Parashat Emor - אֱמֹר
"say"

Torah portion: Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

Haftarah portion: Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion: 1 Peter 2:4:10

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

* It seems that 1 Peter was written primarily to Hebrew Christians, and that 2 Peter was written primarily to Gentile Christians. However, 2 Peter 3:1 says it is the 2nd letter written to the recipients.

In 1 Peter 2 we can see "to the Jew first, and to the Greek".

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, having-placed-off all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envies and all backbitings,
v2 As just-born babies YOU-long-for the logical unadulterated milk, in-order-that in it YOU-might-be-grown with-reference-to salvation,
v3 If YOU-tasted that the Lord (is) gracious.
v4 To whom coming-to, (a) living stone, on-the-one-hand having-been-rejected-and-still-rejected by MEN on-the-other-hand beside God chosen, honoured,
v5 And YOU yourselves as living stones YOU-are-being-built (a) spiritual household with-reference-to (a) holy priesthood, to-bring-up spiritual sacrifices welcome to God through Jesus Messiah;

[Primarily speaking to Jewish Christians? but note the related inclusion of Gentile Christians at Rev.1:6, Rom.9:25, Hos. 2:23.]

v6 For-the-reason-that it contains in scripture; Behold I-place in Zion (a) chosen, chief-corner, honoured stone, and the (one) trusting on it he by-no-means might-be-disgraced. [Isa. 28:16]
v7 To-YOU, therefore, (is) the honor, to-the (ones) trusting; but to disobeying (ones) (a) stone which the (ones) building rejected, this was-become with-reference-to (a) head of-a-corner
v8 And (a) stone of-stumbling and (a) rock of entrapment; the (ones) disobeying are-stumbling at-the word, [Ps.118:22; John 1:1, 14]
v9 With-reference-to which they-were also placed; but YOU-(are) (a) chosen race, (a) kingly priesthood, (a) holy nation, (a) people with-reference-to possession, in-which-case YOU-might-declare the virtues of-the (one) having-called YOU out-of darkness with-reference-to his marvelous light;

Revelation 1:4 John to-the seven assemblies namely-the-ones in the Asia: Favor to-YOU and peace from the (one) being and the (one who) was and the (one) coming, and from the seven spirits which (are) in-sight of his throne,
v5 And from Jesus Messiah, the trustworthy witness, the first-born of the dead(s) and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To-the (one) cherishing us and having-loosed us out-of our sins in his blood, 
v6 And be-made us (a) kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to-him the glory and the might with-reference-to the ages of the ages: Amen. 
v7 Behold he-is-coming with the clouds and every eye will-see him and they-who pierced him, and all the tribes of the land will-themselves-bewail on him. Yea, Amen.

Hosea 2:23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth: and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them that were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say Thou art my God.

Now this speaks to Jews (to the Jew first), AND In Romans, the Holy Spirit directly applies this verse to the Gentiles that are also "called out":

Romans 9:24 Whom (has) he called, even us, not only out-of Jews BUT also out-of nations?
Note the called out N.T. Jews are called out of Israel, which is called out of nations already. They are called out from their Sinai Covenant relationship with YHVH into the New Covenant relationship with YHVH, hence again:

1 Peter 2:5 And YOU yourselves as living stones YOU-are-being-built (a) spiritual household with-reference-to (a) holy priesthood, to-bring-up spiritual sacrifices welcome to-God through Jesus Messiah;

v25 As even in the Hosea he-is-saying: I-shall-call the people not mine, my people, and the (woman?) not having-been-cherished-and-still-(not)-cherished, having-been-cherished-and-still-cherished;

v26 And it-will-be in the place, the-place-where, it-was-said to-them: YOU (-are) not my people, there they-will-be-called sons of (the) living God.

Cont. 1 Peter 2
v10 Who at-one-time not (a) people, but now (a) people of-God, the (ones) not having-received-mercy-and-still-not-having-received-mercy, but now having received-mercy, [primarily to Hebrew Christians?]
v11 Cherished (ones), I-am-entreating (you) as dwellers-abroad and resident-aliens to-be-holding-off of-the fleshly desires, ones-who are-serving-in-the-army against the soul; [primarily to Hebrew Christians? - "as dwellers-abroad and resident-aliens" - Jews in Israel and dispersed abroad]
v12 Having YOUR fine conduct among the Gentiles, in-order-that in which they-are-speaking-against YOU as of-bad-doers, they-might viewing (some) out-of the fine works, glorify the God in (a) day of-oversight.
v13 YOU-be-subjected to-every human creation be-cause-of the Lord; whether to-king as holding-above,
v14 Or to-governors as being-sent through him with-reference-to an avenging of-of bad-doers, but laudation of-good-doers;
v15 That thus it-is the will of-the God, to-muzzle (by) doing-good the not-knowing of-the foolish MEN;
v16 As free (ones), and not having the freedom as (a) covering-over of-the malice, BUT as slaves of-God,
v17 YOU-honor all, YOU-be-cherishing the brotherhood, YOU-be-fearing the God, YOU-be-honoring the king.
v18 The house-servants, subjecting-yourselves in all fear to-the despots, not only to-the good and lenient (ones) BUT also to-the crooked. [!]
v19 For this (is) favor if because of conscience of-God some-one is-undergoing griefs suffering unjustly.
v20 For what-sort (of) news if sinning and being-buffeted YOU-will-persevere? BUT if doing-good and suffering YOU-will-persevere, this (is) favor beside God.
v21 For with-reference-to this YOU-were-called, because also Messiah suffered in-behalf-of YOU, leaving-under for-YOU (a) model in-order-that YOU-might-follow after his footsteps;
v22 Who did not sin neither was guile found in his mouth;
v23 Who being-reviled he-was not reviling-in-return, suffering he-was not threatening, but he-was-giving-over to-the (one) judging justly;
v24 Who our sins he himself brought-up in his body on the wood, in-order-that having-become-away to-the sins we-might-live to-the justice; with-the welt of-whom YOU-were cured.
v25 For YOU-were as sheep being-led-astray, BUT now YOU-were-turned-around on the shepherd and overseer of YOUR souls.

Note these Observant Jews were "turned around" in Messiah Jesus - from their works:

*Hebrews 4:3* For we, the (ones) having-trusted, are-going-in into the rest, according-as he-has-said-and-still-says: As I-swore in my wrath; if they-will-go-in into my rest; and-yet of-the works having-been-come-to-pass from casting-down of-(a)-world."

*Reading in "Judaism In Stone, The Archaeology of Ancient Synagogues", by Hershel Shanks. The Archaeology testimony reveals ancient rabbinic Judaism was much connected to Satan's idolatrous Zodiac.*

This is the "mindset" so many of today's "Messianics" seek to attain, while castigating (correctly) the Gentile Christian Assembly for doing the same thing via the Papal worship system (Mystery Babylon).
God forgave them too:

Luke 23:34a "But the Jesus was-saying: Father, you-forgive them, for they-are not knowing-absolutely what they-are-doing."

Who is Jesus, that he instructs the Father?

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

It is impossible for God to lie:

Hebrews 6:18 "In-order-that through two unchangeable things, in which (it-is) impossible (for) God to-lie, we-might-be-having strong comfort, the (ones) having-fled-for-refuge to-retain of-the hope lying-before (us);"

How much more their (Jews) fullness:

Romans 11:12 "But if their offence (is) riches of-(a)-world and their inferiority (is) riches of-nations, in-how-much more their fulness."

See above; God cannot lie.

The action of the cross - Jesus' work - goes forward and backward in time:

Romans 3:24 Being-justified gratuitously by his favor through the redemption-back namely-the (one) in Messiah Jesus;

v25 Whom the God himself-placed-before, (a) propitiatory through trust in his blood, with-reference-to (a) demonstration of-his justice because of the letting-go-unpunished of-the sinful-acts having-come-to-pass-before-and-still-existing

No one comes to the Father except THROUGH Jesus:

John 14:6 "The Jesus is-saying to-him, I myself-am the way and the truth and the life. No-one is-coming to the Father unless through me."

That veil was his flesh.

Hebrews 10:19-20 "Having therefore brothers, boldness-of-speech with-reference-to the entering-in of-the holy-ones in the blood of-Jesus,

Which (entering-in) he-dedicated for-us (a) way recently-slain and living, through the veil, this is his flesh,"

John 1:17 Because the law was-given through Moses; the favor and the truth came-to-be through Jesus Messiah.
What then about the Jew?

Romans 11:7 What then? What Israel is-seeking-after, this it-attained not, but the choice attained; but the others were-petrified,

v8 Even-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: The God gave to-them (a) spirit of-compunction, eyes not to-be-looking and ears not to-be-hearing, till of-the today day.

Romans 11:1 I-am-saying therefore, (has) the God pushed-away-from-himself his people? (No!) May-it-not-come-to-pass: for I myself also am (an) Israelite, out-of seed of-Abraham, of-(the)-tribe of-Benjamin.

v2 The God (has) not pushed-away-from-himself his people whom he-came-to-know-before. Or are-YOU not knowing-absolutely what the scripture is-saying in (the history of) Elias, as he-is-interceding With-the God down-upon the Israeli?

Prophecy; You (Jews) - shall - be holy:

Leviticus 19:1 "And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying;"

v2 "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I Jehovah your God am holy".

You (spoken to Jewish Christians, but also applies to Gentile Christians in the One New Man of Eph. 2:15) know absolutely that you- shall - be holy with the blood of the lamb, Jesus:

1 Peter 1:15 BUT according-to the holy-(one) having-called YOU also YOU yourselves become holy in all conduct,

v16 For-the-reason-that it-has-been-written-and-is-still-written: YOU-shall-be holy because I (am) holy.

v17 And if YOU-are-calling-on (a) Father the-one judging without-respect-to-persons according-to the work of-each, YOU-turnabout in fear the time of YOUR dwelling-abroad,

v18 Knowing-absolutely that YOU-were not redeemed with-perishable-things, silver-coin or gold-objects, out-of YOUR aimless conduct given-over-from-(your)-father,

v19 BUT with-precious blood as of-a-lamb-sacrifice unblemished and without-spot, Messiah,

Hebrews 9:15 And because-of this he-is mediator of-a-new-quality covenant, in-which-case a-death (is) having-come-to-pass with-reference-to redemption-back of-the transgressions on the first covenant, the (ones) having-been-and-still-being-called might take the promise of-the eternal inheritance.

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant (ברית חידה) with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

vs32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah.
vs33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:

vs34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

Hebrews 8:6 Now on-the-other hand he-has-reached-and-still-has (a) more-diverse public-ministry, by-as-much-as he-is also mediator-of-a-better covenant, one-which has-been-given-a-law on better promises.

[The New Covenant has a law.]

v7 For if that first (covenant) was faultless, (a) place was not being-sought of-a-second.

v8 For finding-fault with-them he-is-saying: Behold days are-coming, Jehovah is saying, and I-shall-finish-completely upon the household of-Israel and upon the household of-Judah (a) new-quality covenant,

v9 Not according-to the covenant which I-made to-their fathers in (a) day of-my having-taken-hold of-their hand to-lead them out-of (the) land of-Egypt, because they themselves remained not in my covenant, and I myself neglected of-them, Jehovah is-saying.

v10 Because this (is) the covenant which I-shall-myself-covenant to-the household of-Israel after those days, Jehovah is-saying, giving my laws into their intellect, and I-shall-inscribe them on their hearts, and I-shall-be to-them with-reference-to God and they themselves will be to-me with-reference-to (a) people.

v11 And they-might not teach each (one) his citizen and each (one) his brother, saying: You-come-to-know the Lord, because they-will all know me absolutely from little till great of-them.

v12 Because I-shall-be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and of their sins I (by no means) might-be still mindful.

v13 In saying new-quality he-has-made the first (covenant) old-and-it-is-still-old; but the (thing) being-made-old and growing-aged (is) near of-vanishing.

Romans 10:6 "But the righteousness out-of trust is-saying thus: Might-you not say in your heart: Who will-ascent into the heaven? This is tolead-down Messiah;

v7 Or: Who will-descend into the abyss? This is tolead-up Messiah out-of dead (ones)."

v8 BUT what is-it-saying? The saying is near you, in your mouth and in your heart; the saying of-the trust which we-are-preaching is this; (Deut.30:14)

v9 That if you-might-confess with your mouth Jehovah Jesus, and you-might-trust in your heart that the God raised him out-of dead (ones), you-will-be-saved;

v10 For with-heart he-is-being-trusted with-reference-to righteousness, but with-mouth he-is-being-confessed with-reference-to salvation.

v11 For the scripture is-saying: Every one trusting on him will not be-disgraced. (Isa.28:16)

v12 For (there) is not strict-order both of Jew and of Greek. For the same Jehovah of-all, being-rich with-reference-to all the (ones) calling-on him;

v13 For every (one) whosoever might-call-on the name of-Jehovah will-be-saved. (Joel 2:32)
Philippians 2:5 "YOU-be-having this opinion in YOU which also (is) in Messiah Jesus,
v6 Who existing in form of-God considered not the being equal with-God (a thing for) seizure,
v7 BUT he-emptyted himself having-taken form of (a) slave, having-become in similitude of-MEN;
v8 And having-been-found in-figure as MAN he-humbled himself having-become obedient as-far-as death, but death of-(a)-cross.
v9 and on-this-account the God exceedingly-exalted him and bestowed-a-favor to-him the name, namely-the-one above every name,"
v10 "In-order-that in the name of-Jesus every knee might-bend of-(those)-in-(the)-heavenly and of-(those)-earthly and of-(those)-subterranean.
v11 And every tongue might-acknowledge that Jesus Messiah (is) Jehovah with-reference-to glory of-God (the) Father,"

YHVK Yeshua/Jehovah Jesus is HaShem (the name) above all names.

Jesus speaks to Jews before his crucifixion:

Luke 21:28 But (as) these-(things) (are) beginning to-be-coming-to-pass YOU-stand-erect and YOU-elevate YOUR heads, for-the-reason-that YOUR redemption-back is-drawing-near.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

Jacob (the 12 tribes of Israel) will be saved.

Romans 11:26 And thus all Israel will-be-saved, according-as it-has-been-and-still-is-written: The (one) delivering will-be-present out-of Sion, he-will-turn-back impiety from Jacob.
v27 And this (is) the covenant from me to-them, at-the-time-that I-might-remove-for-myself their sins.
v28 On-the-one-hand enemies according-to the good-news because-of YOU, on-the-other-hand cherished (ones) according-to the choice because-of the fathers;
v29 For the bestowed-favors and the calling of-the God (are) unregrettable.
v30 For as-altogether YOU yourselves at-one-time disobeyed the God, but now YOU-had-mercy-bestowed in-the disobedience of-these.
v31 Thus these also now disobeyed in-order-that by your mercy they themselves also might now have-mercy-bestowed.
v32 For the God shut-together all the (ones) with-reference-to disobedience in-order-that he-might-have-mercy (on) all the (ones).
v33 O depth of-God's riches and wisdom and knowledge; as unsearchable his sentences and untraceable his ways.
v34 For who came-to-know (the) mind of Jehovah? Or who became his fellow-counsellor?
v35 Or who gave-before to-him, and it-will-be-repaid to-him?
v36 Because out-of him and through him and with-reference-to him (are) the all-things; to-him (be) the glory with-reference-to the ages: Amen.
To show the Eternal Hope of the "Old Covenant" Jew:

1 Thessalonians 4:13 *We are not willing (for) YOU to-be-ignorant, brothers, concerning the (ones) having-fallen-asleep-and-still-falling-asleep, in-order-that YOU might not be-being-grieved according-as even the others namely-the (ones) not having hope.*

Note this "Hope" may not have been their hope, but it is certainly OUR Hope. That is, WE, in and by Messiah Yeshua, have hope for them too. If they were expecting a Messiah and died before His time here as Yeshua, they had this Hope also. If they were blinded to Messiah by God, they may or may not have hoped on the Messiah, yet they may still have His Hope.

next, "**concerning the (ones) having-fallen-asleep-and-still-falling-asleep**" are further defined into subgroups:

v14 *For if we-are-trusting that Jesus died-off and he-stood-up-again, thus also the God will-lead with him the (ones) having-fallen-asleep through the Jesus.*

*Remember Yeshua and the Father are ONE. Jn.10:30*

So when Jesus/Yeshua/God/YHVH returns, he will bring those that fell asleep with him. **This is one group.**

v15 *For we-are-saying this to-YOU with word of Jehovah, that we the (ones) living namely-the (ones) being-left-around with-reference-to the presence of-the Lord might not come-first-before the (ones) having-fallen-asmleel;*

So then those alive on Earth at Yeshua's return (a second group) will not come before those that are already with him.

v16 *Because the Lord himself with stimulating-cry, with voice of-an-archangel and with trumpet of God, will-descend from heaven, and the dead (ones) in Messiah will-stand-up-again-for-themselves firstly,*

Note especially that **this third group are the dead in Messiah**, and that they will-stand-up-again-for-themselves first.

"**The dead in Messiah**" are not the same as those that are "**Having-fallen-asleep through the Jesus**".

The dead in Messiah are those Old Covenant & 'under Law' Jews that were looking towards the Messiah.

v17 *Thereafter we the (ones) living namely-the (ones) being-left-around shall-be-seized*
at-the-same-time with them in clouds with-reference-to meeting of-the Lord into air; and thus we-shall-be always with Jehovah.

AFTER - from other scripture (1Cor15) we know we are changed to incorruptible in a moment, a twinkling of an eye, but this does not mandate a set speed of chronological events to take place surrounding this instantaneous change. How long AFTER? I think/hope not long...

AFTER the dead in Messiah (third group vs16) are resurrected, and look on Him whom they pierced, and all Israel is saved,

Then we the living left around (second group vs 15) are seized with them (third group) with reference to meet Yeshua and the first group that is with him,

with them with reference to meet - Note those left around (vs17) cannot be seized at the same time with those coming with Yeshua because they are already there with Him! They have already "met" him.
( and there is another way of looking at this)
v18 So that YOU-be-comforting one-another with these words.

In summary of 1 Thes.4:13-18, there is Hope for "Old Covenant" Jews, even if they don't know Jesus/Yeshua as Messiah.

We thankfully consider God's witness - the Jews - throughout history:
Romans 3:1 What therefore the advantage of-the Jew or what the profit of-the circumcision?
v2 Much according-to every manner. For first on-the-one-hand because they-were-trusted (with) the oracles of-the God.

The Jew has been killed throughout history for their witness of God's truth:
Matthew 24:9 Then they-will-give YOU over into tribulation, and they-will-kill YOU; and YOU-will-be being-hated by all the Gentiles because-of my name.

Not a hair of their head has perished:

Here also are those Jews killed in the Holocaust, and throughout time:
Revelation 6:9 And when he-opened the fifth seal, I-saw underneath of-the altar the souls of-the (ones) having-been-and-still-slain because-of the word of-the God and because-of the witness which they-were-having.
v10 And they-cried with-(a)great voice saying: Till at-what-time, the despot namely-the holy and authentic, are-you not judging and avenging our blood out-of the (ones) residing on the earth?
And (a) white stolee was-given to-them each (one), and it was said to-them in-order-that they-themselves-might-rest-again yet (a) little time, till also their fellow-slaves and their brothers namely-the future (ones) to-be-being-killed also as they, might fulfill (their lives?).

Note they are GIVEN white stolees (robes).

And here are those Christians ("the (ones) having-fallen-asleep through the Jesus"-1 Thes.4:14), who washed their stolees (robes) in the blood of the lamb:

**Revelation 7:9** After these (things) I-saw, and behold much crowd, and which not-one was-being able to-number it, out-of every nation and of-tribes and of-peoples and of-languages, having-stood-and-still-standing in-sight of the throne and in-sight of the lamb, having-been-and-still-cast-around (with) white stolees, and palms in their hands;

(Note they are in sight of the throne, having come THROUGH Jesus as per John 14:6. That they have hands indicates they have bodies)

v10 And they-are-crying with-(a)-great voice saying: The salvation to our God namely-the (one) sitting on the throne and to-the lamb.

v11 And all the angels had-been-standing in-a-circle of-the throne and of-the elders and of-the four living-creatures, and they-fell on their faces in-sight of the throne and they-worshipped the God,

v12 Saying: Amen, the blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the giving-of-thanks and the honor and the power and the strength to our God with-reference to the ages-of the ages: amen.

v13 And one out-of the elders answered saying to-me: These, the (ones) having-been-and-still-cast-around (with) the stolees namely-the white (ones), who are-they and from-whence came-they?

v14 And I-have-said-and-still-say to him: My lord, you yourself know-absolutely. And he said to-me: These are the (ones) coming out-of the tribulation, namely-the great (one), and they-washed their stolees and they-whitened them in the blood of the lamb,

v15 Because of this they-are in-sight of the throne of the God, and they-are-serving him of-day and of-night in his sanctuary, and the (one) sitting on the throne will-tabernacle on them.

And we should remember that many Christians were killed during the Holocaust and throughout time. The believers (Christians) killed or "sleeping in Jesus" (since the cross) have accepted Jesus as Messiah and YHVH and are therefore able to stand in his presence; the "old testament saints" in Rev.6:9 have not yet been resurrected and committed to Messiah Yeshua/Jesus (Zech.12:10, Phil. 2:5-11) and therefore are as yet "out of sight" under the alter.

The Holocaust is incomprehensible. May we remain hopeful in the truth that God does not lie.