

# Pearl Seeking

## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

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| Monday:    | Deut. 32:1-10  | Mosheh's Song                                  |
| Tuesday:   | Deut. 32:11-20 | Mosheh's Song                                  |
| Wednesday: | Deut. 32:21-30 | Mosheh's Song                                  |
| Thursday:  | Deut. 32:31-43 | Mosheh admonishes the people; Yahweh instructs |
| Friday:    | Deut. 32:44-52 | Mosheh regarding his imminent death            |

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will examine the song that Yahweh gave Mosheh to teach the children of Yisra'el - a song that would always stand as a witness before them. To learn the context for this song, we will backtrack to the previous parsha Vayeilech. We will also hear Yahweh instruct Mosheh to climb Mt. Nebo and look at the land he is barred from entering, before his death. Now, let's read Deut. 31:19-23, 30 & Chapter 32.

## PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh commanded Mosheh to write down a song for the children of Yisra'el and to teach it to them. They were supposed to learn it so that it might be a witness against them - 31:19



### *The Future*

- Yahweh will bring the children of Yisra'el to the land flowing with milk and honey, which He swore to their fathers - 31:20
  - eat and be satisfied and grow fat
  - turn to other mighty ones and serve them
  - scorn Yahweh and break His covenant
- When many evils and distresses come upon them, the song will remain before them as a witness - 31:21
- It shall not be forgotten in the mouths of their seed - 31:21



### *The Present*

- Mosheh wrote the song the same day and taught it to the children of Yisra'el - 31:22
- Yahweh commanded Yehoshua son of Nun, "Be strong and courageous, for you are to bring the children of Yisra'el into the land of which I swore to them, and I Myself am with you." - 31:23
- Mosheh spoke the words of this song in the hearing of all the assembly of Yisra'el till their completion - 31:30



## Chapter 32

1. Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
2. Let my instruction fall as rain, my speech drop down as dew, as fine rain on the tender plants, and as showers on the grass.
3. For I proclaim the Name of Yahweh. Ascribe greatness to our Elohim.
4. The Rock (**tzur**)! His work is perfect, for all His ways are right-ruling, an El of truth and without unrighteousness, Righteous and straight is He.
5. A twisted and crooked generation has corrupted itself, their blemish, they are not His children.
6. Do you do this to Yahweh, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you, who created you and established you?
7. Remember the days of old. Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father and let him show you, your elders, and let them say to you:
8. When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Yisra'el.
9. For the portion of Yahweh is His people, Ya'aqob His allotted inheritance.
10. He found him in a wilderness, and in a wasted, howling desert. He encompassed him, He made him understand, He watched over him as the apple/pupil (**ishon**) of His eye.
11. As an eagle (**neshar**) stirs up its nest, flutters over its young, spreading out its wings (**kanaph**), taking them up, bearing them on its wings.
12. Yahweh alone led him, and there was no strange mighty one with him.
13. He made him ride in the heights of the earth, and he ate the fruit of the fields, and He made him to draw honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty rock,
14. Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the choicest wheat; and you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.
15. But Yeshurun (meaning upright, just or straight - referring to Yisra'el) grew fat and kicked; you grew fat, you grew thick, you are covered with fat; so he forsook Eloah who made him, and scorned the Rock of his deliverance.
16. They moved Him to jealousy with foreign matters, with abominations they provoked Him.
17. They slaughtered to demons - not Eloah - Mighty ones they did not know, new ones who came lately, which your fathers did not fear.
18. You neglected the Rock who brought you forth, and forgot the El who fathered you.
19. And Yahweh saw, and despised, because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters.
20. And He said, 'Let Me hide My face from them, let Me see what their end is. For they are a perverse generation, children in whom there is no trusting.'



21. They made Me jealous by what is not El. They provoked Me with their worthless matters. But I make them jealous by those who are no people, I provoke them with a foolish nation.
22. For a fire was kindled in My wrath and burns to the bottom of She'ol (grave), and consumes the earth and its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of mountains.
23. I gather evils upon them, I use up My arrows upon them.
24. Wasted by scarcity of food, and consumed by heat and bitter destruction, and the teeth of beasts I send upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.
25. The sword bereaves from the outside, and fear from within, both young man and maiden, nursing child with the man of grey hairs.
26. I said, 'I should blow them away, I should make the remembrance of them to cease from among men,'
27. If I did not fear the enemy's taunt, lest their adversaries misunderstand, lest they say, "Our hand is high, and Yahweh has not done all this."
28. For they are a nation lost to counsel, and there is no understanding in them.
29. If they were wise, they would understand this, they would consider their latter end!
30. How would one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and Yahweh had given them up?
31. For their rock is not like our Rock - Even our enemies are judges.
32. Their vine is of the vine of Sedom (Sodom), and of the fields of Amorah (Gomorraah); their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter.
33. Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the fierce venom of cobras.
34. Is it not stored up with Me, sealed up among My treasures?
35. Vengeance is Mine, and repayment, at the time their foot slips; For near is the day of their calamity, and the matters prepared are hastening to them.
36. For Yahweh rightly rules His people and has compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone, and there is no one remaining, shut up or at large.
37. And He shall say, 'Where are their mighty ones, the rock in whom they sought refuge?
38. Who ate the fat of their slaughterings, and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them arise and help you, let it be a hiding-place for you!
39. See now that I, I am He, and there is no Elohim besides Me. I put to death and I make alive. I have wounded, and I heal. And from My hand no one delivers!
40. For I lift My hand to the heavens, and shall say: As I live forever,
41. If I have sharpened My flashing sword, and My hand takes hold on judgment, I shall return vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me.
42. I make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword devours flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired enemy chiefs.
43. O nations, acclaim His people! For He avenges the blood of His servants, and returns vengeance to His adversaries, and shall pardon His land, His people.



- Mosheh then spoke this song along with Yehoshua, son of Nun in the hearing of the people - 32:44
- Mosheh tells the children of Yisra'el, "Set your heart on all the Words with which I warn you today, so that you command your children to guard to do all the Words of this Torah. For it is not a worthless Word for you, because it is your life, and by this Word you prolong your days on the soil which you pass over the Yarden to possess." - 32:46-47
- Yahweh tells Mosheh to go up Mount Nebo and look at the land of Kena'an which He is giving to the children of Yisra'el as a possession - 32:49
- Mosheh will die on this mountain and be gathered to his people, as Aharon his brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people - 32:50
- He is not to enter the land because he trespassed against Yahweh in the midst of the children of Yisra'el at the waters of Meribah Qadesh, in the Wilderness of Tsin, and did not set Yahweh apart in the midst of the children of Yisra'el - 32:51
- Mosheh is to look at the land, but not enter there, into the land which Yahweh is giving to the children of Yisra'el - 32:52



## DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- What is the tone of Yahweh's song? Yahweh says He is our Father and we are His children. (32:6, 18-20) Can you picture a father talking this way to his child who is struggling between right and wrong choices? Find other verses comparing our relationship with Yahweh as a Father with His child.
- When Yahweh says that He is a Rock, what does this mean? (32:4, 15, 18, 30-31) Find other Bible verses that talk about Yahweh being our Rock.
- Discuss the attributes of Yahweh that are mentioned in 32:4 - perfect, truth, righteous, straight. Now look at verse 5; do we show Yahweh the same attributes in return?
- What does it mean to be the 'apple of someone's eye'? (32:10) Is this an intimate and close relationship?
- Find other references to Yeshurun in the Scriptures. (32:15) What does it mean when Yahweh says Yisra'el grew fat? Could it be that they became satisfied and self reliant? Did they forget that all their abundance came from Yahweh? Discuss the irony that Yahweh calls Yisra'el Yeshurun (upright) when they are straying.
- Do we see evidence in this song of the same consequences that will come upon Yisra'el for straying from His commands in the blessings and curses chapter of Leviticus 26? (32:15-43)
- Mosheh wrote another song, found in Exodus 15:1-18. Read it and discuss the differences between the 2 songs. Now read Revelation 15:3-4, which also mentions The Song of Mosheh. Discuss the importance of these verses.