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## SHABBAT D'VARIM

*Parashat D'varim* begins a series of speeches by Moses to the Israelites. They are about to enter the Land of Israel. Moses will die in Moab on Mount Nebo. He reminds the people that they will take possession of the land given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He recalls the time when he was unable to lead them by himself and how God told him to appoint wise leaders to assist him. Moses also recounts sending scouts to explore the land, resulting in a divisive report that frightened the people with predictions of defeat. Because of the scouts' lies and the peoples' lack of faith, their whole generation was not allowed to enter the land. Only Caleb and Joshua son of Nun, who brought back a positive report, would lead the new generation of Israelites into the Land of Israel. Moses then recounts their route of travel from Ka-deesh-barnea southward to Ezion-geber, then northward skirting Edom and Moab to Kedemoth and Heshbon, and their victorious battles with Sihon, king of Heshbon and Og, king of Bashan.

רָאָה נָתַן יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לִפְנֵיךָ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ עֲלֶיהָ רָשׁ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֶיךָ לְךָ אֶל־תִּירָא וְאֶל־תַּחַת: [שלישי] כב ותקרבון אלי כלכם  
 ותאמרו נשלחה אנשים לפנינו ויחפרו־לנו את־הָאָרֶץ וישבו אתנו דִּבֶּר  
 אֶת־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר נַעֲלָה־בָּהּ וְאֵת הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר נָבֵא אֱלֹהֶיךָ: כג וייטב בעיני  
 הַדִּבֶּר וַאֲקַח מִכֶּם שְׁנַיִם עֶשְׂרֵם אַנְשִׁים אִישׁ אֶחָד לְשִׁבְט: כד ויפנו ויעלו  
 הַהָרָה וַיָּבֹאוּ עַד־נַחַל אֲשַׁכַּל וַיַּרְגְּלוּ אֹתָהּ: כה ויקחו בידם מפרי הָאָרֶץ  
 ויורדו אלינו וישבו אתנו דִּבֶּר וַיֹּאמְרוּ טוֹבָה הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
 נָתַן לָנוּ: כו וְלֹא אָבִיתֶם לַעֲלֹת וּתְמֹרוּ אֶת־פִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם: כז ותרגנו  
 בְּאֶהְלִיכֶם וּתְאֹמְרוּ בְּשִׁנְאֵת יְהוָה אֲתָנוּ הוֹצִיאָנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לַתַּת  
 אֲתָנוּ בְּיַד הָאֱמֹרִי לְהַשְׁמִידָנוּ: כח אָנָּה | אֲנַחְנוּ עֲלִים אַחֵינוּ הַמָּסוּ  
 אֶת־לִבְבָנוּ לֵאמֹר עַם גָּדוֹל וָרֶם מִמֶּנּוּ עָרִים גְּדֹלֹת וּבְצוּרֹת בְּשָׂמַיִם  
 וְגַם־בָּנִי עֲנָקִים רָאִינוּ שָׁם: כט וְאָמַר אֲלֵכֶם לֹא־תַעֲרָצוּן וְלֹא־תִירָאוּן  
 מֵהֶם: ל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הֵהֱלִיךְ לִפְנֵיכֶם הוּא יִלָּחֶם לָכֶם כָּכֵל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה  
 אֲתָכֶם בְּמִצְרַיִם לְעֵינֵיכֶם: לא ובמדבר אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתָ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁאַף יְהוָה  
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר יִשְׂא־אִישׁ אֶת־בְּגָוֹ בְּכָל־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר הִלַּכְתֶּם עַד־בְּאֶמְכֶם  
 עַד־הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה: לב ובדבר הַזֶּה אֵינְכֶם מְאַמִּינִם בִּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:  
 לג הֵהֱלִיךְ לִפְנֵיכֶם בַּדֶּרֶךְ לְתוֹר לָכֶם מְקוֹם לַחֲנוּתְכֶם בָּאֵשׁ | לִילָה  
 לְרִאתְכֶם בַּדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר תֵּלְכוּ־בָּהּ וּבַעֲנַן יוֹמָם: לד וישמע יהוה אֶת־קוֹל  
 דְּבָרֵיכֶם וַיִּקְצַף וַיִּשָּׁבַע לֵאמֹר: לה אִם־יִרְאֶה אִישׁ בְּאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶּה הַדּוֹר  
 הָרַע הַזֶּה אֶת הָאָרֶץ הַטוֹבָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לַתַּת לְאַבְתֵּיכֶם: לו וזלתי  
 כָּלֵב בֶּן־יִפְנֵה הוּא יִרְאֶנָּה וְלוֹ־אָתָּן אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר דָּרַךְ־בָּהּ וּלְבָנָיו לְעוֹ  
 אֲשֶׁר מִלֵּא אַחֲרֵי יְהוָה: לז גַּם־בִּלְתֵּי אֲתָנוּ יְהוָה בְּגִלְלָכֶם לֵאמֹר גַּם־אֲתָהּ  
 לֹא־תָבֵא שָׁם: לח יהושע בֶּן־נוּן הָעֹמֵד לִפְנֵיךָ הוּא יָבֵא שָׁמָּה אֲתָנוּ חִזֵּק  
 כִּי־הוּא יַנְחִלְנָה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל:

## DEUTERONOMY 1:21-38

**21** See, Adonai your God has placed the land at your disposal. Go up, take possession, as Adonai, the God of your ancestors, promised you. Fear not and be not dismayed.” **22** Then all of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead to reconnoiter the land for us and bring back word on the route we shall follow and the cities we shall come to.” **23** I approved of the plan, and so I selected twelve of your notables, one from each tribe. **24** They made for the hill country, came to the wadi Eshcol, and spied it out. **25** They took some of the fruit of the land with them and brought it down to us. And they gave us this report: “It is a good land that Adonai our God is giving to us.” **26** Yet you refused to go up, and flouted the command of Adonai your God. **27** You sulked in your tents and said, “It is out of hatred for us that Adonai brought us out of the land of Egypt, to hand us over to the Amorites to wipe us out. **28** What kind of place are we going to? Our kin have taken the heart out of us, saying, ‘We saw there a people stronger and taller than we, large cities with walls sky-high, and even Anakites.’” **29** I said to you, “Have no dread or fear of them. **30** None other than Adonai your God, who goes before you, will fight for you, just as God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes, **31** and in the wilderness, where you saw how Adonai your God carried you, as a parent carries his child, all the way that you travelled until you came to this place. **32** Yet for all that, you have no faith in Adonai your God, **33** who goes before you on your journeys—to scout the place where you are to encamp—in fire by night and in cloud by day, in order to guide you on the route you are to follow.” **34** Adonai heard your loud complaint and becoming angry, vowed: **35** Not one of the men, this evil generation, shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers— **36** none except Caleb son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his descendants will I give the land on which he set foot, because he remained loyal to Adonai. **37** Because of you Adonai was incensed with me too, saying: You shall not enter it either. **38** Joshua son of Nun, who attends you, he shall enter it. Imbue him with strength, for he shall allot it to Israel.

## ISAIAH 1:1-27

**1**The Vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.**2**Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth,For the Eternal One has spoken:Children I have reared, and brought up,And they have rebelled against Me.**3**The ox knows his owner,And the ass his master's crib;But Israel does not know,My people does not consider.**4** Ah sinful nation,A people laden with iniquity,A seed of evil-doers,Children that deal corruptly;They have forsaken the Eternal,They have condemned the Holy One of Israel,They are turned away backward.**5** On what part will you yet be stricken,Seeing you stray away more and more?The whole head is sick,And the whole heart faint;**6** From the sole of the foot even unto the head There is no soundness in it;But wounds, and bruises, and festering sores:They have not been pressed, neither bound up,Neither mollified with oil.**7** Your country is desolate;Your cities are burned with fire;Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,And it is desolate, as overthrown by floods.**8** And the daughter of Zion is left As a booth in a vineyard,As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers,As a besieged city.**9** Except the Eternal One of hostsHad left unto us a very small remnant,We should have been as Sodom,We should have been like Gomorrah.**10** Hear the word of the Eternal One Give ear unto the law of our God,You people of Gomorrah.**11** To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me?Says the Eternal One;I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, And the fat of fed beasts; And I delight not in the blood Of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.**12** When you come to appear before Me,Who has required this at your hand,To trample My courts?**13** Bring no more vain oblations;It is an offering of abomination to Me;New moon and sabbath, the holding of convocations—I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly.**14** Your new moons and your appointed seasons My soul hates;They are a burden to Me;I am weary to bear them.**15** And when you spread forth your hands,I will hide My eyes from you;Yes, when ye make many prayers,I will not hear;Your hands are full of blood.**16** Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean,Put away the evil of your doings From before My eyes,Cease to do evil;**17** Learn to do well;Seek justice, relieve the oppressed,Judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together,Says the Eternal One;Though your sins be as scarlet,They shall be as white as snow;Though they be red like crimson,They shall be as wool.**19** If you be willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;**20** But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured with the sword;For the mouth of the Eternal One has spoken.

**21** How is the faithful city Become a harlot!She that was full of justice,  
Righteousness lodged in her,But now murderers.**22** Your silver is become  
dross,Your wine mixed with water.**23** Your princes are rebellious,and  
companions of thieves;Every one loves bribes,And follows after  
rewards;They judge not the fatherless,Neither does the cause of the  
widow come to them.**24** Therefore says the Eternal One, the God of  
hosts,The Mighty One of Israel:Ah, I will ease Me of Mine adversaries,And  
avenge Me of Mine enemies;**25** And I will turn My hand upon you,And  
purge away your dross as with lye,And will take away all your alloy;**26**  
And I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counsellors as at  
the beginning;Afterward you shall be called The city of righteousness,The  
faithful city.**27** Zion shall be redeemed with justice,And they that return  
of her with righteousness.