

Midrash Nitzavim ("You are Standing")

Deuteronomy 29:9(10) – 30:20

Rabbinic tradition says this Portion began on the last day of Moses' life
Immediately following the frightful warnings of the previous chapter
Despite their sins, the People were still standing before God!

Moses Addresses the People

Deuteronomy 29:10-29

"All of you stand today before the Lord your God"

Leaders & their wives & their children

"...also the stranger who is in your camp"

verse 11

"stranger" גֵר *gar* "temporary inhabitant who lacks inheritance rights"

Also *"him who is not here with us today"*

verse 15

The unborn future generations..... including we who are grafted in!

The Purpose: *"that you may enter into covenant with the Lord your God,"*

You will be His People

He will be Your God

As He Promised to the Patriarchs

} Adoption Language!

The Warning: They saw the pagan idols of Egypt.....

Do not be seduced by the Canaanite idols!

"that there may not be among you a root bearing gall or wormwood"

verse 18

Gall רֹשׁ רִשָּׁה *Rosh*, "bitter, poisonous"; Can also mean "head"

In this case, poisonous heads (of grain or...the one sitting on your shoulders!)

Wormwood לְעֵנָה *la'anah*, related to the word used for "curse"

The poisonous fruit (grain heads) of idolatry yields curses!

"curse" (in verse 19) is אֵלֶּה *Allah!*

Daniel associates this same word with disobedience to Torah

Daniel 9:11

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Amos 3:7
& Mark 4:22

Understood to mean: No one is responsible but the sinner himself

Revealed sins dealt with by the Nation

Words of Torah reveal hidden sins

Refers to "things" but the following context suggests "people"

Hidden & Revealed: Northern Kingdom dispersed (hidden)

...but will be restored (revealed) before Messiah's return

Adam tried to "hide" but God "uncovered" him...

...and he & Eve were "hidden" again outside the Garden

The Blessing of Returning to God

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

God will re-gather all those "hidden" & "reveal" them for their return

Revealing the Sons of God

Romans 8:19-22

Hosea: God will show Israel no mercy

Hosea 1:6

And they would not be His people, nor He their God

Hosea 1:9

Yet He will (future) reveal "the sons of the Living God"

Hosea 1:10

And restore them!!

Hosea 5:15 – 6:1

Paul: Those led by the Spirit are the Children of God

Romans 8:14-16

The Choice of Life or Death

Choose Life !!

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Haftarah:

Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

Israel's Redemption

Brit Chadashah:

Romans 8:19-23

Revealing the Sons of God – Dispersed Israel