

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; Enkindle in them the fire of your love.

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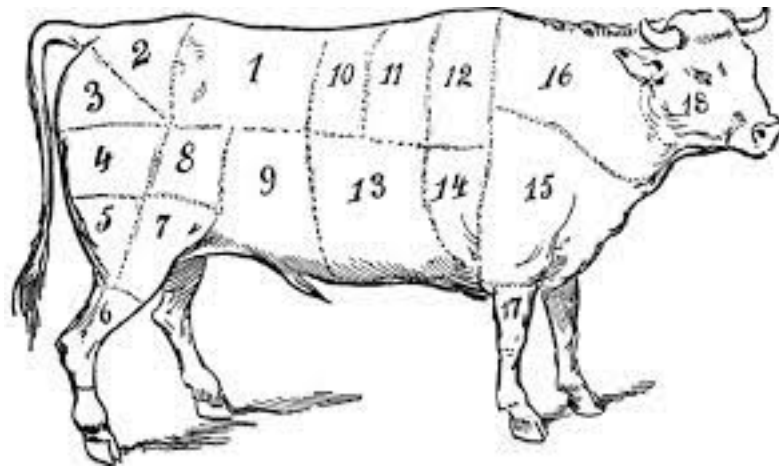
III.

I. Priests

- A. Shall not share in the land division but live off of offerings .. “the Lord is their inheritance”.
- B. Rights of Levi
 - 1. From Animal offerings priest receives shoulder #15-16, jowls #18, and stomach #13
 - 2. First fruits of grain, oil and wine
 - 3. First fruits of shearing of sheep
- C. He may minister anywhere in Israel when visiting

II. Prophets

- A. Must never imitate the abominations of surrounding peoples
 - 1. Never immolate son or daughter in fire (to god Molech)
 - 2. Fortune telling
 - 3. Soothsayer
 - 4. Charmer
 - 5. Diviner
 - 6. Caster of spells
 - 7. Consults ghosts & spirits or oracles of the dead
- B. A prophet like Moses will the Lord raise up who speaks God’s words
 - 1. Proof of genuineness is if oracle is fulfilled.



2 Lent Mon /6 Mar 2023

Dt 24:1-25:4

I. Marriage Laws

A. May not remarry a woman whom you have divorced.

1. Meant to check hasty divorce by demanding sufficient cause & legal formalities.
2. Divorce itself is taken for granted & tolerated as an existing custom whose evils these regulations seek to lessen
3. Cf Matthew 19:8

B. A newly wed man need not to go on military expedition nor have public duty imposed on him.

1. Exempt for one year so he can “bring joy” to his wife. 24:5

II. Justice, Equity and Charity

A. Can't take hand mill or upper stone of mill as collateral on a loan.

B. One who kidnaps a fellow Jew to enslave or sell him shall be executed.

C. Victim of leprosy must follow levitical requirements.

D. In making a loan cannot enter the man's house, but he must come outside to you.

E. If you take a man's cloak for collateral on a loan must return it at sunset (*it's used as a blanket*)

F. Must not defraud a hired servant but his wages before the end of the day.

G. No one to be executed for the guilt of a son or a father; only for your own personal offense.

H. A sheaf left in the field after harvest can be gleaned by a poor person.

I. A perpetrator not to be whipped except in presence of the accuser.

1. The number of stripes never to exceed 40

J. Must not muzzle an ox when it's treading grain.



2 Lent Tues /7 Mar 2023
Dt 26:1-19

I. Thanksgiving for the Harvest

A. Moses instructs the Israelites to show God gratitude once they have crossed the Jordan & possess the promised land.

1. Take first fruits from the harvest & go to the designated place (later the temple)
2. The priest will take the basket & you will say: **Deut. 26:5** Then you shall declare in the presence of the LORD, your God, “My father was a refugee Aramean* who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as a resident alien.^d But there he became a nation great, strong and numerous. ⁶ ^eWhen the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing harsh servitude upon us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. ⁸ Then the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders,^f ⁹ and brought us to this place, and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.^g **10** Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, LORD, have given me.” You shall set them before the LORD, your God, and you shall bow down before the LORD, your God.



2 Lent Wed /8 Mar 2023

Dt 29:1-5, 9-28

I. Past favors recalled 29:1-5

- A. God protected you in your flight from Pharaoh.
- B. He tested you to be assured of your devotion to the covenant.
- C. But he expected you to discern what he has done and you failed.

II. All Israel bound to the covenant 29:9-28

- A. chiefs, judges, elders, officials, all men, your wives, children, aliens, slaves who hew wood & draw water
 - 1. Also those not present, i.e. their descendants!
- B. Covenant sanction is a curse if they stray into idolatry:
 - 1. Using Idols of wood and stone, gold and silver
 - 2. Subject to poison and wormwood (= an herb used in the alcoholic drinks vermouth and absinthe. Its oil contains the chemical thujone, which may be poisonous. The thujone in wormwood oil excites the central nervous system and can cause seizures and other adverse effects.
- C. Don't be beguiled into thinking God doesn't notice
 - 1. Every curse written in this book will fall on your head
 - 2. Doomed (=Herem or cherem (Hebrew: חֵרֶם, ḥērem), as used in the Tanakh, means something given over to the Lord, or under a ban, and sometimes refers to things or persons to be utterly destroyed.
 - 3. Your own descendants & even foreigners will come to see your desolation //Sodom & Gomorrah & ask why has God done this to them. **Deut. 29:24** And they will say, "Because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their ancestors, which he had made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, ²⁵ and they went and served other gods and bowed down to them, gods whom they did not know and whom he had not apportioned to them.^m ²⁶ So the anger of the LORD flared up against this land and brought on it every curse written in this book.
 - 4. Sent into exile 29:27



2 Lent Thurs /9 Mar 2023

Dt 30:1-20

I. Mercy for the Repentant

- A. Provided that you *and your children* heed God's voice & return to his covenant, the Lord will take pity & bring you back to your own land & make you more prosperous and numerous.
- B. The torah is not too mysterious and remote
 - 1. Not up in the sky
 - 2. Not across the sea
- C. It is very near to you
 - 1. On your tongue
 - 2. And in your heart
- D. You only have to carry it out!

II. Your choice

- A. Life & prosperity? Death & doom?
- B. God will bless you in the land you are to occupy if you make the right choice.

2 Lent Fri /10 Mar 2023
Dt 31:1-15, 23

I. The Lord's leadership

- A. At the end of the 3rd sermon Moses at age 120 announces he will not cross the Jordan.
 - 1. Joshua will succeed him.
 - 2. The Lord will march before them.
- B. Exhorts them to be brave and steadfast

II. Reading of the Law

- A. Given for safekeeping to the Levites who carry the Ark 31:9
- B. Commanded to read it aloud during the Feast of Booths in the Jubilee year.
 - 1. Children must hear and learn it.

III. Commission of Joshua 31:14

- A. Lord tells Moses to bring Joshua to the Meeting Tent
- B. The Lord appeared in a column of cloud
- C. Spoke to Joshua to assure him that He would stay with him.





2 Lent Sat /11 Mar 2023

Dt 32:48-52, 34:1-12

I. Moses allowed to view Canaan Dt 32:48-52

- A. From Mt Nebo in the Abarim Mountains in land of Moab.
- B. He was told that he would die there just as Aaron had died on Mt Hor
- C. Told the reason he would not be allowed into the Promised Land:
 - 1. He broke faith at the waters of Meribah

II. Death and burial of Moses

- A. From the summit Moses only viewed the land
- B. Buried in the ravine opposite Beth-poeor “but no one knows the place of his burial”.
 - 1. Age 120 yet “his eyes undimmed and vigor unabated” 34:8
- C. Moses had laid hands on Joshua who took the responsibility with the spirit of wisdom