

“Today is eight days, which is one week and one day of the Omer.”

- Theme of the week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the day: Chesed – Loving kindness
- Overall Theme: “The Loving-kindness of His Severity and Strength.”
- Psalm 119:57-64

Gen. 3:22-24 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Getting booted out of Paradise for breaking one measly rule! Ouch! That’s Harsh!

Well, if you read and meditate on the text carefully, you will witness the Love in God’s severity. Yes, expulsion from Eden and death upon all mankind was sever, no doubt; but EXTREMELY Loving. If ADONAI cared nothing for us, He would have allowed us to stay in the Garden, eat of the Tree of Life in our sinful state and forever be separated from Him, now that would truly be an eternal living hell, and eternal separation from God is currently what makes hell, hell.

The Traditional text to read is Psalm 119:57-64:

57 ¶ CHETH. *Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.*

Land, Kingdom, Wealth, Women.... Heck, it’s nothing compared to God and His Torah. That is enough “portion” for David.

58 ¶ I entreated thy favor with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

Torah is not just a hap-hazard thing to David it's all or nothing!

59 ¶ I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

“Turn my feet” implies teshuvah, repentance, a 180 after wrong doing is realized; a turning away from sin and a turning to the Source, a turning to God. David is turning to God and His Righteousness.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

David didn't make an excuse NOT to keep the Commandments; HE wasted no time in keeping them!

61 ¶ The bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law.

Come hell or high water, come persecution or loss David will keep the Torah no matter what!

62 ¶ At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

God and His Torah is so awesome, sometimes David can't even sleep he is so giddy about it and he can't help but give praise to ADONAI. Or even if something is on his mind and keeping him up all night he will end up praising God because of His Torah. He knows if he follows it that God has his back and it all will be okay.

63 ¶ I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

David admits that there is a brotherhood, a family quality among those who keep His commandments, and indeed I can testify this for my self that it is so true.

64 ¶ The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

Though we cannot understand the Chukim with out finite minds this verse hints that God gave them to us and that is why the earth is full with His mercy.

“Abba ADONAI God, if it were not for Your Loving-kindness coupled with Your Severity, I would not be talking to You right now. HalleluYah! Praise, Glory and Honor be unto You in the Holy Name of Yeshua I pray, Ameyn!”

“Today is nine days, which are one week and two days of the Omer.”

- Theme of the week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the day: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Overall Theme: “The Severity and Strength of His Severity and Strength.”
- Psalm 119:65-72

We saw yesterday His Love manifested in His Severity. Today let us see the Totality of His severity with a total absence of Love that brings to full circle yesterdays theme.

Rev. 20:1,14 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The Traditional text to read is Psalm 119:65-72:

65 ¶ TETH. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

God is fair and just, all the time, always whether we can understand it or not.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

It's as if David is saying, "Teach me, Teach me, Teach me about every aspect of Your Torah God, even if my little brain can't fully comprehend it! I want to know about it all!"

67 ¶ Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Obedying Torah promotes healing and wellness body mind and spirit. Disobeying causes the opposite to occur.

68 ¶ Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

As the modern saying goes, "God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good." This being fact, this means His Torah, every part of it is good too. So why wouldn't we want to know and obey it!?

69 ¶ The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

Torah keepers WILL be persecuted; regardless David will not budge from his Torah Obedience. Sounds like something the Messiah Himself said in Matthew 5:10-12.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.

David knows because of fear, ignorance and rebellion most people are deaf and numb to the Torah, but it is everything to David.

71 ¶ It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Ah, finally, a clue, a possible ray of light on the part of God's Torah that God gave us without any logical explanation, He just told us to do it because He is God. Even when David is being punished for disobeying God's Torah, any lesson derived from Torah no matter positive or negative is a worthy lesson learned. See I Pet. 1:6-7, James 1:2

72 ¶ The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

He acknowledges that the Torah is not made up by man, but they are the very Words of God Himself and deserved to be heeded, followed, and obeyed. That The Torah is far more precious and far more valuable than precious metals.

“I Thank You Abba ADONAI God that You love us enough that one day our enemies will be utterly and irreparably vanquished! All because of your Gevurah expressed through Your Holiness. In Messiah Yeshua's Name I pray, Ameyn.”

“Today is ten days which are one week and three days of the Omer.”

- Theme of the week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the day: Tefreit - Beauty
- Overall Theme: “The Beauty of His Severity and Strength.”

- Psalm 119:73-80

Yesterday we saw a future example of ADONAI's Raw Severity and Strength. Today let us view the same and similar passages and see the beauty in such severity.

Rev. 20:1,14 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

This final act of judgment upon evil will bring the 2nd most beautiful act in all eternity besides the death burial and resurrection of God's Son.

Rev. 21:1-4 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Imagine, the LORD of all creation and judgment, bending down like a loving Father and comfortingly wipe the tears from His Children's eyes.

The Traditional text to read is Psalm 119:73-80:

73 ¶ JOD. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

“God You know me inside and out, You hold the blueprint to my physical, mental and spiritual makeup, so teach me in the way I can learn, absorb, and keep the commandments best.

74 ¶ They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

As believers we are all in the same boat and therefore we pray for and encourage one another and we are glad when we see the other succeed, because we know our success will come soon by the same Divine Source.

75 ¶ I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Rom. 8:28, all things work for the good, and we know whether success or punishment comes by the hand of God we know He is just and fair and right in doing so. And as a loving Father he disciplines us because He wants us to do right and see us succeed.

76 ¶ Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

David desires God to see the desire of his heart to please Him and to keep His Torah and therefore asks for patience and encouragement as he continues to try to do the right thing.

78 ¶ Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

David knows that the victories of the wicked are short lived and are actually granted as a mercy unto them by God. David knows that God will uphold him and see him through. God will settle all accounts and the righteous will eventually prevail.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

David wants all Torah Observant believers to rally around him the King for he promised God that he will lead them as a nation in the ways of Torah for the Glory of God.

80 ¶ Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

David wants to know the Torah fully so he can keep the Torah fully and therefore be without the shame of sin.

“Precious Loving Heavenly Father, I am practically moved to tears as I meditate upon the awesome fact that the You, All Powerful God will one day, as my Loving Father, wipe all tears from our eyes. I give thanks in the Name of Messiah Yeshua, Ameyn.”

“Today is eleven days which are one week and four days of the Omer.”

- Theme of the week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the day: Netzach - Victory
- Overall Theme: “The Victory of His Severity and Strength.”
- Psalm 119:81-88

The same future acts we read about over the past few days testifies to the aspect of Victory as a result of His Severity and Strength.

Rev. 20:1,14 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

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We will finally have victory forever more over satan, sin, death and hell!
HalleuYah!

The Traditional text to read is Psalm 119:81-88:

81 ¶ CAPH. My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.

David knows that the prophecies of Moshiach, Salvation (Yeshua) are encoded in the Torah, and he longs for that day when Moschiach will be revealed.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

Sometimes doubts naturally arise when one waits so long for God's promises. Yet we see in the next verse that it is the Torah that continually encourages him.

83 ¶ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.

Even though one is in the world and not of it, just by being in it one is tainted by contact with it; but regardless David remembers and keeps the Torah.

84 ¶ How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85 ¶ The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

The age old question of why the wicked prosper can be answered in the extension of God's mercy to the wicked who are blind of God's ways in an attempt to extent the opportunity for them to repent. This is why too that we are permitted to suffer at times at the hand of the wicked because really God doesn't want to see anyone perish. Yet we know that even God has an expiration date in regards to his mercy and that if the wicked do not repent they will be repaid in kind by God on the righteous peoples account. All we have to do is be faithful in regards to Torah and endure to the end and we WILL be saved.

88 ¶ Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

David says, "God make me alive through the life giving words of your Torah! Give me strength to keep you Torah and thus please You."

"Thank You Gracious Father for the Victory we have as a result of Your Love and Strength! In Messiah Yeshua's Name I pray. Ameyn!"

"Today is twelve days which are one week and five days of the Omer."

- Theme of the week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the day: Hod - Glory
- Overall Theme: “The Glory of His Severity and Strength.”
- Psalm 119:89-96

I mentioned earlier how light is an allusion to glory and this past week we have been focusing on the severity and strength of ADONAI and how even in this attribute of Yah, His Beauty, Victory and Love can be seen through it. Well, today we will read about His future Glory.

Rev. 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Have you ever met someone whose presence lit up a room? Well, God’s Presence will light up all eternity!

The traditional text to read is Psalm 119:89-96:

89 ¶ LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

The Torah IS ETERNAL, it WILL NOT be done away with or replaced by another.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

The Torah is relevant and timeless.

92 ¶ Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

The Written Torah is David's Yeshau (Salvation) for HE knows the Living Torah, the Messiah will come from the Written Torah.

93 ¶ I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

Again the Torah gives life when one keeps it, not death, death comes through disobedience to it.

94 ¶ I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

David knows there is Righteousness that comes by Faith, but He also knows that your righteous works through the Torah backs up the faith of your heart.

95 ¶ The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

When David gets fearful and discouraged He will remember through the Words of the Torah what God miraculously done for Israel.

96 ¶ I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

David is saying that he sees the end of every perfection, every purpose in this finite world, but that the Torah is eternal, it has no end.

“Abba ADONAI God, I am dumbfounded and awestruck at Your Omnipotence, Your unfathomable power, how You have no beginning and no end. All I can do is praise You as I bask in the Strength of Your Glory. In Yeshua's Name Ameyn.”

“Today is thirteen days which are one week and six days of the Omer.”

- Theme of the week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the day: Yesod - Intimacy
- Overall Theme: “The Intimacy of His Severity and Strength.”
- Psalm 119:97-104

Gen. 17:15, 19 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Gen. 18:10-14 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Gen. 21:1-7 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

Who can unscramble an egg? Who can un-curdle milk? Who can straighten perfectly that which was bent? Who can make alive that which was dead? No one but ADONAI! How much more clearly can we read about the intimacy of

ADONAI's strength except in the story where He makes the infertile, fertile; where He makes the dead and withered alive again!?

Names mean something, there is power and prophecy in ones name. God added the Hebrew letter "hey" to Abram and Sari's name; the letter of breath and life and so they became Abraham and Sarah. What was dead was made alive, what was old became new again and what was infertile became fertile.

The Traditional text to read is Psalm 119:97-104:

97 ¶ MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Self explanatory!

98 ¶ Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

The Torah IS Wisdom and gives one an edge against ones enemies, for it is the powerful, Living Words of God Himself!

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

Actually the Hebrew eludes to that David understands more than his teachers and the ancients because of them, but this is also a fair translation, for it hints that God gives new insight into the Scriptures to each generation. And it comes by study and meditation; it just doesn't drop in ones lap.

101 ¶ I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 ¶ I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

103 ¶ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Need I say more?

“Precious All Powerful ADONAI, who has effortless command over life and death. Make alive whatever good thing I have made dead in my life so I can perpetuate that goodness and life for Your Honor and Glory. In Yeshua’s Name I pray, Ameyn.”

“Today is fourteen days which are two weeks of the Omer.”

- Theme of the Week: Gevurah – Severity and Strength
- Theme of the Day: Malchut – Majesty
- Overall Theme: The Majesty of His Severity and Strength.
- Psalm 119:105-112

Rev. 19:11-21 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into

a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

What could be more glorious than a King fearlessly leading His subjects into battle? You have heard the saying, “Going down in a blaze of glory.” Well, it’s a Blaze of Glory alright, but there’s no going down for this King, unless you mean going down from the heavens to earth to do battle, conquer and vanquish all His foes.

The Traditional text to read is Psalm 119:105-112

105 ¶ NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

The Torah should guide our every footstep and it gives us enough light to see as far as God wants us to go, one day, one step at a time.

106 ¶ I have sworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

David has sworn to keep the Torah no matter what!

107 ¶ I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Again David knows that only the Torah contains the Words of Live. Did not the Talmideem (Disciples) of Yeshua say this very thing about Him, who is the Living Torah (John 6:68)?

108 ¶ Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

David doesn't keep the Torah because he feels he HAS to, he does it because he WANTS to and therefore wants Divine instruction and insight on how to keep it better.

109 ¶ My soul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

David is 100% dependant and devoted to ADONAI and His Torah.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

He admits here that the Torah is what forewarned him and kept him safe from the pitfalls of the wicked and their schemes.

111 ¶ Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

The Torah is so precious to Him that it is the key thing he will pass on to his descendants, and he has claimed the promises in there for himself and his family.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, *even unto* the end.

He is dead set resolved to keep the Torah no matter what, and this theme has already been repeated over and over in this Psalm.

“Almighty and Majestic King of the Universe, mold me into the majestic warrior You are, so that I may have victory in my daily life. In the Name of Messiah Yeshua I pray, Ameyn.”

