

G-d Blesses His Children

Deuteronomy 32:48 – 33:29

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Genesis 27:4, 28, 29

⁴ ...so that my soul may bless you before I die. ²⁸ Now may G-d give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and new wine; ²⁹ may peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you; be master of your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you."

Genesis 28:1, 3, 4

¹ So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, ³ "May G-d Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴ "May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which G-d gave to Abraham."

Genesis 48:1-3, 5

¹ Now it came about after these things that Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him. ² When it was told to Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel collected his strength and sat up in the bed. ³ Then Jacob said to Joseph, "G-d Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me,

Genesis 48:1-3, 5

⁵ "Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.

Genesis 49:1-2

¹ Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come. ² "Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob; And listen to Israel your father.

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Deuteronomy 32:48, 49

⁴⁸ The L-rd spoke to Moses that very same day, saying, ⁴⁹ "Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession.

Genesis 13:14-15

¹⁴ The L-rd said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; ¹⁵ for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.

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Deuteronomy 32:50-52

⁵⁰ "Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, ⁵¹ because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel. ⁵² "For you shall see the land at a distance, but you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of Israel."

Numbers 20:7-12

⁷ and the L-rd spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸ "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink." ⁹ So Moses took the rod from before the L-rd, just as He had commanded him;

Numbers 20:7-12

¹⁰ and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" ¹¹ Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

Numbers 20:7-12

¹² But the L-rd said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

Numbers 27:12-14

¹² Then the L-rd said to Moses, "Go up to this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel. ¹³ "When you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was; ¹⁴ for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

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A. G-d is present with His people

Deuteronomy 33:1-2

¹ Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of G-d blessed the sons of Israel before his death. ² He said, "The L-rd came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones; at His right hand there was flashing lightning for them.

Exodus 19:16-20

¹⁶ So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet G-d, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Exodus 19:16-20

¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the L-rd descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. ¹⁹ When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and G-d answered him with thunder. ²⁰ The L-rd came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the L-rd called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Exodus 40:33-35, 38

³³ He erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work. ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the L-rd filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the L-rd filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:33-35, 38

³⁸ For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the L-rd was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

Judges 5:4, 5

⁴ "L-rd, when You went out from Seir, when You marched from the field of Edom, the earth quaked, the heavens also dripped, even the clouds dripped water. ⁵ "The mountains quaked at the presence of the L-rd, this Sinai, at the presence of the L-rd, the G-d of Israel.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from G-d, and that you are not your own?

II. G-d's servants will experience His power and presence.

- A. G-d is present with His people
- B. G-d will lead His people

Deuteronomy 33:3-5

³ "Indeed, He loves the people; all Your holy ones are in Your hand, and they followed in Your steps; everyone receives of Your words. ⁴ "Moses charged us with a law, a possession for the assembly of Jacob. ⁵ "And He was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, the tribes of Israel together.

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Deuteronomy 33:6

"May Reuben live and not die, nor his men be few."

Genesis 35:22

It came about while Israel was dwelling in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Israel heard of it.

Genesis 49:3-4

³ "Reuben, you are my firstborn; My might and the beginning of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

⁴ "Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it -- he went up to my couch.

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Deuteronomy 33:7

And this regarding Judah; so he said, "Hear, O L-rd, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people. With his hands he contended for them, and may You be a help against his adversaries."

Genesis 43:8, 9

⁸ Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the lad with me and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, we as well as you and our little ones. ⁹ "I myself will be surety for him; you may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame before you forever."

Genesis 44:14, 18, 32, 33

¹⁴ When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him. ¹⁸ Then Judah approached him, and said, "Oh my lord, may your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not be angry with your servant; for you are equal to Pharaoh.

Genesis 44:14, 18, 32, 33

³² "For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.' ³³ "Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

Genesis 49:8-10

⁸ "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down to you. ⁹ "Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up he couches, he lies down as a lion, and as a lion, who dares rouse him up? ¹⁰ "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

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Deuteronomy 33:8-9

⁸ Of Levi he said, "Let Your Thummim and Your Urim belong to Your godly man, whom You proved at Massah, with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah; ⁹ who said of his father and his mother, 'I did not consider them'; and he did not acknowledge his brothers, nor did he regard his own sons, for they observed Your word, and kept Your covenant.

Exodus 32:25-29

²⁵ when Moses saw that the people were out of control – for Aaron had let them get out of control to be a derision among their enemies – ²⁶ then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is for the L-rd, come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him.

Exodus 32:25-29

²⁷ He said to them, "Thus says the L-rd, the G-d of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.'" ²⁸ So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

Exodus 32:25-29

²⁹ Then Moses said, "Dedicate yourselves today to the L-rd --for every man has been against his son and against his brother-- in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."

Deuteronomy 33:10-11

¹⁰ "They shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob, and Your law to Israel They shall put incense before You, and whole burnt offerings on Your altar. ¹¹ "O L-rd, bless his substance, and accept the work of his hands; shatter the loins of those who rise up against him, and those who hate him, so that they will not rise again."

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Deuteronomy 33:12

Of Benjamin he said, "May the beloved of the L-rd dwell in security by Him, Who shields him all the day, and he dwells between His shoulders."

Genesis 35:17-18

¹⁷ When she was in severe labor the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for now you have another son." ¹⁸ It came about as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

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Deuteronomy 33:13-17

¹³ Of Joseph he said, "Blessed of the L-rd be his land, with the choice things of heaven, with the dew, and from the deep lying beneath, ¹⁴ and with the choice yield of the sun, and with the choice produce of the months. ¹⁵ "And with the best things of the ancient mountains, and with the choice things of the everlasting hills,

Deuteronomy 33:13-17

¹⁶ and with the choice things of the earth and its fullness, and the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let it come to the head of Joseph, and to the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers. ¹⁷ "As the firstborn of his ox, majesty is his, and his horns are the horns of the wild ox; with them he will push the peoples, all at once, to the ends of the earth. And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and those are the thousands of Manasseh."

Genesis 37:1-3

¹ Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan. ² These are the records of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives and Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

Genesis 49:22-26

²² "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; its branches run over a wall. ²³ "The archers bitterly attacked him, and shot at him and harassed him; ²⁴ but his bow remained firm, and his arms were agile, from the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

Genesis 49:22-26

²⁵ From the G-d of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. ²⁶ "The blessings of your father have surpassed the blessings of my ancestor up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; may they be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

1 Chronicles 5:2

Though Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came the leader, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph.

Deuteronomy 33:18-19

¹⁸ Of Zebulun he said, "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth, and, Issachar, in your tents.
¹⁹ "They will call peoples to the mountain; there they will offer righteous sacrifices; for they will draw out the abundance of the seas, and the hidden treasures of the sand."

Luke 12:16-21

¹⁶ And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.
¹⁷ "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods."

Luke 12:16-21

¹⁹ 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."
²⁰ "But G-d said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'
²¹ "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward G-d."

Matthew 6:31, 33

³¹ "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' ³³ "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

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Deuteronomy 33:20-21

²⁰ Of Gad he said, "Blessed is the one who enlarges Gad; he lies down as a lion, and tears the arm, also the crown of the head.

²¹ "Then he provided the first part for himself, for there the ruler's portion was reserved; and he came with the leaders of the people; he executed the justice of the L-rd, and His ordinances with Israel."

Ephesians 4:28

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

Galatians 6:10

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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Deuteronomy 33:22

Of Dan he said, "Dan is a lion's whelp, that leaps forth from Bashan."

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Deuteronomy 33:23

Of Naphtali he said, "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of the L-rd, take possession of the sea and the south."

Deuteronomy 33:24-25

²⁴ Of Asher he said, "More blessed than sons is Asher; may he be favored by his brothers, and may he dip his foot in oil. ²⁵ "Your locks will be iron and bronze, and according to your days, so will your leisurely walk be.

IV. G-d's servants will be safe, protected, and blessed.

Deuteronomy 33:26

"There is none like the G-d of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to your help, And through the skies in His majesty.

Deuteronomy 33:27

"The eternal G-d is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and He drove out the enemy from before you, and said, 'Destroy!'

Deuteronomy 33:28

"So Israel dwells in security, the fountain of Jacob secluded, in a land of grain and new wine; His heavens also drop down dew.

Deuteronomy 33:29

"Blessed are you, O Israel; who is like you, a people saved by the L-rd, Who is the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places."

Conclusion

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