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Shoftim

“Judges”

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:19

Isaiah 51:12-52:12

John 14:9-20



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TORAH PORTION

Song of Songs 1:7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves, where you pasture your flock, where you make it lie down at noon, for why should I be like one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions?

Song of Songs 1:8 If you do not know, O most beautiful among women, follow in the tracks of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.

Song of Songs 2:15 Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom.

Song of Songs 7:11,12 Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields and lodge in the villages, let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.

Matthew 13:24,25 He put another parable before them, saying, The **kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field**, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

Ephesians 5:15-17 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Deuteronomy 16:18 Judges and officers shall you make you? In all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, throughout your tribes: And they shall judge the people with just judgment.

Genesis 18:25b: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Deuteronomy 32:36a For the LORD shall judge his people.

Acts 10:40-42 God raised him up the third day, and gave him to be revealed, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen before by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to proclaim to the people and to testify that this is he who is appointed by God as the Judge of the living and the dead.

2 Timothy 4:8 From now on there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: And not to me only, but to all them also **that love his appearing**.

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not wrest judgment, you shall not respect persons, neither take a gift: For a gift does blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

1 Samuel 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

1 Samuel 8:3-5 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah, And said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons walk not in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

(JPS) **Deuteronomy 16:20** Justice, justice, shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(YLT) **Deuteronomy 16:20** Righteousness--righteousness thou dost pursue, so that thou livest, and hast possessed the land which Jehovah thy God is giving to thee

Deuteronomy 16:21,22 Thou shalt not plant thee an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Neither shalt thou set thee up a pillar, which the LORD thy God hateth.

Deuteronomy 17:2-5 If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant, and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden, and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones.

2 Kings 23:4-7 And the king (Josiah) commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem, those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens. And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and beat it to dust and

cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people. And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes who were in the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah.

2 Kings 23:13,14 And the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, to the south of the mount of corruption, **which Solomon the king of Israel had built** for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And he broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and filled their places with the bones of men.

Deuteronomy 17:14 When you have come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it, and shall dwell therein, and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me.

Deuteronomy 17:16,17 Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, **nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses**, because the LORD has said to you, You shall not go back that way again. **Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart not turn away: Neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.**

Deuteronomy 17:18,19 It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.

Deuteronomy 18:15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers, it is to him you shall listen, just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.

Deuteronomy 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

Deuteronomy 19:14 You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess it.

Deuteronomy 19:15 A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed.

Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, and a people more than you, be not afraid of them: For the LORD your God is with you, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be, when you are come near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people, And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day to battle against your enemies: Let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be you terrified because of them, For the LORD your God is he that goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Deuteronomy 20:19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them, for thou mayest eat of them, but thou shalt not cut them down, for is **the tree of the field man**, that it should be besieged of thee?

Haftorah

Isaiah 51:1a "Listen to Me, you that **follow** after righteousness, You that seek the LORD.

Isaiah 51:4,5a Listen to Me, My people, And give ear to Me, O My nation: For a law shall proceed from Me, And I will make **My judgment** to rest for **a light** of the people. My righteousness is near, My **salvation** is gone forth, And My arms shall judge the people.

Isaiah 51:7 Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law: Don't fear the reproach of men, Neither be dismayed at their insults.

Isaiah 51:12 I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of a man who shall die, And of the son of a man who shall be made as grass? And have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth.

Isaiah 51:22,23 Thus says your Lord GOD, and your God who pleads the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my wrath, you shall no more drink it again: And I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your soul, Bow down, that we may walk over you, and you have laid your back as the ground, and as the street, to those who walk over.

John 14:15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

DECODING ZECHARIAH

The Third Vision – “The Man with a Measuring Line” 2:1-13

The Fourth Vision “Joshua before the Angel of the LORD” 3:1-10

Zechariah 1:7,8 Upon the **four and twentieth day of the eleventh month**, which is the month Shevat, in the **second year of Darius**, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying-- I saw in the night, and behold a man riding upon **a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees** that were in the bottom; and behind him there were horses, red, sorrel, and white.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! **Behold, your king is coming to you**; righteous and having salvation is he **humble and mounted on a donkey**, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

John 7:37,38 In the last day, that great day of the feast, **Yeshua stood and cried out**, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Isaiah 12:6 Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion, **for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.**

Psalms 40:7,8 Then said I, **Lo, I am come** with *the roll of a book* which is prescribed for me, I delight to do Thy will, O my God, yea, **Thy law is in my inmost parts.**

Zechariah 2:10,11 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, **for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee**, saith the **LORD**. And **many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day**, and shall be My people, and **I will dwell in the midst of thee**, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

Zephaniah 3:14,15 Sing, O daughter of Zion, shout, O Israel, be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away

thy judgments, He hath cast out thine enemy, **The King of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee**, thou shalt not fear evil anymore.

Daniel 7:13,14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, **with the clouds of heaven** there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him, his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Jeremiah 50:4,5 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: They shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and **let us join ourselves to the LORD** in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and **all nations shall flow unto it**.

Revelations 7:9,10 After these things I saw, and lo, a great multitude, which to number no one was able, out of **all nations, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues**, standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands, and crying with a great voice, saying, The salvation [is] to Him who is sitting upon the throne, to our God, and to the Lamb!

Isaiah 14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet **choose Israel**, and set them in their own land: And the **strangers shall be joined with them**, and they shall **cleave to the house of Jacob**.

Isaiah 56:3a Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath **joined himself to the LORD**, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people.

Zechariah 2:12 And the LORD **shall inherit Judah as His portion** in the holy land, and shall **choose Jerusalem again**.

Isaiah 54:2,3 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes, For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Isaiah 54:7-10 For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but

with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: For as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Habakkuk 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Zephaniah 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: For the day of the LORD is at hand: For the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

Zechariah 2:13 Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused out of His holy habitation.

Revelation 8:1 When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

Fourth Vision

Zechariah 3:1,2 And he showed me **Joshua the high priest** standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the LORD said unto Satan: The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan, yea, the LORD that hath **chosen Jerusalem** rebuke thee, is not this man a **brand plucked out of the fire**?

Deuteronomy 10:8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, **to stand before the LORD** to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

Isaiah 61:6 But ye shall be **named the Priests of the LORD**: men shall call you the **Ministers of our God**: Ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

Leviticus 16:17 And there shall be no man in the tent of meeting when he goeth in to make atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made atonement for **himself, and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel**.

Revelation 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power, and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

Isaiah 61:9-11 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: All that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God, for he hath **clothed me with the garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Psalms 106:9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: So he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

Isaiah 17:12,13 Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas, and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: But **God shall rebuke them**, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Zechariah 1:13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with **good words and comfortable words**.

Zechariah 3:3,4 Now Joshua was clothed with **filthy** garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them **set a fair mitre upon his head**. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Isaiah 50:8,9 He is near that justifieth me, who will contend with me? Let us **stand together**: Who is mine adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they all shall wax old as a garment, the moth shall eat them up.

Deuteronomy 4:20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

Isaiah 48:10,11 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: For how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

Isaiah 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, And through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Exodus 28:36-38 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And thou shalt put it on a **blue lace**, that it may be upon the mitre, upon the **forefront of the mitre it shall be**. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts, and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

Isaiah 59:6,7 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall men cover themselves with their works, their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood, their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, desolation and destruction are in their paths.

Ezekiel 27:24 These were **thy merchants** in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and brodered work, and in chests of **rich apparel**, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

Revelation 3:17,18 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

Zephaniah 1:7 **Hold thy peace** at the presence of the Lord GOD: For the day of the LORD is at hand: For the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, **he hath bid his guests**.

Matthew 22:9-14 Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, **bid to the marriage feast**. And those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: And the wedding was filled with guests. But when the king came in to **behold the guests**, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding-garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither **not having a wedding-garment?** And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants,

Bind his hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness, there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few chosen.

Zephaniah 1:8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

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