

Deuteronomy 32

Ha'azinu | האזינו

“Give ear”

Consisting mostly of the Song of Moses, this week’s portion begins with the instruction to listen or “give ear” and contains the beginning of Moses farewell speech to the Israelites. He has come to the end of his days, and he leaves his people with a song that expresses in poetic form the relationship between the God of righteousness and His often wayward people.

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Community Questions:

1. Who is Moses singing to? And why was the Song of Moses sung?
2. What is the root word of *ha'azinu* and where does it first appear?
3. Compare the “Song of Moses” with the “Song of the Lamb” (Rev. 5:8-14). What jumps out at you?
4. Who will sing the “Song of Moses” and the “Song of the Lamb” (Rev. 15:2-4)?
5. Read Psalm 90. If we understand that the Torah tells us what happened, and the Psalms tell us what it was like to experience what happened, how does this psalm bring commentary to this week’s portion?
6. Listen to a beautiful song together. What makes it beautiful or moving? (*I recommend the Finale of Mahler's 2nd Symphony. It's 17 minutes long, but definitely worth a listen.*)
7. How is your life like a song?
8. Imagine that God has told you that you would die soon and that you are inspired to write a song of instruction to your people. This song is the summation of everything you want for them to remember about God after your passing. What would some of the verses be? What would you include?

