

Torah: D'varim (Deuteronomy) 33:1-34:12
Haftarah: Y'hoshua (Joshua) 1:1-18
B'rit Hadashah: Revelation 21:1-7

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| | All Years: 33:1 – 34:12 |
| 1 | 33:1 – 7 |
| 2 | 33:8 – 12 |
| 3 | 33:13 – 17 |
| 4 | 33:18 – 21 |
| 5 | 33:22 – 26 |
| 6 | 33:27 – 29 |
| 7 | 34:1 – 11 and Ge. 1:1-2:3 |

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| and this is the blessing which blessed -Moshe, man of The God- the sons of Israel before his death | <i>ve'zot ha'berakha ashér berakh Moshé ish ha'Elohým et b'néy Yisra-él lifnéy moto</i> | זֹאת הַבְּרָכָה אֲשֶׁר בָּרַךְ מֹשֶׁה אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ: |
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Moshe bids farewell to Israel with words of blessing and hope in the form of poem. It contains unique Hebrew words, imagery, allusions and symbolism. It is a challenge to translate. The message seems to express a Father's love for his children and His desire for blessed lives in His abundance. This comes when His children realize that what they truly want is what HaShem wanted for them all along their journey. The path is provided: heed the teachings and warnings of HaShem. This 54th last and shortest Parashah is read during or near the seven-day celebration of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) and Sh'mini Atzeret – the eight day of Sukkot.

The haftarah describes Y'hoshua's succession as the leader of Yisra'el after the passing of Moshe discussed in this week's Torah portion. HaShem assures him that He will be with him just as He was with Moshe, encouraging him to be strong and brave. Success in his endeavors is assured as he continues in the Torah, keeping it close to his heart. The people commit to Y'hoshua, saying that they will obey him just as they obeyed Moshe.

Year 1 Aliyah Highlights

What are YOUR thoughts and feelings as you read this portion?

1. De. 33:1-7
2. De. 33:8-12
3. De. 33:13-17
4. De. 33:18-21
5. De. 33:22-26
6. De. 33:27-29
7. De. 34:1-11

Thought Focus

Happierness – Life is a path or a road we walk. It is progressive. One step after another. It is a balance of living deeply in the moment, yet moving toward the goal and destination. Perhaps this is why the first followers of Yeshua was a sect of normative Judaism called “The Way” (Acts 9:2, 19:9, 24:14, John 14:6). Here is a roadmap to help you to find not happiness as a destination, but “happierness” as a lifestyle:

- 1) Learn what is going on within yourself – you are amazingly fascinating.
- 2) Change your habits bit by bit – minor course corrections to keep you on The Way that will require discipline to hold fast to small but doable things.
- 3) Share this with others – communication, remembering, encouragement, accountability, in community.
- 4) Evaluate regularly – this is what the Biblical calendar is all about (and it can only be done in community!).

Daily Devotional questions for reflection and application

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