

Torah Cycle 2018-19

Parshah: Eikev

(Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25)

Outline of: *Eikev*

Ch. 7b – Warnings & Assurances

Ch. 8 – Warnings

Ch. 9 – Past Failures of Faith

Ch. 10 – Warnings & Assurances

Ch. 11a – Warnings & Assurances

והיה עקב תשמעון...

*“It shall be that **if** you will listen...”*



עקב
“Heel”

First question of the week:

Can you identify the three extreme mindsets that we are to avoid?

Extreme Mindset #1:

If you should say in your heart, “**These nations are greater than I. How will I be able to drive them out?**” (Deut. 7:17)

Remedy:

1st : Do not fear

2nd : Remember

3rd : Expect the unexpected

Extreme Mindset #2:

Deuteronomy 8:17

... you may say in your heart, “My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.”

Remedy:

1st : Remember

2nd : It's about HIM. / Covenant

Extreme Mindset #3:

Deuteronomy 9:4

Do not say in your heart when Adonai your God has driven them out before you, “Because of my righteousness Adonai has brought me in to possess this land, and because of the wickedness of these nations did *Adonai* drive them out before you.”

Remedy:

1st : It's not about me

2nd : Sin

3rd : Covenant

4th : Remember

Numbers 15:39

It shall be *tzitzit* for you to look at and remember all the commandments of Adonai, so as to do them and not follow after your own **heart** and your own **eyes**, after which you played the harlot.

Second question of the week:

What are the three reasons why God led the people through the Wilderness?

You shall remember the entire road on which Adonai your God led you these forty years in the wilderness ...

1. To **humble** you...
2. To **test** you...
3. To **know** what was in your heart...

...whether you would guard His commandments or not. He **humbled** you and starved you, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Adonai.

(Deut. 8:2-3)

“Humble” = ענה (anah) = “to answer”

“Test” = נסה (nasah)

“Starve” = רעב (ra'eiv)

“Know” = ידע (yada)

נ] → “Banner”
→ “Miracle”

= “famine”

ד = “hand”

Note the “eye” movement!

Exodus 16:11-12

And Adonai spoke to Moses, saying, “I have heard the grumblings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread, and you shall know that I am Adonai your God.’”

Final question of the week:

Why did God wait until the end of the 40 years to tell them this?