

# דברים Devarim (Words) *Deut 2:1-3:22 Hab 3:8-19 Rev 19:11-21*

Devarim simply means “words” and comes from the first verse:

*Deut 1:1 These are the words (דברים Devarim) Moshe spoke to all Isra'el on the far side of the Yarden River, in the desert, in the `Aravah, across from Suf, between Pa'ran and Tofel, Lavan, Hatzerot and Di-Zahav.*

The eloquent words (דברים Devarim) of Moses make up nearly the entire book of Devarim. Quite a change from how Moses began his ministry to the Israelites:

*Exo 4:10 Moshe said to YHWH, "Oh, YHWH, I'm a terrible speaker. I always have been, and I'm no better now, even after you've spoken to your servant! My words (דברים Devarim) come slowly, my tongue moves slowly."*

The same man who said, “My words come slowly” now takes up an entire book of Devarim with “these are the words” (*Deut 1:1*) Moses defeated the weakness of his flesh to speak these Devarim, just as those who are Elohim’s children, became so through the living Devarim...

*Joh 1:12-14 But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become Elohim’s children, to those who believe in his name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Elohim. The Word became flesh, and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of the one and only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

The Parsha...

*Deut 2:1-7 "Then we turned and began traveling into the desert along the road to the Sea of Suf, as YHWH had said to me; and we skirted Mount Se`ir for a long time. Finally YHWH said to me, 'You have been going around this mountain long enough! Head north, and give this order to the people: "You are to pass through the territory of your kinsmen the descendants of `Esav who live in Se`ir. They will be afraid of you, so be very cautious, and don't get into disputes with them; for I am not going to give you any of their land, no, not even enough for one foot to stand on; inasmuch as I have given Mount Se`ir to `Esav as his possession. Pay them money for the food you eat, and pay them money for the water you drink. For YHWH your Elohim has blessed you in everything your hands have produced. He knows that you have been traveling through this vast desert; these forty years YHWH your Elohim has been with you; and you have lacked nothing.'*

This is the second time YHWH gave them the order “You have been going around this mountain long enough! Head north” the first time was from *Devarim 1*

*Deut 1:6-7 "YHWH spoke to us in Horev. He said, 'You have lived long enough by this mountain. Turn, get moving and go to the hill-country of the Emori and all the places near there in the `Aravah, the hill-country, the Sh'felah, the Negev and by the seashore - the land of the Kena`ani, and the L'vanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates River.*

This was the first generation of Israelites in the desert, and it took place in the book of *Numbers 13 & 14*. And this is the second time they are going to deal with Edom (Esau), the first was this...

*Num 20:14-23 Moshe sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: "This is what your brother Isra'el says: you know all the troubles we have gone through —that our ancestors went down into Egypt, we lived in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our ancestors badly. But when we cried out to YHWH, he heard us, sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. Now here we are in Kadesh, a city at the*

*edge of your territory. Please let us pass through your land. We will not go through fields or vineyards, and we won't drink any water from the wells. We will go along the King's Highway, not turning aside either to the right or to the left until we have left your territory." But Edom answered, "You are not to pass through my land; if you do, I will come out against you with the sword." The people of Isra'el replied, "We will keep to the highway; if we do drink the water, either we or our livestock, we will pay for it. Just let us pass through on foot — it's nothing." But he said, "You are not to pass through"; and Edom came out against them with many people and much force. Thus Edom refused to allow Isra'el passage through its territory, so Isra'el turned away. They traveled on from Kadesh; and the people of Isra'el, the whole community, arrived at Mount Hor. At Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, **YHWH** said to Moshe and Aharon, (Also see **Jdg 11:16-18**)*

So the connection between these two events, the command in **Deut 1** (Recounting what took place in **Num 13 & 14**) and the command in **Deut 2** is in both of these events **YHWH** is ordering the Israelites to turn and set out on their journey to the Promised Land. In **Devarim 1:6-7** the **1<sup>st</sup> generation** of Israelites is to leave Mt. Sinai, and go directly to the Land to conquer it. These instructions are interrupted by the tragic episode of the spies.

So....Moshe is now making a parallel or hopefully a contrast between generations, one who failed to set foot in the Promised Land and a **2<sup>nd</sup> generation** who are hoping to soon enter into the Land. Like the 1<sup>st</sup> generation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation is once again on the border of the Land. Moshe is in effect asking them...will they merit entrance into the Land, or will they not?

In the 1st generation, rebellion occurred when they processed the information coming from the spies:

***Deut 1:26-28** "But you would not go up. Instead you rebelled against the order of **YHWH** your Elohim; and in your tents you complained, 'It's because **YHWH** hated us that he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, only to hand us over to the Emori to destroy us. What sort of place is it that we're heading for? Our brothers made our courage fail when they said, "The people are bigger and taller than we are; the cities are great and fortified up to the sky; and finally, we have seen `Anakim there." (**Num 13**)*

Soon after the Israelites learned that they would die in the wilderness, there was more rebellion. Some decided, against Moshe's advice, to still attempt to enter the Land:

***Deut 1:42-43** But **YHWH** said to me, 'Tell them, "Don't go up, and don't fight, because I am not there with you; if you do, your enemies will defeat you." 'So I told you, but you wouldn't listen. Instead, you rebelled against **YHWH's** order, took matters into your own hands and went up into the hill-country; (**Num 14**)*

Summation of the 1st generation: They saw things in the flesh only and couldn't trust in the Devarim of **YHWH**. The second generation learns from the punishment of the first generation, and trusts enough to move forward into the land...

Parsha Continued...

***Deut 2:8-23** "So we went on past our kinsmen the descendants of `Esav living in Se`ir, left the road through the `Aravah from Eilat and `Etzyon-Gever, and turned to pass along the road through the desert of Mo'av. **YHWH** said to me, 'Don't be hostile toward Mo'av or fight with them, because I will not give you any of their land to possess, since I have already given `Ar to the descendants of Lot as their territory.' "(The Emim used to live there, a great and numerous people as tall as the `Anakim. They are also considered Refa'im, are the `Anakim, but the Mo'avim call them Emim. In Se`ir the Horim used to live, but the descendants of `Esav dispossessed and destroyed them, settling in their place. Isra'el did similarly in the land it came to possess, which **YHWH** gave to them.) "'Now get going, and cross Vadi Zered!' "So we crossed Vadi Zered.*

*The time between our leaving Kadesh-Barnea and our crossing Vadi Zered was thirty-eight years - until the whole generation of men capable of bearing arms had been eliminated from the camp, as YHWH had sworn they would be. Moreover, YHWH's hand was against them to root them out of the camp until the last of them was gone. When all the men who were able to bear arms had died and were no longer part of the people, YHWH said to me, 'Today you are to cross the border of Mo'av at `Ar. When you approach the descendants of `Amon, don't bother them or fight with them, for I will not give you any of the territory of the people of `Amon to possess, since I have given it to the descendants of Lot as their territory.' "(This too is considered a land of the Refa'im: Refa'im, whom the Emori call Zamzumim, used to live there. They were a large, numerous people, as tall as the `Anakim; but YHWH destroyed them as the people of `Amon advanced and settled in their place —just as he destroyed the Horim as descendants of `Esav advanced into Se`ir and settled in their place, where they live to this day. It was the same with the `Avim, who lived in villages as far away as `Azah — the Kaftorim, coming from Kaftor, destroyed them and settled in their place.)*

*“thirty-eight years - until the whole generation of men capable of bearing arms had been eliminated from the camp”* this all goes back to the lack of trust this generation had from the very beginning...

**Exo 13:17-18** *After Pharaoh had let the people go, Elohim did not guide them to the highway that goes through the land of the P'lishtim, because it was close by — Elohim thought that the people, upon seeing war, might change their minds and return to Egypt. Rather, Elohim led the people by a roundabout route, through the desert by the Sea of Suf. The people of Isra'el went up from the land of Egypt fully armed.*

So they looked the part, but didn't have it in them.

The first task they have this second time around is the largest most intimidating one from the perspective of Israel... Big brother Esau...

Israel is terrified of Edom, and the two of them have been diabolically opposed to each other from the womb (**Gen 25:24-27**)

**Gen 32:6-11 (32:7-12)** *The messengers returned to Ya`akov saying, "We went to your brother `Esav, and he is coming to meet you; with him are four hundred men." Ya`akov became greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people, flocks, cattle and camels with him into two camps, saying, "If `Esav comes to the one camp and attacks it, at least the camp that is left will escape." Then Ya`akov said, " Elohim of my father Avraham and Elohim of my father Yitz'chak, YHWH, who told me, 'Return to your country and your kinsmen, and I will do you good': I'm not worthy of all the love and faithfulness you have shown your servant, since I crossed the Yarden with only my staff. But now I have become two camps. Please! Rescue me from my brother `Esav! I'm afraid of him; afraid he'll come and attack me, without regard for mothers or children.*

Esau lived in the flesh only...

- Was a hunter (**Gen 25:27**)
- Chose flesh over birthright (**Gen 25:32-34**)
- Lived by the sword (**Gen 27:40**)
- Chose worldly wives (**Gen 26:34 & 28:8-9**)
- Was outside the Covenant (**Mal 1:2-3 & Rom 9:13**)
- Destin for Destruction (**Num 24:18-19, Psa 60:8-12, Isa 34:5, Isa 63:1, & Amo 9:12**)
- Acted as the anti-messiah (**Rev12:1-6 = Mat 2:2-16**)

While Jacob studied in tents (**Gen 25:27**) and the Covenant came through him (**Lev 26:42**).

No flesh can stand before him...

**Eph 2:1-3** *You used to be dead because of your sins and acts of disobedience. You walked in the ways of the 'olam hazeh and obeyed the Ruler of the Powers of the Air, who is still at work among the disobedient. Indeed, we all once lived this way — we followed the passions of our old nature and obeyed the wishes of our old nature and our own thoughts. In our natural condition we were headed for Elohim's wrath, just like everyone else.*

**1Co 1:26-29** *For behold your calling, brothers, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but Elohim chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and Elohim chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did Elohim choose, yea and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are: that no flesh should glory before Elohim.*

So for Israel to go through Edom, it took faith and trust to get through what was in the flesh, just as Moses overcame his fear of speaking!

The difference again is the Devarim of **YHWH**, He said *"take the land"*, and we didn't listen, overcome by what we see in the flesh. Then He said don't go in, I'm not with you, and again we didn't listen. Now this second time around they listened despite what they saw in the flesh, He said *"attack this people"* or *"don't attack that people"* and they listened. The difference... Devarim. How would we know how to take the land or when to go, or who to attack? How do we discern between prophets of varying opinions... Devarim! Is not prophecy written or spoken to *"those who have ears to hear"*? Ears to hear what... The Devarim of Elohim!

Our return to the land is also dependent upon the Devarim...

**Hos 14:1-9 (14:2-10)** *Return (שובה Shuvee), Isra'el, to YHWH your Elohim, for your guilt has made you stumble. Take words (דברים Devarim) with you, and Return (שובה Shuvee) to YHWH; say to him, "Forgive all guilt, and accept what is good; we will pay instead of bulls [the offerings of] our lips. Ashur will not save us, we will not ride on horses, and we will no longer call what we made with our hands our "gods". For it is only in you that the fatherless can find mercy." "I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely; for my anger has turned from him. I will be like dew to Isra'el; he will blossom like a lily and strike roots like the L'vanon. His branches will spread out, his beauty be like an olive tree and his fragrance like the L'vanon. Again they will live in his shade and raise grain; they will blossom like a vine, and its aroma will be like the wine of the L'vanon. Efrayim [will say], 'What have I to do any more with idols?' And I, I answer and affirm him; I am like a fresh, green cypress tree; your fruitfulness comes from me." Let the wise understand these things, and let the discerning know them. For the ways of YHWH are straight, And the righteous walk in them, but in them sinners stumble.*

The summation of what Hosea is saying above is this, return to Covenant (Torah) with **YHWH**, and stop making Covenants with other nations, stop becoming vassals of these nations, and rather return and become once again a vassal of **YHWH** and His Covenant!

Back to the Parsha...

**Deut 2:24-37** *"Get up, get moving, and cross the Arnon Valley! Here, I have put in your hands Sichon the Emori, king of Heshbon, and his land; commence the conquest, begin the battle! Today I will start putting the fear and dread of you into all the peoples under heaven, so that the mere mention of your name will make them quake and tremble before you." "I sent envoys from the K'demot Desert to Sichon*

king of Heshbon with a peaceable message, 'Let me pass through your land. I will keep to the road, turning neither right nor left. You will sell me food to eat for money and give me water to drink for money. I only want to pass through. Do as the people of `Esav living in Se`ir and the Mo'avim living in `Ar did with me, until I cross the Yarden into the land **YHWH** our Elohim is giving us.' "But Sichon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through his territory, because **YHWH** your Elohim had hardened his spirit and made him stubborn, so that he could hand him over to you, as is the case today. **YHWH** said to me, 'See, I have begun handing over Sichon and his territory before you; start taking possession of his land.' Then Sichon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Yahatz; and **YHWH** our Elohim handed him over to us, so that we defeated him, his sons and all his people. At that time we captured all his cities and completely destroyed every city - men, women, little ones - we left none of them. As booty for ourselves we took only the cattle, along with the spoil from the cities we had captured. From `Aro`er, on the edge of the Arnon Valley, and from the city in the valley, all the way to Gil`ad, there was not one city too well fortified for us to capture — **YHWH** our Elohim gave all of them to us. The only land you didn't approach was that of the descendants of `Amon - the region around the Yabok River, the cities in the hills and wherever else **YHWH** our Elohim forbade us to go.

Fear and dread...

**Exo 15:14-17** The peoples have heard, and they tremble; anguish takes hold of those living in P'leshet; then the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; trepidation seizes the heads of Mo'av; all those living in Kena`an are melted away. Terror and dread fall on them; by the might of your arm they are still as stone until your people pass over, **YHWH**, till the people you purchased pass over. You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain which is your heritage, the place, **YHWH**, that you made your abode, the sanctuary, **YHWH**, which your hands established.

The story of Rachav and an example of a Covenant/Oath...

**Josh 2:10-14** We've heard how **YHWH** dried up the water in the Sea of Suf ahead of you, when you left Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Emori on the other side of the Yarden, Sichon and `Og, that you completely destroyed them. As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed us. Because of you, everyone is in a state of depression. For **YHWH** your Elohim — he is Elohim in heaven above and on the earth below. So, please, swear to me by **YHWH** that, since I have been kind to you, you will also be kind to my father's family. Give me some evidence of your good faith, that you will spare the lives of my father, mother, brothers and sisters and all who are theirs, so that we won't be killed." The men replied to her, "Our lives are certainly worth yours, provided you don't betray our mission. So when **YHWH** gives us the land, we will treat you kindly and in good faith."

**Jos 2:17-21** The men said to her, "We will not be guilty of violating the oath you made us swear, provided that when we enter the land, you tie this piece of scarlet cord in the window you let us down from; and you gather together in your house your father, mother, brothers, and your father's entire household. If anyone goes out the doors of your house into the street, he will be responsible for his own blood, and we will be guiltless. But everyone who stays with you in the house — we will be responsible for his blood if anyone lays a hand on him. However, if you say a word about this business of ours, then we will be free of your oath that you made us swear." "According to your words, so be it," she said, and sent them away. As they departed, she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

Fear and dread fell on all of those in the area why? There is some discernment to be learned here...

Some people will perceive verses like this and interpret it this way... "I know God or I'm blessed therefore whatever **I choose** to do will be blessed" this is false!

The reason there was a fear and trembling, and Israel was successful here was because they were operating within guides of the Covenant! You can't choose to operate **outside the covenant** and expect all of your

enemies and obstacles to fall before you. This is the reason they were not (at this time) to go against Edom (Esau) or Moav (Lot), **YHWH** had given these lands to them [Edom {Deut 2:5} & Moav {**Gen 13:8-14**}] this portion to them for this time. If Israel were to attack Edom and Moav unprovoked, they would have been operating outside of the Covenant, and would not have been blessed or successful. We have to be aware of how we deal with others; they may be in Covenant too!!!

Sichon, King of the Emorites, again Covenant operations...

**Num 21:21-25** *Isra'el sent messengers to Sichon, king of the **Emori**, with this message: "Let me pass through your land. We won't turn aside into fields or vineyards, and we won't drink any water from the wells. We will go along the King's Highway until we have left your territory." But Sichon would not allow Isra'el to pass through his territory. Instead, Sichon mustered all his people and went out into the desert to fight Isra'el. On reaching Yachatz, he fought Isra'el. Isra'el defeated him by force of arms and took control of his land from the Arnon to the Yabok River, but only as far as the people of `Amon, because the territory of the people of `Amon was well defended. Isra'el took all these cities — Isra'el lived in all the cities of the Emori, in Heshbon and all its surrounding towns.*

This land was not intended to be a possession for Israel, rather they were to just cross it, the Emorites broke the Covenant and attacked Israel, thus forfeiting the land over to Israel in fulfillment with what YHWH had prophesied and promised to Abraham...

**Gen 15:13-16** *YHWH said to Avram, "Know this for certain: your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs. They will be slaves and held in oppression there four hundred years. But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions. As for you, you will join your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. Only in the fourth generation will your descendants come back here, because only then will the **Emori be ripe for punishment.**"*

Back to the Parsha...

**Deut 3:1-10** *"Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and `Og the king of Bashan came out against us with all his people to fight at Edre`i. **YHWH** said to me, 'Don't be afraid of him; for I have handed him, all his people and his territory over to you; you will do to him as you did to Sichon king of the Emori, who lived at Heshbon.' So **YHWH** our Elohim also handed over to us `Og the king of Bashan with all his people, and we defeated him until he had no one left. At that time we captured all his cities; there was not one city of theirs that we didn't capture. There were sixty cities, all the region of Argov, the kingdom of `Og in Bashan; all of them fortified cities with high walls, gates and bars - in addition to a great number of unwalled towns. We completely destroyed them, as we did with Sichon king of Heshbon, annihilating every city -men, women and little ones. But we took all the livestock, along with the spoil from the cities, as booty for ourselves. "At that time we captured the territory of the two kings of the Emori east of the Yarden between the Arnon Valley and Mount Hermon," the Hermon which the Tzidonim call Siryon and the Emori call S'nir, "all the cities of the plain, all Gil`ad and all Bashan, as far as Salkhah and Edre`i, cities of the kingdom of `Og in Bashan."*

The reason for the destruction of this people is because this was within the guidelines of the Covenant...

**Deut 7:2-6** *When he does this, when **YHWH** your Elohim hands them over ahead of you, and you defeat them, you are to destroy them completely! Do not make any covenant with them. Show them no mercy. Don't intermarry with them — don't give your daughter to his son, and don't take his daughter for your son. For he will turn your children away from following me in order to serve other "gods". If this happens, the anger of **YHWH** will flare up against you, and he will quickly destroy you. No, treat them this way: break down their altars, smash their standing-stones to pieces, cut down their sacred poles and*

*burn up their carved images completely. For you are a people set apart as holy for **YHWH** your Elohim. **YHWH** your Elohim has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure.*

Israel does eventually follow other “gods” In fact, one of Og’s cities is “Ashterot” (**Deut 1:4**) aka... “easter” Ezekiel is shown the celebration of “easter” as described in **Ezek 8:6-18**.

Let’s finish up the Parsha...

**Deut 3:11-22** *‘Og king of Bashan was the last survivor of the Refa'im. His bed was made of iron; it is still in Rabbah with the people of `Amon. It was nine cubits long and four cubits wide, using the normal cubit [thirteen-and-a-half by six feet]. "Of this land that we took possession of then, I assigned to the Re'uvani and the Gadi the territory extending from `Aro`er along the Arnon Valley together with half the hill-country of Gil`ad, including its cities. The rest of Gil`ad and all Bashan, the kingdom of `Og, I gave to the half-tribe of M'nasheh." The whole region of Argov together with all of Bashan form what is called the land of Refa'im. Ya'ir the son of M'nasheh took all the region of Argov, as far as the border with the G'shuri and the Ma`akhati; he named this whole area; including Bashan, after himself — it remains Havot-Ya'ir to this day. "I gave Gil`ad to Machir; and to the Re'uvani and the Gadi I gave the territory from Gil`ad to the Arnon Valley, with the middle of the valley as the border, as far as the Yabok River, which is the border with the people of `Amon; the `Aravah too, the Yarden being its border, from Kinneret to the Sea of the `Aravah, the Dead Sea, at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah to the east. "At that time I gave you this order: ' **YHWH** your Elohim has given you this land to possess. But all of you who are fit to fight must cross over, armed, ahead of your brothers the people of Isra'el. Your wives, your little ones and your livestock - I know you have much livestock - will stay in your cities which I have given you, until **YHWH** allows your brothers to rest, as he has allowed you; and they too take possession of the land **YHWH** your Elohim is giving them on the west side of the Yarden. At that point you will return, each man to his own possession which I have given you.' "Also at that time I gave this order to Y'hoshua: 'Your eyes have seen everything that **YHWH** your Elohim has done to these two kings. **YHWH** will do the same to all the kingdoms you encounter when you cross over. Don't be afraid of them, because **YHWH** your Elohim will fight on your behalf.'*

Og of Bashan was a giant from the Refa'im, who were of the Anakim...

**Deut 2:11** *They are also considered Refa'im, as are the `Anakim*

Anakim and Refaim were GIANTS...

**Deut 1:28** *What sort of place is it that we're heading for? Our brothers made our courage fail when they said, "The people are bigger and taller than we are; the cities are great and fortified up to the sky; and finally, we have seen `Anakim there." '*

The Anakim were sons of the Nefilim...

**Num 13:33** *We saw the N'filim, the descendants of `Anak, who was from the N'filim; to ourselves we looked like grasshoppers by comparison, and we looked that way to them too!"*

The Nefilim were the fallen angels...

**Gen 6:1-7** *In time, when men began to multiply on earth, and daughters were born to them, the sons of Elohim saw that the daughters of men were attractive; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. **YHWH** said, "My Spirit will not live in human beings forever, for they too are flesh; therefore their life span is to be 120 years." The N'filim were on the earth in those days, and also afterwards, when the sons of Elohim came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them; these were the ancient heroes, men of renown. **YHWH** saw that the people on earth were very wicked, that all the imaginings of their hearts were always of evil only. **YHWH** regretted*

*that he had made humankind on the earth; it grieved his heart. **YHWH** said, "I will wipe out humankind, whom I have created, from the whole earth; and not only human beings, but animals, creeping things and birds in the air; for I regret that I ever made them."*

This aligns with John's account in Revelation...

***Rev 12:3** Another sign was seen in heaven: there was a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven royal crowns. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of heaven and threw them down to the earth. It stood in front of the woman about to give birth, so that it might devour the child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, the one who will rule all the nations with a staff of iron. But her child was snatched up to Elohim and his throne; and she fled into the desert, where she has a place prepared by Elohim so that she can be taken care of for 1,260 days. Next there was a battle in heaven — Mikha'el and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But it was not strong enough to win, so that there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, also known as the Devil and Satan [the Adversary], the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him.*

And the book of Jude quotes the book of Enoch...

***Jud 1:6** And the angels that did not keep within their original authority, but abandoned their proper sphere, he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for the Judgment of the Great Day.*

So... the serpent and the fallen angels sought to kill Yeshua at his birth. Who was it that tried to kill Messiah at His birth? Herod the Edomite (**Mat 2**). Or in other words Herod the Edomite was a pawn for Satan.

Gad and Reuben don't want an inheritance within the land, but rather want to take the land outside the Jordan as an inheritance...

***Num 32:1-9** The descendants of **Re'uben** and the descendants of **Gad** had vast quantities of livestock. When they saw that the land of Ya`zer and the land of Gil`ad were good for livestock, the descendants of Gad and of Re'uben came and spoke to Moshe, El`azar the cohen and the community leaders. They said, " `Atarot, Divon, Ya`zer, Nimrah, Heshbon, El`aleh, S`vam, N`vo and Be`on, the country that **YHWH** conquered before the community of Isra`el, is livestock country; and your servants have livestock. If you regard us favorably," they went on, "let this land be given to your servants as their possession; and don't have us cross the Yarden." Moshe answered the descendants of Gad and of Re'uben: "Are your brothers to go to war while you stay here? Besides, why are you trying to discourage the people of Isra`el from crossing into the land **YHWH** gave them? This is what your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh-Barnea to see the land. For when they went up to the Eshkol Valley and saw the land, they disheartened the people of Isra`el, so that they wouldn't enter the land **YHWH** had given them.*

***Num 32:29-33** Moshe said to them, "If the descendants of **Gad** and of **Re'uben** cross over the Yarden with you, every man armed for battle, before **YHWH**; and if the land is conquered before you, then you are to give them the land of Gil`ad as theirs to possess. But if they do not cross with you armed, they are to possess land along with you in Kena`an." The descendants of Gad and of Re'uben answered, "We will do as **YHWH** has said to your servants. We will cross over into the land of Kena`an armed before **YHWH**, and the land we will possess for inheritance will be on this side of the Yarden." So Moshe gave the descendants of Gad and of Re'uben, and also to the half-tribe of M'nasheh the son of Yosef, the kingdom of Sichon king of the Emori and the kingdom of `Og king of Bashan — the country and its cities within its borders, along with their surrounding towns.*

These tribes are the first to go into Assyrian captivity! Maybe their inheritance would have been better than the spot they picked?

**1Ch 5:25-26** But they broke faith with the Elohim of their ancestors and prostituted themselves to the “gods” of the peoples of the land, whom Elohim had destroyed ahead of them. So the Elohim of Isra'el stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Ashur and the spirit of Tilgat-Piln'esor king of Ashur; and he carried them away as captives — the **Re'uveni**, the **Gadi** and the half-tribe of **M'nasheh** — and brought them to Halach, Havor, Hara and to the Gozan River, where they are to this day.

### Haf Torah...

**Hab 3:8-19 YHWH**, is it against the rivers, against the rivers that your anger is inflamed? Is your fury directed at the sea? Is that why you ride on your horses, and drive your chariots to victory? You brandish your naked bow and order it filled with arrows. (Selah) You split the earth with rivers. The mountains see you and tremble; a torrent of water streams by; the deep thunders forth, as it raises enormous waves. The sun and moon stand still in the sky at the light of your arrows speeding by, at the gleam of your glittering spear. In fury you stride across the land, in anger you trample the nations. You come out to save your people, to save your anointed one; you crush the head of the house of the wicked, uncovering its foundation all the way to the neck. With their own rods you pierce the head of their warriors, who come like a whirlwind to scatter us, who rejoice at the prospect of devouring the poor in secret. You tread down the sea with your horses, churning up the mighty waters. When I heard, my whole body trembled, my lips shook at the sound; weakness overcame my limbs, my legs gave way beneath me. But I wait calmly for the day of trouble, when it comes upon our assailants. For even if the fig tree doesn't blossom, and no fruit is on the vines, even if the olive tree fails to produce, and the fields yield no food at all, even if the sheep vanish from the sheep pen, and there are no cows in the stalls; still, I will rejoice in **YHWH**, I will take joy in the Elohim of my salvation. Elohim **YHWH** is my strength! He makes me swift and sure-footed as a deer and enables me to stride over my high places. For the leader. With my stringed instruments.

### Brit Chadesha...

**Rev 19:11-21** Next I saw heaven opened, and there before me was a white horse. Sitting on it was the one called Faithful and True, and it is in righteousness that he passes judgment and goes to battle. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and on his head were many royal crowns. And he had a name written which no one knew but himself. He was wearing a robe that had been soaked in blood, and the name by which he is called is, "THE WORD OF ELOHIM." The armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. And out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down nations — "He will rule them with a staff of iron." It is he who treads the winepress from which flows the wine of the furious rage of **YHWH**, Elohim of heaven's armies. And on his robe and on his thigh he has a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out in a loud voice to all the birds that fly about in mid-heaven, "Come, gather together for the great feast Elohim is giving, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of generals, the flesh of important men, the flesh of horses and their riders and the flesh of all kinds of people, free and slave, small and great!" I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to do battle with the rider of the horse and his army. But the beast was taken captive, and with it the false prophet who, in its presence, had done the miracles which he had used to deceive those who had received the mark of the beast and those who had worshipped his image. The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword that goes out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.