



Congregation Notes Torah Portion Nitzavim
Are We Living in the Days of Demonic Evil? How Do We Stand?
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Deut. 29:9-30:20; Isa. 61:10-63:9; John 12:41-50

***Deuteronomy 28:15-68 samplings paraphrased:** But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16 "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.

17 "Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 "Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

19 "Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

20 "The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. ²¹ The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. ²² The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. ²³ And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. ²⁴ The Lord will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

***Deuteronomy 29:9-12** You are all standing today before the LORD, your God: your heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers - all the men of Israel; your small children, your women, and your proselyte who is in the midst of your camp, from the chopper of your wood to the drawer of your water,

***Jeremiah 6:16** Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls.

***Genesis 4:8-9** (8) Cain said to his brother Abel ... and when they were in the field, Cain set upon his brother Abel and killed him. (9) The LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. **Am I my brother's keeper?**"

***Galatians 6:1** Brothers, if someone is caught in a trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him with a spirit of gentleness. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

***Galatians 6:2** Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Messiah.

***Genesis 44:32-33** Indeed, your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father, saying, 'If I do not return him to you, I will bear the guilt before you, my father, all my life.' Now please let your servant stay here as my lord's slave in place of the boy. Let him return with his brothers.

***Matthew 18:15** If your brother sins against you, go and confront him privately. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

***I Corinthians 5:1-5** It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is intolerable even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. / And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been stricken with grief and have removed from your fellowship the man who did this? / Although I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit, and I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did this, just as if I were present.

***Deuteronomy 29:9** Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them that you may prosper in all that you do.

***Romans 8:28** And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

***Genesis 50:20** But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

***Deuteronomy 29:11** ...for you to pass into the covenant of the LORD, your God and into His oath that the LORD, your God establishes with you today, in order to establish you today to Him as a people (plural) and that He be to you (Singular) a God as He spoke to you (Singular) and as He swore to your forefathers, to Abraham to Isaac, and to Jacob,

***Deuteronomy 29:14** but rather with whoever is present here, with us standing today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today.

***2 Chronicles 15:1-8** Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. ² And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. ³ For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; ⁴ but when in their trouble they turned to the Lord God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. ⁵ And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands. ⁶ So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity. ⁷ But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!

***Deuteronomy 30:14-15** But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may obey it.

"Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster.

***Isaiah 59:19b** When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

***I Samuel 12:10** Then they cried out to the Lord, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord and served the Baals and Ashtoreths but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.

***I Kings 18:17-18** Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?"

¹⁸ And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.

***Jeremiah 19:5** ...they have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind,

***2 Kings 23:10** And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.

***John 12:46** I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

***Deuteronomy 30:14-18a** ¹⁴ But the word *is* very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, ¹⁶ in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

***Ephesians 6:12-13** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand.

***2 Chronicles 7:14** If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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