

Parashat Devarim - דברים - "Words"

Torah ~ *Deut. 1:1-3:22* Haftarah ~ *Isa. 1:1-27; Jer. 30:4-11* Brit Chadashah ~ *Acts 9:1-21; Heb. 3:7-19*

Bible Codes

The Bible is full of codes and mysteries. One of the most interesting codes is found in the first five books of our Bible. In the books of Genesis and Exodus, if we count every 50th Hebrew letter it spells out the word **תּוֹרָה** (Torah). In Leviticus, if we count every 7th Hebrew letter it spells out the personal Name of God, **יְהֹוָה** (Yehovah or Yahweh). In the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy, if we count every 50th Hebrew letter it spells out the word “Torah” backwards. It is as if Genesis and Exodus are pointing forward to Leviticus where the Name of God is spelled, but Numbers and Deuteronomy is pointing backwards to the book of Leviticus where the Name of God is spelled.

The book of Leviticus is all about the sacrificial system, which is a picture of Yeshua. So the entire books of the Torah is centered around “Yeshua”.

Preview of Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy is dominated by Moshe’s farewell address to the children of Israel as he urges them to remain faithful to the covenant and prepares them for entering Canaan. Moshe at this point is only thirty-six days away from his death. The reason Moshe is pleading with the people at the beginning of this *parasha* is because it is a new generation about to go into the Promised Land. During this book, Moshe reviews several laws of Torah and introduces new laws.

Devarim

Deut. 1:1 ~ Devarim means "words." It is both the title for the last book from the scroll of the Torah and the title of the first Torah portion therein.

One ancient name for the book of Deuteronomy is *Mishnah HaTorah* (תּוֹרָה תְּשׁׁוּםָ), which means "repetition of the Torah." This is similar to the Greek Septuagint name *Deuteronomos*, which means "second law." The English name Deuteronomy is derived from *Deuteronomos*.

John 1:18 ~ The book of Yochanan (John) describes Yeshua as the “Devarim” in the flesh.

Rev. 19:11-13 ~ In John’s vision of the return of Yeshua, His name was “The Word Of God”.

Interesting parallel ~ *Deut. 1* and *John 1* was both located at the Jordan River.

Gen 1:26 ~ “God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image” Amplified Bible

John 8:58 ~ Yeshua said of Himself that “before Abraham was born, I am.” NASB

John 5:46-47 ~ Yeshua said that Moshe wrote about.

Deut. 18:18 ~ God’s promise to raise up a Prophet (Yeshua).

Exo. 20:1 ~ The Ten Commandments, “And God spoke all these words” NKJV

Romans 10:17 ~ “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” NKJV

Matt 5:1-12 ~ Yeshua’s sermon on the Mount parallels Moshe’s sermon (*Deut. 1*) of the book of Deuteronomy.

Matt 5:13-16 ~ How are we the light to the world? Because the “Word” lives in us.

Proverbs 6:23 ~ “For the *mitzvah* is a lamp, *Torah* is light, and reproofs that discipline are the way to life.” CJB

Aliyah to the Torah

Deuteronomy 1:5-7 NKJV

5 On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying,
6 "The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain.
7 Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates.

Psalm 119:105-107 NKJV

105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
106 I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.
108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, And teach me Your judgments.
109 My life *is* continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.

2 Peter 1:17-19 NKJV

17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.
19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts