



This Shabbat

Parashat Ekev

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EREV SHABBAT

6.00pm Erev Shabbat Service
Led by Rabbi Helen Freeman

SHABBAT MORNING

10.00am Coffee Morning

11.00am Shabbat Morning Service
Sermon given by Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers

Please note that a list of all those commemorating a *yahrzeit* this Shabbat is available for information on a board in the Goldsmid Hall. Please check the list to ensure that the details are correct and report any problems to the Beadle, before the service commences.

The mitzvah of *derech erez-consideration for other people* is really important for us at West London Synagogue, so we would ask you to make sure that your mobile phone is turned off before the service and of course to leave cameras in your bags. As this is a religious place, we would also ask you to avoid inappropriate clothing or chewing gum during the service. Many thanks for your consideration for the *minhag-accepted custom* of our congregation - Rabbis and Wardens

Torah: Deuteronomy 9: 1 - 19

1 Hear, O Israel! You are about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and more populous than you: great cities with walls sky-high; 2 a people great and tall, the Anakites, of whom you have knowledge; for you have heard it said, "Who can stand up to the children of Anak?" 3 Know then this day that none other than Adonai your God is crossing at your head, a devouring fire; it is Adonai who will wipe them out. God will subdue them before you, that you may quickly dispossess and destroy them, as Adonai promised you. 4 And when Adonai your God has thrust them from your path, say not to yourselves, "Adonai has enabled us to possess this land because of our virtues"; it is rather because of the wickedness of those nations that Adonai is dispossessing them before you. 5 It is not because of your virtues and your rectitude that you will be able to possess their country; but it is because of their wickedness that Adonai your God is dispossessing those nations before you, and in order to fulfill the oath that Adonai made to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6 Know, then, that it is not for any virtue of yours that Adonai your God is giving you this good land to possess; for you are a stiffnecked people. 7 Remember, never forget, how you provoked Adonai your God to anger in the wilderness: from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you reached this place, you have continued defiant toward Adonai. 8 At Horeb you so provoked Adonai that Adonai was angry enough with you to have destroyed you.

א שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֲתָה עֹבֵר הַיּוֹם
אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן, לְבֹא לְרֶשֶׁת גּוֹיִם, גְּדֹלִים
וְעַצְמִים מְאֹד--עָרִים גְּדֹלֹת וּבְצֻרֹת,
בְּשָׁמַיִם. ב עִם-גְּדוֹל וָרֶם, בְּנֵי
עֲנָקִים: אֲשֶׁר אֲתָה יֹדְעֵת, וְאֲתָה
שֹׁמְעֵת--מִי יִתְיַצֵּב, לִפְנֵי בְנֵי עֲנָק.
ג וַיֹּדְעֵת הַיּוֹם, כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
הוּא-הָעֹבֵר לִפְנֶיךָ אֵשׁ אֹכְלָה--הוּא
יִשְׁמִידֵם וְהוּא יִכְנִיעֵם, לִפְנֶיךָ;
וְהוֹרֶשְׁתֶּם וְהֶאֱבַדְתֶּם מֵהָר, כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר
יְהוָה לְךָ. ד אַל-תֹּאמַר בְּלִבְבְּךָ, בְּהֲדוֹף
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אַתֶּם מִלִּפְנֵיךָ לֵאמֹר,
בְּצַדִּיקוֹתַי הֵבִיאֲנִי יְהוָה, לְרֶשֶׁת אֶת-
הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת: וּבְרִשְׁעַת הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה,
יְהוָה מוֹרִישָׁם מִפְּנֶיךָ. ה לֹא
בְּצַדִּיקוֹתֶיךָ, וּבִישׁוֹר לִבְבְּךָ, אֲתָה בֹא,
לְרֶשֶׁת אֶת-אֶרֶץ: כִּי בְרִשְׁעַת הַגּוֹיִם
הָאֵלֶּה, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מוֹרִישָׁם מִפְּנֶיךָ,
וְלִמְעַן הִקִּים אֶת-הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע
יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם, לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק
וּלְיַעֲקֹב. ו וַיֹּדְעֵת, כִּי לֹא בְּצַדִּיקוֹתֶיךָ
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ
הַטּוֹבָה הַזֹּאת--לְרֶשֶׁתָּהּ: ז כִּי עִם-
קִשָּׁה-עַרְף, אֲתָה. ז זָכֹר, אַל-תִּשְׁכַּח,
אֶת אֲשֶׁר-הִקְצַפְתָּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ,
בְּמִדְבָּר: לָמֵן-הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר-יֵצְאתָ מֵאֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם, עַד-בְּאַכְּם עַד-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה,
מִמֵּרִים הָיִיתֶם, עִם-יְהוָה. ח וּבַחֲרֵב
הִקְצַפְתֶּם, אֶת-יְהוָה; וַיִּתְאַנֶּף יְהוָה
בְּכֶם, לְהִשְׁמִיד אֶתְכֶם. ט בַּעֲלֹתִי
הַהָרָה, לְקַחַת לֹחַת הָאֲבָנִים לֹחַת
הַבְּרִית, אֲשֶׁר-כָּרַת יְהוָה, עִמָּכֶם;
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9 I had ascended the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the Tablets of the Covenant that Adonai had made with you, and I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, eating no bread and drinking no water. 10 And Adonai gave me the two tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God, with the exact words that Adonai had addressed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the Assembly. 11 At the end of those forty days and forty nights, Adonai gave me the two tablets of stone, the Tablets of the Covenant. 12 And Adonai said to me, "Hurry, go down from here at once, for the people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted wickedly; they have been quick to stray from the path that I enjoined upon them; they have made themselves a molten image." 13 Adonai further said to me, "I see that this is a stiffnecked people. 14 Let Me alone and I will destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven, and I will make you a nation far more numerous than they." 15 I started down the mountain, a mountain ablaze with fire, the two Tablets of the Covenant in my two hands. 16 I saw how you had sinned against Adonai your God: you had made yourselves a molten calf; you had been quick to stray from the path that Adonai had enjoined upon you. 17 Thereupon I gripped the two tablets and flung them away with both my hands, smashing them before your eyes. 18 I threw myself down before Adonai —eating no bread and drinking no water forty days and forty nights, as before— because of the great wrong you had committed, doing what displeased Adonai and

וְאֵשׁ בָּהָר, אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה--לֶחֶם לֹא אֲכַלְתִּי, וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתִיתִי. י וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה אֵלַי, אֶת-שְׁנֵי לוחֹת הָאֲבָנִים--כְּתוּבִים, בְּאֶצְבַּע אֱלֹהִים; וַעֲלִיָּהֶם, כָּכֹל-הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ--בְּיוֹם הַקָּהָל. יא וַיְהִי, מִקֶּץ אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם, וְאַרְבָּעִים, לַיְלָה; נָתַן יְהוָה אֵלַי, אֶת-שְׁנֵי לוחֹת הָאֲבָנִים--לְחוֹת הַבְּרִית. יב וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי, קוּם רַד מֵהָר מִזֶּה--כִּי שָׁחַת עַמֶּךָ, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ מִמִּצְרָיִם: סָרוּ מֵהָר, מִן-הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתָם--עָשׂוּ לָהֶם, מִסַּכָּה. יג וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אֵלַי לֵאמֹר: רְאִיתִי אֶת-הָעַם הַזֶּה, וְהִנֵּה עַם-קָשָׁה-עֲרָף הוּא. יד הֶרֶף מִמֶּנִּי, וְאַשְׁמִידֵם, וְאַמְחֵה אֶת-שְׁמֵם, מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם; וְאַעֲשֵׂה, אוֹתְךָ, לְגוֹי-עַצוּם וְרָב, מִמֶּנּוּ. טו וְאַפֹּן, וְאַרְדּ מִן-הָהָר, וְהָהָר, בְּעֵר בָּאֵשׁ; וְשְׁנֵי לוחֹת הַבְּרִית, עַל שְׁתֵּי יָדַי. טז וְאַרְא, וְהִנֵּה חֲטֹאתֶם לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם--עָשִׂיתֶם לָכֶם, עֵגֶל מִסַּכָּה: סָרְתֶם מֵהָר--מִן-הַדֶּרֶךְ, אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם. יז וְאַתְּפֹשׂ, בְּשְׁנֵי הַלְּחֹת, וְאַשְׁלַכְם, מֵעַל שְׁתֵּי יָדַי; וְאַשְׁבְּרֵם, לְעֵינֵיכֶם. יח וְאַתְּנַפֵּל לִפְנֵי יְהוָה כְּרֹאשְׁנָה, אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה--לֶחֶם לֹא אֲכַלְתִּי, וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתִיתִי: עַל כָּל-חֲטֹאתֶכֶם אֲשֶׁר חֲטֹאתֶם, לַעֲשׂוֹת הָרַע בְּעֵינַי יְהוָה לְהַכְעִיסוֹ.

vexing God. 19 For I was in dread of Adonai's fierce anger against you, which moved Adonai to wipe you out. And that time, too, Adonai gave heed to me.

יֵט כִּי יִגְרֹתִי, מִפְּנֵי הָאֵף וְהַחֲמָה,
אֲשֶׁר קִצַּף יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם, לְהַשְׁמִיד
אֶתְכֶם; וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה אֵלַי, גַּם בַּפְּעַם
הַהוּא.

Haftarah: Isaiah 50: 1-51: 3

Thus said Adonai: where is the bill of divorce of your mother whom I dismissed? And which of My creditors was it to whom I sold you off? You were only sold off for your sins, and your mother dismissed for your crimes. Why, when I came, was no one there, why, when I called, would none respond? Is my arm, then, too short to rescue, have I not the power to save? With a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, and turn rivers into desert. Their fish stink from lack of water; they lie dead of thirst. I clothe the skies in blackness and make their raiment sackcloth. Adonai God gave me a skilled tongue, to know how to speak timely words to the weary. Morning by morning, Adonai rouses, Adonai rouses my ear to give heed like disciples. Adonai God opened my ears, and I did not disobey, I did not run away. I offered my back to the floggers, and my cheeks to those who tore out my hair. I did not hide my face from insult and spittle. But Adonai God will help me – therefore I feel no disgrace; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know I shall not be shamed. My Vindicator is at hand – who dares contend with me? Let us stand up together! Who would be my opponent? Let them approach me! Lo, Adonai God will help me – Who can get a verdict against me? They shall all wear out like a garment, the moth shall consume them. Who among you reveres Adonai and heeds the voice of God's servant?— Though they walk in darkness and have no light, let them trust in the name of Adonai and rely upon their God. But you are all kindlers of fire, girding on firebrands. Walk by the blaze of your fire, by the brands that you have lit! This has come to you from My hand: You shall lie down in pain. Listen to Me, you who pursue justice, You who seek Adonai: look to the rock you were hewn from, to the quarry you were dug from. Look back to Abraham your father and to Sarah who brought you forth. For he was only one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. Truly Adonai has comforted Zion, comforted all her ruins; Adonai has made her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the Garden of Adonai. Gladness and joy shall abide there, thanksgiving and the sound of music.

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