

Deuteronomy 26:1–29:9

## Ki Tavo | כִּי תָבוֹא

“when you come in”

Ki Tavo begins with commands about bringing firstfruits to the central Sanctuary and allocating various tithes. Next is the reminder of what the covenant is: a mutual pledge between the people and God. Next are the features of ancient covenants: the blessing and curses that will follow faithfulness or disobedience. Finally, Moses summons the people in sight of the Land to remind them of the covenant their parents made with God at Mount Sinai.

*Additional Resources:*

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### Community Questions:

1. When and where do you need this portion's instructions?
2. When and where do you need the last portion's (Ki Teitzei's) instructions?
3. Which other portion deals with "entering" (and who is entering where)?
4. Taking into consideration the phrases used in Gal. 3:10 ("lives under a curse") and Acts 23:12 ("bound themselves with an oath"), what does the phrase "under the curse" really mean?
5. In the Galatians passage, Paul refers to the curses against the people of Israel (spelled out in Deut. 28) for violation of the Torah's commandments. By doing this, what was he saying about the covenant people and warning the God-fearing Galatian Gentiles against becoming?
6. How do we reconcile the command to fear God with the passage in 1 John 4:18?
7. Why do you think the fear of God is so little talked about among believers today?
8. In Deut. 21, we read that a hanged man is cursed by God. Scan through the curses of Ki Tavo again, thinking of Yeshua. What thoughts do you have in making this connection?
9. Apply the concepts of "coming into the Land of Promise" and "firstfruits" to Yeshua.
10. Coming into the Land isn't the end of things, for we can still behave in such a way that leads to a curse. How has believing that you have "arrived"—and that the work is done—lead to misery in your life?
11. How do we teach children the idea that firstfruits go to the Lord?
12. How can we apply the concept of firstfruits being given to the Lord in our daily schedule?

