both houses, those who have remained in the vine and those who have become strangers, aliens, which He has grafted back in. He will gather them and plant them back in the land YHVH has promised His people. What a time this will be!

**And the LORD said to Moses: “Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. <sup>17</sup> Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, ‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’ <sup>18</sup> And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.**

**<sup>19</sup> “Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. <sup>20</sup> When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant. <sup>21</sup> Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.” Deut. 31:16-21**

We see in this part of the text YHVH informing Moses, who in turn informs Israel about what will transpire in the days to come. That the children of Israel will go after and prostitute themselves with the gods of the strangers of the land, as they forsake and break the covenant. Yet, let us remember that YHVH did not find fault with the Torah or the covenant but rather with the people who broke the covenant. This is what YHVH was informing Moses and has spoken through the prophets and also recorded in the NT.

**For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.<sup>8</sup> But God found fault with the people and said:**

**“The days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.**

**<sup>9</sup> It will not be like the covenant**

***I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,  
and I turned away from them,  
declares the Lord.***

**<sup>10</sup>*This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel  
after that time, declares the Lord.***

***I will put my laws in their minds  
and write them on their hearts.***

***I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.***

**<sup>11</sup>*No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest.***

**<sup>12</sup>*For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.*" (Hebrews 8:7-12)**

It was because of Israel's harlotry that YHVH would turn His face away from them and they will be devoured as many evils come upon them. Then they will cry out to YHVH as they declare the evils which have come upon them are due to the LORD not being with them. Josephus writes regarding this. That when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman's a Rabbi stated to a Roman leader that they (the Roman's) had only been able to overcome Israel because YHVH had turned His face away from them. For when they walked upright before the LORD, and He went before them, they had defeated giants.

The LORD after repeating the warning regarding what will take place and what YHVH will do, instructs Moses to write a song and to teach it to the children, so that it will stand as a witness, to testify against them regarding what they do. Thus, Moses did as the LORD instructed, then once he had finished, he gave the Torah to the Levites and instructed them to keep this besides the ark so that it can stand as a witness against the people.

We read in the history of Israel how what YHVH said to Moses came true, that the children of Israel turned away from YHVH, as they sought after the gods of the land and did evil in the sight of the LORD. Yet, whose fault was it for Israel going astray? Was it the people's fault? Yes, they like us all are responsible for their actions. However, the fault lies first with the Ministers of YHVH, for if they had instructed the people according to the word of God and not deviated from it, both with their actions and what they taught. If they had brought correction when Israel started turning away from YHVH, then things would have been different.

This is the same today; lawlessness abounds because the people of God have turned away from the truth, this, in turn, has had an impact on the wider society, because the light and the truth of scripture has been watered down within the house of YHVH. The body of Messiah is no different to Israel in scripture. Even within the Hebraic movement we forget to do the simple things, often forgetting to show love, mercy and grace, but rather seeking and focusing on knowledge, the interpretation of scripture, as we judge our brother for not observing the feasts and keeping Torah, instead of crying out to YHVH for them and for the people. This is what we should be doing especially at this time in YHVH's calendar. We forget the grace and love that has been shown to us by YHVH when we were in ignorance observing the traditions of men which were passed down to us.

This week we remembered Yom Teruah, the blowing of the shofar. This appointed time opens the door for the ten days of awe, prior to Yom Kippur.

It is during this day the shofar calls us to repentance, as it warns us of the coming day of the LORD (Yom Kippur) and of judgement as well as grace.

Yet, what we see is that prior to the cry for repentance with the blowing of the shofar, is that a lamb must be slaughtered. Before we can receive forgiveness, the penalty for our sin needs to be paid. Yet praise YHVH! for the price of our sins has been paid for by the blood of our Messiah, Yeshua. Yet, that gift doesn't mean we can do what we want, but rather, when we accept this free gift; we must, in turn, surrender our lives to YHVH and live them according to His word, His Torah, just as Messiah showed us.

We see in Joel 2:1 a future time when at Yom Teruah the shofar will sound to usher the people to repent for the Day of the LORD is coming, the time of Jacob's Trouble. A day that will commence during winter, that will see the sacrifices stopped, then at the following Passover the Greater Exodus will commence as YHVH pours out His Holy Spirit upon all flesh and seals the 144,000 with the mark of YHVH during Shavuot, in accordance with what YHVH has shown in Joel and other prophetic writings.

However, let us not be downcast or full of dread, but rather let us remain resolute and seek YHVH. Let us at this time, examine ourselves to ensure that we are right with YHVH, then let us sound the alarm, as we raise a voice, a cry of repentance in this nation. One which I pray will sweep through the land. However, as we do let us remain steadfast in prayer knowing that what we do is a prophetic act, as we align our thoughts, our desires with that of YHVH.

Thus, let us understand that as YHVH brings restoration, judgment and grace will be poured out upon the nations until Messiah returns and delivers us and restores us back to the land.

If we are the final generation, then there is much work that needs doing in this nation, yet sadly many have taken their hands off the plough due to fear, as they seek to save their own lives through what they can do. Now I am all for making preparations, being prepared, but, we can never put our faith or our trust in what we do. Thus, let us at this time check what we are doing to ensure that our actions are not being driven by our flesh, but are of the LORD. Let us ensure that we are doing what the LORD has called us to do, let us not give up, let us not be downcast, let us not surrender to the lies and the attacks of the enemy, but instead let the people of YHVH at this time arise and go forth in power and might, as we seek the will of YHVH and His leading. Let us seek His will and desire to see Him move in power and might in our nation, in our lives and in our community, for His glory and honour and praise.

Remember, the only thing stopping us getting closer to YHVH is us. For if we draw close to YHVH, HE WILL draw close to us. Thus, I encourage you to put aside the desires and things of this world and seek YHVH with all of your strength, mind and being. As we seek to be a people who will do whatever YHVH asks of us in this, the final generation, for the glory, honour and praise of our Elohim, YHVH.

May YHVH bless and keep you and inscribe you for a blessed and fruitful year.

Shabbat Shalom and L'Shanah Tovah

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