

Torah Portion Vezot ha'Bracha  
Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12

In these scriptures we find the last words of Moses (Moshe) to the people of Jacob before YHVH (God) led him up into the mountain to die.

His last words were blessings upon each of the children of Jacob. Every tribe is mentioned by name except that of Simeon. Most scholars believe that Simeon is included with that of Levi as these two brothers were very close, historically, and shared in the same sins at Shechem; thus both of these tribes were scattered amongst the other tribes of Israel.

As with the blessings given by Jacob himself, over his sons, Joseph receives the greatest blessing. Joseph receives the first-born son blessing (a double portion), while Judah receives the spiritual authority blessing.

One other thing to note is found in verse 33:2. When Yahweh came down on Mt. Sinai, it is recorded that myraids of holy ones, or angels were there with Him. We find in the book of Revelation that myraids of angels (called saints there) will come down with Yeshua when He returns again.

In the book of Hebrews 2:1-3 we read:

“for this reason we must pay closer attention to the things we have heard, or we may drift away, if the message spoken by angels was reliable, and every violation and act of disobedience received its just punishment, how will we escape if we neglect a salvation as great as this? It was first proclaimed by the Lord himself, and then it was confirmed to us by those who heard him,”

Here the writer of Hebrews confirms that the Torah, law of Moses, came from Mt. Sinai by the word of angels. The author affirms that everyone who broke that word given was punished for its violation. He then affirms that those who refuse the salvation given by Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah will not escape the punishment of God.

In Acts 7:52-53, Stephen rebukes the leaders of Israel as those who disobeyed the words of the angels, likewise they have now refused to hear the words of their Messiah, and instead have killed Him on the crucifixion stake.

“Which of the prophets did your ancestors fail to persecute? They killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You received the Law as ordained by angels, and yet you haven't obeyed it!”

The book of Deuteronomy and the Torah ends with the words, “there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom YHVH knew face to face”, the goes on to explain the great and mighty signs and wonders that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. (Deuteronomy 34:10-12)

These last words recorded give us great hope for the future. Moses himself told the people that a “prophet like him would arise from amongst his people and him you must hear”. (Deuteronomy 18:15) This coming “prophet like Moses” was none other that Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the One who has been promised to come and restore all things since the beginning of time when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden.

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