

Parsha Ha'azinu Devarim (Deuteronomy) 32: 1-52

Deu 32:1 "Hear, oh heavens, as I speak! Listen, earth, to the words from my mouth!

Deu 32:2 May my teaching fall like rain. May my speech condense like dew, like light rain on blades of grass, or showers on growing plants.

Deu 32:3 "For I will proclaim the name of Adonai. Come, declare the greatness of our God!

Deu 32:4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A trustworthy God who does no wrong, he is righteous and straight.

Deu 32:5 "He is not corrupt; the defect is in his children, a crooked and perverted generation.

Deu 32:6 You foolish people, so lacking in wisdom, is this how you repay Adonai? He is your father, who made you his! It was he who formed and prepared you!

Deu 32:7 "Remember how the old days were; think of the years through all the ages. Ask your father — he will tell you; your leaders too — they will inform you.

Deu 32:8 "When `Elyon gave each nation its heritage, when he divided the human race, he assigned the boundaries of peoples according to Isra'el's population;

Deu 32:9 but Adonai's share was his own people, Ya`akov his allotted heritage.

Deu 32:10 "He found his people in desert country, in a howling, wasted wilderness. He protected him and cared for him, guarded him like the pupil of his eye,

Deu 32:11 like an eagle that stirs up her nest, hovers over her young, spreads out her wings, takes them and carries them as she flies.

Deu 32:12 "Adonai alone led his people; no alien god was with him.

Deu 32:13 He made them ride on the heights of the earth. They ate the produce of the fields. He had them suck honey from the rocks and olive oil from the crags,

Deu 32:14 curds from the cows and milk from the sheep, with lamb fat, rams from Bashan and goats, with the finest wheat flour; and you drank sparkling wine from the blood of grapes.

Deu 32:15 "But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked (you grew fat, thick, gross!). He abandoned God his Maker; he scorned the Rock, his salvation.

Deu 32:16 They roused him to jealousy with alien gods, provoked him with abominations.

Deu 32:17 They sacrificed to demons, non-gods, gods that they had never known, new gods that had come up lately, which your ancestors had not feared.

Deu 32:18 You ignored the Rock who fathered you, you forgot God, who gave you birth.

Deu 32:19 "Adonai saw and was filled with scorn at his sons' and daughters' provocation.

Deu 32:20 He said, 'I will hide my face from them and see what will become of them; for they are a perverse generation, untrustworthy children.

Deu 32:21 They aroused my jealousy with a non-god and provoked me with their vanities; I will arouse their jealousy with a non-people and provoke them with a vile nation.

Deu 32:22 " 'For my anger has been fired up. It burns to the depths of Sh'ol, devouring the earth and its crops, kindling the very roots of the hills.

Deu 32:23 I will heap disasters on them and use up all my arrows against them.

Deu 32:24 " 'Fatigued by hunger, they will be consumed by fever and bitter defeat; I will send them the fangs of wild beasts, and the poison of reptiles crawling in the dust.

Deu 32:25 Outside, the sword makes parents childless; inside, there is panic, as young men and girls alike are slain, sucklings and graybeards together.

Deu 32:26 " 'I considered putting an end to them, erasing their memory from the human race;

Deu 32:27 but I feared the insolence of their enemy, feared that their foes would mistakenly think, "We ourselves accomplished this; Adonai had nothing to do with it."

Deu 32:28 " 'They are a nation without common sense, utterly lacking in discernment.

Deu 32:29 If they were wise they could figure it out and understand their destiny.

Deu 32:30 After all, how can one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to rout, unless their Rock sells them to their enemies, unless Adonai hands them over?

Deu 32:31 For our enemies have no rock like our Rock - even they can see that!

Deu 32:32 " 'Rather, their vine is from the vine of S'dom, from the fields of `Amora - their grapes are poisonous, their clusters are bitter;

Deu 32:33 their wine is snake poison, the cruel venom of vipers.

Deu 32:34 " 'Isn't this hidden with me, sealed in my storehouses?

Deu 32:35 Vengeance and payback are mine for the time when their foot slips; for the day of their calamity is coming soon, their doom is rushing upon them.'

Deu 32:36 "Yes, Adonai will judge his people, taking pity on his servants, when he sees that their strength is gone, that no one is left, slave or free.

Deu 32:37 Then he will ask, 'Where are their gods, the rock in whom they trusted?

Deu 32:38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let him get up and help you, let him protect you!

Deu 32:39 See now that I, yes, I, am he; and there is no god beside me. I put to death, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; no one saves anyone from my hand!

Deu 32:40 " 'For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, "As surely as I am alive forever,

Deu 32:41 if I sharpen my flashing sword and set my hand to judgment, I will render vengeance to my foes, repay those who hate me.

Deu 32:42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, my sword will devour flesh - the blood of the slain and the captives, flesh from the wild-haired heads of the enemy." '

Deu 32:43 "Sing out, you nations, about his people! For he will avenge the blood of his servants. He will render vengeance to his adversaries and make atonement for the land of his people."

Deu 32:44 Moshe came and proclaimed all the words of this song in the hearing of the people and of Hoshea the son of Nun.

Deu 32:45 When he had finished speaking all these words to all Isra'el,

Deu 32:46 he said to them, "Take to heart all the words of my testimony against you today, so that you can use them in charging your children to be careful to obey all the words of this Torah.

Deu 32:47 For this is not a trivial matter for you; on the contrary, it is your life! Through it you will live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to possess."

Deu 32:48 That same day Adonai said to Moshe,

Deu 32:49 "Go up into the `Avarim Range, to Mount N'vo, in the land of Mo'av across from Yericho; and look out over the land of Kena`an, which I am giving the people of Isra'el as a possession.

Deu 32:50 On the mountain you are ascending you will die and be gathered to your people, just as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.

Deu 32:51 The reason for this is that both of you broke faith with me there among the people of Isra'el at the M'rivat-Kadesh Spring, in the Tzin Desert; you failed to demonstrate my holiness there among the people of Isra'el.

Deu 32:52 So you will see the land from a distance, but you will not enter the land I am giving to the people of Isra'el."

Haftarah Ha'azinu: Sh'mu'el Bet (2 Samuel) 22:1-51

2Sa 22:1 David said the words of this song to Adonai on the day Adonai delivered him from the power of all his enemies and from the power of Sha'ul.

2Sa 22:2 He said: "Adonai is my Rock, my fortress and deliverer,

2Sa 22:3 the God who is my Rock, in whom I find shelter, my shield, the power that saves me, my stronghold and my refuge. My savior, you have saved me from violence.

2Sa 22:4 I call on Adonai, who is worthy of praise; and I am saved from my enemies.

2Sa 22:5 "For death's breakers were closing over me, the floods of B'liya'al terrified me,

2Sa 22:6 the ropes of Sh'ol were wrapped around me, the snares of death lay there before me.

2Sa 22:7 In my distress I called to Adonai; yes, I called to my God. Out of his temple he heard my voice, and my cry entered his ears.

2Sa 22:8 "Then the earth quaked and shook, the foundations of heaven trembled. They were shaken because he was angry.

2Sa 22:9 Smoke arose in his nostrils; and from his mouth, devouring fire, with coals blazing from it.

2Sa 22:10 He lowered heaven and came down with thick darkness under his feet.

2Sa 22:11 He rode on a keruv and flew, he was seen on the wings of the wind.

2Sa 22:12 He made darkness his canopy around him, thick clouds in the skies dense with water.

2Sa 22:13 From the brightness before him, fiery coals flamed out.

2Sa 22:14 "Adonai thundered from heaven, Ha'Elyon sounded his voice.

2Sa 22:15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; with lightning he routed them.

2Sa 22:16 The channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were exposed at Adonai's rebuke, at the blast of breath from his nostrils.

2Sa 22:17 "He sent from on high, he took me and pulled me out of deep water;

2Sa 22:18 he rescued me from my powerful enemy, from those who hated me, for they were stronger than I.

2Sa 22:19 They came against me on my day of calamity, but Adonai was my support.

2Sa 22:20 "He brought me out to an open place; he rescued me, because he took pleasure in me.

2Sa 22:21 Adonai rewarded me for my uprightness, he repaid me because my hands were clean.

2Sa 22:22 "For I have kept the ways of Adonai, I have not done evil by leaving my God;

2Sa 22:23 for all his rulings were before me, I did not depart from his regulations.

2Sa 22:24 I was pure-hearted toward him and kept myself from my sin.

2Sa 22:25 "Hence Adonai repaid me for my uprightness, according to my purity in his view.

2Sa 22:26 With the merciful, you are merciful; with the champion of purity, you are pure;

2Sa 22:27 with the honest, you are honest; but with the crooked you are cunning.

2Sa 22:28 People afflicted, you save; but when your eyes are on the haughty, you humble them.

2Sa 22:29 "For you, Adonai, are my lamp; Adonai lights up my darkness.

2Sa 22:30 With you I can run through a whole troop of men, with my God I can leap a wall.

2Sa 22:31 "As for God, his way is perfect, the word of Adonai has been tested by fire; he shields all who take refuge in him.

2Sa 22:32 For who is God but Adonai, and who is a Rock but our God?

2Sa 22:33 "God is my strength and protection; he makes my way go straight.

2Sa 22:34 He makes me swift and sure-footed as a deer and enables me to stand on my high places.

2Sa 22:35 He trains my hands for war until my arms can bend a bow of bronze;

2Sa 22:36 You give me your shield, which is salvation; your answers make me great.

2Sa 22:37 You lengthen the steps I can take, yet my ankles do not turn.

2Sa 22:38 "I pursued my enemies and wiped them out, without turning back until they were destroyed.

2Sa 22:39 I destroyed them, crushed them; they can't get up; they have fallen under my feet.

2Sa 22:40 "For you braced me with strength for the battle and bent down my adversaries beneath me.

2Sa 22:41 You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, so that I could destroy those who hate me.

2Sa 22:42 "They looked, but there was no one to help, even to Adonai, but he didn't answer.

2Sa 22:43 I pulverized them like dust on the ground, pounded and stamped on them like mud in the streets.

2Sa 22:44 "You also freed me from the quarrels of my people. You kept me to be the head of the nations; a people I did not know now serve me.

2Sa 22:45 Foreigners come cringing to me; the moment they hear of me, they obey me.

2Sa 22:46 Foreigners lose heart as they stagger from their fortresses.

2Sa 22:47 "Adonai is alive! Blessed is my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock of my salvation,

2Sa 22:48 the God who gives me vengeance and makes peoples submit to me.

2Sa 22:49 He brings me out from my enemies. You raise me over those who rebel against me, you rescue me from violent men.

2Sa 22:50 "So I give thanks to you, Adonai, among the nations; I sing praises to your name.

2Sa 22:51 He is a tower of salvation for his king; he displays grace to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."

B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah Ha'azinu: Romans 1:14-21; Romans 12:14-21; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 12:28-29

Romans

1:14-21

Rom 10:14 But how can they call on someone if they haven't trusted in him? And how can they trust in someone if they haven't heard about him? And how can they hear about someone if no one is proclaiming him?

Rom 10:15 And how can people proclaim him unless God sends them? — as the Tanakh puts it, "How beautiful are the feet of those announcing good news about good things!"

Rom 10:16 The problem is that they haven't all paid attention to the Good News and obeyed it. For Yesha`yahu says, "Adonai, who has trusted what he has heard from us?"

Rom 10:17 So trust comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through a word proclaimed about the Messiah.

Rom 10:18 "But, I say, isn't it rather that they didn't hear?" No, they did hear — "Their voice has gone out throughout the whole world and their words to the ends of the earth."

Rom 10:19 "But, I say, isn't it rather that Isra'el didn't understand?" "I will provoke you to jealousy over a non-nation, over a nation void of understanding I will make you angry."

Rom 10:20 Moreover, Yesha`yahu boldly says, "I was found by those who were not looking for me, I became known to those who did not ask for me";

Rom 10:21 but to Isra'el he says, "All day long I held out my hands to a people who kept disobeying and contradicting."

Romans 12:14-21

Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you — bless them, don't curse them!

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Rom 12:16 Be sensitive to each other's needs — don't think yourselves better than others, but make humble people your friends. Don't be conceited.

Rom 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil, but try to do what everyone regards as good.

Rom 12:18 If possible, and to the extent that it depends on you, live in peace with all people.

Rom 12:19 Never seek revenge, my friends; instead, leave that to God's anger; for in the Tanakh it is written, "Adonai says, 'Vengeance is my responsibility; I will repay.' "

Rom 12:20 On the contrary, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For by doing this, you will heap fiery coals [*of shame*] on his head."

Rom 12:21 Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 12:28-29

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we have received an unshakeable Kingdom, let us have grace, through which we may offer service that will please God, with reverence and fear.

Heb 12:29 For indeed, "Our God is a consuming fire!"