

Midrash *B'Chukotai* ("In My Statutes")
Leviticus 26:3- 27:34

This is the final Portion in Leviticus & issues warnings and admonitions
Since chapter 16, the focus has been: Maintaining our holiness
But the Book ends with dire warnings if we are disobedient:
We are in covenant with God:

Blessings from obedience are contrasted with curses from disobedience

Blessings Follow Obedience

Leviticus 26:3-13

General blessings due to obedience

1. *"Rain in due season..."* verses 3-4
 The most precious blessing is life itself
 Man came from the dust of the ground:
 If we bear good fruit, so will the land

2. *"Your threshing shall reach unto your vintage...and you shall eat your fill."* verse 5
 So much barley & wheat that harvest continues to the grape harvest!
 ...and the grape harvest occupies you until Spring sowing! Amos 9:13

3. *"...and dwell in your land safely."* verse 5
 Continuous activity of sowing & reaping brings security

4. *"And I will give peace in the land..."* verse 6
 Prosperity without peace has no value

- "...I will rid evil beasts out of the land."* verse 6
 Security from wild animals
 God's Mercy: Upon the Poor Exo 23:11
 Joshua's Conquest Deut 7:2
 Job's Promise Job 5:23
 Ezekiel's Promise Ezekiel 29:5

- God's Wrath Upon Israel Jer 12:9; Hosea 2:12,18 & Joel 1:20 & 2:22

- "Neither shall the sword go through your land."* verse 6-8
 Peace will be so pervasive that enemies will not prevail

- "Five of you will chase 100..."*
 Few united with God are more effective than 1,000's

5. *"I will have respect unto you..."* verses 9-11
 Make you fruitful & multiply you
 Make My Covenant with you Jeremiah 31:31-33
 Through Covenant, both blessings and curses are multiplied

- "..bring forth the old because of the new."*
 Double Portion in *Shmittah* Year Lev 25:22

6. *"And I will walk among you..."* verse 12
"..and will be your God, and you shall be My People"
 Adoption Language!

- The same God Who returned Benjamin & Judah from Babylon verse 13
 ... will return "All Israel" from the Nations!

Curses Follow Disobedience

Leviticus 26:14-39

Very specific curses ... with increasing severity (birth pangs!)
 Not as revenge, but to provoke repentance
 Just like the Egyptian Plagues

Statutes	חֻקָּה	<i>chuqah</i>	“prescribed ordinance”	} Deut 30:16
Judgments	מִשְׁפָּט	<i>mishpat</i>	“decision or sentence”	
Commandments	מִצְוָה	<i>mitzvah</i>	“code of wisdom”	

Each brings a 7-Fold Judgment:

1. **Sickness:** Swelling Lesions Struck down before enemy verses 16-18
 Burning Fever Subjugated
 Frustrated Longings Fleeing when none in pursuit
 Sowing seed for the enemy
 2. **Defeat:** Destruction of your pride Earth will not yield crops verses 19-20
 Heavens will be like iron Trees will not yield fruit
 Earth will be like copper Whatever grows will drop before maturing
 Will extend strength in vain
 3. **Wild Beasts:** Send wild beasts Destroy your cattle verse 22
 Beasts among you Make you few in number
 They will rob you Make your highways desolate
 Steal your children
 4. **Famine :** Foreign invaders Lack of fuel verses 25-26
 Forced into cities Crumbling bread
 Plagues Constant hunger
 Food shortages
 5. **Siege & Exile:** Cannibalism Destruction of cities verses 29-33
 Destruction of buildings Desolation of the Sanctuary
 Death of people Refusal to accept offerings
 Loss of *Sh'kinah*
- The “End from the Beginning” Prophecy vv 34-35; II Chron 36:21 & Jer 26:6
6. **Remnants' Fate** Faintness on hearts Enemies' land shall eat you verses 36-39
 Fall upon one another Pine away in your iniquity
 No power over enemies Pine away in fathers' iniquity
 Perish among heathen

Restoration Follows Repentance

Leviticus 26:40-46

If you confess your sins & your father's sins

I John 1:9

Then God will remember His Covenant with the Fathers

He will not destroy, abhor nor cast you away! **He is Your God!**

Vows & Tithes to God (Sanctuary Offerings : The End from the Beginning!)

Leviticus 27:1-13

Dedicated People: **Male** Age 20-60: 50 Shekels **Female**:30 Shekels
Male Age 5-20: 20 Shekels **Female** 10 Shekels
Male Age 1 Month-5: 5 Shekels **Female** 3 Shekels
Male Age 60 & Up: 15 Shekels **Female** 10 Shekels

Property Dedicated to God

Leviticus 27:14-34

House Priest determines value: Redeemed: Value + 20%

Field: Barley = 50 Shekels; Redeemed = Value + 20% Adjusted for Jubilee

Animals: Firstborn are God's – Cannot be redeemed
 Value is dedicated – not the animal. If sold, then no longer Holy.

As we finish reading these final verses of Leviticus, we say:

“Chazak, chazak, ve-nitchazek!” Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!”

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 The Curse of Judah's Babylonian Captivity

Brit Chadashah: Revelation 3:14 - 22 Yeshua's Curses & Blessings to the Laodiceans