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Parashah # 54 V'zot Ha Beracha "And this is the Blessing"
Devarim (Deut.) 33:1-34:26
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Here Moses' last act is to Prophetically bless each Tribe of Israel before he ascends Mount Nebo and allows God to take his soul with a kiss (this according to Jewish Tradition) and bury him in a forever hidden spot.

Vv.1-4

A fiery Torah, befitting the fiery jealousy of God toward His people as any lover would be, for the Torah is the marriage vows and God is the Bridegroom and Israel is His Bride.

Fiery also in the fact that it was the fire in the prophets bones and the fire which stirred in the Maccabeian revolt. The fire that will make Judah envious and bring Goyim into the fold.

Fiery in that it will make us fall madly and deeply in love with ADONAI and cause us to keep the Torah with zeal as the first century believers did.

Act 21:20 And when they heard [it], they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

Yes, the Torah is a yoke, but not bondage. Yoke is for work, bondage is for cruelty and punishment and that is not what the Torah is. Yeshua said His halachah, His way of keeping the Torah was not hard.

Matt. 11:29-30 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.

Chazak Chazak V'nitchazek! "Be Strong, Be Strong and Let us be Strengthened!"

HAFTARAH #54

JOSHUA 1:1-18

The prophetic blessing, the last and final fiery pep talk to Israel from Moses before he dies, stoked the hearts of Israel from a candle flame to an inferno. Like the excited roar of a football team in the locker room about to enter the playing field for the biggest game of the season.

Success then and now depends on our fearless and bold obedience to the Torah. If there were ever a 614th commandment it would be this:

Joshua 1:6a,9 Be strong and of a good courage... Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Fear, cowardice and compromise is not an option.

Just like a soldier in the jungles of Vietnam having no fear because they knew they had the backing of someone up above to “bring the rain” when necessary. We have God to “bring the rain” and compensate for our lack and losses.

BRIT CHADASHA #54

I John 4:8a God is love.

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Love will make you do what looks like a stupid thing in the eyes of others. It will make a guy who'd get ripped to shreds by Simon Cowell on American Idol get a

band and serenade his girlfriend outside her window at 3am! It will make a lover lay down his life for his loved one.

The Brit Chadasha says:

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If we truly love ADONAI, His Torah and His Messiah, which is the Living Torah (John 1, Phil. 4:13), what we do may look foolish in the eyes of others, but it will always be the right thing and the possibility of what we could do is virtually endless.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

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Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

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