

דְּבָרִים

D'varim

(the words)

Devarim 1:1-3:22

הברית החדשה

HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

Ivrim 12:25-29

We have chosen this portion from the Brit, because it reminds us that YHWH will consume our enemies if we obey Him as we enter the land, or He will consume us for not obeying Him.

Refusing the Warning Equals No Escape

Ivrim [Hebrews] 12:25

See that you do not refuse Him that speaks. For if they did not escape when they refused him that warned them on earth, much more shall we not escape who turn away from Him that warns from heaven;

The writer of Ivrim is teaching us, that we are not to refuse Him who came down from heaven and spoke to mankind directly to Israel, like YHWH did when He warned all of Israel through Moshe at Mount Sinai. However, the former warning was not heeded and this writer is warning us that we had better listen to Yeshua, because it will actually be worse for those who do not listen to Him, than it was for those who did not listen to Moshe.

Devarim [Deuteronomy] 30:17-18

17 "But if your heart turn away, and you will not hear, but shall be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I declare to you this day, that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land, where you pass over the Yarden to go in to possess it."

This is but one of the many admonitions to Israel, that if she does not listen and obey YHWH and shema His Voice, then she will not be able to stay in the land that He has promised to our fathers, Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya'aqov.

Yirmeyah [Jeremiah] 11:10-11

10 "They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words; and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus says YHWH, 'Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry to Me, but I will not hearken to them.'"

If we truly desire to be His people, then we need to understand that we are bound to Him by a covenant made by our fathers before us. If we refuse to abide by that covenant, then we cannot live in His land and, most likely, YHWH will not recognize us as His people.

Mishle [Proverbs] 8:33

***Hear instruction, and be wise,
And refuse it not.***

If we are going to show ourselves as wise, then we need to heed the instructions that YHWH gives to us, each and every one of them. If we do not, then He has already told us quite clearly the consequences of not obeying His Voice and obeying His Torah.

Matithyah [Matthew] 17:5

While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a Voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; you listen to him."

Because Yeshua was the prophet to come who was like Moshe, we are to listen to His Voice. If we do not, then the penalty for not listening to His Voice is the death sentence. But this is no ordinary death sentence; this penalty has eternal consequences.

Notice this passage from the Psalmist.

Tehillim [Psalm] 22:22

***I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly will I praise You.***

Psalm 22, 23, and 24 are seen by many as a group of songs that all apply to Mashiach. In this verse, we see that Mashiach is saying that He will declare YHWH's name to all those who accept Him as Mashiach and He calls them brethren.

As Mashiach has spoken to us when He came to earth, He continues to speak to us through His Spirit who abides with us and in us. As He speaks to us, we need to listen to what He says, and act in full accordance to what He says to us. If we do not, then those same words become a warning, which if we continue to ignore, will bring chastisement and possibly even death, if repentance is not forthcoming in an expeditious manner.

A Coming Shaking

Ivrim [Hebrews] 12:26

whose Voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heavens."

When YHWH came down on Mount Sinai the earth shook because of His presence.

Shemot [Exodus] 19:18

And Mount Sinai, the whole of it, smoked, because YHWH descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount trembled greatly.

This caused the people to fear greatly. However, there is a shaking coming that is going to be much greater in nature and scope than just the earth shaking, for the heavens themselves will also be shaken.

Kepha Bet [2nd Peter] 3:10

But the day of YHWH will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Shaul teaches us about this same day in which the very elements themselves will melt with heat.

Tessaloniqim Aleph [1st Thessalonians] 5:4

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief;

5 for you are all sons of light, and sons of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness;

6 so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober.

There are several places in Scripture that speak of this day coming as a thief or a thief in the night. As talmidim of Yeshua, we need to understand that this day will in no way surprise us. We will not be caught off guard. Why? Because the Spirit of Mashiach abides in us, and since He is the one who is returning, then it is pretty hard to surprise oneself, is it not? If we are watching and praying and walking according to His Spirit, and listening to His Voice and obeying Him, then we will not be surprised; His word tells us so!

Will You be Shaken?

Ivrim [Hebrews] 12:27

And this word, "Yet once more", signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain.

This verse teaches us the exact reason why we need to be filled with the Spirit of YHWH. His Spirit is eternal. If a person is not filled with His Spirit, then what hope of not being removed is there? None! It is absolutely imperative that we be filled with His Spirit and walk according His Spirit. This is perhaps the most important thing that a believer can do, to be filled with His Spirit. It is quite literally a life and death matter. If you have not yet been filled with His Spirit or you have doubts, then you need to be filled with His Spirit today. Why wait? It is available today, right now! We do not have the room today to outline this process, so please see the study, [Have You Received The Power](http://www.onetorahforall.org) at www.onetorahforall.org It is on the teachings page.

One of the significant things that happens in order to preserve us when this shaking takes place and the elements themselves melt with a fervent heat, is the catching away.

Qorintiym Aleph [1st Corinthians] 15:50-53

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

This passage reveals to us exactly why it is that we shall be changed. It is because, when He changes us and we receive our eternal bodies, then we are ready for the heavens and the earth to be shaken and the elements to melt with fire. If a person does not go through this change and receive his immortal body, then he has no way of surviving this shaking and the fervent heat.

Please notice in the above passage concerning this coming changing, that it will be at the last trumpet sound. This is important, because this tell us something very important as to when this takes place in relation to Kingdom events. We have seven specific trumpets that are sounded during the tribulation period. Also, one of the things that we know, is that during the Millennium, Israel will be celebrating the feasts of YHWH. This includes the feast of Yom Teruah, the Day of Sounding, which is when the shofar is sounded many times during that day. This feast is celebrated each and every year during the Millennium.

So, it would seem that since the trumpet mentioned in the above passage is the last trumpet, that no other trumpet can be sounded after this one is sounded. This seems to indicate to us that this last trumpet would be at the end of the Millennium. This indicates that our changing and receiving new bodies will occur right before the new heavens and the new earth come about as a result of the melting with a fervent heat.

This does not necessarily mean that Yeshua also comes at the same time as the changing. He may, in fact, come near the beginning of the Millennium. Whenever He returns, it will be exactly when YHWH needs for Him to return, and it will be in full accordance with Scriptural prophecy.

Pleasing to Elohim

Ivrim [Hebrews] 12:28

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to Elohim with reverence and awe;

This is a common theme in Scripture, to offer our service to Elohim in order to be pleasing to Him. Let us consider a few. One such passage is a companion passage to the Scripture we quoted from Kepha Bet above.

Kepha Bet [2nd Peter] 3:11-14

11 Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in all righteous living and commandment keeping to Elohim,

12 looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of the Elohim, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for these things, give diligence that you may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in His sight.

The knowledge that the earth is going to undergo this shaking and melting in the future should propel us into righteous living and being pleasing to Elohim. I wonder, does it?

Romiym [Romans] 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, set-apart, acceptable to Elohim, which is your spiritual service.

2 And be not fashioned according to this world; but you be transformed by the renewing of your mind, and you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of the Elohim.

Yeshua Himself even taught this very same principle.

Matithyah [Matthew] 16:25-26

25 "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his life?"

There is nothing in this world that is worth giving up one's eternal well-being! When we give up our own life and live for Him, then we actually find our life and are able to live it to its fullest in Him. Outside of Him, we are only slaves to sin and death. In Him we have life, and that we have in abundance.

An All Consuming Fire

Ivrim [Hebrews] 12:29

for our Elohim is a consuming fire.

This truth is taken directly from the Torah!

Devarim [Deuteronomy] 4:24

"For YHWH your Elohim is a devouring fire, a jealous Elohim."

All of Israel even were witnesses to this truth as well.

Shemot [Exodus] 24:17

And the appearance of the glory of YHWH was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

If a person will not give himself completely to YHWH, then YHWH will consume Him in His jealousy at some point. Let us examine some times in which YHWH consumed some of those who claimed to be His people, but whose lives did not match up with their words.

B'midbar [Numbers] 11:1

And the people were as grumblers, speaking evil in the ears of YHWH; and when YHWH heard it, His anger was kindled; and the fire of YHWH burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp.

2 And the people cried to Moshe; and Moshe prayed to YHWH, and the fire abated.

3 And the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of YHWH burnt among them.

At one point the people began complaining about their circumstances. The result of this was that many were consumed by fire directly from Him. Why is complaining so grievous to YHWH? He has promised to supply all our needs. He does this for His people. When a person or group of people complain, they are saying in effect, that we know better than you do, YHWH, and Your provisions are inadequate. You need to make them better, or else we will continue to complain until You do. The short of it is this, complaining is an act of idolatry because it elevates oneself above YHWH our Elohim.

Satan tried elevating himself above YHWH and look what it got him. Do you think that you can fare any better than Satan? I don't think so!

B'midbar [Numbers] 16:35

And fire came forth from YHWH, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.

This was in the rebellion of Korach and those who unwisely chose to stand with him. Scripture teaches us that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and we know from Torah that the sin of witchcraft is punishable by death. This is exactly what YHWH did. He carried out the death penalty towards all those who deserved it.

Tehillim [Psalm] 97:3

***A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His adversaries round about.***

All those who raise themselves up against YHWH can expect to be consumed by Him!

Devarim [Deuteronomy] 9:3

"Know therefore this day, that YHWH your Elohim is He who goes over before you as a devouring fire; He will destroy them, and He will bring them down before you; so shall you drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as YHWH has spoken to you."

YHWH has promised His people Israel that He personally will make sure that all those who live in His land will be consumed before us as we enter the land. It was true back then. It will be true when all Israel goes home again!

Yeshayah [Isaiah] 66:15-16

15 "For, behold, YHWH will come with fire, and His chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render His anger with fierceness, and His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire will YHWH execute judgment, and by His sword, upon all flesh; and the slain of YHWH shall be many."

Even the prophets of old foretold this coming event in which YHWH will consume all His enemies as He brings His people back to His land.

Here is the truth of this matter. We have a choice to make. We can make a poor choice in which we will be consumed by the fire of YHWH as His enemy. Or, we can choose to submit to His refining fire and remove all the impurities from us making us ready for eternity.

Malaki [Malachi] 3:1-3

1 "Behold, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me; and the Adon, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, He comes, says YHWH Tzava'ot.

2 But who can abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap;

3 and He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer to YHWH offerings in righteousness."

YHWH will purify His people beginning with His priesthood. All those things that are not pleasing to Him will be removed from each and every person who willingly submits to His purifying power. We saw the beginning of this nearly two thousand years ago.

Ma'aseh [Acts] 2:3

And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them.

Kepha speaks to the significance of this when this same thing happens to Qorneliyus (Cornelius) and his household when they were also filled with His Spirit.

Ma'aseh [Acts] 15:9

and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

Kepha focused upon only one aspect of this incident. When Qorneliyus and his household were filled with the Set-apart Spirit, Kepha says that their hearts were cleansed by faith. Kepha could have said a lot of different things about this incident. But he focused upon this foundational truth in being filled with His Spirit, that of heart cleansing at the moment of being filled with His Spirit.

Once again in this short study, we are confronted with the question of being filled with His Spirit. Please seek His face diligently and be filled with His Spirit today if you have not already been filled. If you have been filled, then seek a renewal of that infilling for it never hurts to be anointed with fresh oil!

ABBA YHWH, please fill us with Your Spirit afresh and anew in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

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