

Midrash *Re'eh* ("Behold") Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17

Blessings & Curses

Deuteronomy 11:26 - 32

Blessings for Obedience on Mt. *Gerizim* - "Cut Off"

Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph & Benjamin

Leah

Rachel

Curses for Disobedience on Mt. *Ebal* – "Stone" or "Bare Mountain"

Reuben, Zebulun, Gad, Asher, Dan & Naphtali

Leah

Zilpah

Bilhah

Deut 27:12-13 & Joshua 8:33-35

God set before them a choice: Blessings or Curses

Must choose one Not be in the middle Like Laodicea!

Revelation 3:14-22

Blessing comes from obeying ... **שמע** *shema*

Hearing = Obeying = Blessing

Compare to Amos 8:11

A Glimpse of the Heart of God

"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live..."

Deuteronomy 30:19

Sacrifice at Only One Altar

Deuteronomy 12:1 – 32

Yeshua's reference to *Korban* offerings

Mark 7:9-13

These Statutes & Judgments observed only "in the Land"

Like the *shmitah*??

Utterly Destroy Your Enemies Idols on:

- The High Places
- The Hills
- Every Green Tree

In Athens, Paul did not destroy pagan idols (he was outside the Land)

Acts 17:22-31

Offer Burnt Offerings only in the Place God designated
Where He placed His Name - Like the Aaronic Benediction

verses 10-14

Can Eat Meat, but Not the Blood

Leviticus 17:11-12

Torah Summarized:

Deuteronomy 12:30-31

Don't Do the Things You Did to Your Idols and Say You're Doing Them to Me!

Idolatry is Forbidden

Deuteronomy 13:1 – 18

Do not be enticed to worship other gods by:

False Prophets or Dreamers Who do Signs & Wonders
Anti-christ will deceive with signs and wonders

Matt24:24

Your Family

Community Leaders

All Put to Death!

Don't cut yourselves or shave between the eyes
Pagan practices of the times (Elijah @ Mt Carmel)

I Kings 18:17-40

Clean & Unclean Animals

Deuteronomy 14:1 – 21

"You are the children of the LORD your God..." (only when obedient!)

Romans 8:14 & John 1:12-13

"He has chosen you to be ... a special treasure above all peoples..."

Compare to the Parable of the Field

Matthew 13:44

Peter's Vision in Acts 10 is about **People, Not Animals!**

Acts 10:28

Clean Mammals: Cloven Hooves AND Chews Cud

Clean Fish: Have Fins AND Scales
Oysters (& therefore, pearls) are not Kosher

Matthew 13:44-46

Clean Birds: NOT Scavengers

Clean Insects: Only Locusts

Are we not to mix meat and dairy? Ancient Canaanite fertility rite

“Don’t boil a kid in its mother’s milk.”

What is the context of Ex 23:19 & 34:26?

“You shall not eat anything that dies of itself...”

Not necessarily “road kill”, but anything not *kashrut*

Reference I Corinth 10:23

The 2nd Tithe

The 1st Tithe (10%) was to go to the Levites

Levites mentioned: implying they may have been considered “poor”

Deuteronomy 14:22 – 29

Numbers 18:21

The 2nd Tithe went to the sanctuary to be eaten there

In the 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th years

In the 3rd & 6th years it stayed home & went to the poor

The Sabbatical Year of Release (*Shmitah*)

Deuteronomy 15:1 – 11

Every 7th Year:

Land was to lie fallow to allow it to replenish

Ex 23:10-11 & Lev 25:1-7

All debts are permanently forgiven (end of year – Elul 29)

Deuteronomy 15:2

For “your brother” but not the *goyim!*

“except when there be no poor among you...”

Was apparently not followed See verse 11

⇒ The only way to eradicate poverty: **Obey God’s Commandments!**

Freedom for Hebrew Slaves

Deuteronomy 15:12 – 18

Also in Sabbatical Year

Slaves set free

And “supplied liberally” from flocks & vineyard

Just as Israel was “blessed” when leaving Egypt

If he wishes to remain;

Ear is pierced

Becomes a Bondservant (*dulos*)

How Paul introduces himself in most of his epistles

Offering the Firstborn

Deuteronomy 15:19 – 23

Firstborn do no work nor are they sheared

An offering to God

The Three Pilgrimage Festivals

Deuteronomy 16:1-17

Sh’loshim Reglim, literally “three legs”

All able-bodied Jewish men required to bring firstfruits offering to Temple

Where is this Passover Sacrifice Offered???

Deuteronomy 16:5-6

3 Firstfruits Offerings

Spring

Unleavened Bread

Barley

Summer

Shavuot (Pentecost)

Wheat

Fall

Sukot (Tabernacles)

Olives, Grapes, Nuts & Fruit

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11–55:5

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Brit Chadashah: John 13-17

Yeshua Explains the New Covenant to His Disciples