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**BeChukkotai-In My Statutes**  
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**Romans 11:28-32**

**Introduction**

This portion expands on the blessings which are experienced by the community that follows the teachings and the curses and come to those who violate these teachings. This covenant is called Torah.

**Leviticus 26:40-46**

**40** "But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, <sup>41</sup> so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies-- if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, <sup>42</sup> then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. <sup>43</sup> But the land shall be abandoned by them and enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate without them, and they shall make amends for their iniquity, because they spurned my rules and their soul abhorred my statutes. <sup>44</sup> Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, neither will I abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break my covenant with them, for I am the LORD their God. <sup>45</sup> But I will for their sake remember the covenant with their forefathers, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD." <sup>46</sup> These are the statutes and rules and Torahs that the LORD made between himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai. (ESV)

One of the sins the Israelites were punished for was their failure to allow the land to have its Sabbath rest. As important as it was that Israel would keep the weekly Sabbath, it was just as important that then land be given its Sabbath rest every seven years. If the people would confess their transgressions against the Holy One humble themselves, and make amends between themselves and the Almighty, then He will remember His covenant with the Patriarchs, and He will remember the land. If they don't, He will take the matter into His hands and remove them from the land so the land can have its rest as He told them in the Torah. Ultimately, the Almighty sent Israel into two exiles. The first one involved the ten northern tribes, and they were sent into the Assyrian exile. The second one involved the southern tribes: Judah, Benjamin, Levi, Simeon, and a remnant from the other tribes. They were sent into the Babylonian exile. There were other times Israel was exiled from

the land, and that came with Israel's or Judea's rebellion against Rome and ended with the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E. While there has always been a remnant of Israel in the land, their possession of it after 70 C.E. has been tenuous at best. They have been under foreign domination with the majority of Israel, represented by Judah or the Jewish people, not being able to bring back Israel until 1948 when the United Nations voted on a partition of the land into two countries, Israel and Palestine with land being taken away from Israel to form some Arab countries.

All of this is to show that the Holy One has never forgotten His people and brought the country of Israel back into existence, and there are not many nations who can lay claim to that. The Almighty made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants, and despite their transgressions against the Torah, the covenant, with the Lord He has remained faithful to them even when they have not been faithful with Him. He takes His covenant seriously, and we should as well.

**Psalm 136:23** It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever. (ESV)

**Psalm 98:2** The LORD has made known His **salvation**; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. (NAU)

<03444> יְשׁוּעָה *yeshuah* (447b)

**Meaning:** *salvation*

**Origin:** from 3467

**Usage:** deeds of deliverance (1), deliverance (6), help (4), prosperity (1), salvation (61), save (1), saving (1), security (1), victories (1), victory (1).

In Psalm 136:23, we are told He remembered us even in our fallen state. Had we humbled ourselves before Him, perhaps things might have turned out differently. Then again, we can think about what might have been, or we can pick ourselves up and move forward. How do we do this? In Psalm 98:2, we are told the Holy One has made known His salvation by revealing His righteousness in the sight of the nations. The Hebrew word for salvation is Yeshua, and in this usage, it is a noun, common feminine singular construct suffix 3rd person masculine singular. The implication would be His salvation is meant for everyone, and He has revealed it in the form of the Messiah Yeshua to all of the nations through Israel in its manifestation as Judah. He can't make it any clearer than this until the Father releases Yeshua to come back. When He does, Yeshua will return as the Son of David, through the tribe of Judah to rule during the Messianic Age, to put things right, and to bring His Father's enemies beneath His feet so in the end the Father can come, and the final kingdom can be put in place that will set all things right once and for all.

**Jeremiah 17:14**

**14** Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. (ESV)

<08416> תְהִלָּה *tehillah* (239d)

**Meaning:** *praise, song of praise*

**Origin:** from 1984b

**Usage:** praise (47), praises (6), praising (1), song of praise (1).

Does this mean that we will be healed of our physical problems if we pray to Him to be healed? Were the Israelites healed when they turned back to the Lord? Are we promised we will be healed in all circumstances and situations? Or does it mean He will heal us by bringing us into a right relationship with Him through Messiah? Is it possible to have a relationship with Him without accepting Yeshua as Messiah, or what if you believe in a different Messiah or a different god? Do we all worship the same god just in different ways? These are the questions that are out there and people are asking. There are those who say they are believers but have never asked for forgiveness. In my understanding, we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of the Lord. If we accept this as a fundamental truth showing us that a right relationship with the Lord has to be through faith in Messiah Yeshua, what about those who do not believe in Him? Are they lost if they are going about their lives without any thought whatsoever in either God or His Son?

We are to praise Him in all things and at all times, and sometimes we lose sight of this and forget who it is who extended His mercy to us. As the world spins out of control, the only way to stay on course is to focus on the Creator through His Son. This is not a system we should take for granted because He put it into place in His word, His Bible. He set up a system where an intermediary was necessary in order to approach Him. He showed us how this system worked through the priesthood and the sacrificial system. When the Temple was destroyed, the rabbis came up with a replacement system. How this worked was to be through prayer, charity, and following the mitzvot. So basically, faith was left out of the equation and replaced with legalism.

**Deuteronomy 10:21** He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. (ESV)

If He is our praise, He is our God, and everything He has done is great, then why is it we struggle so much with embracing Him? Why is it we try to find ways to get around His covenant of Torah which is based on faith and trust in the fact the Holy One loves us so much He took the time to put in place the covenant of Torah for our benefit, not for His. Once we come to the point of acceptance, we learn we do need forgiveness, that following Torah is out of faith, and in Torah He teaches us the way to Him is through His Son Yeshua. You can argue that point over and over, but if you profess you accept the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you need to follow the covenant as He laid out for us and not how it was laid out by men. It doesn't matter whether you are Jewish or Christian, the same rules apply as given to us by the Lord, God, Almighty. If you doubt that and think there is an easy way around His covenant by disregarding the parts of it you don't agree with, that is your decision, but I would offer this: There are parts of Torah we do not understand being 3,500 years removed from when Moses gave it to Israel and explained it. In the interim, man has stepped in and offered his own opinions about what God meant in His Torah or what He did not mean. Others have tossed out the Torah altogether and

started over implying that God has made various new covenants or gave a new bible that has no connection whatsoever to the one given at Mount Sinai to Israel and the mixed multitude. The world has lost its direction, and it is not just with the world we live in but the one that has been there since the beginning once man was tossed out of the garden. We have been on a downward spiral since then, but there is hope, and there has always been hope through Torah and Messiah.

### **Romans 11:28-32**

**28** With respect to the Good News they are hated for your sake. But with respect to being chosen they are loved for the Patriarchs' sake, <sup>29</sup> for God's free gifts and his calling are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you yourselves were disobedient to God before but have received mercy now because of Isra'el's disobedience; <sup>31</sup> so also Isra'el has been disobedient now, so that by your showing them the same mercy that God has shown you, they too may now receive God's mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has shut up all mankind together in disobedience, in order that he might show mercy to all. (CJB)

The Shaliach Shaul, the writer of Romans, makes it very clear that all of mankind has been disobedient in order for Him to show His mercy to everyone. No one is outside of His mercy until they reject it and fail to follow His covenant and His Son. Is there truly one universal god? What do you believe the Word has to say about it?

**Numbers 23:19** God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (ESV)

**Galatians 3:22** But instead, the *Tanakh* shuts up everything under sin; so that what had been promised might be given, on the basis of Yeshua the Messiah's trusting faithfulness, to those who continue to be trustingly faithful. (CJB)

Berachot (Blessings) in Messiah Yeshua,

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***Torah Man says: "Never speak loudly to one another unless the house is on fire."***



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