

Notes: July 17 2021

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Life, Vision and Torah

As we continue our Summer of Life and thus relating aspects of Torah to Life, we come to one of the most captivating and attention grabbing aspects of Scripture and that is Vision. Not vision in terms of sight where we are able to physically see but vision in terms of sight where we able to see a plan or path for our lives.

Shlomo speaks of just such a dynamic.

Many translations are framed in this manner.

Pro 29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he. (KJV)

Where *there is* no [a]revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy *is* he who keeps the law. (NKJV)

Where there is no [a]vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is one who keeps the Law. (NASB)

Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But he that keepeth the law, happy is he. (ASV)

While other versions convey more to vision and that this vision is not just a human aspect but a Divine aspect...

Pro 29:18 Without a prophetic vision, the people throw off all restraint; but he who keeps Torah is happy.

Where there is no divine vision people cast off restraint, but blessed is the one who keeps Torah. (TLV)

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law. (ESV)

How are we to understand this verse?

Where there is no prophetic guidance or direction from Adonai, the people are unrestrained. That is...a measure or condition that keeps someone or something under control or within limits.

For Torah is that prophetic and divine utterance that is intended to reveal Adonai's ways to Isra'el, yet it has been made known to the world and in many ways is applicable to the world.

Over the years if you have asked me about The Bible, I would tell you that it is specifically about Adonai's relationship with Israel, the Jewish people and how that relationship impacts the rest of the world. Adonai enables us to see somewhat behind the curtain as to His Vision.

Approximately 2000 years of history from Creation until Avraham is documented in 11 chapters. Most certainly not a comprehensive historical account, yet there are several world impacting events recounted. Then from Genesis 12 onward the focus changes to one individual and his descendants. The next 1178 chapters reveal immense detail of this relationship. The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, the Embarrassing. Every aspect of Avraham's family history is revealed for the world to see; to comment on; to judge.

Many chapters and verses specifically focus on Israel and their proximity to the land Adonai has promised.

Gen 17:7 "I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.

Gen 17:8 I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Kena'an, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God."

A nation and a people would be confronted and thus challenged in upholding Adonai's standards. Their success and failure could be gauged by their proximity to the land. If Adonai removed them from the land, as He said he would do under certain conditions...

Lev 26:14 " 'But if you will not listen to me and obey all these mitzvot,

Lev 26:15 if you loathe my regulations and reject my rulings, in order not to obey all my mitzvot but cancel my covenant;

Lev 26:31 I will lay waste to your cities and make your sanctuaries desolate, so as not to smell your fragrant aromas.

Lev 26:32 I will desolate the land, so that your enemies living in it will be astounded by it.

Lev 26:33 You I will disperse among the nations, and I will draw out the sword in pursuit after you; your land will be a desolation and your cities a wasteland.

...then he was a Righteous Father punishing His child for the purpose of correction...

Pro 3:11 My son, don't despise Adonai's discipline or resent his reproof;

Pro 3:12 for Adonai corrects those he loves like a father who delights in his son.

The purpose of correction is to correct, that is to restore, make right the actions of those who's restraint was

not restrained.

Thus, these 1178 chapters and the 187 chapters in Torah are intended to provide restraint.

For Adonai reveals through Shlomo the connection of Prophetic vision and Torah...

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That of no restraint is lawlessness. Thus, when Adonai reveals His ways there is restraint...

Deu 29:28 "Things which are hidden belong to Adonai our God. But the things that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever, so that we can observe all the words of this Torah.

There is structure, there is guidance. Yet, even with what is revealed the people can still act without restraint, ignoring the very guidance of Adonai. We see this in this week's parshah D'varim whereby Moshe recounts the nation's journey over the last 40 years. A period of time that could have lasted only 11 days from the Exodus of Egypt to the border of the land promised by Adonai originally to Avraham and his descendants.

Deu 1:1 These are the words Moshe spoke to all Isra'el on the far side of the Yarden River, in the desert, in the `Aravah, across from Suf, between Pa'ran and Tofel, Lavan, Hatzerot and Di-Zahav.

Deu 1:2 It is eleven days' journey from Horev to Kadesh-Barnea by way of Mount Se`ir.

A journey that Moshe goes into great detail as does Yesha'yahu in chapter 1...

Isa 1:1 This is the vision of Yesha`yahu the son of Amotz, which he saw concerning Y'hudah and Yerushalayim during the days of `Uziyahu, Yotam, Achaz and Y'chizkiyahu, kings of Y'hudah:

Isa 1:2 "Hear, heaven! Listen, earth! For Adonai is speaking. "I raised and brought up children, but they rebelled against me.

For Adonai speaks through Moshe His Prophet and Yesha'yahu His Prophet about the vision He has for the nation, a rebellious nation that Adonai will correct but not abandon or destroy.

For a promise was made long ago pertaining to a people and a land. Adonai had a vision when He would establish His name upon a single nation...

Num 6:22 Adonai said to Moshe,

Num 6:23 "Speak to Aharon and his sons, and tell them that this is how you are to bless the people of Isra'el: you are to say to them,

Num 6:24 'Y'varekh'kha Adonai v'yishmerekha. [*May Adonai bless you and keep you.*]

Num 6:25 Ya'er Adonai panav eleikha vichunekka. [*May Adonai make his face shine on you and show you his favor.*]

Num 6:26 Yissa Adonai panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom. [*May Adonai lift up his face toward you and give you peace.*]

Num 6:27 "In this way they are to put my name on the people of Isra'el, so that I will bless them."

And thus as a nation Adonai would provide land for them to reside, in that the entire earth belongs to Him...

Psa 24:1 [*By David. A psalm.*] The earth is Adonai's, with all that is in it, the world and those who live there;

Psa 24:2 for he set its foundations on the seas and established it on the rivers.

For He would convey through Moshe...

Num 13:1 Adonai said to Moshe,

Num 13:2 "Send men on your behalf to reconnoiter the land of Kena'an, which I am giving to the people of Isra'el. From each ancestral tribe send someone who is a leader in his tribe."

Num 13:3 Moshe dispatched them from the Pa'ran Desert as Adonai had ordered; all of them were leading men among the people of Isra'el.

And would recount in D'varim...

Deu 1:21 Look! Adonai your God has placed the land before you. Go up, take possession, as Adonai, the God of your ancestors, has told you. Don't be afraid, don't be dismayed.'

Deu 1:22 "You approached me, every one of you, and said, 'Let's send men ahead of us to explore the country for us and bring back word concerning what route we should use in going up and what the cities we will encounter are like.'

Deu 1:23 The idea seemed good to me, so I took twelve of your men, one from each tribe;

Deu 1:24 and they set out, went up into the hills, came to the Eshkol Valley and reconnoitered it.

In this parallel account we learn that it was the people who wanted to reconnoiter the land, yet in B'midbar (Numbers) it is implied that it was Adonai's idea, while the account in D'varim implies that it was the people's idea.

Is there a conflict?

Consider that a parallel account of a single event does not have to line up exactly, for we have seen this in the Gospels and in Kings and Chronicles where details are left out of one account while present in another. We should stop looking at this as a contradiction and start looking at it as more information being revealed.

So, how do we reconcile this not so small discrepancy?

One may look at it this way. The B'midbar account is leaving out part of the story that would go at the beginning of chapter 13. Adonai saved the detail of the people approaching Moshe for this later account, revealing that He did not stop them from what they were about to do, yet gave them permission by sending them.

Ultimately, they would come to learn and we would come to understand...

Deu 1:25 They took some of the produce of the land and brought it down to us; they also brought back word to us—'The land Adonai our God is giving to us is good.'

Deu 1:26 "But you would not go up. Instead you rebelled against the order of Adonai your God;

They did not truly trust in Adonai, nor the vision He had for His people. Allowing them to go and do as they had suggested to Moshe, revealed their true lack of trust in Adonai.

When we don't fully trust in Adonai, nor the vision He has revealed, we tend to take matters into our own hands. We see this through the rejection of the people who spied out the land and brought forth a negative report when Adonai had already given them the land...

Num 13:31 But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people, because they are stronger than we are";

Num 13:32 and they spread a negative report about the land they had reconnoitered for the people of Isra'el by saying, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw there were giant!

Num 13:33 We saw the N'filim, the descendants of `Anak, who was from the N'filim; to ourselves we looked like grasshoppers by comparison, and we looked that way to them too!"

Resulting in the people being dejected and more rebellious...

Num 14:1 At this all the people of Isra'el cried out in dismay and wept all night long.

Num 14:2 Moreover, all the people of Isra'el began grumbling against Moshe and Aharon; the whole community told them, "We wish we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we had died here in the desert!"

Num 14:3 Why is Adonai bringing us to this land, where we will die by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be taken as booty! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Num 14:4 And they said to each other, "Let's appoint a leader and return to Egypt!"

Leading to Adonai's appearance...

Num 14:10 But just as the whole community were saying they should be stoned to death, the glory of Adonai appeared in the tent of meeting to all the people of Isra'el.

Num 14:11 Adonai said to Moshe, "How much longer is this people going to treat me with contempt? How much longer will they not trust me, especially considering all the signs I have performed among them?"

Num 14:12 I am going to strike them with sickness, destroy them and make from you a nation greater and stronger than they are!"

Adonai would forgive them through Moshe's intercession...

Num 14:17 So now, please, let Adonai's power be as great as when you said,

Num 14:18 'Adonai is slow to anger, rich in grace, forgiving offenses and crimes; yet not exonerating the guilty, but causing the negative effects of the parents' offenses to be experienced by their children and even by the third and fourth generations.'

Num 14:19 Please! Forgive the offense of this people according to the greatness of your grace, just as you have borne with this people from Egypt until now."

Num 14:20 Adonai answered, "I have forgiven, as you have asked.

For upon Adonai's forgiveness, the people felt great remorse and believe they were given a second chance of taking the land.

Num 14:39 When Moshe told these things to all the people of Isra'el, the people felt great remorse.

Num 14:40 They arose early the next morning, came up to the top of the mountain and said, "Here we are, and we did sin, but now we'll go up to the place Adonai promised."

Num 14:41 Moshe answered, "Why are you opposing what Adonai said? You won't succeed!"

Num 14:42 Don't go up there, because Adonai isn't with you. If you do, your enemies will defeat you.

But, they were really only taking matters into their own hands for they did not rely on Adonai before and He would not be with them in this battle.

For Adonai knew His people and spoke in relation to the events that had transpired previously...

Deu 2:2 Finally Adonai said to me,

Deu 2:3 'You have been going around this mountain long enough! Head north,

Deu 2:4 and give this order to the people: "You are to pass through the territory of your kinsmen the descendants of `Esav who live in Se`ir. They will be afraid of you, so be very cautious,

Deu 2:5 and don't get into disputes with them; for I am not going to give you any of their land, no, not even enough for one foot to stand on; inasmuch as I have given Mount Se`ir to `Esav as his possession.

I am not giving you this land, so don't even think about it. Likewise...

Deu 2:17 Adonai said to me,

Deu 2:18 'Today you are to cross the border of Mo'av at `Ar.

Deu 2:19 When you approach the descendants of `Amon, don't bother them or fight with them, for I will not give you any of the territory of the people of `Amon to possess, since I have given it to the descendants of Lot as their territory.' "

Adonai instructed Moshe to go yet not to encounter the inhabitants of the lands they were passing through, do not engage them in battle for this land belongs to the descendants of Lot and the descendants of Esav.

How many times have you taken matters into your own hands? Not relying on Adonai in advance, not trusting in Him. Not embracing the vision He has revealed through His Word.

Adonai had a vision for Avraham's descendants and He had revealed it to them, yet they did not always trust in Him.

For the legacy of Isra'el's lack of trust in Adonai is Tisha B'Av, which begins tonight. A day of fasting and mourning, a day of remembering tragedy than rejoicing in Adonai's promise.

It is on this day that we are to fast and mourn, in remembrance of the destruction of the first and second Temple. The first temple was destroyed in 586 BCE, while the second Temple was destroyed in 70 CE. Jewish people throughout the world see this day as one of the most tragic days in Jewish history. In addition to the Temple's destruction, not once, but twice, many horrific things have happened to the Jewish people on or around this date...

- Bar Kochba Revolt – 132 – 135 CE - Rome defeated Bar Kockba, destroyed the city of Betar and killed over 100,000 Jews
- 1095 CE – Crusades declared by Pope Urban II, Killing 10,000 Jews in the first month and destroying Jewish communities in France and Rhineland.
- 1290 CE - Jews were expelled from England by official decree
- 1492 CE – Jews were expelled from Spain, causing one of the greatest upheavals in Jewish history, due to the success of this community
- 1496 CE – Jews were expelled from Portugal
- 1555 CE – Jews were forced into ghettos for the first time in Rome
- 1914 CE – World War I began (August 1st) causing devastation across Europe and leading the way for WWII
- 1941 CE – Nazi Reinhard Heydrick was ordered to enact the “Final Solution” (July 31st) Next day = Tisha B'Av
- 1942 CE – Deportations from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka death camp began

- 1994 CE – Bombing of AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires killing 86 Jews

Yet, I am reminded of this...

Psa 139:13 For you fashioned my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I thank you because I am awesomely made, wonderfully; your works are wonders—I know this very well.

Psa 139:15 My bones were not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Your eyes could see me as an embryo, but in your book all my days were already written; my days had been shaped before any of them existed.

For Adonai did not establish this nation to perish nor did He create you to wallow. Even in the midst of captivity, after judgment, Adonai remembered Isra'el...

Jer 29:10 "For here is what Adonai says: 'After Bavel's seventy years are over, I will remember you and fulfill my good promise to you by bringing you back to this place.

Jer 29:11 For I know what plans I have in mind for you,' says Adonai,'plans for well-being, not for bad things; so that you can have hope and a future.

Jer 29:12 When you call to me and pray to me, I will listen to you.

This people will not perish at the hand of Adonai but will fulfill the vision of Adonai...

Jer 31:35 "If these laws leave my presence," says Adonai, "then the offspring of Isra'el will stop being a nation in my presence forever."

Jer 31:36 This is what Adonai says: "If the sky above can be measured and the foundations of the earth be fathomed, then I will reject all the offspring of Isra'el for all that they have done," says Adonai.

For Yeshua affirms this very aspect through the parable of the fig tree...

Mat 24:32 "Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching.

Mat 24:33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.

Mat 24:34 Yes! I tell you that this people will certainly not pass away before all these things happen.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

For the legacy that exists was not part of Adonai's vision for His people for He conveys further through the Prophet Zechariah...

Zec 8:18 This word of Adonai-Tzva'ot came to me:

Zec 8:19 "Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'The fast days of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months are to become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Y'hudah. Therefore, love truth and peace.'

And thus they should be considered time of joy today, because of the Chazon, the Vision of Adonai in that He would be the redeemer of His people, not to mention the redeemer of the world.

Psa 27:1 [*By David.*] Adonai is my light and salvation; whom do I need to fear? Adonai is the stronghold of

my life; of whom should I be afraid?

Psa 27:2 When evildoers assailed me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and foes, they stumbled and fell.

Psa 27:3 If an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; if war breaks out against me, even then I will keep trusting.

Psa 27:4 Just one thing have I asked of Adonai; only this will I seek: to live in the house of Adonai all the days of my life, to see the beauty of Adonai and visit in his temple.

Psa 27:5 For he will conceal me in his shelter on the day of trouble, he will hide me in the folds of his tent, he will set me high on a rock.

Psa 27:6 Then my head will be lifted up above my surrounding foes, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, sing praises to Adonai.

Psa 27:7 Listen, Adonai, to my voice when I cry; show favor to me; and answer me.

Psa 27:8 "My heart said of you, 'Seek my face.' " Your face, Adonai, I will seek.

Psa 27:9 Do not hide your face from me, don't turn your servant away in anger. You are my help; don't abandon me; don't leave me, God my savior.

Psa 27:10 Even though my father and mother have left me, Adonai will care for me.

Psa 27:11 Teach me your way, Adonai; lead me on a level path because of my enemies—

Psa 27:12 don't give me up to the whims of my foes; for false witnesses have risen against me, also those who are breathing violence.

Psa 27:13 If I hadn't believed that I would see Adonai's goodness in the land of the living, . . .

Psa 27:14 Put your hope in Adonai, be strong, and let your heart take courage! Yes, put your hope in Adonai!

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Prophetic vision begins in Torah for Adonai revealed a vision of a people who would become His nation and through His nation Adonai would redeem the world.

Joh 17:14 "I have given them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world—just as I myself do not belong to the world.

Joh 17:15 I don't ask you to take them out of the world, but to protect them from the Evil One.

Joh 17:16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Joh 17:17 Set them apart for holiness by means of the truth—your word is truth.

Embrace the vision that Adonai has revealed and thus be restrained because true Joy is experienced by those who keep Torah.

We are inquisitive and actually hunger for direction...

Why are we here?

What is the meaning of life?

What is my purpose?