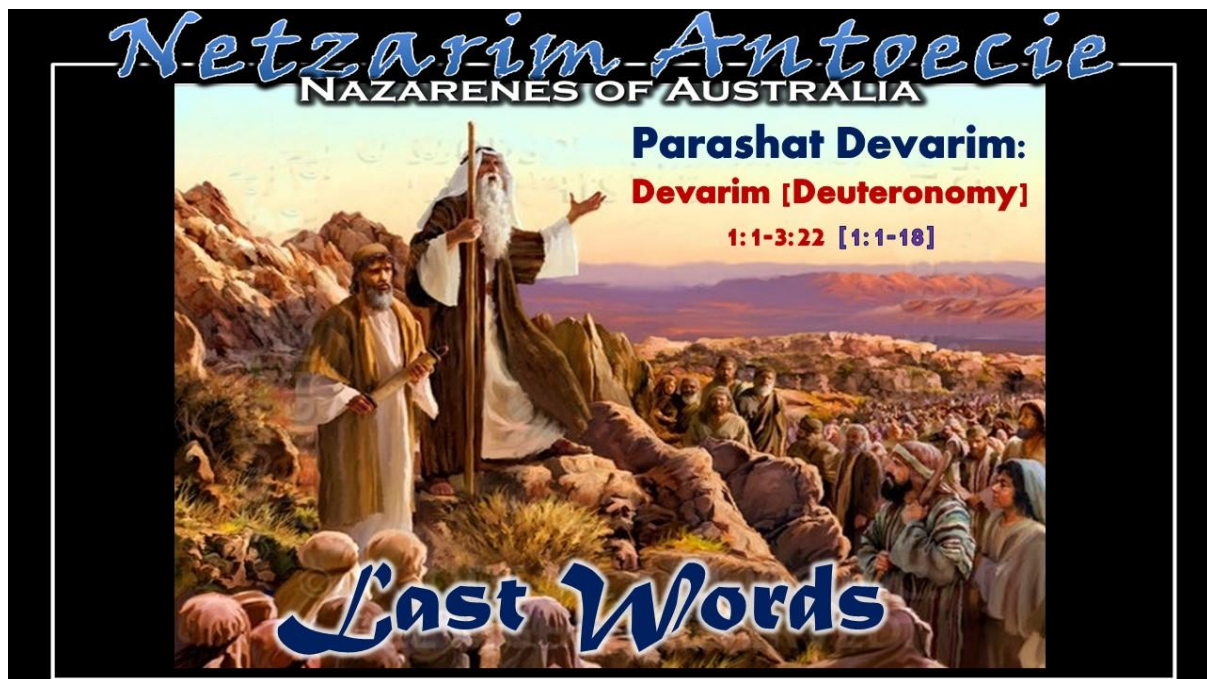


## Devarim- The Last Words



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**Devarim [Deuteronomy] 1: 1-18** These are the words which Mosheh spoke to all Yisra'el beyond the Yardēn in the wilderness, in the desert plain opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laḅan and Ḥatsēroth and DiZahaḅ, **2** eleven days' journey from Ḥorēḅ by way of Mount Sē'ir to Qaḏēsh Barnēa. **3** And it came to be in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'el according to all that יהוה had commanded him concerning them, **4** after he had smitten Sihon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt in cheshbon and Oḡ sovereign of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edre'i. **5** Beyond the Yardēn, in the land of Mo'ab, Mosheh undertook to declare this Torah, saying, **6** "יהוה our Elohim spoke to us in Ḥorēḅ, saying, 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. **7** 'Turn and set out on your way and go into the mountains of the Amorites and to all the neighbouring places in the desert plain, in the mountains and in the low country and in the Negeḅ and on the seacoast, to the land of the Kena'anites and to Leḅanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates **8** 'See, I have set the land before you. Go in and possess the land which יהוה swore to your fathers, to Aḅraham, to Yitsḥaq [Isaac] and to Ya'aqoḅ [Jacob], to give to them and their seed after them.' **9** "And I spoke to you at that time, saying, 'I am unable to bear you by myself. **10** יהוה your Elohim has increased you and see, you are today as numerous as the stars of the heavens. **11** יהוה Elohim of your fathers is going to add to you a thousand times more than you are and bless you as He has spoken to you!

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**Devarim [Deuteronomy] 1: 12-18** 'How do I bear your trouble and your burden and your strife, by myself? **13** 'Choose men, wise and understanding and known to your tribes and let me appoint them as your heads.' **14** "And you answered me and said, 'The word which you have spoken to us to do is good.' **15** "And I took the heads of your tribes, wise men and known and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands and leaders of hundreds and leaders of fifties and leaders of tens and officers for your tribes. **16** "And I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'When hearing between your brothers, judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. **17** 'Do not show partiality in right ruling, hear the small as well as the great. Do not be afraid of anyone's face, for the right-ruling belongs to Elohim. And the case which is too hard for you, bring it to me and I shall hear it.' **18** "And I commanded you at that time all the words which you should do.

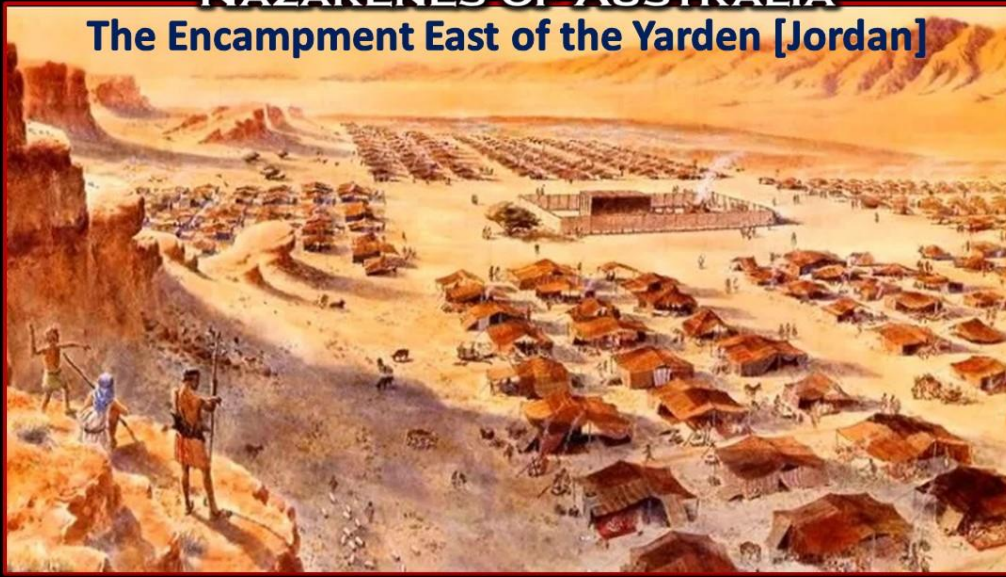
**Introduction:** We are now beginning the final book of Mosheh called **Devarim** which means Words.

In fact, this book is mainly comprised of the farewell speeches that the 120-year-old Mosheh gives to Yisrael beginning from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the 40<sup>th</sup> year after the exodus from **Mitsrayim** [Egypt].

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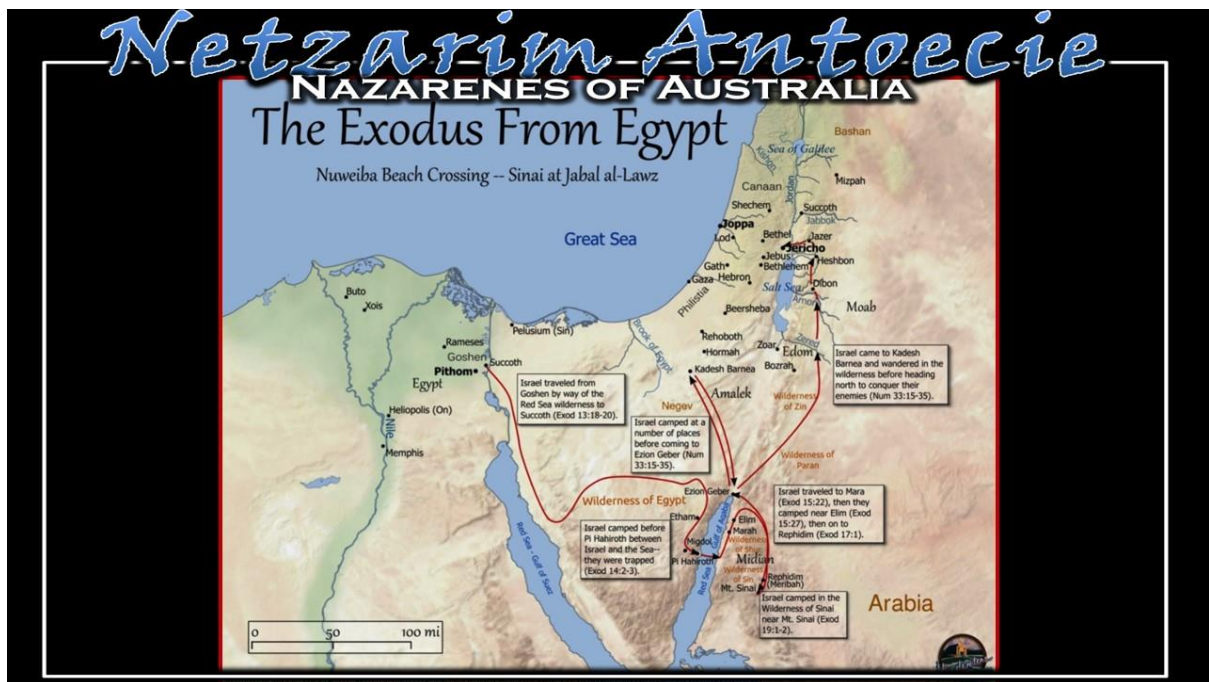
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## The Encampment East of the Yarden [Jordan]



Yisrael is camped at this time east of the Yarden [Jordan] at an area referred to as the plains of Moab across from **Yericho** [Jericho]. This entire generation were under 40 & were born in the wilderness since all those who left **Mitsrayim** [Egypt] had died due to their unbelief & rebellion though the journey to Canaan should have only taken 11 days as it was a journey of only 241 kms.





Their 40 years of wandering were the result of the bad report given them by the 10 spies given on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month of Av & because they then rebelled against Mosheh & YHWH causing the judgement of Elohim upon them that none of that generation would see the promised land.

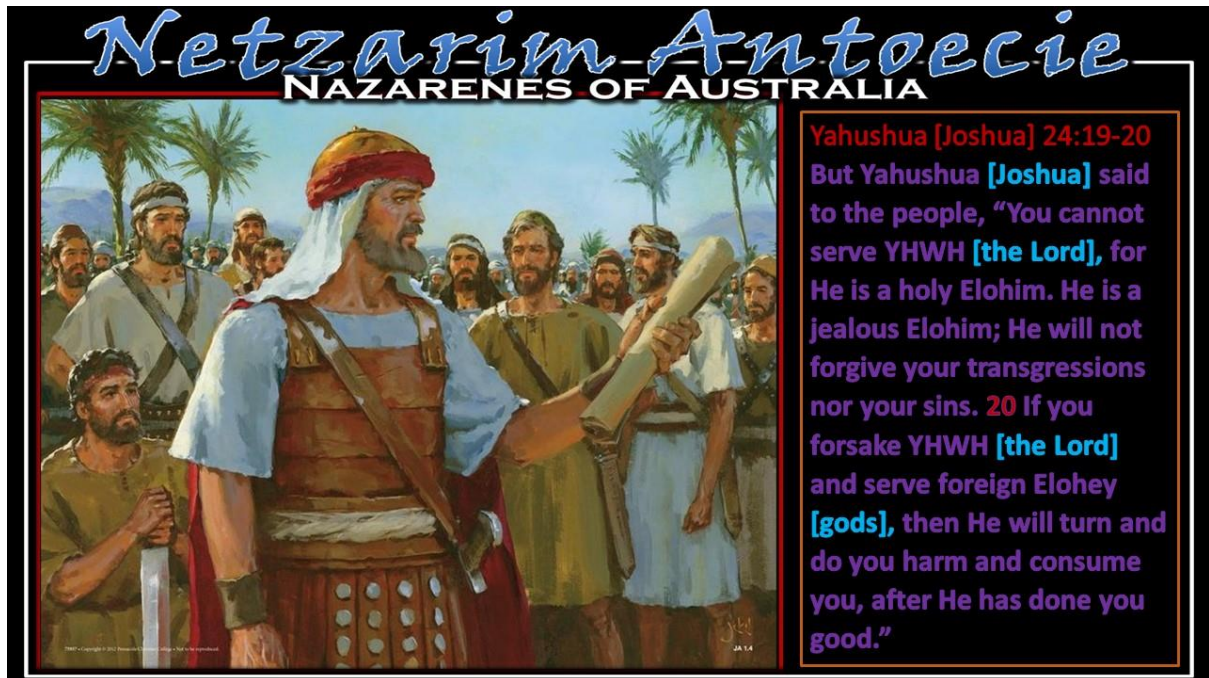


Therefore, we come to see how important were these last Words that Mosheh brought to Yisrael because he knew that his death was imminent because of his sin too, since He too could not enter the Land of Promise.

Unlike the preceding books which were dictated directly by YHWH, Devarim are the words of Mosheh by divine inspiration. Why this book is so important is that it addresses a people who were about to enter a land where food would not be provided miraculously which is all that this generation had known from their birth. That must have been seen by Mosheh as a great task to prepare them for what lay ahead.

### Mosheh's last Words:

This week's reading begins with Mosheh rebuking Yisrael for their lack of faith. We will find that upon the near death of **Yaacov** [Jacob] we also find him rebuking his sons in **Bereshiyth [Genesis] 49** & we see the same with **Yahushua** [Joshua] who declares these words after reciting the history of the Hebrews in:



**Yahushua [Joshua]24:19-20** But Yahushua [Joshua] said to the people, "You cannot serve YHWH [the Lord], for He is a holy Elohim. He is a jealous Elohim; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. **20** If you forsake YHWH [the Lord] and serve foreign Elohey [gods], then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good."

This method of rebuke is so often used as a final word to have a major impact not to harm but to reveal the need for drastic change, so we see it again with **Sh'muel** [Samuel] in **[1 Samuel 12:3]** & again with **King David** in **[1 Kings 2:1-10]** when he charges **Sh'lomo** [Solomon] to walk in the ways of YHWH to keep his statutes & his commandments that he may prosper. It is with this understanding that in ancient times the last words of a great Father were so revered as to be prophetic so that they held such weight if they were received in honour that we now look to the final speeches of Mosheh to his beloved Nation to whom he had given his all.

However, does Mosheh seriously mean to say with these words that Yisrael did not believe in Elohim?



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## The Manna from Heaven



They had received Manna from heaven, experienced revelation at Sinai, saw the ten plagues, saw the sea split & saw many other miracles in these 40 years. The Torah is not talking about faith in terms of belief that YHWH exists. The Yisraelites in the desert knew YHWH existed, so what the Torah is really teaching us is that the real journey of faith begins after belief that YHWH exists. That type of faith is surely the little league. What happens after you believe, that is the real journey of faith & that is the big league.

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To understand what **Emunah** means which is often thought of as **faith** and from where we derive the word Amen, we will find this word used when the Arms of Mosheh are held up when Yisrael battles Amalek giving us rather the idea of **Steadfastness**. Therefore, true faithfulness is an unflinching trust even when one faces great fears. So, these words that Mosheh is giving Yisrael in these last 37 days of his earthly life was to prepare them for the coming entry into the Land that YHWH had promised **Abraham, Yitschaq [Isaac] & Yaacov [Jacob]**. Mosheh in his first speech gave a historic review of the

gracious acts of YHWH calling Yisrael to remain faithful to the Covenant. The true purpose of this book was to make it clear that upon entering the land of promise, that the Law would instruct them how to walk with YHWH their Elohim & how to fulfill his will in the land & remain blessed.



However, Mosheh begins by detailing the historic failures of this people's parents in a journey to the land of promise, detailing the failure of the 10 spies who turned Yisrael from entering the promised land only to rebel against YHWH with YHWH making an Oath as we spoke about last week, so He said in:

**Devarim [Deut] 1:35** Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give your fathers.

Mosheh makes it abundantly clear that through unbelief the nation wandered 40 years in the wilderness, yet he makes it also clear that YHWH was always with them & provided for them.

Amazingly YHWH in causing them to wander all those years has thoughts of great love towards them as they trusted him, for we read this when **YirmeYahu** [Jeremiah] is sent to his people to call unto them to return to YHWH for we read this in:



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## The Remembrance of Former days



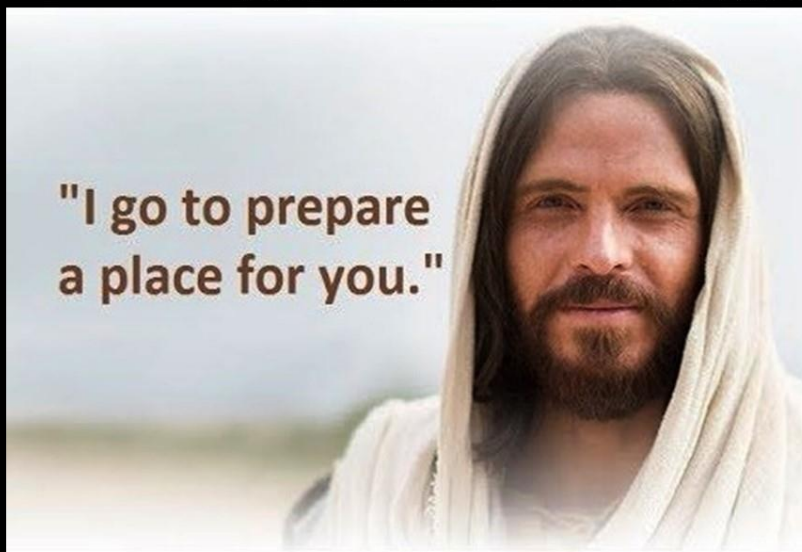
**YirmeYahu [Jeremiah] 2:2**  
**'Thus says YHWH [the Lord]:**  
**"I remember you, the**  
**devotion of your youth, The**  
**love of your betrothal, when**  
**you went after Me in the**  
**wilderness, through a land**  
**not sown.**

**YirmeYahu [Jeremiah] 2:2 'Thus says YHWH [the Lord]: "I remember you, the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothal, when you went after Me in the wilderness, through a land not sown.**

It is therefore time for us too in our generation to review our life to see how YHWH has provided for us as we wandered through our wilderness & see how good he has been to us to bring us to the place where we are today, at the edge of our **Yarden** [Jordan]. May we take to heart the words of Mosheh and apply them to ourselves. If we believe YHWH has been with us through all our wanderings, then it is now time for us to take a strong stance in faith & hear these words of Mosheh that will prepare us to take our promised land the place **YHWH** through **Yeshua** is preparing for us to possess both now & upon his coming.

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**"I go to prepare**  
**a place for you."**

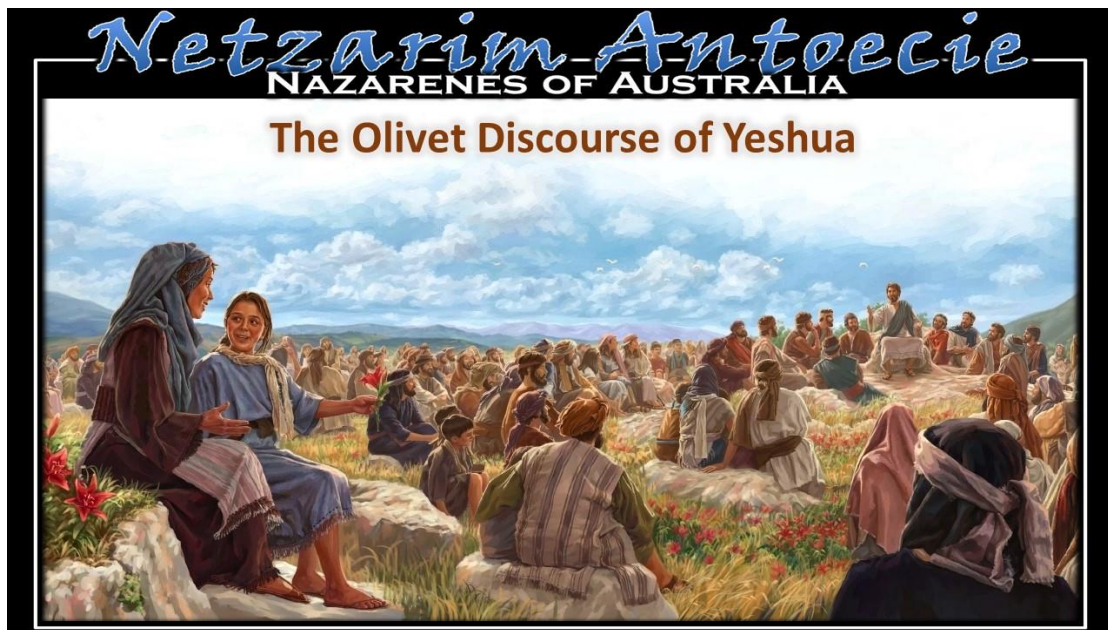
**Yahuchanan**  
**[John] 14:2**

To complete this first portion Mosheh encourages this new generation by returning to the defeat of

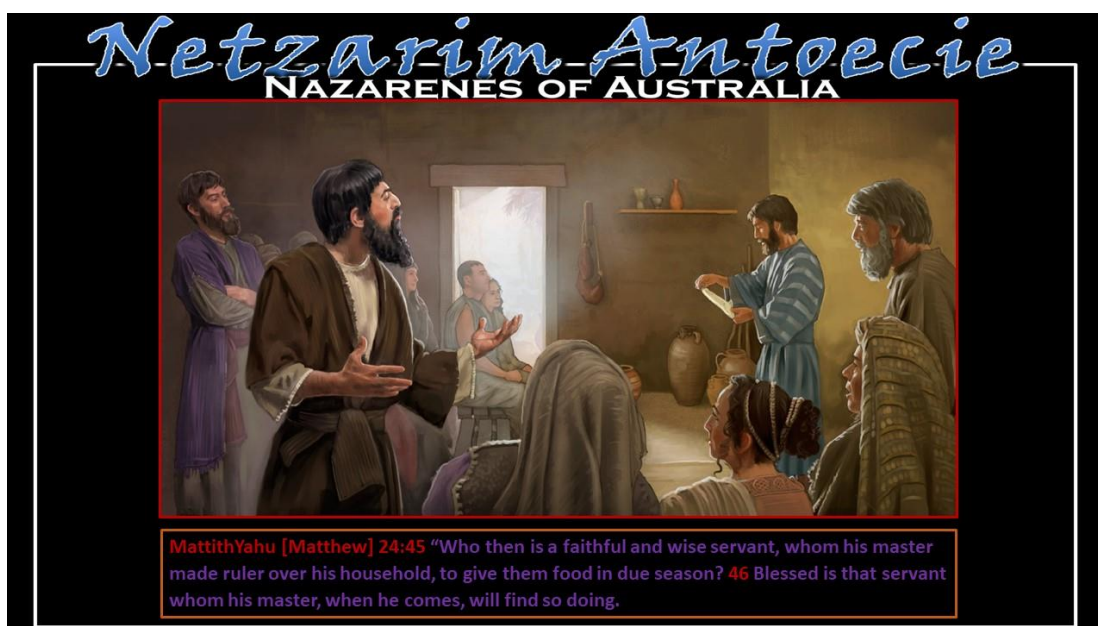
Sichon King of Cheshbon & Og King of Bashan on the eastern side of the Jarden [the Jordan]. We too should also be encouraged by the victories we have experienced in life as being by the hand of YHWH. Never forget the good that YHWH has brought to your life & that, will spur you on to the place YHWH through our Master has prepared for us.

It could be said that **“He is preparing us for what he has prepared for us.”**

To fully grasp how last words are so significant we must turn to the words our Master gives his Disciples before he is to suffer so we will look at them.



In the book of **MatithYahu [Matthew]** prior to the Master’s suffering we find the **Olivet discourse** in which the Master speaks concerning the signs of the times like the destruction of the Temple, Wars, earthquakes & persecutions to come plus the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel etc but these will lead to His second coming. However, **Yeshua** completes his teaching by instructing his Disciples not to be concerned about these things but to be faithful servants for he says in:



**MattithYahu [Matthew] 24:45 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made**



ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.**

The last words of Yeshua are therefore forward thinking so as to prepare his disciples & us to remember the purpose for which they & us are called, which is to be faithful to Him while He is delayed in returning.



This is why he also speaks of the ten Virgins 5 of whom were unprepared for the Bridegroom's coming plus the Parable of the Talents & concludes with the Judgement of the Nations. May all these Words cause us to busy ourselves with the Master's work that when he comes he will declare us to be Good & faithful servants.

In the **Besorah [the Good News]** of Yahuchanan [John] we find the focus of Yeshua's instruction before his arrest concerned with relationship firstly to him who is the Vine, for He says in:



**Yahuchanan [John] 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,**

unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches.

Yeshua also greatly emphasises the relationship believers must have towards each other since he teaches them that the world will hate them as he was hated so He says this in:

**Yahuchanan [John] 15:12-13** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

Just as **Mosheh** was encouraging the people to be steadfast in trusting **YHWH** so too **Yeshua** was preparing his Disciples for what would happen but encouraged them that remaining in him would provide the strength that would come, for He also promised the aid that the **Ruach Ha Kodesh [The Holy Spirit]** would provide & combined with love for one another they would remain strong and fulfil their calling to reach the world for the Master, with the Good News. It is by their faithfulness that we have received the Good News to the esteem of our Master.

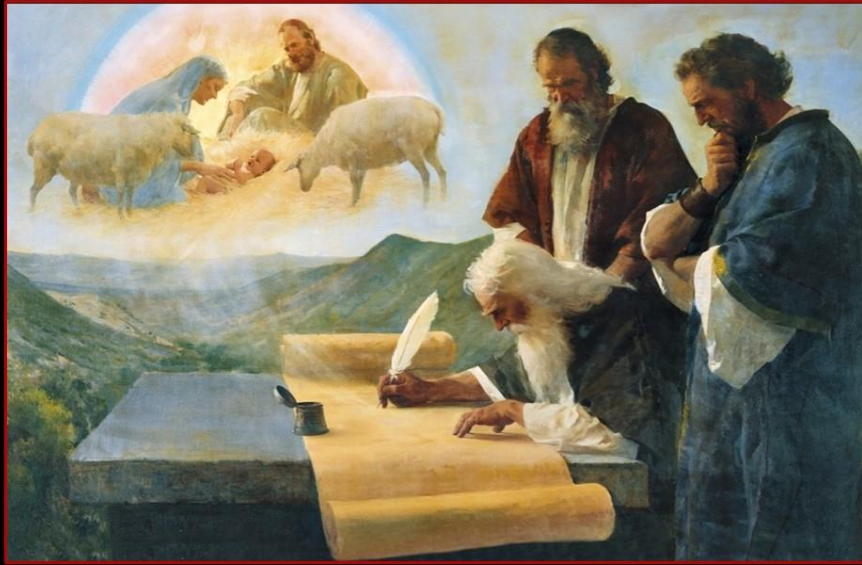
**End of Torah Portion!**



Haftarah: **YeshaYahu [Isaiah] 1:1- 27**

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**Haftarah:**  
**YeshaYahu**  
**[Isaiah] 1:1-27**

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## The Judgement Over Yahudah

**Yeshayahu [Isaiah] 1:** **1** The vision of Yeshayahu [Isaiah] son of Amots, which he saw concerning Yahudah [Judah] and Yerushalayim in the days of Uzziyahu [Uzziah], Yotham [Jotham], Ahaz, Chizqiyahu [Hezekiah] – sovereigns of Yahudah. **2** Hear, O heavens and listen, O earth! For יהוה has spoken, “I have reared and brought up children, but they have transgressed against Me. **3** An ox knows its owner and a donkey its master’s feeding trough – Yisra’el does not know, My people have not understood.” **4** Alas, sinning nation, a people loaded with crookedness, a seed of evil-doers, sons acting corruptly! They have forsaken יהוה, they have provoked the Set-apart One of Yisra’el, they went backward. **5** Why should you be beaten any more? You continue in apostasy! All the head is sick and all the heart faints. **6** From the sole of the foot, to the head, there is no soundness in it – wounds and bruises and open sores; they have not been closed or bound up or soothed with ointment. **7** Your land is laid waste, your cities are burned with fire, strangers devour your land in your presence. And it is laid waste, as overthrown by strangers. **8** And the daughter of Tsiyon is left as a shelter in a vineyard, as a hut in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. **9** Unless יהוה of hosts had left to us a small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Amorah [Gomorrah].

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### The Judgement Over Yahudah

**Yeshayahu [Isaiah] 1: 10** Hear the Word of יהוה, you rulers of Seḏom [Sodom]; give ear to the Torah of our Elohim, you people of Amorah! **11** "Of what use to Me are your many slaughterings?" declares יהוה. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. **12** "When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courtyards? **13** "Stop bringing futile offerings, incense, it is an abomination to Me. New Months, Sabbaths, the calling of meetings – I am unable to bear unrighteousness and the assembly. **14** "My being hates your New Months and your appointed times, they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. **15** "And when you spread out your hands, I hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I do not hear. Your hands have become filled with blood. **16** "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Stop doing evil! **17** "Learn to do good! Seek right-ruling, reprove the oppressor, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. **18** "Come now and let us reason together," says יהוה. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **19** "If you submit and obey, you shall eat the good of the land;

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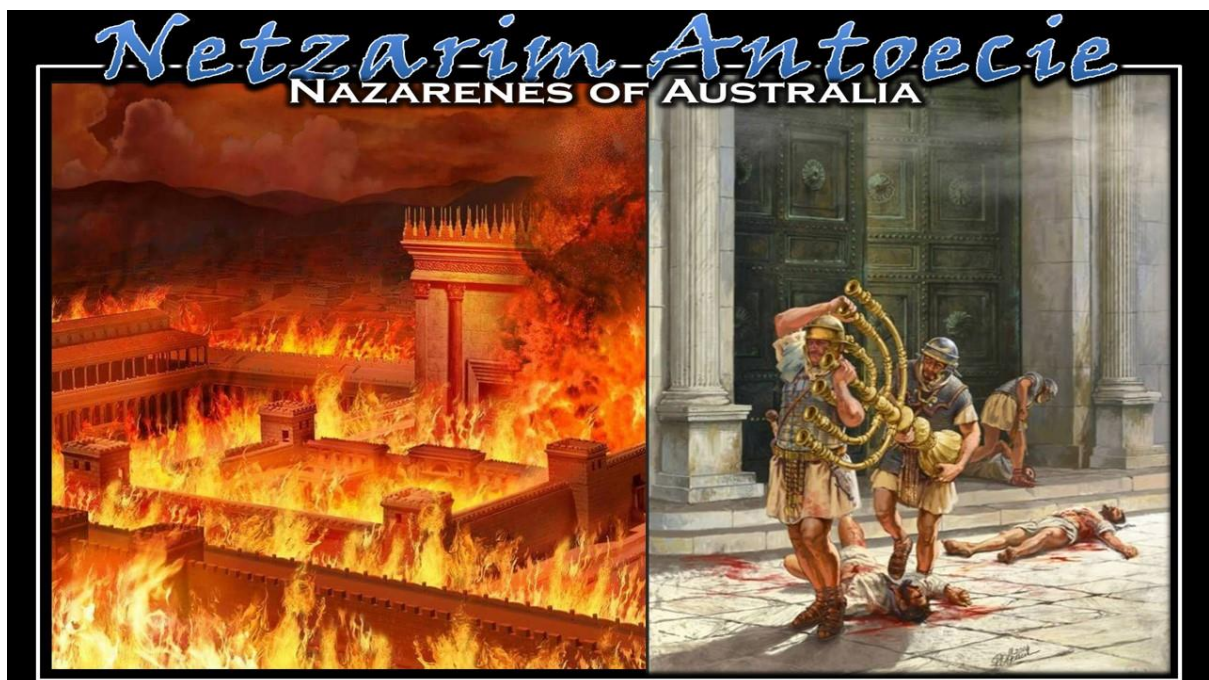
### The Judgement Over Yahudah

**Yeshayahu [Isaiah] 1: 20** but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword," for the mouth of יהוה has spoken. **21** How the steadfast city has become a whore! I have filled it with right-ruling; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers. **22** Your silver has become dross; your wine is mixed with water. **23** Your rulers are stubborn and companions of thieves. Everyone loves bribes and runs after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow reach them. **24** Therefore the Master declares, יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra'el, "Ah, I shall be eased of My adversaries, and I shall be avenged of My enemies. **25** "And I shall turn My hand against you and shall refine your dross as with lye and shall remove all your alloy. **26** "And I shall restore your judges as at the first and your counsellors as at the beginning. After this you shall be called the city of righteousness, a steadfast city." **27** Tsiyon shall be redeemed with right-ruling and her returning ones with righteousness.





Our Haftarah reading is the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading relating to the week's preceding the destruction of Yerushalayim [Jerusalem] & the Temple which occurred on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Av.



Many sad events in Yisrael occurred on this day showing exceedingly great righteous judgement that befell this chosen people as detailed in the following:

**The History of the 9th of Av:**

**1312 BC** the spies gave a bad report & Yisrael wandered for another 38 years in the wilderness.

**586 BC** The Babylonians destroyed the 1st Temple.

**70 AD** the rebuilt 2nd Temple was destroyed by the Romans.

**135 AD** over 500,000 Jews were butchered by the Romans at the battle of Betar.

**1095 AD** The first Crusade declared by Pope Urban II in which 10,000 Jews were massacred on the 1st day was the 9th of Av.

**1290 AD** The Jews are expelled from England accompanied by pogroms & property & book confiscation beginning on the 9th of Av.

**1306 AD** King Philip IV of France expelled all Jews from his Kingdom. 100,00 Jews were arrested & their assets confiscated for his gain. Again, on the 9th of Av.

**1492 AD** As a result of the Inquisition the Jews are expelled from Spain at great loss of property. Queen Isabella gave the Jews 3 months to leave Spain with the final day being the 9th of Av.

**1648 AD** The Chielminicki massacre began in which the Cossacks killed 250,000 Ukrainian & Polish Jews.

**1929** Mufti Hajj Amin Al Hussein stirs up riots against all Jews at the wailing wall resulting in the Hebron Massacre.

**1941 AD** Heinrich Himmler on the 9th of Av enacts the final solution killing over one third of the World Jewish Population.

**1942 AD** on the 9th of Av the Germans began mass transportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to Treblinka to be exterminated.

**1989 AD** Iraq walks out on talks with Kuwait regarding recognition of Israel as a Jewish state on the 9th of Av.

**1994 AD** The deadliest bombing in Argentine's history occurred in the Jewish Community in Buenos Aires killing 85 & injuring 300, occurred on the 9th of Av.

**2005 AD** After disengagement from the Gaza strip Israel expelled 8,000 Jews living there on the 9th of Av.

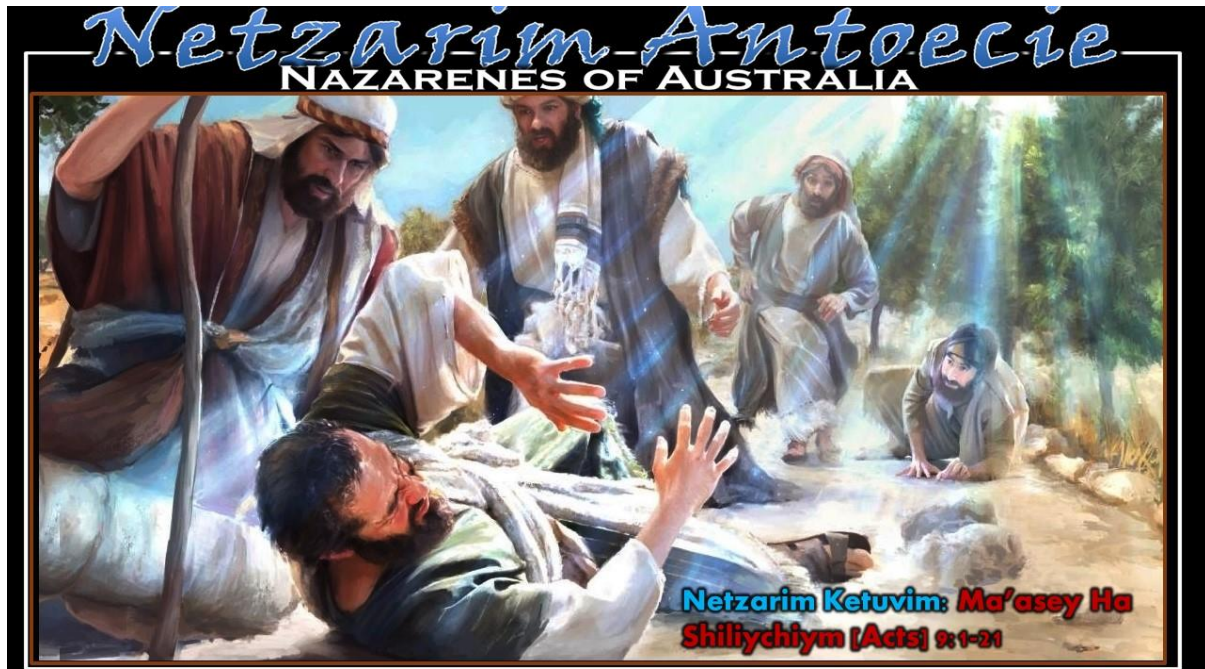


Even so, that Israel exists is proof of the mercy of the Holy One upon his people. One day the lamentations of our present day will come to an end so it is also a time to embrace the comfort of



our Heavenly Father & we too must rejoice in the Mercy of our Heavenly Father who will complete this when **Yahushua Ha Mashiach** [the Messiah] comes to sit on David's throne & finally brings peace & perfect redemption to Israel & the World.

### **Netzarim Ketuvim: Maasey Ha Shiliychiym [Acts] 9:1-21**



## **Netzarim Antoecie** NAZARENES OF AUSTRALIA **The Master Encounters Sha'ul [Paul]**

**Ma'asey Ha Shilichiyim [Acts] 9 : 1** But Sha'ul, still breathing threats and murder against the taught ones of the Master, having come to the high priest, **2** asked from him letters to the congregations of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, to bring them bound to Yerushalayim. **3** It came to be, that as he journeyed, he came near Damascus and suddenly a light flashed around him from the heavens. **4** And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why do you persecute Me?" **5** And he said, "Who are You, Master?" And the Master said, "I am יהושע, [Yahusha/Yeshua] whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick against the prods." **6** Both trembling and being astonished, he said, "Master, what do You wish me to do?" And the Master said to him, "Arise and go into the city and you shall be told what you have to do." **7** And the men journeying with him stood speechless, hearing indeed the voice but seeing no one. **8** And Sha'ul arose from the ground, but when his eyes were opened, he saw no one. And leading him by the hand they brought him into Damascus. **9** And he was three days without sight and did not eat nor drink. **10** And there was at Damascus a certain taught one, by name Chananyah [Ananias]. And the Master said unto him in a vision, "Chananyah!" And he said, "Here I am, Master."

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**Ma'asey Ha Shilichiyim [Acts] 9: 11** And the Master said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight and seek in the house of Yahuqah for one called Sha'ul of Tarsos, for look, he is praying, **12** and has seen in a vision a man named Chananyah coming in and laying his hand on him, so as to see again." **13** And Chananyah answered, "Master, I have heard from many about this man, how many evils he did to Your set-apart ones in Yerushalayim, **14** and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all those calling on Your Name." **15** But the Master said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My Name before nations, sovereigns and the children of Yisra'el. **16** "For I shall show him how much he has to suffer for My Name." **17** And Chananyah went away and went into the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Sha'ul, the Master יהושע [Yeshua], who appeared to you on the way as you came, has sent me, so that you might see again and be filled with the Set-apart Spirit." **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes, as it were scales, and he received his sight. And rising up, he was immersed. **19** And having received food, he was strengthened. And Sha'ul was with the taught ones at Damascus some days. **20** And immediately he proclaimed the Messiah in the congregations, that He is the Son of Elohim. **21** And all who heard were amazed and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those calling on this Name in Yerushalayim and has come here for this, to take them bound to the chief priests?"

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In the midst of Shaul's [Saul's] mission to eradicate the Netzarim being the believers in Yeshua Ha Notsri from every corner, Sha'ul is engulfed by a great light. The Mashiach [Messiah] himself addresses him with a question: **"Shaul, Shaul, why are you persecuting me?"**

Shaul [Saul] was indeed a passionate Yahudi [Jew] who studied in Yerushalayim [Jerusalem] under the great teacher Gamaliel and became a renowned Pharisee as well as a Roman citizen. In line with his zeal for Judaism & the Law he desired to kill & destroy all believers in Yeshua believing he served Elohim in his zealous pursuit but the road to Damascus changed all that. He was blinded & healed by ChananYah [Ananias] & went on to be one of the greatest men of History bringing the message of Yeshua to the known World at that time establishing many of the Goyim [Gentile] Congregations & writing up to one third of the Briyth Chadashah [the New Testament] that we have today. From this we come to see that no-one is outside of the power of YHWH to change & be powerfully used by him to bring the message of truth to the World to the praise of YHWH & of Yeshua our Lord.



May, this truly encourage us as we remain strong in the faith believing in the coming of our great Master & Lord on the clouds of Heaven as prophesied by Daniel & confirmed by the Malakim [the Messengers] at the ascension of Yeshua as the Disciples looked upward with these words.



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**Maasey Ha Shilichiyim [Acts] 1:11**  
“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the heavens? This same Yeshua, who was taken up from you into the heavens, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into the heavens.”

**Maasey Ha Shilichiyim [Acts] 1:11** “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the heavens? This same Yeshua, who was taken up from you into the heavens, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heavens.

May our faith always remain strong even when days are dark because the end is sure because He is faithful & He will return. **Amen.**

**Shavua Tov Aleykhem [A Good Week Unto You]**