Parashah 54 V’Zot HaBrachah

“This is the blessing”

Torah – D’varim (Deuteronomy) 33:1-34:12
Aliyah 1 - 33:1 - 7  Introduction: God among His people; Moshe blesses Re’uven and Y’hudah
Aliyah 2 - 33:8 - 12  Moshe blesses Levi, Binyamin
Aliyah 3 - 33:13 - 17  Moshe blesses Yosef, and Ephraim and Manasheh as his children
Aliyah 4 - 33:18 - 21  Moshe blesses Z’vulun, Gad
Aliyah 5 - 33:22 - 26  Moshe blesses Dan, Naftali, Asher
Aliyah 6 - 33:27 - 29  God will expel the enemy from the land;bring security/blessing/salvation to Israel
Aliyah 7 - 34:1 - 12  Moshe ascended Mt. N’vo, sees the land, dies, is mourned, and remembered

Haftarah – Y’hoshua (Joshua) 1:1- 18 (A); 1:1- 9 (B’rit Hadashah: Mattityahu (Matthew) 17:1- 9; Mark 9:2- 10; Luke 9:28- 36; Y’hudah (Jude) 3- 4, 8

1. What inheritance is given to the “community of Ya’akov? (33:4) Why is this important? What does the apostle Sha’ul say about this? (Rom 2:29, 3:1-2 ) How does this apply to us today?

2. Can you list the Twelve Tribes of Israel?

3. Why is the blessing for Re’uven so short?

4. How does the blessing for Y’hudah speak of the coming Messiah?

5. What do you find missing in the list of tribes and blessings in this portion?

6. Why does the blessing for Levi not mention anything about an inheritance in the land?

7. What is special about the allotment of land given to Binyamin?

8. Why is the blessing for Yosef the most lengthy?
9. Why are Z’vulun an Yissakhar combined together?

10. What speaks to you in the blessings of Gad, Dan, Naftali, and Asher?

11. What is significant about Moshe’s health at the end of his life? Of what does this Tav, this ending, speak?

12. Now that you have completed one cycle through the Torah, how has this study changed the way you read the Torah? How has it changed the way you view and understand Yeshua our Messiah? What has impacted you the most?