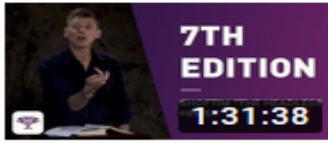


Week 48: Shoftim 'Judges': Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9; Isaiah 51:12-52:12



## 7th Edition - Shoftim "The Headless Heifer"

### Torah to the Tribes

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This is the litmus test of our faith. This depicts the Elohim we serve. YHWH reveals the purpose and the administrators of His theocratic government; judge, king, priest, and prophet. With each position comes restrictions.

Deut. 16 – the restrictions of the judge – corrected by king or priest

Deut. 17 - 18 – the restrictions of the king is the prophet

Deut. 17 -Who restricts the priest – his father; via lineage.

Deut. 18:20 / Deut. 13 – the prophet is corrected by YHWH. They are not to add or take away from His word. - Yahusha is the judge; the priest; the prophet; and the king.

Deut. 19 – Cities of refuge

Deut. 20 - Warrior

Deut. 21 – Beheaded, broken neck of the heifer.

Isaiah – 9:6

Isa 9:6 For a Child is born unto us, a Son is given unto us, and the rule is on His shoulder. And His Name is called Wonder, Counsellor, Strong Ėl, Father of Continuity, Prince of Peace.

2Tim. 4 – the Messiah, the Word, will judge us all. Until He returns; we have the responsibility to judge between sound doctrine and false doctrine. Iron sharpens iron.

Matthew 2 – establishes Yahusha as the King

Matthew 3:15 – John the Immerser – The Malki goes down into the water and comes up Malki-Tzedek – He fulfills all righteousness.

Psalm 110:4 – Yahusha is the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek

Deut. 18:15 – the Prophet will come – will be like Moses – He will be like YHWH. [Dual prophesy]

Eph. 4:11 – 5-fold ministry – the judge; king; priest; prophet; and the ultimate culmination - Yahusha draws all of them together.

Canonical Prophet Definition by the 'church': a prophet was one of prediction; foretelling; but was usually done in a context of declaring YHWH's warnings.

Proper definition is: **A prophet is someone who speaks the 'will' of YHWH.** Speaking and proclaiming His Word.

Summaries and Insights below by Libby Lingenfelter

## **Deuteronomy 16**

Keeping the moedim are essential to every generation! His moedim are His prophetic time clock. **They are His rehearsals with His bride.** One day, when the Book of Revelation unfolds; we will see His return and His gathering of His people.

No one knows the day or hour of His return; but we know He acts according to His moedim. These moedim are also associated with the 'harvest' seasons of barley, wheat, and grapes/olives. In turn, each of these have their associated first fruit offerings.

His moedim, His Sabbaths; His Sabbatical Years, His Jubilees all work hand in hand with the Book of Revelation. We should be preparing ourselves for these end-time harvests; preferably the harvest of first fruits.

Just like in Deuteronomy 16, we should teach each generation about His moedim, His 'appointed times'. Some will listen and some will cling to Christmas trees, Ishtar 'Easter' eggs, and the like; refusing to see the connection of man-made traditions with pagan worship.

We are to remain watchful by following His moedim. We are to be the 5 wise virgins with plenty of oil in their lamps to be ever ready for His return. The moedim of Passover is even called the night of watches. The Israelites in Egypt had been ready; they ate with their loins girded, their sandals on; and their staff in hand. They had followed the instructions given by Moses; and had applied the blood of their Passover lambs on the door posts and lintel.

Exo 12:41 And it came to be at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, on that same day it came to be that all the divisions of יהוה went out from the land of Mitsrayim.

Exo 12:42 It is a night of watches unto יהוה for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, for all the children of Yisra'el throughout their generations.

Teaching about the Passover to the generation entering the promise land had to be bittersweet for Moses. His mind had to race back 40 years prior as he gave the instructions to the Israelites enslaved in Egypt. Moses had to have been incredibly sad,

not to being able to crossover the Jordan and observe the upcoming Passover. But praise Yah! One day we all will observe His moedim with Him forever and ever. Moses, like all of us, will rejoice and the sad things in this present reality will pass away.

In the Passover we observe today, we partake of the bread and wine. For those that accept His invitation of the New Covenant, they observe the covenant confirming meal with Yahusha and become betrothed to Him. We also perform washing of each other's feet which represents a priestly set-apartness. Scriptures are read; songs are sung; and the story of the Exodus out of Egypt is recounted. Today, under the Melchizedek Priesthood; the administering of Passover is different than in Deuteronomy 16. There is no longer a need to sacrifice lambs nor any other animal sacrifices. Yahusha laid down His life, and **with His own precious blood, made full atonement for our sins; once and for all!** We guard His charge, by observing His Word according to the current administration. This is very important to understand because to this day; some still perform animal sacrifices at Passover.

Moses begins:

### Passover

**Deu 16:1** “Guard the new *moon* of Abib, and perform the Pěsaḥ<sup>a</sup> to יהוה your Elohim, for in the new *moon*<sup>b</sup> of Abib יהוה your Elohim brought you out of Mitsrayim by night.

Footnotes: <sup>a</sup> Pěsaḥ - See Explanatory Notes - Passover. <sup>b</sup>Or month.

**Deu 16:2** “And you shall slaughter the Pěsaḥ to יהוה your Elohim, from the flock and the herd, in the place where יהוה chooses to put His Name.

**Deu 16:3** “Eat no leavened bread with it. For seven days you eat unleavened bread with it, bread of affliction, because you came out of the land of Mitsrayim in haste – so that you remember the day in which you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, all the days of your life.

**Deu 16:4** “And no leaven should be seen with you in all your border for seven days, neither should *any* of the meat which you slaughter in the evening on the first day stay all night until morning.

**Deu 16:5** “You are not allowed to slaughter the Pěsaḥ within any of your gates which יהוה your Elohim gives you,

**Deu 16:6** but at the place where יהוה your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell, there you **slaughter the Pěsaḥ in the evening, at the going down of the sun,** at the appointed time you came out of Mitsrayim.

**Deu 16:7** “And you shall roast and eat it in the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents.

**Deu 16:8** “Six days you eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there is a closing festival to יהוה your Elohim – you do no work.

### The Feast of Weeks

Deu 16:9 "Count seven weeks for yourself. Begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain.

Deu 16:10 "And you shall perform the Festival of **Shabu'oth<sup>c</sup>** to יהוה your Elohim, according to the voluntary offering from your hand, which you give as יהוה your Elohim blesses you. **Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Weeks.**

Deu 16:11 "And you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim, you and your son and your daughter, and your male servant and your female servant, and the Lěwite who is within your gates, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are in your midst, at the place where יהוה your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell.

Deu 16:12 "**And you shall remember that you were a slave in Mitsrayim, and you shall guard and do these laws.**

### The Feast of Booths also known as the Feast of 'Ingathering'

Deu 16:13 "Perform the Festival of **Sukkot<sup>d</sup>** **for seven days after the ingathering from your threshing-floor and from your winepress,** **Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Booths.**

Deu 16:14 and you shall rejoice in your festival, you and your son and your daughter, and your male servant and your female servant, and the Lěwite, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates.

Deu 16:15 "For seven days you shall celebrate to יהוה your Elohim in the place which יהוה chooses, because יהוה your Elohim does bless you in all your increase and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be only rejoicing!

Deu 16:16 "**Three times a year all your males appear before יהוה your Elohim in the place which He chooses: at the Festival of Matzot,<sup>e</sup> and at the Festival of Shabu'oth,<sup>c</sup> and at the Festival of Sukkot<sup>d</sup>. And none should appear before יהוה empty-handed,** **Footnotes: <sup>c</sup>Weeks. <sup>d</sup>Booths. <sup>e</sup>Unleavened Bread.**

Deu 16:17 *but* each one with the gift of his hand, according to the blessing of יהוה your Elohim which He has given you.

Today justice is becoming grossly perverted; and sadly, it will only get worse in the end of days. As I have mentioned before there is a push to have the Satanic Babylonian Talmudic Noahide Laws enforced internationally. The Sanhedrin have already been re-established by the Chabad-Lubavitch sect since 2004. Their offices are world-wide; ready and waiting. This proposed international 'court system', which would like to take the place of the UN, would NOT rightly rule; they would show partiality; they would take bribes. In other words, they would not use equal weights and measures. This type of 'court system' was what Yahusha HaMashiach faced; deadly and satanic. This of course is only one strategy of the enemy.

### Justice – Torah Portion Shoftim 'Judges'

Deu 16:18 "**Appoint judges and officers within all your gates,** which יהוה your Elohim is

giving you, according to your tribes. And they shall judge the people with **righteous right-ruling**.

Deu 16:19 “Do not distort right-ruling. Do not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.

Deu 16:20 “Follow righteousness, righteousness *alone*, so that you live and inherit the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.

Today, idol worship is everywhere especially in Washington D.C. and the like. Obelisk Christmas trees are dragged into 'churches' world-wide; Easter 'Ishtar' egg hunts take place on church grounds; there is an awakening to these deceitful practices, and hopefully more and more will take heed; and 'come out of her my people.'

### Forbidden Forms of Worship

Deu 16:21 “Do not plant for yourself any tree as an Asherah near the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim that you make for yourself.

Deu 16:22 “And do not set up a pillar, which יהוה your Elohim hates.

### Deuteronomy 17

Deu 17:1 “Do not slaughter to יהוה your Elohim a bull or sheep which has any blemish, any evil matter, for that is an abomination to יהוה your Elohim. [This is akin to idolatry and that is why it follows Deut. 16:22 – because it adds or takes away.]

Deu 17:2 “When there is found in your midst, in any of your cities which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the eyes of יהוה your Elohim, in transgressing His covenant,

Deu 17:3 and has gone and served other mighty ones and bowed down to them, or to the sun or to the moon or to any of the host of the heavens, which I have not commanded,

Deu 17:4 and it has been made known to you and you have heard, and have searched diligently. Then see, if true: the matter is confirmed that such an abomination has been done in Yisra'el,

Deu 17:5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil matter, and you shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.

Deu 17:6 “At the mouth of two or three witnesses shall he that is to die be put to death. He is not put to death by the mouth of one witness.

Deu 17:7 “The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people last. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

YHWH deserves our very best; we are to be 'living sacrifices' offering spiritual offerings of praise and worship; we should have the mind of Yahusha by diligently studying His Word; we should do the will of YHWH [the Father]; and lastly we should walk in the Spirit and be doers of His Word, not hearers only.

Today, this is how we properly administer and guard YHWH's charge. We will see that 'His charge' to us under the New Testament; differs from His charge given in Deuteronomy 17.

- This should be obvious since Yahusha, was the final unblemished, spotless sacrifice; who laid down His life and took it back up; once for all!
  - 1Pe 1:19 but with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,
- This should be obvious since the priesthood was transferred from John the Immerser to Yahusha our High Priest of the Melchizedek order. Being born under the Book of the Law, they were properly administering the Book of the Law, in the time period in which they lived. This was the proper transference consecration from one high priest [Aaronic] to The Melchizedek.
  - Mat 3:14 But Yoḥanan was hindering Him, saying, "I need to be immersed by You, and You come to me?" Mat 3:15 But יהושע answering, said to him, "Permit it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.
- This should be obvious knowing with a change in priesthood comes a change in law.
  - Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lēwitical priesthood – for under it the people were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitseḏeq, and not be called according to the order of Aharon? Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed,<sup>b</sup> of necessity there takes place a change of law also.
- This should be obvious that there has been a change in 'administrations.' Let me ask you: What priesthood were you born under? Who is your High Priest?
- This should be obvious that we have been redeemed once and for all, not with the blood of bulls and goats; but by the precious blood of the Lamb.
  - Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, Heb 9:12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.
- This should be obvious we should not go back to the 'administration' of animal sacrifices; this would be trampling on the blood of Yahusha making His ultimate sacrifice of no effect. The following two verses clearly depicts the change in administration of law.
  - Heb 10:28 Anyone who has disregarded the Torah of Mosheh dies without compassion on the witness of two or three witnesses.
  - Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment do you think shall he deserve who has trampled the Son of Elohim underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was set apart as common, and insulted the Spirit of favour?



- This should be obvious that when we accept His invitation to the New Covenant; we are accepting His proposal to only being devoted to Him; and Him to us.
  - Heb 9:16 For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established. Heb 9:17 For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted one is living.
- This should be obvious that the bread and the wine of Passover is now our covenant confirming meal. There is no greater love than His; the bread representing His body and the wine His blood. The foot washing represents our priestly transference into His Melchizedek Priesthood as His kingdom of priests. He is the pure 'unleavened' Word of YHWH; with nothing added nor taken away. We are Israel **born from above!** Not a state called 'Israel' in the middle east. We are the mixed multitude of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. We are the one new man; depicted as the child being born in Revelation 12, with Yahusha as the head.
  - Joh 13:7 יהושע answered and said to him, "You do not know what I am doing now, but you shall know after this." Joh 13:8 Kēpha said to Him, "By no means shall You wash my feet, ever!" יהושע answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."
- This should be obvious that Yahusha is not only our Groom but is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. [Psalm110:4]
  - Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq."
- This should be obvious that proving one's mother/father lineage is not required to be part of YHWH's kingdom of priests after the order of Melchizedek; as it had been under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.
- I will stop here, but I most certainly could go on to reproof improper administration of His Word. We have been under leadership long enough that has done so; knowingly or unknowingly. We have Yahusha [YHWH in Son] and we have His Holy Spirit [Ruach HaKodesh] to lead us into all truth. **This requires diligently studying His Word.**
  - Paul is a perfect example of this. He too, like Yahusha was born under the administration of the Book of the Law. He had memorized most, if not all, of the Tenak [Pentateuch; Prophets; Writings]; yet, before he went on his journeys; he went back and studied His Word for 3 years with His new eyes. He studied the Word from the Covenant Torah perspective and was no longer under the curse of the Book of the Law.
  - Paul was the chosen vessel who preached on this very topic; change in priesthood – change in law. He had been born again by faith!
    - Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah are under the curse, for it has been written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah, to do them." Deu 27:26.
    - Gal 3:11 And that no one is declared right by Torah before Elohim is clear, for "**The righteous shall live by belief.**" Hab 2:4.
    - Gal 3:12 And the Torah is not of belief, but "**The man who does them shall live by them.**" Lev 18:5.
    - Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, having become a curse for us – for it has been written, "**Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.**" – Deu 21:23.
    - Gal 3:14 in order that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah יהושע, to receive the promise of the Spirit through belief.

In **Deuteronomy 17**, Moses continues to instruct the people, that are about to enter the promise land, on how to properly administer sacrifices; legal decisions; and governing under the Book of the Law. In **Deuteronomy 31:26**, Moses completes this Book of the Law and places it beside the Ark of the Covenant as a witness against them.

Deu 31:26 "Take this Book of the Torah [Law], and you shall place it beside the ark of the covenant of יהוה your Elohim, and it shall be there as a witness against you,

**Remember**, Moses, Aaron, and the people were FIRST under the Melchizedek Priesthood before the people sinned with the golden calf. The Book of the Covenant Ex. 19:4-Ex.24:11 given at Mt. Sinai had been agreed upon with the people; blood ratified; and the covenant confirming meal took place. Just look at who was at this meal with YHWH!

Exo 24:9 And Mosheh went up, also **Aharon, Nadab, and Abihu**, and seventy of the elders of Yisra'el,

Exo 24:10 and they saw the Elohim of Yisra'el, and under His feet like a paved work of sapphire stone, and like the heavens for brightness.

Exo 24:11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the chiefs of the children of Yisra'el! And they saw Elohim, and they ate and drank.

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was established to implement the imposed Book of the Law to spare their very lives. The Melchizedek Priesthood predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. The righteous Melchizedek lineage would run parallel to the Aaronic priesthood in a denigrated position; UNTIL Yahusha HaMashiach would once again elevate the Melchizedek Priesthood forevermore!

**Read Deuteronomy 17** and compare to the present changes we are under as His kingdom of priests of the Melchizedek Order. We are now under the administration of Covenant Torah. That doesn't mean we neglect or exclude any portion of Scripture! All is profitable! The time period under the Book of the Law and the Aaronic Priesthood pointed us to Yahusha! It was a parable [Heb. 9:9] to teach us about Him; about being priests; about His Dwelling Place; about obedience, etc.!

Heb 9:9 which was a parable for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

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 1Pe 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**,<sup>b</sup> Deu 10:15 a **royal priesthood**,<sup>c</sup> Isa 61:6 a **set-apart nation**,<sup>d</sup> Exo 19:6 a **people for a possession**,<sup>e</sup> Isa 43:2 that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light, Footnotes: <sup>b</sup>Also see Isa 43:20.  
<sup>c</sup>Also see Isa 66:21. <sup>d</sup>Also see Deu 7:6. <sup>e</sup>Also see Exo 19:5, Tit 2:14.

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,<sup>f</sup> but now the **people of Elohim**,<sup>f</sup> who had **not obtained compassion**,<sup>f</sup> but now **obtained compassion**.<sup>f</sup> Hos 1:9-10, Hos 2:23. Footnote: <sup>f</sup>Also see



[Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

[1Pe 2:11](#) Beloved ones, I appeal to you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts which battle against the being,

[1Pe 2:12](#) having your behaviour among the nations good so that when they speak against you as evil-doers, let them, by observing your [good works](#),<sup>9</sup> esteem Elohim in a day of visitation.

Footnote: <sup>9</sup> [Mat 5:16](#).

Moses was teaching the proper **administration** of the law in which they lived under. This is our 'take away!' We are to **guard His charge**; know what priesthood and law we live under; and properly administer His Word accordingly. This is paramount in understanding His Word. I truly pray this understanding brings His Word to life for you like never before. It has for me, and I share this with joyous love and appreciation for Yahusha setting us, the captives, free; **NOT to lawlessness but to live and walk in Covenant with Him.**

**'Right judgments are based on the Torah; the Prophets; the Writings; and the New Testament. Most 'religions' including Judaism fall very short!'**

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### Legal Decisions by Priests and Judges

[Deu 17:8](#) "When any matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, or between stroke and stroke – matters of strife within your gates – then you shall rise and go up to the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses,

[Deu 17:9](#) and shall come to the priests, the Lěwites, and to the judge who is in those days, and shall inquire. And they shall declare to you the word of right-ruling,

[Deu 17:10](#) and you shall do according to the word which they declare to you from that place which יהוה chooses. And you shall guard to do according to all that they instruct you.

[Deu 17:11](#) "Do according to the Torah in which they teach you, according to the right-ruling which they say to you. You do not turn to the right or to the left from the word which they declare to you.

[Deu 17:12](#) "And the man who acts arrogantly, so as not to listen to the priest who stands to serve there before יהוה your Elohim, or to the judge, that man shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Yisra'ěl.

[Deu 17:13](#) "And let all the people hear and fear, and no longer do arrogantly.

### Principles governing Kings

[Deu 17:14](#) "When you come to the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, and shall possess it and shall dwell in it, and you shall say, 'Let me set a sovereign over me like all the nations that are around me,'

[Deu 17:15](#) you shall certainly set a sovereign over you whom יהוה your Elohim shall

choose. Set a sovereign over you from among your brothers, **you are not allowed to set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.**

Deu 17:16 “Only, he is **not to increase horses for himself**, nor **cause the people to return to Mitsrayim to increase horses**, for יהוה has said to you, ‘**Do not return that way again.**’

Deu 17:17 “And he is **not to increase wives for himself**, lest his heart turn away, **nor is he to greatly increase silver and gold for himself.**

Deu 17:18 “And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his reign, that **he shall write for himself a copy of this Torah in a book**, from the one before the priests, the Lěwites.

Deu 17:19 “And **it shall be with him**, and he **shall read it all the days of his life**, so that he **learns to fear יהוה his Elohim** and **guard all the Words of this Torah and these laws, to do them,**

Deu 17:20 **so that his heart is not lifted up above his brothers**, and **so as not to turn aside from the command, right or left**, so that he prolongs his days in his reign, he and his children, in the midst of Yisra'ěl.

2Pe 2:21 **For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the set-apart command<sup>e</sup> delivered unto them.** Footnote: <sup>e</sup>The singular “command” often means “commands” – see [1Ti 6:14](#), [Deu 17:20](#), [Psa 19:8](#).

Agrippa I - burst out in tears because he realized he was illegitimate.

**Deuteronomy 18** Moses reminds the next generation that:

Deu 18:1 “The priests, the Lěwites, all the tribe of Lěwi, have no part nor inheritance with Yisra'ěl. **They are to eat the offerings of יהוה made by fire, and His inheritance.**

Deu 18:2 “But among his brothers *Lěwi* has no inheritance. **יהוה is his inheritance**, as He has spoken to him.

Deu 18:3 “And **this is the priest’s right from the people**, from those who slaughter a slaughtering, whether it is bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the stomach;

Deu 18:4 **the first-fruits of your grain and your new wine and your oil**, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you give to him.

Deu 18:5 “For יהוה your Elohim has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the Name of יהוה, him and his sons forever. [NOTE: ‘Forever’ signifies a set duration of time. Forever in this context meant, as long as the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood would be administering the tabernacle/temple system under the Book of the Law. The Melchizedek Priesthood consists of EVERY TRIBE, tongue, people, and nation – inclusive of the tribe of Levi. Those that enter into the New Covenant, ARE the Temple]

Deu 18:6 “And when the Lěwite comes from one of your gates, from where he has sojourned among all Yisra'ěl, and shall come with all the desire of his being to the place which יהוה chooses,

**Deu 18:7** then he shall serve in the Name of יהוה his Elohim, like all his brothers the Lěwites, who are standing there before יהוה.

**Deu 18:8** "They are to have portion for portion to eat, besides what comes from the sale of his inheritance.

Tithing reminds us to hold loosely those things of the world. Do not rob YHWH. He doesn't need our money – it is a litmus test for our inner man.

Heb. 11 – That Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek because he was in the loins of Abraham.

The 'rights of the Levites' had been reviewed with the previous generation and needed to be reviewed with the present generation. **The tribe of Levi would have no land inheritance for YHWH was their inheritance.** The priests were deserving of the specified slaughterings and the first fruits. They served YHWH 24/7.

Here we see the first fruits are not only connected to the spring harvest of barley but of all grain. In addition, we see the first fruits of their grapes [new wine] and their olives [oil]; the fall harvest. The more we learn and understand about the 'harvest' cycles and 'first fruits'; the more we will understand about the end-time harvests in Revelation.

A few things to note about the first fruits of the olives [oil]. This was the oil that the priest would burn in the menorah.

- This **first pressing was the purest oil** and was used mainly for lamps, cosmetics and holy anointing.
- It is interesting that the **Hebrew word for olive press is "Gethsemane"** and the Garden of Gethsemane at the Mount of Olives is where Jesus was in agony as He prayed. **Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives and will return again a second time at the Mount of Olives where every eye will see him.**  
<https://www.bible-history.com/sketches/ancient/olive-press.html>
  - "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou **anointest my head with oil;** my cup runneth over." Psalms 23:5
  - "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: **But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.** While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." Matthew 25:1-5

The following excerpt offers insights to the 24-hour duties of the priests. I cannot verify all their resources so keep that in mind.

## The Duties of the Priests

Before the break of the day, the priests on duty were ready and they assembled to cast lots to decide the assignment of the various daily tasks. It started with filling the lavers and preparing the altar. At about 9:00 am, they opened the gates and blew the silver trumpets to announce the commencement of the morning service. The service included slaying the sacrificial lamb, salting the sacrifice, trimming the lampstand, burning the incense, presenting the burnt offering and drink offering, blessing the people and blasting the silver trumpets. This was followed by the Psalm of the day, presented by the singers, accompanied by instrumental music.

Immediately after the morning service, the Israelites might bring in their private sacrifices and offerings. It would occasionally continue till near the time for the evening sacrifice, which was about 2:30 pm. The evening service was similar to the morning service. It ended at about 4:00 pm.

At night, the priests kept watch about the innermost places of the Temple, including the inner court and the Temple itself. They also opened and closed all the inner gates.

On a Sabbath day, there were the weekly renewal of the showbread and an additional burnt offering of two lambs. Before the actual Sabbath commenced, the service of the new course of priests and Levites had already begun. After the evening service, the outgoing course handed over the keys of the sanctuary, the holy vessels, and everything else they had in charge to the new course. At sunset on Friday, the Sabbath began. Immediately followed was the renewal of the showbread. It had been prepared by the incoming course before the Sabbath itself, in one of the side chambers of the Temple. Although the service of the incoming priests had begun, that of the outgoing had not yet completely finished. In fact, the outgoing priests offered the morning sacrifice on the Sabbath (Saturday morning), and then the incoming course performed the evening sacrifice. Both courses spent the Sabbath in the Temple. The Sabbath service was the same as on other days, except that at the close of the morning sacrifice two additional lambs were offered, along with its appropriate meal and drink offerings ([Numbers 28:9-10](#)). When the Sabbath was over, the outgoing course left the Temple and parted from each other with a farewell.

On New Moons and other festivals, there were additional rituals to be observed according to the Law. [http://www3.telus.net/public/kstam/en/temple/details/priest\\_service.htm](http://www3.telus.net/public/kstam/en/temple/details/priest_service.htm)

In Deut. 18:6-8, it appears to be speaking of those Levites coming of age for service in the Tabernacle. The age range for service was 25 years of age to 50. Once in service, they would be eligible to receive equal portions as well. I'm not sure about the meaning of '[sale of his inheritance](#)' spoken of in verse 8. It may possibly be referring to possessions he had gained prior to entering Tabernacle service as the Levites dwelt in their designated cities among the tribes with their livestock.

Num 8:24 "This applies to the Levites: From twenty-five years old and above let him come into active service in the service of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 8:25 and at the age of fifty years they retire from active service of the service, and serve no more,

Num 8:26 but they shall attend with their brothers in the Tent of Appointment, to guard the duty,

but shall do no service. Thus you shall do to the Lēwites regarding their duties.”

Deut. 18:9-14 Forewarns the children of Israel not to adopt the abominable practices of the pagan nations in which they were about to enter. To this day, there is a huge following of such practices. Satan’s domain at work!

### Abominable Practices

Deu 18:9 “When you come into the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, **do not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See footnote at [Deu 12:30](#).

Deu 18:10 “Let no one be found among you who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practises divination, or a user of magic, or one who interprets omens or a sorcerer,

Deu 18:11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

Deu 18:12 “For whoever does these is an abomination to יהוה, and because of these abominations יהוה your Elohim drives them out from before you.

Deu 18:13 “Be perfect before יהוה your Elohim,

Deu 18:14 for these nations whom you are possessing do listen to those using magic and to diviners. But as for you, יהוה your Elohim has not appointed such for you.

Deut. 18:15-22 Speaks of YHWH raising up a Prophet [like Moses](#) from the midst of their brethren. The phrase ‘[Like Moses](#)’ is important to understand.

### A New Prophet like Moses

Deu 18:15 “יהוה your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet<sup>b</sup> like me from your midst, from your brothers. Listen to Him, Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See footnote at [Deu 18:18](#).

Deu 18:16 according to all you asked of יהוה your Elohim in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of יהוה my Elohim, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

Deu 18:17 “And יהוה said to me, ‘What they have spoken is good.

Deu 18:18 I shall raise up for them a Prophet<sup>c</sup> like you out of the midst of their brothers. And I shall put My Words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See also [Act 3:22-26](#), and [Act 7:37](#).

Deu 18:19 And it shall be, the man who does not listen to My Words which He speaks in My Name, I require it of him.

Deu 18:20 **But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other mighty ones, even that prophet shall die.’**

Deu 18:21 “And when you say in your heart, ‘How do we know the word which יהוה has not spoken?’ –

**Deu 18:22** when the prophet speaks in the Name of יהוה and the word is not, or comes not, that is the word which יהוה has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.

Rabbinical Judaism is pure heathenism because they reject the Prophet, Yahusha!

### A true prophet speaks the will of the Father.

Joh 1:19 Now this was the witness of Yoḥanan when the Yehudim sent from Yerushalayim priests and Lēwites to ask him, "Who are you?"

Joh 1:20 And he confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."

Joh 1:21 And they asked him, "What then, are you Ēliyahu?" So he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Joh 1:22 Therefore they said to him, "Who are you, so that we give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

Joh 1:23 He said, "I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of יהוה,' [Isa 40:3](#) as the prophet Yeshayahu said."

Joh 7:16 יהושע answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.<sup>b</sup>

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>יהושע says this in seven places in the Book of John: [Joh 3:34](#), [Joh 7:16](#), [Joh 8:28](#), [Joh 8:40](#), [Joh 12:49](#), [Joh 14:24](#), [Joh 17:8](#). See also [Deu 18:15-20](#).

Joh 7:17 "If anyone desires to do His desire, he shall know concerning the teaching, whether it is from Elohim, or *whether* I speak from Myself.

Joh 7:18 "He who speaks from himself is seeking his own esteem, but He who seeks the esteem of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

Joh 7:19 "Did not Mosheh give you the Torah? Yet not one of you does the Torah!<sup>c</sup> Why do you seek to kill Me?" Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See footnote [Mat 5:20](#).

Joh 8:37 "I know that you are the seed of Abraham, but you seek to kill Me, because My Word has no place in you.

Joh 8:38 "I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

**Joh 12:44** Then יהושע cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

Joh 12:45 "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

Joh 12:46 "I have come as a light into the world, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.

Joh 12:47 "And if anyone hears My Words but does not watch over them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My Words, has one who judges him: the Word that I have spoken shall judge him in the last day.<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup>See also [Joh 3:18-19](#), [Joh 7:16](#).

Joh 12:49 "Because I spoke not from Myself, but the Father who sent Me has given Me a command,<sup>e</sup> what I should say and what I should speak. Footnote: <sup>e</sup>See [Joh 7:16](#).



Joh 12:50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life.<sup>f</sup> Therefore, whatever I speak, as the Father has said to Me, so I speak." Footnote: <sup>f</sup>See Mat. 19:17 and Joh. 3:36.

Joh 14:23 יהושע answered him, "If anyone loves Me, he shall guard My Word. And My Father shall love him, and We shall come to him and make Our stay with him.

Joh 14:24 "He who does not love Me does not guard My Words. And the Word which you hear is not Mine but of the Father Who sent Me.

**What priesthood was Moses part of? The Melchizedek Priesthood.** Moses and Joshua were up on the mount when Aaron and the people sinned at the foot of the mountain with the golden calf. After this occurrence, Moses pitch his tent outside the camp, along with Joshua.

After the sin of the golden calf, Moses, under the Melchizedek Priesthood, interceded for the people to spare their very lives. YHWH relents from wiping them out; and instead establishes the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to administer the Book of the Law as a tutor and a witness against them; UNTIL Yahusha would come and provide a new blood ratified Covenant. Since they had broken covenant, someone would have to die; that someone would be Yahusha. He had spared the lives of the people; knowing that He would choose to lay down his life to appease the conditional death penalty arm of the promise given to Abraham in Genesis 15.

There had to be a New Covenant. Blood ratified covenants such as the Book of the Covenant, cannot be added to or taken away from once the covenant confirming meal was complete; therefore, a new covenant would be needed.

Moses had no part in the sin of the golden calf; and Moses as priest of the Melchizedek Order would be needed to consecrate and ordain Aaron and his sons. This was the transference of the REIGNING Melchizedek priesthood to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. The Melchizedek Priesthood would run parallel with the Aaronic Priesthood in a denigrated position, UNTIL Yahusha would once again and forevermore, elevate it back to the reigning position as High Priest.

Therefore, Moses was the last REIGNING priest of the Melchizedek Order until Yahusha restored the Melchizedek Order back to its REIGNING position. This explains the phrase 'like Moses'.

**From Gen. 1 – Exodus 24:11** – The people were under the administration of 'Preachers of Righteousness' and the reigning Melchizedek Order.

**Exodus 24:12 – UNTIL Yahusha:** Aaronic Levitical Priesthood Reigned administering the Book of the Law

The Melchizedek Priesthood ran parallel in a denigrated position and submitted obedience to the Book of the Law. We know Yahusha was born under the Book of the Law.

### **After Yahusha's Death, Burial, and Resurrection:**

The Melchizedek Priesthood reigns forevermore with Yahusha HaMashiach as our High Priest under Covenant Torah.

No longer was there a need for the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood administering the Book of the Law with Temple sacrifices. The Book of the Law is found from Exodus 24:12 through the end of Deuteronomy; and even into the first chapters of Joshua.

Many aspects of Covenant Torah that predated the Book of the Law; dovetail into the Book of the Law, such as observing the moedim; following dietary guidelines; and commandments etc. Sometimes more details can be found in the Book of the Law such as identifying clean and unclean foods as listed in Leviticus 11.

The elements that surrounded the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; the animal sacrifices; the various offerings; the Tabernacle and Temple systems; served as a type and shadow of Yahusha HaMashiach. It was a 'living' parable, a tutor to teach us all about YHWH and Yahusha! That is why the Book of the Law is still very important; yet, now we ARE the temple and we offer living sacrifices of prayer, praise, worship, and being 'doers' of His Word.

Yahusha, was the Prophet, LIKE MOSES, that Deut. 18:15-22 is speaking of. He is THE MELCHIZEDEK and He rules and reigns forevermore, for eternity!

Heb 9:2 For a Tent was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, and the table, and the showbread, which is called the Set-apart Place.

Heb 9:3 And after the second veil, the part of the Tent which is called Most Set-apart,

Heb 9:4 to which belonged the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that held the manna, and the rod of Aharon that budded, and the tablets of the covenant,

Heb 9:5 and above it the kerubim of esteem were overshadowing the place of atonement – about which we do not now speak in detail.

Heb 9:6 And these having been prepared like this, the priests always went into the first part of the Tent, accomplishing the services.

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people,<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Num. 15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

**Heb 9:9** which was a parable for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed until a time of setting *matters* straight.

### Redemption Through the Blood of Yahusha

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

### Deuteronomy 19

Moses reviews the cities of refuge with the generation about to enter the promise land. Today, our refuge is in Him. We read of this in Hebrews 6.

Heb 6:18 so that by two unchangeable matters in which it is impossible for Elohim to lie, we might have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the expectation set before us,

Heb 6:19 which we have as an anchor of the life, both safe and firm, and entering into that within the veil,

Heb 6:20 where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq. Psa\_110:4.

### Deut. 19:1-9 Reviews the process for accidental killings of another person.

Deu 19:1 “When יהוה your Elohim cuts off the nations whose land יהוה your Elohim is giving you, and you dispossess them and dwell in their cities and in their houses,

Deu 19:2 separate three cities for yourself in the midst of your land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to possess.

Deu 19:3 “Prepare a way for yourself, and divide into three parts the border of your land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to inherit, that any man-slayer shall flee there.

Deu 19:4 “And this matter of the man-slayer who flees there and lives: he who strikes his neighbor unknowingly, not having hated him in time past,

Deu 19:5 even he who goes to the forest with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies – let him flee to one of these cities and live,

Deu 19:6 lest the revenger of blood, while his displeasure is hot, pursue the man-slayer and overtake him, because the way is long, and shall strike his being, though he was not worthy of death, since he had not hated him before.

Deu 19:7 “Therefore I am commanding you, saying, ‘Separate three cities for yourself.’

Deu 19:8 “And if יהוה your Elohim enlarges your border, as He swore to your fathers, and has given you the land which He promised to give to your fathers –

Deu 19:9 when you guard all this command to do it, which I am commanding you today, to love יהוה your Elohim and to walk in His ways all the days – then you shall

**add three more cities for yourself besides these three,**



**The goal of these refuge cities is stated in Deut. 19:10**

**Deu 19:10** so that innocent blood is not shed in the midst of your land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance, or blood-guilt shall be upon you.

**For intentional killing with malice and forethought, there was a different process:**

**Deu 19:11** “But when anyone hates his neighbor, and shall lie in wait for him and rise against him and strike his being so that he dies, then he shall flee to one of these cities,

**Deu 19:12** and the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and give him into the hand of the **revenger of blood**, and he shall die.

**Deu 19:13** “Your eye shall not pardon him, but you shall purge the blood of innocent blood from Yisra’el, so that it might be well with you.”

YHWH is our avenger of blood; YHWH is also our refuge and redeemer who paid our sin debts in full; He is our city of refuge and we will be with Him forever more; because He, as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order, made full atonement for us; once and for all.

Rev 6:10 and they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Master, set-apart and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

Rev 19:2 “**Because true and righteous are His judgments**, Psa 19:9 because He has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her whoring. And He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” Deu 32:43.

**In Numbers 35, we reviewed the parameters for Levitical Cities and Cities of Refuge**

YHWH gave the command to Moses that there were to be six Levitical cities that would be a place of refuge for the manslayer to flee. In addition to the [6 Cities of Refuge](#), there would be [42 more Levitical Cities](#) added to these six for a total of 48. These cities would be given to the Levites from their land inheritances. The larger tribes would provide more and the smaller tribes less.

### Property Boundaries

Deu 19:14 **“Do not remove your neighbor’s boundary**, which those in the past have set, in your inheritance which you inherit in the land that יהוה your Elohim is giving you to possess.

### Laws Concerning Witnesses

Deu 19:15 **“One witness does not rise up against a man concerning any crookedness or any sin that he commits. At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses a matter is established.**

Deu 19:16 “When **a malicious witness rises** up against any man to accuse him of turning aside,

- both men who have the dispute shall stand before יהוה, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days.
- the judges shall diligently search and see if the witness is a false witness, who has falsely accused his brother,
- then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother.

Once again, the goal was to prevent the shedding of innocent blood.

Deu 19:17 then both men who have the dispute shall stand before יהוה, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days.

Deu 19:18 “And the judges shall diligently search and see if the witness is a false witness, who has falsely accused his brother,

Deu 19:19 then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Deu 19:20 “And let the rest hear and fear, and never again do this evil matter in your midst.

Deu 19:21 “And let your eye not pardon, life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Today, there are many sects, that have an utter disregard for 'right ruling.' For example, the Sanhedrin Court system was re-established in 2004 by the Chabad-Lubavitch sect which has pushed the Noahide Laws, cloaked as 'Education Day', upon nations for the past 40 years as of 2018. These are those that say they are 'Jews' and are not. These laws are formulated by man and exist in the Babylonian Talmud. Though these seven laws may sound similar to some of the 10 commandments; the 'devil is in the detailed' sub-categories. For instance, a person can be condemned to death by decapitation by just ONE witness!

This is the enemy cleverly disguised as sheep in wolves clothing. The enemy has snuck into most nations, congregations, and into most governments. Remember the enemy's goal is to change YHWH's times and laws; and they are doing just that.

Just as in Yahusha's day they work under the title of 'Jew'; but they are anything but! Keep in mind, there are true secular Jews/Hebrews in present day Israel and around the world trying to turn the tide back to YHWH's true Torah; and taking a stand against the Satanic Babylonian Talmud. Their efforts are working. However, those that are of the 'Synagogue of Satan', now work diligently to hide behind and use to their advantage and financing: 1. Christian Zionism supporting the 'wrong' Israel 2. Anti-Semitism and 'hate-laws' such as the Equality Act soon to come before the U.S. Senate 3. Playing on the public's emotions of the Holocaust; where true secular Jews and Believers were murdered. 4. Obtaining dual citizenship in both the U.S. and Israel then serving in the U.S. Congress voting on laws which is a clear conflict of interest. <http://conservative-headlines.org/89-of-our-senators-and-congress-hold-dual-citizenship-with-israel/> 5. Abundant secret societies that work in the dark and say, 'who sees us.' 6. Groups such as ADL etc.

While the enemy is busy at work for evil, the masses are entertained with 'bread and circuses'; and self-absorption. While distracted, more and more laws and maneuverings are being done, setting up the world for the beast rising up out of the sea with seven heads and 10 horns; supported by and promoted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> beast – the False Prophet.

The 10 toes on the feet of the statue described by Daniel, are about to manifest their world-wide infestation. Satan is a chameleon that operates within and without. You will know Satan and his minions by their bloodshed, their color is red, blood red; and you will know YHWH's people by their faithfulness to His Word and the good fruit that they bear.

**Mat 27:15** And at the festival the governor used to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished.



Mat 27:16 And they had then a well-known prisoner called Barabba.

Mat 27:17 So when they were assembled, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you wish I release to you? Barabba, or יהושע who is called Messiah?"

Mat 27:18 For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.

Mat 27:19 And as he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have none at all to do with that righteous Man, for I have suffered much today in a dream because of Him."

Mat 27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabba and to destroy יהושע.

Mat 27:21 And the governor answering, said to them, "Which of the two do you wish I release to you?" They said, "Barabba!"

Mat 27:22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with יהושע who is called Messiah?" They all said to him, "Let Him be impaled!"

Mat 27:23 And the governor said, "Indeed, what evil has He done?" And they were crying out all the more, saying, "Let Him be impaled!"

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Mat 27:24 And when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this Righteous One. You shall see to it."

Mat 27:25 And all the people answering, said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

## Deuteronomy 20

We are in a present-day war between good and evil, but YHWH is with us!

Deu 20:1 "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and shall see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them, for יהוה your Elohim, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim, is with you.

Deu 20:2 "And it shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that **the priest shall come and speak to the people,**

Deu 20:3 **and shall say to them, 'Hear, O Yisra'el: You are drawing near today to battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not fear, or tremble, or be afraid before them,**

Deu 20:4 for יהוה your Elohim is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

Moses gives the laws concerning warfare. YHWH wanted the people to know before hand; not to fear what they were about to witness with their eyes. They would see chariots, horses, and numerous people; but YHWH **would be with them.** YHWH had proven Himself to the people for the past 40 years.

The priests were to offer encouragement to the people whenever they drew near to a battle. They were to tell them not to fear or be faint-hearted nor tremble for YHWH their Elohim would be with them. He would fight for them and save them.

When the previous generation refused to enter the promise land and rebelled by believing the evil report of the 10 spies, YHWH was enraged with them. Because of their rebellion, they would wander in the wilderness 40 years until that generation died out. Though they repented and changed their minds saying they would go in and fight, it was too late. Moses had told them not to go up to battle with the Amalekites and Canaanites for YHWH was NOT with them; nor, was he (Moses) going with them. They go anyway and are defeated.

Now, the children of that generation would be entering the promise land, and YHWH would be with them. We too must remember, whatever we might face and see in the end times; by staying in obedience and faith in YHWH; He will be with us. He will never leave us or forsake us. He will fight for us. Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to this? If Elohim is for us, who is against us?

The officers were to make several allowances to people who should not go into battle. There was no need for the people to feel compelled to enter a battle if they had any other matters on their mind. It was not necessary; and would add stress to their lives. With YHWH, it is not about numbers and might; for YHWH was going to fight for them. One person plus YHWH is all that anyone needs.

Matthew 27:15 connects these restrictions. Yahusha would not come the first time as a warrior deliverer but as a suffering servant. Once the following 3 restrictions are met; THEN, Yahusha will come as the warrior deliverer. [Rev. 21:8]

**Deu 20:5** “And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, ‘Who is the man who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

[1. Yahusha has not yet dedicated His house.] – The two sticks have not become one.

**Deu 20:6** And who is the man who has planted a vineyard and has not begun to use it? Let him also go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man should begin to use it.

[2. Yahusha has planted the vineyard of Israel and He will gather us.]

**Deu 20:7** And who is the man who is engaged to a woman and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her.'

[3. Yahusha is betrothed but has not yet consummated His marriage to His bride.] Rev. 21:9

**Deu 20:8** "And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'Who is the man who is afraid and tender of heart? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brothers faint like his heart.'

**Deu 20:9** "And it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall appoint commanders of the divisions to lead the people.

**This reminds us of the reduction in numbers with Gideon's 300-man army:**

Jdg 7:2 And יהוה said to Gid'on, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midyan into their hands, lest Yisra'el boast against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'

Jdg 7:3 "And now, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him turn back, and leave Mount Gil'ad.'" And twenty-two thousand of the people turned back, while ten thousand remained.

Jdg 7:4 And יהוה said to Gid'on, "The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and let Me prove them for you there. And it shall be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one goes with you,' let him go with you. And of whomever I say to you, 'This one does not go with you,' let him not go."

Jdg 7:5 So he brought the people down to the water. And יהוה said to Gid'on, "Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, separate him from everyone who bows down on his knees to drink."

Jdg 7:6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men, and all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

Jdg 7:7 And יהוה said to Gid'on, "By the three hundred men who lapped I save you, and shall give Midyan into your hand. Let all the other people go, each to his place."

When they fought surrounding cities; other than the cities that YHWH was driving out for them, they were to first call for peace.

**Deu 20:10** "When you draw near to a city to fight against it, then you shall make a call for peace to it.

**Deu 20:11** "And it shall be that if it accepts your call for peace, and shall open to you, then all the people found in it are to be your compulsory labor, and serve you.

**Deu 20:12** "But if it does not make peace with you, and shall fight against you, then you shall besiege it,

**Deu 20:13** and יהוה your Elohim shall give it into your hands, and you shall strike every

male in it with the edge of the sword.

Deu 20:14 “Only the women, and the little ones, and the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you take as plunder for yourself. And you shall eat the enemies’ plunder which יהוה your Elohim gives you.

Deu 20:15 “Do so to all the cities which are very far from you, **which are not of the cities of these nations.**

They were to do differently to the cities which YHWH was going to give them as an inheritance:

Deu 20:16 “Only, of the cities of these peoples which יהוה your Elohim gives you as an inheritance, you do not keep alive any that breathe,

Deu 20:17 but **you shall certainly put them under the ban**: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Kena’anite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Yebusite, as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you,

Deu 20:18 lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their mighty ones, and you sin against יהוה your Elohim.

Deu 20:19 “When you besiege a city for a long time by fighting against it to take it, you do not destroy its trees by wielding an axe against them. If you do eat of them, do not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man to be besieged by you?

Deu 20:20 “Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you do destroy and cut down, to build siege-works against the city that is fighting against you, until it falls.

**Why did they choose Barabbas?** Because Yahusha wasn’t ready to come as warrior deliverer. They chose Barabbas because he fit the bill of ‘their’ warrior deliverer from the Romans. Therefore, they chose Barabbas.

## Deuteronomy 21

### Atonement for Unsolved Murders

Deu 21:1 “When anyone is found slain, lying in the field in the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to possess, and **it is not known who struck him,**

Deu 21:2 then **your elders and your judges shall go out,** and they shall measure the distance from the slain man to the cities round about.

Deu 21:3 “And it shall be that the elders of the city nearest to the slain man **shall take a heifer which has not been worked and which has not pulled with a yoke,**

Deu 21:4 and the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a wadi with flowing water, which is neither ploughed nor sown, and they shall break the heifer’s neck there in the wadi.

Deu 21:5 “And the priests, the sons of Lēwi, shall come near, for יהוה your Elohim has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the Name of יהוה, and by their mouth every

strife and every stroke is *tried*.

Deu 21:6 “And let all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi.

Deu 21:7 “And they shall answer and say, **‘Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.**

Deu 21:8 O יהוה', forgive Your people Yisra'ël, whom You have ransomed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Yisra'ël.' And the blood-guilt shall be pardoned to them.

Deu 21:9 “Thus you purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst when you do what is right in the eyes of יהוה'.

#### T4 Video Excerpts:

Matthew 27:15 – Pilate actually alludes to this very ceremony by ‘washing his hands.’ As governor he would be very familiar with ‘unsolved murders’ and be familiar with this type of ‘cleansing’ being demonstrated in such corrupt surroundings.

YHWH veils Himself and Yahusha in His very text such as this. There is a death ‘outside the city’ – this is all about man’s guilt and YHWH’s grace. This is about community responsibility. The only way out of guilt is by the blood of Yahusha.

Numbers 19:8 – which talks about the red heifer; equal distance sequencing shows Yahusha right among the red heifer.

When Yahusha was arrested; the chief priests, elders, and the people came out. The very ones depicted in Deuteronomy 21. Total perversion to YHWH’s Word. Total injustice.

Mat 26:47 And while He was still speaking, see, Yehudah, one of the twelve, with a large crowd with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Mat 26:48 And he who was delivering Him up gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, it is He, seize Him.”

Pilate had become aware of this biblical law with unsolved murders; or did he learn this from his wife in what King David had said in Psalm 26 – just a possibility.

**Psa 26:1** Rule me rightly, O יהוה', For I have walked in my integrity. And I have trusted in יהוה', without wavering.

Psa 26:2 Examine me, O יהוה', and prove me; Try my kidneys and my heart.

Psa 26:3 For Your loving-commitment is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

Psa 26:4 I have not sat with men of falsehood, Nor do I enter with pretenders.

Psa 26:5 I have hated the assembly of evil-doers, And I do not sit with the wrong.

Psa 26:6 I wash my hands in innocence; And I walk around Your slaughter-place, O יהוה',

Psa 26:7 To raise a voice of thanksgiving, And to declare all Your wonders.

Psa 26:8 יהוה, I have loved the abode of Your house, And the place where Your esteem dwells.

Psa 26:9 Do not gather my being together with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

Psa 26:10 In whose hands is a plot, And their right hand is filled with bribes.

Psa 26:11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; Redeem me and show me favour.

Psa 26:12 My foot shall stand on a level place; In the assemblies I bless יהוה.

Pilate washed his hands as was done in the custom of the land. Why? It was deliberate and calculated – possibly divine to convict the hearts of their hardened hearts; letting Barabbas go free.

Should we pick Yahusha or Barabbas? In the old Greek and Syriac – the name Barabbas is Yahusha Barabbas – means Yahusha 'son' of the 'father'

OR **Yahusha – Son of the Father; the Messiah!** – Who is your 'daddy?'

Satan and his minions counterfeit everything; You are of your 'father the devil'... for he is the father of lies...

Israel has proven herself to be an unfaithful wife. And by the 'measurement of this right in the Torah portion', Jerusalem has proved the city of 'blood guilt' has she not? By the measurement, Jerusalem is the closest city to the death of Yahusha. Both Jerusalem and Israel have been set aside; awaiting the plunder that is going to happen upon them very possibly in our generation. Because they not only witnessed the destruction of their temple; not only witnessed the destruction of their judges; their kings; their prophets; and their Levitical priesthood; but the TRUE ONE would be raised up in its place. Therefore, we now go outside of the gate to HIS [Yahusha's] altar where there is redemption and not blood guilt for believers. **But if we go back** inside the city to 'that' altar, that would be returning to where the blood guilt still lies to this very day!

The blood atonement must be made for innocent blood. Through Yahusha, this is done once and for all to those who receive Him.

The heifer has switched positions with the innocent Lamb of Elohim. The elders must come to the narrow gate and enter for protection from the blood guilt coming upon the nations. Yahusha's bride also depicts the 'red heifer' going outside the gate for we have been crucified with Yahusha.

Barnabus tells us in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter, it is written, in the 14<sup>th</sup> verse – He has revealed to us by all the prophets that he needs neither sacrifices nor burnt offerings nor oblations saying thus; what is the



multitude of your sacrifices unto me saith YHWH. I am full of burnt offerings and desire not the fat of lambs and the bulls and goats; not when you came to appear before me; for who hath required these things at your hand; tread no more in my courts; not though you bring with thee fine flour; incense is a vain abomination to me; and your new moons and Sabbaths I cannot endure. He has therefore abolished these things that the NEW ROYAL TORAH of our LORD, our Master, Yahusha HaMashiach which is without the yoke of necessity might have a human oblation. And again, He says to them, Did I command your fathers; when they went out of the land of Egypt to offer me burnt offerings and sacrifices?

You see the breaking of the neck of this heifer signifies the submission of will which Yahusha demonstrated, in contrast to obstinate Israel. Not my will but THY will. Israel is typified of being hard of heart.

It will be the Melchizedek Priesthood that draws nigh into the breast of Yahusha; priest, king, judge, prophet, all in one – the five-fold ministry. It was not until His blood was shed that we could draw nigh and present themselves to the nations.

Deu 21:5 “And the priests, the sons of Lěwi, shall come near, for יהוה your Elohim has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the Name of יהוה, and by their mouth every strife and every stroke is *tried*.”

Deu 21:6 “And let all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi.”

The true place to wash one's hands is at the place where the blood expiated that guilt.

2Co 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him [the heifer] we might become the righteousness of Elohim.

It was essentially Yahusha that was sacrificed with the measured distance from Jerusalem showing them guilty in His own words. **Father forgive them for they know not what they do.**

Pilate saw all that was coming down; he would have been very familiar! The corruption was rampant.

Ultimately this whole mysterious right; was Yahusha ben Joseph. We go back to Joseph; garments dipped in blood; redeemed the whole nation.

Gen. 45:27 and we finish up here.

When the son is betrayed and 'sacrificed' by his own brethren and is restored to his father – **Joseph actually sends the headless heifer not a 'wagon.'**

Gen 45:26 And they told him, saying, “Yosěph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Mitsrayim.” And Ya'aqob's heart ceased, for he did not believe them.

Gen 45:27 But when they spoke to him all the words which Yosěph had spoken to them, and when he **saw the wagons** which Yosěph had sent to transport him, **the spirit of Ya'aqob their father revived.**

Gen 45:28 And Yisra'ěl said, “Enough! My son Yosěph is still alive. Let me go and see him before I die.”

'ägâlâh **BDB Definition:** 1) cart, wagon

'eglâh **BDB Definition:** 1) heifer

Deu 21:7 “And they shall answer and say, ‘Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it.’

Deu 21:8 O יהוה, forgive Your people Yisra'ël, whom You have ransomed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Yisra'ël.’ And the blood-guilt shall be pardoned to them.

Deu 21:9 “Thus you purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst when you do what is right in the eyes of יהוה.’

### **Marrying Female Captives**

Deu 21:10 “When you go out to fight against your enemies, and יהוה your Elohim shall give them into your hand, and you shall take them captive,

Deu 21:11 and shall see among the captives a woman fair of form, and shall delight in her and take her for your wife,

Deu 21:12 then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails,

Deu 21:13 and put aside the mantle of her captivity, and shall dwell in your house, and mourn her father and her mother a month of days. And after that you shall go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

Deu 21:14 “And it shall be, if you are not pleased with her, then you shall let her go at her desire, but you do not sell her at all for silver. Do not treat her harshly, since you have humbled her.

### **Inheritance Rights of the Firstborn**

Deu 21:15 “When a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and the first-born son is of her who is unloved,

Deu 21:16 then it shall be, on the day he makes his sons to inherit his possessions, he is not allowed to treat the son of the beloved wife as first-born in the face of the son of the unloved, who is *truly* the first-born.

Deu 21:17 “But he is to acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the first-born by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength – the right of the first-born is his.

### **A Rebellious Son**

Deu 21:18 “When a man has a wayward and rebellious son who is not listening to the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have disciplined him, does not listen to them,

Deu 21:19 then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city,

Deu 21:20 and shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is wayward and rebellious. He is not listening to our voice, he is a glutton and a drunkard.’

**Deu 21:21** “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst. And let all Yisra’el hear, and fear.

### **A Man Hanged on a Tree Is Cursed**

**Deu 21:22** “And when a man has committed a sin worthy of death, then he shall be put to death and you shall hang him on a tree.

**Deu 21:23** “Let his body not remain overnight on the tree, for you shall certainly bury him the same day – for he who is hanged is accursed of Elohim – so that you do not defile the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

YHWH was equipping the next generation by Moses continuing to give His instructions. It is one thing to be taught how to administer right rulings; but it is another thing to carry them out in various circumstances. Moses had gained much understanding in both areas over his lifetime. They wouldn't have Moses to run to; however, they would have Joshua; and of course, YHWH would be with them.

If we recall, Joshua was with Moses up on Mt. Sinai when Aaron and the people sinned with the golden calf. Without leaders taking a stand for YHWH, the people are let loose. Some may maintain their own social standards; but eventually social and moral standards are moved lower and lower until they disappear.

Our present reality reflects this. At times we may see glimmers of social and moral standards according to His Word; but mostly, we see a great decline and extremely low standards. Even using YHWH's Word to guide our lives can be called into question as 'hate speech'; if someone takes a stance of 'being offended.' The party accused of such an offense, if the Noahide Laws are 'activated', could possibly face death or imprisonment by only one witness.

The wilderness generation didn't have the media and technological exchange of information that we have; nor the bio-medical experimentation; and images to corrupt their minds. Debauchery moved at a slower pace, but it still moved and was ever present in man's fallen nature.

### **Atonement for Unsolved Murders**

Shedding of innocent blood has never been taken lightly by YHWH. Moses reviews what should take place if a dead body is found out in the field without witnesses as to what occurred.

- The elders and your judges were to go out and measure the distance from the slain man to the cities round about.
- Then the elders of the city nearest to the slain man were to take a heifer which had not

- been worked and which had not pulled with a yoke,
- They would then bring the heifer down to a valley with flowing water, which was neither ploughed nor sown, and break the heifer's neck there in the valley.
  - Then the priests, the sons of Lēwi, were to come near, for יהוה your Elohim had chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the Name of יהוה, and by their mouth every strife and every stroke would be *tried*.
  - Then all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man were to wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the wadi.
  - Then they would answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor have our eyes seen it. They would repentantly say,

...ו יהוה, forgive Your people Yisra'ël, whom You have ransomed, and do not allow innocent blood in the midst of Your people Yisra'ël.' And the **blood-guilt** shall be pardoned to them.

This was the procedure to purge the guilt of innocent blood from their midst by doing what was right in the eyes of יהוה.

**Application:** Only through the atoning sacrifice of Yahusha can blood-guilt be purged. Otherwise, there would sadly not be enough heifers to go around. This speaks to the distance man has created between mankind and YHWH.

### **Marrying Female Captives**

Moses then reviewed the procedure for marrying female captives outside the clans. The woman was to shave her head; trim her nails; lay aside her mantle of captivity; be given one month to mourn for her parents; then the marriage could be consummated.

It would appear the shaving of her head, trimming of her nails, and laying aside her mantle [garment] would demonstrate laying aside her past ways and associations; and submitting to her husband and his ways. This showed a transfer of position and authority.

If the union was not pleasing; then she could be released at her desire, but she was not to be treated harshly or sold.

**Application:** 1Pe 3:7 In the same way, husbands, live understandingly together, giving respect to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the favour of life, so that your prayers are not hindered.

### **Inheritance Rights of the Firstborn**

If a man had two wives; one unloved and one loved; if the first-born son came from the unloved wife; then he was to receive the inheritance as the first-born son.

Deu 21:17 “But he is to acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the first-born by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength – the right of the first-born is his.

### **Circumstances could affect this right of inheritance:**

1Ch 5:1 As for the sons of Re'ubēn the first-born of Yisra'ēl – he was the first-born, but because he profaned his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Yosēph, son of Yisra'ēl, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright,

1Ch 5:2 for Yehudāh prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Yosēph's –

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Gen 25:34 Ya'aqob then gave Ĕsaw bread and stew of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up and left. Thus Ĕsaw despised his birthright.

### **Application:**

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit **that we are children of Elohim**, 17 and if children, also heirs – truly heirs of Elohim, and co-heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with Him, in order that we also be exalted together.

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Rom 8:29 Because those whom He knew beforehand, He also ordained beforehand to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, for Him to be the first-born among many brothers. 30 And whom He ordained beforehand, these He also called, and whom He called, these He also declared right. And whom He declared right, these He also esteemed.

### **A Rebellious Son**

Persistent rebellion of a son to his parents was not tolerated. When a son would not listen to his parent's voice of discipline, the parents were to bring the son to the elders and...

Deu 21:20 and shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is wayward and rebellious. He is not listening to our voice, he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

Deu 21:21 “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst. And let all Yisra'ēl hear, and fear.

**Application:** We should not rebel against YHWH. Rebellion is as witchcraft.

Isa 1:2 **Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth!** For יהוה has spoken, “I have reared and brought up children, but they have transgressed against Me.

Isa 1:3 An ox knows its owner and a donkey its master's crib – Yisra'ēl does not know, My people have not understood.”

Pro 30:11 There is a generation that curses its father, And does not bless its mother –

**A Man Hanged on a Tree Is Cursed** This was the punishment that Yahusha took in our place. He who was sinless; yet, took our sins and punishment upon Himself and made full atonement.

Deu 21:22 “And when a man has committed **a sin worthy of death**, then he shall be put to death and you shall hang him on a tree.

Deu 21:23 “Let his body not remain overnight on the tree, for you shall certainly bury him the same day – for he who is hanged is accursed of Elohim – so that you do not defile the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

**TSK Cross-reference: 'worthy of death':** The Hebrews understand this not of putting to death by hanging, but **of hanging a man up after he was stoned to death**; which was done more ignominiously of some heinous malefactors.

This commentary by TSK Cross-reference, was interesting because some have shared that there was a strong possibility that Yahusha may have been stoned prior to His crucifixion.

Paul had once said the following. Paul had suffered by stripes and stoning.

Gal 6:17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the scars of the Master יהושע.

## Isaiah 51

YHWH proclaims: Awake, awake! Listen! Rise up! We surely can relate to this scene. We call out to our friends and family members, but it appears they are asleep to the days we live in and they are satisfied with doing 'church' their way and not His. For many, it will take the birth pangs and even the tribulation to jar them awake.

**Isa 51:1** “**Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, seeking יהוה**: **Look to the rock you were hewn from, and to the hole of the pit you were dug from.**

**Isa 51:2** “**Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you.** For he was alone when I called him, and I blessed him and increased him.

**Isa 51:3** “For יהוה shall comfort Tsiyon, He shall comfort all her waste places. **For He makes her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of יהוה**. Joy and gladness are found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

**Isa 51:4** “Listen to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, O My nation, for the Torah goes forth from Me, and My right-ruling I set as a light to peoples.

**Isa 51:5** “**My righteousness is near, My deliverance shall go forth, and My arms judge peoples.**



Coastlands wait upon Me, and for My arm they wait expectantly.

**Isa 51:6** “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath, **for the heavens shall vanish like smoke, and the earth wear out like a garment, and those who dwell in it die as gnats. But My deliverance is forever, and My righteousness is not broken.**

**Isa 51:7** “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, a people in whose heart is My Torah: **do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their revilings.**

**Isa 51:8** “For a moth eats them like a garment, and a worm eats them like wool; but **My righteousness is forever, and My deliverance to all generations.**”

**Isa 51:9** **Awake, awake**, put on strength, O arm of יהוה! **Awake** as in days of old, everlasting generations. Was it not You who cut Rahab apart, and pierced the Crocodile?

### F. B. Meyer: Isaiah 51:1-11 “AWAKE, O ARM OF JEHOVAH!”

This chapter is extremely dramatic. We are conscious that we are nearing a revelation of unparalleled sublimity. As we hear the thrice *Hearken* in Isa 1:1-8, and the thrice *Awake*, Isa 51:9, which follows, we realize that we are traversing the entrance portico of a noble temple. When God says, *Hearken*, it is for us to ask Him to fulfill-*Awake*!

Recall the loneliness of Abraham. “He was but one!” Terah died, Lot dropped away, Hagar was thrust out, Isaac was laid on the altar, but the fire that burned in his heart only grew brighter. Do not despair if you are alone in your stand for God. One acorn, when the life of Nature touches it, may become parent to a forest. These exiled Jews hardly dared to hope that they could escape from their foes. The air was heavy with their revilings, but compare Isa 51:8 with Isa 50:9. With such assurances we may face a world in arms. The forces of evil are strong, but God is stronger. The clouds threaten, but the sun is shining. Don't forget the Lord thy Maker, thy Redeemer, thy Father! He cannot fail or forsake!

**Isa 51:10** Was it not You who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over?

**Isa 51:11** And let the ransomed of יהוה return. And **they shall come to Tsiyon with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. Let them attain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**Isa 51:12** “I, **I am He who comforts you.** **Who are you that you should be afraid of man that dies, and of the son of man who is made like grass?**

**Isa 51:13** “And you have forgotten יהוה your Maker who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and **you continually fear, all the day, because of the rage of the oppressor,** as he has prepared to destroy. **And where is the rage of the oppressor?**

**Isa 51:14** “Bowed, he hastens to be loosened, that he should not die **in the pit**, and that his bread should not fail.

**Isa 51:15** “**But I am יהוה your Elohim, stirring up the sea, and its waves roar. יהוה of hosts is His Name.**

**Isa 51:16** “And **I have put My Words in your mouth,** and **with the shadow of My hand I have covered you,** to plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and to say to Tsiyon, **‘You are My people.’**”

**Isa 51:17** **Awake, awake yourself!** Rise up, O Yerushalayim, you who have drunk at the hand of יהוה the cup of His wrath. You have drunk the dregs of the cup of reeling, and drained it out.

**Isa 51:18** Of all the sons she bore, she has none to guide her. And of all the sons she has brought up, none is strengthening her hand.

Isa 51:19 Both these are coming upon you – who is sorry for you?: **Ruin and destruction, scarcity of food and sword.** How shall I comfort you?

Isa 51:20 Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, like a gazelle in a net. They are filled with the wrath of יהוה, the rebuke of your Elohim.

Isa 51:21 Therefore please hear this, you afflicted and drunk, but not with wine.

Isa 51:22 Thus said your Master, יהוה and your Elohim, who pleads the cause of His people, **“See, I shall take out of your hand the cup of reeling, the dregs of the cup of My wrath – never again shall you drink it.**

Isa 51:23 **“And I shall put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your being, ‘Bow down, and we pass over you.’ And you made your back like the ground, and as the street, to walk over.”**

## Isaiah 52

**Isa 52:1** Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Tsiyon, **put on your garments of splendor**, O Yerushalayim, the set-apart city! For no more do the uncircumcised and the unclean come into you.

Rom 13:14 but **put on the Master יהושע Messiah**, and make no provision for the lusts of the flesh.

Php 3:2 Look out for dogs, look out for the evil workers, look out for the mutilation!

Php 3:3 **For we are the circumcision, who are serving Elohim in the Spirit, and boasting in Messiah יהושע, and do not trust in the flesh.**

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Rom 2:29 But he *is* a Jew, **which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that of the heart*, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of Elohim.**

The Covenant Confirming Gospel Message is the wedding garment that comes through the washing of the Word by faith through grace. Our soiled garments have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. Daily we walk in the sanctification process to possess all that He sets before us.

We, like Moses, took off our sandals, for now we stand on Holy Ground. We have submitted to His authority, His priesthood of the Melchizedek order. We are now dressed in white garments, no longer in shame of our nakedness. Our eyes have been anointed with ointment and we see.

Rev 3:18 “I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire,<sup>b</sup> so that you become rich; and **white garments**, so that you become dressed, **so that the shame of your nakedness might not be shown; and anoint your eyes with ointment, so that you see.**

**Isa 52:2** Shake yourself from the dust, arise, and sit down, O Yerushalayim. Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Tsiyon!

**Isa 52:3** For thus said יהוה, "You have been sold for naught, and you are redeemed not with silver."

1Pe 1:17 And if you call **on the Father, who without partiality judges** according to each one's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear,

1Pe 1:18 knowing that **you were redeemed** from your futile behavior inherited from your fathers, not with what is corruptible, silver or gold,

1Pe 1:19 **but with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,**

1Pe 1:20 foreknown, indeed, before the foundation of the world, but manifested in these last times for your sakes,

1Pe 1:21 who through Him believe in Elohim who raised Him from the dead and gave Him esteem, so that your belief and expectation are in Elohim.

1Pe 1:22 Now that you have **cleansed your lives** in obeying the truth through the Spirit to unfeigned brotherly love, love one another fervently with a clean heart,

1Pe 1:23 **having been born again** – not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible – **through the living Word of Elohim, which remains forever,**

1Pe 1:24 because **"All flesh is as grass, and all the esteem of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,**

1Pe 1:25 **but the Word of Elohim remains forever."** Isa 40:6-8 And this is the Word, **announced as Good News to you.**

**Isa 52:4** For thus said the Master יהוה, "At first My people went down into Mitsrayim to sojourn there, and Ashshur [the Assyrian] oppressed them without cause.

KJV: Isa 52:4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and **the Assyrian** oppressed them without cause.



Jer 50:17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

1. His Name: Nebuchadnezzar; Nebuchadrezzar -

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/isbe/nebuchadnezzar-nebuchadrezzar.html>

His name is found in two forms in the Bible, Nebuchadnezzar and Nebuchadrezzar. In the Septuagint he is called Nabouchodonosor, and in the Vulgate (Jerome's Latin Bible, 390-405 A.D.)

Nabuchodonosor. This latter form is found also in the King James Version Apocrypha throughout and in the Revised Version (British and American) 1 Esdras, Ad Esther and Baruch, but not Judith or Tobit. This change from "r" to "n" which is found in the two writings of the name in the Hebrew and the Aramaic of the Scriptures is a not uncommon one in the Semitic languages, as in Burnaburiyash and Burraburiyash, Ben-hadad and Bar-hadad (see Brockelmann's Comparative Grammar, 136, 173, 220). It is possible, however, that the form Nebuchadnezzar is the Aramaic translation of the Babylonian Nebuchadrezzar. If we take the name to be compounded of Nabu-kudurri-usur in the sense "O Nebo, protect thy servant," then Nabu-kedina-usur would be the best translation possible in Aramaic. Such translations of proper names are common in the old versions of the Scriptures and elsewhere. For example, in WAI, V, 44, we find 4 columns of proper names of persons giving the Sumerian originals and the Semitic translations of the same; compare Bar-hadad in Aramaic for Hebrew Ben-hadad. In early Aramaic the "S" had not yet become "T" (see Cooke, Text-Book of North-Sem Inscriptions, 188 f); so that for anyone who thought that kudurru meant "servant," Nebuchadnezzar would be a perfect translation into Aramaic of Nebuchadrezzar.

[Isa 10:24](#) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of **the Assyrian**: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

[Isa 14:25](#) That I will break **the Assyrian** in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

[Isa 19:23](#) In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and **the Assyrian** shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

[Isa 23:13](#) Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, *till* **the Assyrian** founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; *and* he brought it to ruin.

[Isa 30:31](#) For through the voice of the LORD shall **the Assyrian** be beaten down, *which* smote with a rod.

[Isa 31:8](#) Then shall **the Assyrian** fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

[Isa 52:4](#) For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and **the Assyrian** oppressed them without cause.

[Eze 31:3](#) Behold, **the Assyrian** *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

[Hos 5:13](#) When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then went Ephraim to **the Assyrian**, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

[Hos 11:5](#) He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but **the Assyrian** shall be his king, because they refused to return.

[Mic 5:5](#) And this *man* shall be the peace, when **the Assyrian** shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

[Mic 5:6](#) And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from **the Assyrian**, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

[Isa 52:5](#) “And now, what have I here,” declares יהוה, “that My people are taken away for naught? Those who rule over them make them wail,” declares יהוה, “and **My Name is despised<sup>a</sup> all day continually**. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Psa 74:10](#), [Psa 74:18](#), [Exo 20:7](#) and [Deu 5:11](#).

[Psa 74:10](#) O Elohim, how long would the adversary reproach? *Would the enemy despise Your Name forever?*<sup>b</sup>  
Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Psa 74:18](#).

[Psa 74:18](#) Remember this: the enemy has reproached יהוה, And a foolish people has despised Your Name.

[Isa 52:6](#) “Therefore **My people shall know My Name, in that day**, for I am the One who is speaking. See, it is I.”

[Heb 6:13](#) For Elohim, **having promised Abraham**, since He could swear by no one greater, swore by Himself,<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Gen 22:16](#).

[Heb 6:14](#) saying, “**Truly, blessing I shall bless you, and increasing I shall increase you.**”  
[Gen 22:18](#).

[Heb 6:15](#) And so, after being patient, he obtained the promise.

[Heb 6:16](#) For men do indeed swear by the one greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

[Heb 6:17](#) In this way Elohim, **resolving to show even more clearly to the heirs of promise** the unchangeableness of His purpose, confirmed it by an oath,

Heb 6:18 so that by two unchangeable matters in which it is impossible for Elohim to lie, we might have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the expectation set before us,

Heb 6:19 which we have as an anchor of the life, both safe and firm, **and entering into that within the veil,**

Heb 6:20 where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become **High Priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq.** [Psa\\_110:4.](#)

Isa 52:7 **How pleasant upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims deliverance, who says to Tsiyon, "Your Elohim reigns!"**

Rev 14:6 And I saw another messenger flying in mid-heaven, **holding the everlasting Good News to announce to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.**

Rev 14:7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear Elohim and give esteem to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and sea, and fountains of water."

Isa 52:8 The voice of your watchmen! They shall lift up their voices, together they shout for joy, because eye to eye they see the return of יהוה to Tsiyon.

Mat 28:16 And **the eleven taught ones** went away into Galil, to the mountain which יהושע had appointed for them.

Mat 28:17 And when they saw Him, they bowed to Him, but some doubted.

Mat 28:18 And יהושע came up and spoke to them, saying, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

Mat 28:19 **"Therefore, go and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name<sup>c</sup> of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit,<sup>d</sup>** Footnotes: <sup>c</sup>Note: The singular. <sup>d</sup>Not found in the Hebrew Shem Toḇ text, "...and make taught ones of all the nations, immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set-apart Spirit."

Mat 28:20 **teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Amēn.**

Isa 52:9 **Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Yerushalayim! For יהוה shall comfort His people, He shall redeem Yerushalayim.**

Isa 52:10 יהוה shall lay bare His set-apart arm in the eyes of all the nations. And **all the ends of the earth shall see the deliverance of our Elohim.**

Rev 11:15 And the seventh messenger sounded, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, "The reign of this world has become *the reign* of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!"<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Rev 12:10](#), [Psa 2:8](#), [Psa 22:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:13-14](#), [Oba 1:15-21](#), [Hag 2:22](#), [Zec 14:9](#).

Isa 52:11 **Turn aside! Turn aside! Come out from there, touch not the unclean. Come out of her**

midst, be clean, you who bear the vessels of יהוה.

Isa 52:12 For you shall not come out in haste, nor go in flight. **For יהוה is going before you, and the Elohim of Yisra'el is your rear guard.**

**Rom 10:11** Because the Scripture says, “**Whoever puts his trust in Him shall not be put to shame.**” Isa 28:16.

Rom 10:12 Because there is no distinction between Yehudi and Greek, for the same Master of all is rich to all those calling upon Him.

Rom 10:13 For “**everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be saved.**”<sup>c</sup> Joe 2:32.

Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Act 2:21.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without one proclaiming?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they proclaim if they are not sent? As it has been written, “**How pleasant are the feet of those who bring the Good News of peace, who bring the Good News of the good!**” Isa 52:7.

### He Was Pierced for Our Transgressions

Isa 52:13 See, My Servant shall work wisely, He shall be exalted and lifted up and very high.

Isa 52:14 As many were astonished at You – **so the disfigurement beyond any man's and His form beyond the sons of men –**

It appears the accusers didn't obey Deut. 25:3. His punishment apparently was carried out in such a way as to 'degrade' him before others. Like I shared before, Yahusha may have been stoned along with being given stripes. Isaiah 52:14 state He was disfigured beyond any man's and His form beyond the sons of men.

Isa 52:15 He shall likewise startle many nations. Sovereigns shut their mouths at Him, for what had not been recounted to them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall understand.

Zec 2:13 “Hush, all flesh, before יהוה, for He has roused Himself out of His set-apart dwelling!”

Mic 7:16 **Let the nations see and be ashamed** of all their might, let them put their hand over their mouth, let their ears be deaf.

Mic 7:17 Let them lick the dust like a serpent, let them come trembling from their strongholds like snakes of the earth, let them be afraid of יהוה our Elohim and fear because of You.

Other Torah Portion Scriptures for self-study: **Matt. 5:38-42; 26:47-27:10; John 1:19-27; Acts 3:13-26; 7:35-53; 1Cor. 5:9-13; 1Tim. 5:17-22; Hebrews 10:28-31**

*Shabbat Shalom, Libby*