

שְׁלַח-לְךָ

SHLACH L'KHA - SEND ON YOUR BEHALF



TORAH – B'MIDBAR (NUMBERS) 13:1–15:41

B'RIT HADASHAH – MESSIANIC JEWS (HEBREWS) 3:7 - 4:11

... וַיִּדְבֹר יְהוָה, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר ^א שְׁלַח-לְךָ ^ב אַנְשִׁים ...

B'MIDBAR (NUMBERS) 13

1 ADONAI said to Moshe,

2 "Send men on your behalf to reconnoiter the land of Kena'an, which I am giving to the people of Isra'el. From each ancestral tribe send someone who is a leader in his tribe."

3 Moshe dispatched them from the Pa'ran Desert as ADONAI had ordered; all of them were leading men among the people of Isra'el.

B'MIDBAR (NUM) 14

19 Please! Forgive the offense of this people according to the greatness of your Grace, just as You have borne with this people from Egypt until now." 20 ADONAI answered, "I have forgiven, as you have asked.

Note that G-d forgave them, but they still wandered in the wilderness all their lives! Why?

^{NAU} Galatians 6

7 Do not be deceived, G-d is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

MESSIANIC JEWS (HEBREWS) 3:7 – 4:11

7 Therefore, as the Ruach HaKodesh says, "Today, if you hear G-d's voice,

Why was this attributed to the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) speaking?

Ref: Mattityahu (Matt) 22:43; 2 Kefa (Peter) 1:20-21; Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 63:10

NOTE THAT "TODAY" IS MORE OF AN ERA OF OPPORTUNITY THAN A SEGMENT OF TIME!

8 don't harden your hearts, as you did in the Bitter Quarrel on that day in the Wilderness when you put G-d to the test. 9 Yes, your fathers put Me to the test; they challenged Me, and they saw My work for forty years!

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

1 For, brothers, I don't want you to miss the significance of what happened to our fathers. All of them were guided by the pillar of cloud, and they all passed through the sea, 2 and in connection with the cloud and with the sea they all immersed themselves into Moshe, 3 also they all ate the same food from the Spirit, 4 and they all drank the same drink from the Spirit- for they drank from a Spirit-sent Rock which followed them, and that Rock was the Messiah. 5 Yet with the majority of them G-d was not pleased, so their bodies were strewn across the desert. 6 Now these things took place as prefigurative historical events, warning us not to set our hearts on evil things as they did.

THE HEART OF EVERY PROBLEM IS A PROBLEM IN THE HEART! *Bible Commentary*

10 Therefore, I was disgusted with that generation- I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, they have not understood how I do things'; 11 in My anger, I swore that they would not enter My rest.'"

Tehillim (Psalms) 95:7-11

7 For He is our G-d, and we are the people in His pasture, the sheep in His care. If only today you would listen to His voice: 8 "Don't harden your hearts, as you did at M'rivah, as you did on that day at Massah in the desert, 9 when your fathers put Me to the test; they challenged Me, even though they saw My work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation; I said, 'This is a people whose hearts go astray, they don't understand how I do things.' 11 Therefore I swore in My anger that they would not enter My rest.'"

What is "G-d's rest" mentioned in this Scripture?

12 Watch out, brothers, so that there will not be in any one of you an evil heart lacking trust, which could lead you to apostatize from the living G-d!

Why did the writer of this book use the word “*brothers*”? What is it to harden your heart (v.8)? Or have an evil heart (v.12)? Why the use of the “*living G-d*” in this warning?

13 Instead, keep exhorting each other every day, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you will become hardened by the deceit of sin.

Luke 19

9 Yeshua said to him [Zacchaeus], "**Today** salvation has come to this house, inasmuch as this man too is a son of Avraham.

Luke 23

43 Yeshua said to him [one of the criminals on the cross], "Yes! I promise that you will be with Me **today** in Gan-'Eden."

Sh'mot (Exodus) 8

5 Moshe said to Pharaoh, "Not only that, but you can have the honor of naming the time when I will pray for you, your servants and your people to be rid of the frogs, both yourselves and your homes, and that they stay only in the river." 6(a) He answered, "**Tomorrow**." Moshe said, "It will be as you have said,

“Rabbi ‘Eli‘ezer said, ‘Repent one day before you die.’ His students objected, ‘Does one know in advance the day of one’s death?’ He replied, ‘All the more reason to repent today, lest you die tomorrow! In this way, your entire life will be one of repentance.’”

Shabbat 153a

14 For we have become sharers in the Messiah, provided, however, that we hold firmly to the conviction we began with, right through until the goal is reached.

What is it that we share in the Messiah?

NOTE HOW THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK KNOWS HOW TO USE RABBINIC METHODS OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE NEXT FOUR VERSES.

15 Now where it says, "Today, if you hear G-d's voice, don't harden your hearts, as you did in the Bitter Quarrel,"

“Rabbi Joshua ben-L’vi met Elijah and asked him, ‘When will the Messiah come?’ ‘Go and ask Him!’ ‘Where is He?’ ‘At the entrance [to Rome], sitting among the lepers.’ So he went, greeted Him, and asked, ‘Master, when will You come?’ ‘Today,’ He answered. Upon returning to Elijah, Rabbi Joshua said, ‘He lied to me. He told me He would come today, but He has not come.’ Elijah replied, ‘What He said to you was: “Today, if you will hear his voice.” ’ ’ ”

Condensed from Sanhedrin 98a

16 who were the people who, after they heard, quarreled so bitterly? All those whom Moshe brought out of Egypt. 17 And with whom was G-d disgusted for forty years? Those who sinned- yes, they fell dead in the Wilderness! 18 And to whom was it that He swore that they would not enter His rest? Those who were disobedient.

What does obedience and rest have in common? Ref: Romans 1:5-6, 6:20-22

19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of lack of trust (^{KJV} unbelief).

Why do we need trust (faith) to enter G-d’s rest?

MESSIANIC JEWS (HEBREWS) 4:1-11

1 Therefore, let us be terrified of the possibility that, even though the promise of entering His rest remains, any one of you might be judged to have fallen short of it;

“Therefore” – Is there spiritual consequences for believers making wrong decisions today?
How do you fall short of G-d’s rest? Ref: see verse 11 below

2 *for Good News has also been proclaimed to us, just as it was to them. But the message they heard didn't do them any good, because those who heard it did not combine it with trust. 3 For it is we who have trusted who enter the rest. It is just as he said, "And in My anger, I swore that they would not enter My rest." He swore this even though His works have been in existence since the founding of the universe. 4 For there is a place where it is said, concerning the seventh day, "And G-d rested on the seventh day from all His works." 5 And once more, our present text says, "They will not enter My rest." 6 Therefore, since it still remains for some to enter it, and those who received the Good News earlier did not enter, 7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David, so long afterwards, in the text already given, "Today, if you hear G-d's voice, don't harden your hearts." 8 For if *Y'hoshua had given them rest, G-d would not have spoken later of another "day."*

*The KJV states "Jesus" because, in Greek, the word Ἰησοῦς Iesous {ee-ay-sooce'} is used to mean both Jesus and Joshua.

9 *So there remains a Shabbat-keeping for G-d's people. 10 For the one who has entered G-d's rest has also rested from His own works, as G-d did from His.*

Why did the writer link Shabbat to this teaching on unbelief?

11 *Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest; so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience.*

"let us do our best to enter that rest" How?

2 Corinthians 6

1 As G-d's fellow-workers we also urge you not to receive His grace and then do nothing with it. 2 For He says, "At the acceptable time I heard you; in the day of salvation I helped you."

NAU **1 Corinthians 15**

10 But by the grace of G-d I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of G-d with me.

Remember that unbelief makes you want to go back to Egypt (world's bondage) but faith in G-d's promise (your inheritance) keeps you moving forward towards the Promise Land!