# Parasha 53: Ha'azinu (Give/Lend Ear) D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:1-52

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We are now at the next to our last parasha for this year's cycle. The last parasha, 'V'Zot HaBrachah/This Is The Blessing', is read at the end of 'Sukkot/Tabernacles'. This is the time, traditionally, that the parasha is read at the celebration of 'Simchat Torah/Rejoicing In Torah'. Afterward, the Torah scroll is rolled back, and the Torah cycle begins again. YHWH's ways are 'cyclical not linear'. It is amazing that every year there is always some insight into the Torah parashot/portions that was not seen the last time

through. The Torah is eternal. (**Tehillim/Psalms 119:52; 89; 152; 160**) Even with all we may have come to understand, it is only as much as YHWH has 'allowed us to know'. It is **NOT** as much as can be known. The end is 'ad infinitim/again and again, forever'.

Our present Torah parasha always falls after the first of the fall 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times, Yom Teruah/Day Of Blowing/Trumpets'. At this point, we will have entered into the 'Yamim Noraim/Ten Days of Awe'. These are days of 'intense introspection' between the believer and YHWH, by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness. This is leading up to 'Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements'. All in preparation for the final 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time and Chagim/Feast' celebration of 'Sukkot/Tabernacles'. The end of this celebration is capped off by the added 'Mo'ed/Appointed Time of Sh'mini Atzaret/The Eighth Day Assembly'. All of the 'Mo'edim/Appointed Times and Chagim/Feast' celebrated in the Fall have one common theme. The preparation for the return of our blessed M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah and the establishment of the 'Malchut HaShomayim/Kingdom of the Heavens' on earth. It is what is understood as… The Great Shabbat… The Millennial Kingdom!

The Shabbat immediately following 'Yom Teruah' is known as 'Shabbat Shuvah/Shabbat of Return'. This is because, the HafTarah portion for this week begins with the first verse of the 'sefer/book of Hoshea/Hosea' the fourteenth chapter,

# "O Israel, return unto Yahweh thy Elohim [Mighty One]..." (Hoshea/Hosea 14:1a WOY-Word of Yahweh Bible-definition mine)

As a reminder, we have learned that the 'House of Yisrael as a divided nation', exists in the form of 'two separate houses'. Each has their designations throughout the writings of the 'Nevi'im/Prophets and the Kethuvim/Writings of the TaNaKh/Hebrew Scriptures'. The 'Jewish house', also known as the 'Southern house of Yehudah/Judah', has been 'dispersed' throughout the nations of the world. However, they have managed to 'retain their identity and Hebraic heritage'. The other house, that of 'Yosef-Ephraim', has maintained the name as 'Yisrael'. This house, by 'virtue of its separation' from the 'house of Yehudah/Judah', is essentially the 'non-Jewish house'. Because of YHWH's judgment for this houses' penchant toward idolatry, paganism

and sexual immorality, they were taken 'captive into the nation of Assyria'. In time, they too were 'scattered out among all the nations'.

However, unlike their counterpart, the Jewish house, the house of Yosef-Ephraim became 'lost to their Hebraic identity and heritage'. In time, their 'identity and heritage' was also forgotten. The result? The final blow came, when they were 'written off' by the Jewish house of Yehudah/Judah, labeled as 'outcasts' and were no longer considered as a part of the nation of Yisrael. \*\*[This is confirmed in the 'Jewish Traditional Writings' of the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Yebamot 17A] However, YHWH never forgot them! (Amos 9:9) All through many of the writings of the nevi'im/prophets, promises were made of the 'house of Yosef/Ephraim's return and restoration with the house of their elder brother... Yehudah/Judah'. Subsequently, this 'divided house' is prophesied to be REUNITED AS ONE WHOLE HOUSE AGAIN! We saw this in last week's Torah parasha 'Nitzavim'. YHWH prophesied of the 'return of both houses in restoration', to become 'reunited' as the 'Whole House of Yisrael' again. \*\*[D'varim/Deuteronomy 30] These are the days in which this promised REUNION AND RESTORATION will begin to happen. Over the past twenty or more years, we have been seeing these things taking place before our very eyes in ever increasing measures.

The 'sefer/book of Hoshea/Hosea' was/is written specifically to the 'non-Jewish/northern house of Yosef-Ephraim'. It speaks clearly of 'their/our return and repatriation to their/our identity and Hebraic heritage'. Both houses of Yisrael are destined for this experience. YHWH will have a WHOLE HOUSE once again. However, He tells the WHOLE STORY of His people Yisrael's terrible failures along the way. He pulls no punches. Our present parasha is no exception. A word of warning! Read ALL of this important parasha. The chapter is dark and if you stop short, then you will make the same mistake that most of the 'theologians of the church of Christendom have made... YISRAEL IS DONE! But KEEP READING! There is hope! As 'deep as the nation of Yisrael has fallen', will only be measured by THE HEIGHT TO WHICH YHWH WILL BRING HER TO FULFILL HER DESTINY! It's all about His glory! Let's look into our parasha and watch the darkness give way to the light of YHWH's 'promise of restoration'.

### The Song Of Moshe

We remember from last week that YHWH tells Moshe to 'write Him a song'. Yet, there is also another song that is ascribed to Moshe. We find it back when YHWH delivered Yisrael from the Mitzri/Egyptian Army at the Sea of Reeds/Red Sea. (Shemot/Exodus 15) But, this 'second song', carries a 'special instruction'. After Moshe wrote the song down, he was to 'call all of Yisrael to MEMORIZE IT! The song would literally be a 'witness against or to the children of Yisrael'. What does that mean?

First, we remember that these 'final words of Moshe' held quite an interesting purpose. The 'words of the covenant' which YHWH was 'about to renew/make/cut' with those of this Second Generation there on the plains of Moab, would not only be for those who were present that day. This 'renewal' would have 'two new additions'. It would include 'forgiveness' like before, but it also would include:

1.) Generational Connectedness- so that ALL of Yisrael, 'even the future generations', that were 'not yet present physically', but were 'there potentially within the seed of the avot/fathers', would be considered 'included in this Renewed Covenant' too!

2.) Provision Of 'Restoration For The Future Generations Of Yisrael' Toward The End Of Days- They would be 'regathered' from the judgment of having been 'scattered and dispersed among the nations'. This provision 'guaranteed' that Yisrael would 'survive', be called again through 'teshuvah/repentance to return to YHWH's Torah and be restored to The Land of their inheritance'. This 'last generation' would see the fulfillment of ALL that YHWH had promised from the beginning through Moshe.

THE INSTRUCTION TO MEMORIZE THIS SONG IS FOR ALL THE GENERATIONS OF YISRAEL. It is for those of the 'Second Generation', to those of the 'Last Generation'. Remember, we saw this last week in our Torah parasha 'Nitzavim'.

"So that the dor ha'acharon (later generation) to come..." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 29:22a (21)a)

The Hebrew phrase הדור האחרון (read right to left)/'hador ha'acharon' is translated in most Bibles as, 'the generation to come or the next generation'. The 'Orthodox Jewish Bible' that I mainly use gets pretty close. It says, 'later generation'. However, the 'literal transliteration' of the phrase is, 'the generation that is last'. Beloved, there is to come a 'last generation', just as the Torah says. This 'last generation' will SEE THINGS from a 'unique perspective'. They will SEE the 'consequences and curses' that the nation of Yisrael, including 'both houses' after their split have suffered throughout all their generations. They will SEE the plagues, the judgments and the scattering of YHWH's people. They 'will understand' that the severity of these things is the result of Yisrael having abandoned YHWH's Torah. They will SEE all these things, as the result of YHWH having 'hidden His face' (His Sh'kinyah/Manifest Presence) from Yisrael.

"And he said, I will HIDE MY FACE from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:20-emphasis mine- WOY- Word of Yahweh Bible)

Beloved, we are to learn this song. We are to 'recite it from memory' from our mouth. Why? Who wants to think on such dark things? IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS A HOPE IN ALL OF THIS. This song will 'stir up our hearts to believe' YHWH. He 'has promised dark days and times' because of our rejection of Him and His Torah. Yet, He 'has also promised He would return to us', as we, at His appointed time, 'return to Him'. He would 'no longer hide His face'. We don't deserve it. Yet, this song tells us that there is a 'generation of Yisrael that will see his mercy'... THE LAST GENERATION. I BELIEVE WE ARE THAT GENERATION!

# The Song Of Moshe And The Song Of The Lamb

"And I saw another ot (miraculous sign) in Shomayim [Heavens], great and marvelous: shiva (seven) malachim (angels) having sheva (seven) makkot (plagues), the last makkot (plagues), because by them is completed the Charon Af Hashem (the burning fury of G-d). And I saw, as it were, a yam (sea) of glass, having been mingled with eish (fire); and I saw the menatzakhat HaChayyah (overcomers of the Beast, Anti-Moshiach) and of its Atzav (image) and of the mispar (number) of its name; and I saw them having taken their stand on the yam (sea) of glass, holding nevalim (harps) of Hashem [YHWH]. And they sing the Shir [Song] of Moshe [Rabbeinu/Our Teacher], the eved Hashem [servant of YHWH], and the Shir [Song] of the SEH (Lamb), saying, "Great and marvelous are your ma'asim (works), Hashem Adonoi

Tzva'ot [YHWH Master of Hosts]; Tzedek (Righteousness) and Emes (Truth) are your derakhim (ways, paths), Melech kol HaGoyim (King of all the Nations). "Adonoi [My Master], who would not fear You and ascribe kavod [glory] to your Name? Because You only are HaKadosh [The Holy One], for kol HaGoyim [all the nations] will come and will worship before You because Your tzedakot (righteous acts) were made known." (Hitgalut/Revelation 15:2-4 OJB- definitions mine)

Now, we fast forward to the sefer/book of Hitgalut/Revelation. This of course is the book associated with 'the end of days'. In our passage above, we see a very profound situation. The scene pictures those who have overcome and are gathered together in worship and praise to YHWH. They have 'overcome the Beast/the Anti-Messiah, his image and the number of his name'. They are 'standing on a sea of glass with harps', instruments of worship. They are singing. What is the song? It is actually two songs: 'The Song of Moshe and The Song of the Lamb'.

These 'overcomers are standing on a sea of glass'. In the Scriptures, the 'sea is a type or picture of people'. In this case, 'this sea is a picture of A PEOPLE' who have been 'through the fiery dealings' of YHWH. FIRE IS USED TO PURIFY GOLD AND SILVER. Gold is 'purified in the oven'. Silver is 'purified in the smelting pot'. When gold is purified, it becomes 'transparent'. When silver is purified, 'the dross rises to the top and scooped off'. The 'last stage of purification' is achieved when the 'reflection of the refiner's face APPEARS IN THE MOLTEN METAL! Gold and silver are 'representative of our works'. However, 'the sea is representative of people'. The 'sand' is a picture of the nation of Yisrael as the 'seed of Abraham'. (B'resheet/Genesis 22:17; 32:12) They have been 'through the intense heat of affliction and suffering'. This fire is even hotter than the fire it takes to purify the gold and silver. When the sand has 'reached purification it does not reflect or mirror the refiner's image'. IT BECOMES CLEAR! HE IS SEEN CLEARLY THROUGH IT! (B'resheet/Genesis 1:26-27)

Why the two songs? The sefer/book of Hitgalut/Revelation is the 'book of the end or at the end'. It is a 'picture of the fullness, the completion of the redemptive process' which YHWH started among Yisrael by His faithful ebed/servant Moshe. Remember, when the Second Generation got down to the plains of Moab on the banks of the Yarden/Jordan, who brought them over into The Land of promise? It was Yehoshua/Joshua! The Hebraic Name of our blessed Master Yeshua is also, 'Yehoshua'. \*\*[Yeshua is the 'shortened Aramaic version'] MOSHE PREPARED THE PEOPLE. YEHOSHUA/JOSHUA BROUGHT THEM OVER! For us today, the 'regathering nation of the Whole House of Yisrael', it is the 'Torah of Moshe' that is 'preparing us for the return of our blessed Adon/Lord Yeshua'. He is our 'Yehoshua/Joshua' who will bring us 'completely over into the fullness of our redemptive inheritance'. At His 'physical return', He will bring with Him the 'fullness of our salvation'. (Ivrim/Hebrews 9:28) The 'completion of the promised final ReNewed Covenant' (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 31:27-34) between the house of Yehudah/Judah and the house of Yosef-Ephraim will finally be inaugurated. The Kingdom of Elohim/The Mighty One will be established in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. M'lekh Mashiach/King Messiah Yehoshua/Yeshua Ben David will rule on His throne upon Mt. Tzion/Zion. All the nations of the earth will flow to Him and He will teach us YHWH's Torah, and that Torah will flow out into all the nations. IT WILL CAUSE THE GLORY OF YHWH TO COVER THE EARTH AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA! (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 2:2; 16:5; Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 3:17: Chabakkuk/Habakkuk 2:14)

# The Witness Of The Song of Moshe In The Torah Scroll



The picture above is from a Torah scroll where the parasha '*Ha'azinu'* is written. You will take note that it is written in a very peculiar manner. The verses at the top (**remember Hebrew is read right to left**) and at the bottom are written as the regular passages in the Torah scroll. However, the verses that '*contain the actual song*' are written in two columns. (**verses 5-45**) Why?

Well, what did YHWH say that this song would be for Yisrael? A witness? Yes, and the 'number two (2) means witness in gematria'. This is a 'picture' of that. The 'Song of Moshe' is a poetic prose. In it, YHWH reveals His all-encompassing glory. From start to finish. All that YHWH does is about His glory. Yisrael is His 'prophetic instrument' by which His glory will be revealed to all the nations of the earth. Whether that is by their 'obedience', resulting in 'blessing', or their 'disobedience and rebellion', resulting in 'curse and judgment'. Everything YHWH does ENDS IN REDEMPTION! Even in this song, if you read to the end and allow YHWH by His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness to make it known, you will see it. You will hear it, as the words of this song are uttered out of one's mouth. It's about YHWH and His Name. He is 'jealous for His Name'. Now, with this in mind, let's look at something else that is very interesting.

#### Hoshea Ben Nun

"And Moshe came and spoke kol divre hashirah [all the words of the song] in the hearing of the people, he, and Hoshea ben Nun." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:44 OJB- definitions mine)

At the end of the song, the Torah reverts back to 'Yehoshua/Joshua as Hoshea'. The latter is the name which Moshe added the Hebrew letter '/yod' to. This was before the 'leaders' of the First Generation were sent to 'tour The Land'. (Bamidbar/Numbers 14) Why? Because, in this form, it 'refers to his humanity'. By 'adding the 'yod', Hoshea is 'elevated above his humanity'. He becomes an 'image of the promised Mashiach' in glory... MASHIACH BEN DAVID. By Moshe referring to Yehoshua by his 'former name', it is a reference to our blessed 'Master Yeshua and His humanity' as MASHIACH BEN YOSEF. Again, a reference to YHWH's 'redemptive motive'.

Yes, YHWH handles Yisrael harshly. He blesses them initially, but when they turn from Him, despise and run after other mighty ones, who, in fact, are no mighty ones at all, then He responds

as a jealous Husband. In His anger, He unleashes His judgment for Yisrael's adulteries. He seeks to 'awaken them out of the drunkenness of their sinfulness'. Yisrael exists to reveal YHWH's glory among all the nations. Yet, they have become JUST LIKE the nations. Therefore, He withdraws, and hides His face \*\*[His Sh'kinyah/ Manifest Presence- D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:20] He stirs up the nations around them. They are allowed to attack Yisrael. They are seemingly merciless, but it is all 'designed to awaken Yisrael' out of their 'stupor of unfaithful behavior'. THEY DO NOT EXIST FOR THEMSELVES. They have accepted YHWH's blessings. He calls them 'Yeshurun, pet name of endearment', but they grew fat and rebellious. (vs. 15) Yisrael became 'twisted in their heart'. They came to believe the 'blessings were of their own making'. They became perverse and crooked. All that they have suffered, is designed to reveal what it is like to be on their own, WITHOUT PROVISION... WITHOUT PROTECTION... COMPLETELY VULNERABLE. Yet, in the midst of their pain and suffering, YHWH RETURNS TO YISRAEL. He will avenge His people and provide atonement for them.

This is why Moshe reverts back to Yehoshua's former name, 'Hoshea'. It speaks of 'Mashiach Ben Yosef', the 'Suffering Servant', who takes Yisrael's punishment on Himself. As the 'manifestation of YHWH in the flesh', He can be 'touched with the feeling of our infirmities' and yet, 'do so without sin'. As our Mediator, He is able to 'put one hand in the hand of His Abba YHWH and the other in our hand'. Then, He can BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN US CAUSED BY OUR SIN. (1 Timothy 2:5) THIS IS PURE REDEMPTIVE LOVE! YHWH provided this, even before we had even shown any willingness to make teshuvah/repentance. (Romans 5:8)

This is what He has done for us as individuals, but He will yet see us as Yisrael, corporately, through to our redemptive end. He has made provision for our 'awakening and restoration' from among the nations. Look at this verse from the 'Song Of Moshe' we are considering.

"Remember the yemot olam [ancient days], consider shenot dor v'dor [years of many generations]: ask Avicha [your father], and he will show thee; thy zekenim [elders], and they will tell thee.

When HaElyon [The Most High] divided to the Goyim [Nations] their nachalah [inheritance], when He separated the Bnei Adam [Sons of Man], HE SET THE GEVULOT (BORDERS) OF THE PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF THE BNEI YISROEL [SONS OF YISROEL]." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:7-8 OJB- definitions mine)

Imagine, when YHWH was 'setting the boundaries for the nations', HE KNEW the day would come when Yisrael would be 'scattered and dispersed'. HE ACTUALLY SET THE SIZE OF THE BORDERS OF THE FUTURE NATIONS ACCORDING TO HOW MANY YISRAELITES WOULD MAKE THEIR WAY THERE! Is that not amazing? YHWH had 'already made plans for the regathering of the Whole House Yisrael'. Though, as He says in verse 39, He is the one that kills and makes alive. He is the one that wounds and heals. All that Yisrael has been through, is to make one point abundantly clear: THERE IS NO MIGHTY ONE BUT YHWH!

## The Sovereignty Of YHWH

"Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should misinterpret, and lest they should say, Our hand is triumphant, and Hashem [YHWH] hath not done all this." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:27 OJB- definitions mine)

YHWH realizes the ability of the 'mindset of fallen mankind' to misinterpret their superiority over His nation Yisrael. He relents in His judgments **LEST THEY TAKE CREDIT FOR THEIR VICTORIES!** The 'hand of the flesh' will be crushed in its time. **THE WHOLE EARTH WILL KNOW OF YHWH'S SOVEREIGNTY.** The nations could have never touched Yisrael if it were not for their sin of torahlessness. It was their sin that had caused Him to remove His hand of protection. This all becomes clear in the last verse of the song.

"Rejoice, O ye Goyim [Nations], with His people: for He will avenge the dahm [blood] of His avadim [servants], and will render nakam (vengeance) to His adversaries, and will make kapporah [atonement] for the land of His people." (D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:43 OJB-definitions mine)

Beloved, 'punishment' is for 'correction'. CORRECTION IS FOR YHWH'S PEOPLE, YISRAEL. VENGEANCE IS FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT LEARN. IT IS FOR YHWH'S ENEMIES AND FOR THE ENEMIES OF HIS PEOPLE. The days of tribulation, 'Ya'akov's/Jacob's Trouble', are NOT for YHWH's people. YHWH's plan is not some 'secret rapture' whereby a 'church' is suddenly whisked away. No, there is a 'planned means of deliverance' for those who know themselves to be Yisrael. Those who have 'returned to YHWH's Torah'. Those who have been REPATRIATED TO THEIR HEBRAIC IDENTITY AND LIFESTYLE. It is what YHWH, through the navi/prophet Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah calls, 'The Second Redemption'. \*\*[Some refer to it as 'The Second Exodus'] A plan where those who 'know their true Hebraic identity and heritage as Yisrael' will be supernaturally provided a means of deliverance by YHWH to a 'place of safety' in the hills of Samaria around Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. You can read the prophecy in Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah. (chapter 16:14-15 and 23:3; 7-8) All of the fine points of this plan will be revealed as that time comes closer, but the safest place in the world will be... WHERE YHWH'S MANIFEST PRESENCE IS DWELLING!

Many in this hour are seeking out 'safe places and havens' in the mountains, wilderness... etc. These things are vain attempts at survival. It will end in the same bitter disappointment that so many will have when their 'rapture expectations fail'. The call is being sounded. It is time to return to the 'Ancient Paths of YHWH's Torah' that brings rest to the soul. (Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 6:16) Only those who 'teshuvah/repent/return' and take their place among YHWH's nation, Yisrael, will be delivered from the evil to come during those 'days of great tribulation' that lie ahead. May we learn the words of this song and rehearse them often... verbally. Those who do will be able to join in with the final chorus of THE SONG OF THE LAMB. AMEIN!

We say the following blessing as we continue each week's study of Torah...

Chazak u'Barukh... Strength and Blessings

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