

Parashat Bamidbar - בְּמִדְבָּר

"in the desert"

Torah portion:

Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

Haftarah portion:

Hosea 2:1-23

Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:

Romans 9:22-23

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

Grace vs. Works

Romans 9:1 I-am-saying truth in Messiah, I-am not lying, my conscience witnessing-together with-me in (the) Holy Spirit,

v2 That it-is great grief-to-me and unceasing pain in my heart;

Note that Paul is not a liar, and his witness/testimony is of the Holy Spirit. Sadly, many Messianics do not believe this.

v3 For I-was-wishing I myself to-be anathema from the Messiah in-behalf-of my brothers, my relatives according-to flesh,

v4 They-who are Israelites, of-whom the adoption-as-son and the glory and the covenants and the giving-of-law and the service and the promises,

v5 Of-whom the fathers, and out-of whom **the Messiah** according-to the flesh; the (one) being over all (things) God blessed with-reference-to the ages, amen.

v6 But not such-as that the word of-the God has-and-is-still-fallen-away. **For not all the (ones) out-of Israel, these (are) Israel;**

v7 **Neither because they-are seed of-Abraham, (are) all children,** BUT: in Isaac seed will-be-called to-you.

v8 This is, not the children of-the flesh these children of-the God, BUT the children of-the promise (are) being-figured with-reference-to seed.

v9 For the word of-promise (is) this: According-to this season I-shall-come and (a) son will-be-to-the Sara.

v10 But not only (she), BUT Rebecca having conjugal-bed out-of one (man), Isaac our father;

v11 For not-yet having-been-born nor having practised anything good or worthless, in-order-that the plan of-the God according-to choice might-be-remaining,

v12 **Not out-of works BUT out-of the (one) calling,** it-was-said to-her that The greater will-be-slave to-the lesser;

v13 Even-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: I-cherished the Jacob but I-hated the Esau. [Mal. 1:3]

v14 What therefore shall-we-say? Unrighteousness beside the God? May-it not come-to-pass.

v15 **For to-the Moses he-is saying: I-shall-have-mercy-on whomever I-might-be-having-mercy, and I-shall-pity whomever I-might-be-pitying.** [Ex. 32:19]

v16 So therefore (it-is) not of-the (one) willing nor of-the (one) running, BUT of-the God having-mercy.

v17 For the scripture is-saying to-the Pharaoh that With-reference-to this same thing I-raised you out, in-which-case I-might-demonstrate in you my power, and in-which-case my name might-be-announced in all the earth.

v18 So therefore **he-is-having-mercy-on whom he-is-willing**, but **whom he-is-willing he-is-hardening**.

v19 You-will-say to-me therefore: Why is-he still finding-fault? For who has-withstood-and-still-withstands his intention?

v20 O MAN, yea therefore **who are-you, yourself the (one) replying-against the God?** Will the thing-moulded say to-the (one) having-moulded: Why (have) you-made me thus? (No!)

v21 Or is the potter not having authority of-the mud out-of the same lump to-make on-the-one-hand which vessel with-reference-to honor, on-the-other-hand which with-reference-to dishonor?

v22 But if the God willing to-demonstrate **the wrath** and to-make-known **the possible (intention?) of-him** brought in much patience vessels of-wrath having-been-and-still-rendered-thoroughly-fit with-reference-to destruction,

v23 And in-order-that he-might-make-known the riches of his glory on **vessels of-mercy**, which he-prepared-before with-reference-to glory,

v24 **Whom (has) he-called, even us, not only out-of Jews BUT also out-of nations?**

v25 **As even in** the Hosea he-is-saying: **I-shall-call the people not mine, my people, and the (woman?) not having-been-cherished-and-still-(not)-cherished, having-been-cherished-and-still-cherished;**[Hosea 2:23]

v26 **And it-will-be in the place, the-place-where, it-was-said to-them: YOU (-are) not my people, there they-will-be-called sons of (the) living God.** [Hosea 1:10]

v27 But Isaiah is-crying in-behalf-of the Israeli; If the number of-the sons of-Israel might-be as the sand of-the sea, **the thing-left-under will-be-saved;** [Isaiah 10:22]

v28 For finishing-completely and cutting-short (an) account in justice; because Jehovah will-make (an) account having-been-and-still-cut-short on the land.

v29 And according-as Isaiah said-before and still-is-saying: Unless Jehovah of-hosts abandoned (a) seed to-us, we (maybe) became as Sodom and we (maybe) were-likened as Gomorrah. [Isaiah 1:9]

v30 What therefore shall-we-say? **That nations the (ones) not pursuing justice, it (they)-apprehended justice, but justice the (one) out-of trust?**

v31 But Israel pursuing (a) law of-justice came not first with-reference-to (the) law.

v32 Because-of what? **Because not out-of trust BUT as out-of works of-law they-stumbled on-the stone-of-the stumbling,**

v33 According-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: Behold I-am-placing in Sion (a) stone of-stumbling and (a) rock of-entrapment, and the (one) trusting on him will not be-disgraced. [Isa. 28:16]

Addressing a Messy-Antic replacement theology that sometimes comes up with this week's portion, wherein Messianics will claim they are the "true Jews":

Isaiah 56:6 Also **the foreigners that join themselves to Jehovah**, to minister unto him, and to love the name of Jehovah, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast my covenant; 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8 The Lord Jehovah, who gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, besides his own that are gathered.

John 10:16 And I-am-having **other sheep**, which (are) not out-of **this court**; those-also it-is-essential (for) me to-lead, and **they-will-hear** (sh'ma) **my voice**; and it-will-come-to-be one flock, one shepherd.

Regarding the "foreigners" that YHVH brings to his holy mountain... I'm -thinking- that as they are "with" YHVH, they can't be outside of **the way through Yeshua** (Jn.14:6), and therefore are not **Gentile converts** to Judaism, but **rather "the (ones) having-fallen-asleep through the Jesus"**, τοὺς κοιμηθέντας διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, seen at 1Thes.4:14 - (which differs from **"the dead (ones) in Messiah"** - οἱ νεκροὶ ἐν Χριστῷ @1Thes.4:16).

And who are the Gentiles (ἔθνη) in Rev.21:24 and 22:2? Apparently a group of people then and there @New Jerusalem are still called Gentiles, and this ties to the house of prayer for all peoples @Isa.56:7 (LXX: ἔθνεσιν). These are **Gentile Christians**.

Yeshua is YHVH of Sabbaths: Christians (Jew and Gentile) keep his commandment and rest in Him. Yeshua is our Sabbath rest:

1 John 3:23 And this is **his commandment**, in-order-that we-might-trust in-the name-of-his son Jesus Messiah **and** we-might-be-cherishing one-another according-as he-gave commandment to-us.

Hebrews 4:3 "For we, **the (ones) having-trusted, are-going-in into the rest**, according-as he-has-said-and-still-says: As I-swore in my wrath; **if they-will-go-in into my rest; and-yet of-the works** having-been-come-to-pass from casting-down of-(a)-world."

Habakkuk 2:4b "but the righteous shall live by his **faith.(trust)"**

We also see **Gentile Christians** simply called "Gentiles" in the New Testament @Rom.11:13; 15:27; 16:4; Gal. 2:12; Eph.3:1,6 and likely more places. So it is important to understand the context of "Gentile". And so regarding the Jew and Gentile in Messiah Yeshua -my understanding, which may not be exact, is that **a true Jewish believer is a spiritual Jew (Ro.2:29). And a true Gentile believer is a spiritual Gentile** (Eph.3:16). To the Jew first (Rom.1:16; 2:9,10), God makes no distinction thereafter Rom.2:11)...we are to **remain** "as you were" (1 Corinthians 7:20). Gentile believers in Yeshua are grafted-in AMONG (Rom.11:17) the choice (the fatness) [and petrified/slipped branches?] of Israel (but not the broken-out/fallen branches): Yeshua, in whom we became fellow partner (i.e. members of the body of Messiah @Eph.5:30), is the root (Rev. 22:16, Jn.15:1,5) INTO whom we are grafted (2Cor.5:17). This is the **ONE NEW MANKIND IN MESSIAH**.

Ephesians 2:15 "Having-**rendered-inactive** the law of-the commandments *in decrees [δόγμασιν], in-order-that he-might-create the two in himself with-reference-to **one new (quality) MAN** making peace,"

* "the saying of his power" -Heb.1:3

* God now speaks in Son (even) "in decrees": "You have heard it said....**but I say unto you....**" ~Matthew ch5.

Hebrews 1:1 "The God having-spoken long-ago in-many-portions and in-many-manners to-the fathers in the prophets

v2 ***Spoke to-us on last of these days in Son**, whom he-placed heir of-all (things), through whom also he-made the ages;

1 Corinthians 15:19 If in this life only we-are (ones) having-hoped-and-still-hoping in Messiah, we-are of-all MEN more pitiful.

v20 But at-this-instant **Messiah has-been-and-still-is-raised** out-of dead (ones), **firstfruit** of-the (ones) having-fallen-asleep-and-still-asleep:

v21 For since-indeed the death (is) through MAN, also **through MAN (a) standing-again of-dead (ones)**.

v22 For as-altogether in the Adam all are-dying-off, thus also **in the Messiah all will-be-made-alive**.

v23 But each (one) in (his) own assignment: **firstfruit Messiah**, thereafter the (ones) of-the Messiah in his presence

Shabbat Shalom in Messiah Yeshua!

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