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Vezot Haberachah-And This is the Blessing
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Introduction

The final Parashah of the Torah ends on a joyous note; it is appropriately called "*This Is the Blessing*." Moses's final words to Israel are of blessings. Throughout his long leadership, he has shown Israel his authority as the giver of the Torah, and his moral rigor as chastiser. Only now does he show them what he has already shown the Almighty: his deep love for and loyalty toward the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:1-5

1 This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the people of Israel before his death. **2** He said, "The LORD came from Sinai and dawned from Seir upon us; he shone forth from Mount Paran; he came from the ten thousands of holy ones, with flaming fire at his right hand. **3** Yes, he loved his people, all his holy ones were in his hand; so, they followed in your steps, receiving direction from you, **4** when Moses commanded us a Torah, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob. **5** Thus the LORD became king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel together. (ESV)

As we come to the final Parashah or Sidra as Torah Portions are called in Hebrew, we see Moses rise to the occasion before his passing. This man of Yehovah who served Him for forty years was coming to the end of life in this world. He would pass to the next world and will always be remembered by the Jewish people and anyone who studies the Bible. In his final address to Israel, Moses prophesies over them telling them they are loved by Yehovah, and He protects His people by keeping them in the palm of His hand. Even when they would go into exile, He would always be with them, protecting them, always making sure a remnant would be saved who would carry on the teaching of the Torah. But man has taken the Torah and turned it into the opinions of the rabbis instead of the Torah as it was written by Moses. The Almighty wants us to come back to His Torah as He gave it to Moses, not the one invented by man. It is true that many times we look to the rabbis to help us understand what the Torah is trying to teach us, but we must not get caught up in the minutia of the rabbis.

Moses brought down from Mount Sinai a pure Torah straight from the Almighty. Moses refers to Israel as Jeshurun.

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Meaning: 'upright one,' poetic name for Israel

The ideal for Israel is to be the upright one whom the Holy One loves and gave His Torah. In doing this, it was intended that the Almighty would be the King in Israel. Israel was never meant to have a king other than the Almighty, but once Israel was in the Promised Land and time passed, they wanted to be like the other nations, went to Samuel the judge, and asked him for a king, so they could be just like the other nations. Samuel was angry, but the Holy One told them to do as the people wanted because it was not Samuel the people were rejecting but the Almighty, and as they rejected the Almighty, so too would He reject them by punishing them because He knew they would break the covenant of Torah and had told Moses what would happen to Israel after he was gone.

Daniel 7:10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. (ESV)

The time of judgment is drawing closer, my friends. Are you ready to meet your Maker? The books will be opened, and mankind will be judged. Those who claim to be believers but lack faith in their Messiah Yeshua and do not walk Torah in their lives will fall with the others who rejected Yeshua altogether. You cannot say you are a believer, then go and break the Torah, and blaspheme the name of Yeshua. Moses was a mighty man of God who served Him for forty years and then went to his rest even though the spirit of the Lord was within him, and he still had the power of the Spirit to lead him, guide him, and keep him from suffering the ills of old age. Moses passed away at one hundred and twenty years only because the Holy One of Israel caused him to die.

Deuteronomy 34:5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. (ESV)

Who else can claim they will be buried by the hand of the Almighty Himself? Who was the greatest prophet and giver of the Torah to Israel? Yeshua stands as the Redeemer of Israel. In fact, He is our Kinsman-Redeemer, who is the husband of us all who believe in Yeshua and walk according to Torah.

Joshua 1:5-9

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the Torah that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Torah

shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (ESV)

When Moses died, the mantle of leadership was passed to Joshua. Moses had laid his hands on Joshua as commanded by the Holy One, giving Joshua a measure of the Ruach HaKodesh that had been given to Moses. The Lord told Joshua he would be with him all the days of his life and to be strong and courageous as he would lead the people into the Promised Land, but he was told the book of the Torah shall not depart from his mouth because its words are true, bring life eternal, and they can lead you to Yeshua the source of all life through salvation. The Holy One was the God of Moses, and now He would be with Joshua. It was now time for Israel to take the land that had been promised to them so long ago.

Psalm 27:1 *Of David.* The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (ESV)

Truer words than these have never been spoken. The Almighty lights the way and brings us to salvation. If we have Him, then we should not be afraid. No matter what man may do to us, we have the promise that the Almighty is our stronghold in our lives, so fear should be replaced by faith in Him who is the Father of our Messiah, Yeshua. Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, His Son Yeshua, and the Ruach HaKodesh!

Luke 10:38-42

38 On their way Yeshua and his *talmidim* came to a village where a woman named Marta welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister called Miryam who also sat at the Lord's feet and heard what he had to say. ⁴⁰ But Marta was busy with all the work to be done; so, going up to him, she said, "Sir, don't you care that my sister has been leaving me to do all the work by myself?" ⁴¹ However, the Lord answered her, "Marta, Marta, you are fretting and worrying about so many things! ⁴² But there is only one thing that is essential. Miryam has chosen the right thing, and it won't be taken away from her." (CJB)

The promise that faith in Yeshua brings is that despite the hustle and bustle of our lives, He will always be there with us helping us along on our journey to reach the end where Yeshua already waits for us. Miryam was so caught up in the business of her home, she was watching the moment when the truth was being shared passing her by. Don't let that happen to you, my friends. Hold fast to your faith, study Torah, and the words of Yeshua. All else may be commentary because our salvation is not based on commentary but on Messiah Yeshua!

Psalm 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. (CJB)

Our desire should be the same as David's. To dwell in the house of the Lord forever when He returns and brings the Fall festivals to fruition, thereby bringing all prophecy to its conclusion. What is the promise we have that Moses had?

Matthew 17:1 And after six days Yeshua took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ **And behold, there appeared to them Moses** and Elijah, talking with him. (ESV)

Moses had made it home. He now stood in the Promised Land that had been denied him in this life, but there he was in the next life. He stood with Elijah and Yeshua all transfigured. Moses, whose face had glowed after being in the presence of the Holy One, now stood on the mountain with the living Torah covered in the light that came from Messiah, which had once only been seen on his face but now covered all of him. Moses had come into his reward – eternal life, as promised by the Almighty. Follow Moses's example and enter into life eternal to be with the Eternal One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Torah Man says: "He who makes God first will find God with him at the last."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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