

When You Enter Into Your Inheritance

"And when you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance..." (Deut. 26:1)

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This week's Torah reading is *Ki Tavo*, *Deut. 26:1-29:8* which can be translated: "*when you come/enter.*" The Hebrew word *Ki* means when, if, because, that, for, also (and others). *Tavo* is the future, 2nd person, masculine, singular form of the verb *bo* which generally means to come or to go. The first Hebrew word in the reading is the word *V'hayah* which means *and it shall be* or *and it will happen* which implies the reality of an event, in this case entering *Yah's* Promised Land. Notice that since *Tavo* is *2 m s* it is referring to a person, to you and to me individually.

Today's reading can be summarized as instructions on offerings and tithes followed by a detailed description of blessings that follow obedience to *Yah's* laws and curses that come with their desecration.

But also today's reading is *Isaiah 60:1-22*, a very famous Messianic Passage: "*1Arise (Kumi), shine (Ori), for your light has come! The glory of Adonai has risen on you. 2For behold, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness the peoples. But Adonai will arise upon you, and His glory will appear over you. 3Nations will come to your light, kings to the brilliance of your rising.*" In fulfillment of this passage and the companion passage: "*1The people walking in darkness will see a great light. Upon those dwelling in the land of the shadow of death, light will shine*" (*Isaiah 9:1*) we see *Yeshua* in *Matthew 4:16* and John the Immerser in *Luke 1:79*. Prophetically speaking: "*Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'*" (*John 8:12*) and "*While I am in the world, I am the light of the world*" (*John 9:5*).

♪ *The people who walked in darkness, Have seen a great light, They who dwelt in the shadow of death, to them has that light shined. Arise and shine, for your light has come. Arise and shine, the glory of the Lord, has risen upon you. Arise and shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord, has risen upon you. Out of the gloom and the darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. In the place of His glory and grace, the people shall all be set free. Then shall your light, break forth as the morning, Your brightness as the noon day* ♪ (*Kol Simcha 1992*).

You see because He came (born of a virgin), He died for me, and He resurrected, I am forgiven! I was someone who walked in darkness and but has now seen a great light. Indeed I was dwelling in the shadow of death and to me a great light shined, *Yeshua* the *Light of the World*. So I (you) need to arise and shine for my (your) light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon me (you). I (you) have come into the Promised Land of *Yah* and the Kingdom of Heaven is here and now. Out of the gloom and the darkness, my blind eyes see and I have been set free. So then shall my (your) light break forth as the morning, and my (your) brightness as the noon day. I (you) have been transformed into a new creation, and I (you) have the *light of life*.

I (you) have received *Yeshua* as my (your) personal redeemer/savior, and even today, right now my (your) life matters. So I (you) will arise and shine for my (your) light has come and the glory of *Yeshua* the *Light of the World* has risen upon me (you). All of *Ki Tavo* is for me (you) and I cheerfully receive this word with joy so I can *sh'ma. Awesome! Shabbat Shalom!* Let us pray...