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Parashah #33 B'chukotai – in My statutes



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- Lev 26:3-27:34
- Jer 16:19-17:14
- Mat 22:1-14

B'chukotai means “*in My statutes.*”

Uayyiqra (Leviticus) 26:3-27:34

Uayyiqra (Leviticus) Chapter 26

³ If you follow My statutes and carefully keep My commandments, ⁴ I will give you rains in their season, and the land will yield its produce, and the trees of the field will bear their fruit. ⁵ Your threshing will continue until the grape harvest, and the grape harvest will continue until sowing time; you will have your fill of food to eat and will dwell securely in your land.

⁶ And I will give peace to the land, and you will lie down with nothing to fear. I will rid the land of dangerous animals, and no sword will pass through your land. ⁷ You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. ⁸ Five of you will pursue a hundred, and a hundred of you will pursue ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.

⁹ I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will establish My covenant with you. ¹⁰ You will still be



eating the old supply of grain when you need to clear it out to make room for the new.

¹¹ And I will make My dwelling place among you, and My soul will not despise you. ¹² I will walk among you and be your Alahym, and you will be My people. ¹³ I am אלהיכם your Alahym, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim so that you would no longer be slaves to the Mitsrites. I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk in uprightness.

Punishments for Disobedience (Leviticus 20:1–9 ; Deuteronomy 28:15–68)

¹⁴ If, however, you fail to obey Me and to carry out all these commandments, ¹⁵ and if you reject My statutes, despise My ordinances, and neglect to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, ¹⁶ then this is what I will do to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting disease, and fever that will destroy your sight and drain your life. You will sow your seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. ¹⁷ And I will set My face against you, so that you will be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one pursues you.

¹⁸ And if after all this you will not obey Me, I will proceed to punish you sevenfold for your sins. ¹⁹ I will break down your stubborn pride and make your sky like iron and your land like bronze, ²⁰ and your strength will be spent in vain. For your land



will not yield its produce, and the trees of the land will not bear their fruit.

²¹ If you walk in hostility toward Me and refuse to obey Me, I will multiply your plagues seven times, according to your sins. ²² I will send wild animals against you to rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and reduce your numbers, until your roads lie desolate.

²³ And if in spite of these things you do not accept My discipline, but continue to walk in hostility toward Me, ²⁴ then I will act with hostility toward you, and I will strike you sevenfold for your sins. ²⁵ And I will bring a sword against you to execute the vengeance of the covenant. Though you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you, and you will be delivered into the hand of the enemy. ²⁶ When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will bake your bread in a single oven and dole out your bread by weight, so that you will eat but not be satisfied.

²⁷ But if in spite of all this you do not obey Me, but continue to walk in hostility toward Me, ²⁸ then I will walk in fury against you, and I, even I, will punish you sevenfold for your sins. ²⁹ You will eat the flesh of your own sons and daughters. ³⁰ I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and heap your lifeless bodies on the lifeless remains of your idols; and My soul will despise you.



³¹ I will reduce your cities to rubble and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will refuse to smell the pleasing aroma of your sacrifices. ³² And I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who dwell in it will be appalled. ³³ But I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out a sword after you as your land becomes desolate and your cities are laid waste.

³⁴ Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths all the days it lies desolate, while you are in the land of your enemies. At that time the land will rest and enjoy its Sabbaths. ³⁵ As long as it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not receive during the Sabbaths when you lived in it.

³⁶ As for those of you who survive, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, so that even the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. And they will flee as one flees the sword, and fall when no one pursues them.

³⁷ They will stumble over one another as before the sword, though no one is behind them. So you will not be able to stand against your enemies.

³⁸ You will perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies will consume you. ³⁹ Those of you who survive in the lands of your enemies will waste away in their iniquity and will decay in the sins of their fathers.



Alahym Remembers Those Who Repent

⁴⁰ But if they will confess their iniquity and that of their fathers in the unfaithfulness that they practiced against Me, by which they have also walked in hostility toward Me— ⁴¹ and I acted with hostility toward them and brought them into the land of their enemies—and if their uncircumcised hearts will be humbled and they will make amends for their iniquity, ⁴² then I will remember My covenant with Ya'aqob and My covenant with Yitshaq and My covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

⁴³ For the land will be abandoned by them, and it will enjoy its Sabbaths by lying desolate without them. And they will pay the penalty for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and abhorred My statutes.

⁴⁴ Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject or despise them so as to destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am אלהים their Alahym. ⁴⁵ But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their fathers, whom I brought out of the land of Mitsrayim in the sight of the nations, that I might be their Alahym. I am ⁴⁶ אלהים. אלהים These are the statutes, ordinances, and laws that אלהים established between Himself and the Yasharalites through Moshe on Mount Sinai.



Uayyiqra (Leviticus) Chapter 27

Rules about Valuations

¹When אֱלֹהִים said to Moshe, ²“Speak to the Yasharalites and say to them, ‘When someone makes a special vow to אֱלֹהִים involving the value of persons, ³ if the valuation concerns a male from twenty to sixty years of age, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the sanctuary shekel. ⁴ Or if it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels. ⁵ And if the person is from five to twenty years of age, then your valuation for the male shall be twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

⁶ Now if the person is from one month to five years of age, then your valuation for the male shall be five shekels of silver, and for the female three shekels of silver. ⁷ And if the person is sixty years of age or older, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels for the male and ten shekels for the female. ⁸ But if the one making the vow is too poor to pay the valuation, he is to present the person before the priest, who shall set the value according to what the one making the vow can afford.

⁹ If he vows an animal that may be brought as an offering to אֱלֹהִים, any such animal given to אֱלֹהִים shall be set apart. ¹⁰ He must not replace it or exchange it, either good for bad or bad for good. But if he does substitute one animal for another, both that animal and its substitute will be set apart.



¹¹ But if the vow involves any of the unclean animals that may not be brought as an offering to אֱלֹהִים, the animal must be presented before the priest. ¹² The priest shall set its value, whether high or low; as the priest values it, the price will be set. ¹³ If, however, the owner decides to redeem the animal, he must add a fifth to its value.

¹⁴ Now if a man sets his house apart, to be set-apart to אֱלֹהִים, then the priest shall value it either as good or bad. The price will stand just as the priest values it. ¹⁵ But if he who set apart his house redeems it, he must add a fifth to the assessed value, and it will belong to him.

¹⁶ If a man sets apart to אֱלֹהִים a parcel of his land, then your valuation shall be proportional to the seed required for it—fifty shekels of silver for every homer of barley seed. ¹⁷ If he sets apart his field during the Year of Yobel, the price will stand according to your valuation.

¹⁸ But if he sets apart his field after the Yobel, the priest is to calculate the price in proportion to the years left until the next Year of Yobel, so that your valuation will be reduced. ¹⁹ And if the one who set apart the field decides to redeem it, he must add a fifth to the assessed value, and it shall belong to him.

²⁰ If, however, he does not redeem the field, or if he has sold it to another man, it may no longer be redeemed. ²¹ When the



field is released in the Yobel, it will become set apart, like a field devoted to אֱלֹהִים; it becomes the property of the priests.

²² Now if a man sets apart to אֱלֹהִים a field he has purchased, which is not a part of his own property, ²³ then the priest shall calculate for him the value up to the Year of Yobel, and the man shall pay the assessed value on that day as a set apart offering to אֱלֹהִים – YAHUAH. ²⁴ In the Year of Yobel the field shall return to the one from whom it was bought—the original owner of the land. ²⁵ Every valuation will be according to the sanctuary shekel, twenty gerahs to the shekel.

²⁶ But no one may set apart a firstborn of the livestock, because a firstborn belongs to אֱלֹהִים. Whether it is an ox or a sheep, it is אֱלֹהִים's. ²⁷ But if it is among the unclean animals, then he may redeem it according to your valuation and add a fifth of its value. If it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

²⁸ Nothing that a man sets apart to אֱלֹהִים from all he owns—whether a man, an animal, or his inherited land—can be sold or redeemed; everything so devoted is most set apart to אֱלֹהִים.

²⁹ No person set apart for destruction may be ransomed; he must surely be put to death.



Instruction on Tithes (Deuteronomy 14:22–29 ; 26:1–15 ; Nehemiah 13:10–14)

³⁰ Thus any tithe from the land, whether from the seed of the land or the fruit of the trees, belongs to אלהים; it is set apart to אלהים – YAHUAH. ³¹ If a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he must add a fifth to its value.

³² Every tenth animal from the herd or flock that passes under the shepherd's rod will be set apart to אלהים – YAHUAH. ³³ He must not inspect whether it is good or bad, and he shall not make any substitution. But if he does make a substitution, both the animal and its substitute shall become set apart; they cannot be redeemed.' ”

³⁴ These are the commandments that אלהים gave to Moshe for the Yasharalites on Mount Sinai.

Yirmeyahu (YirmeYahu) 16:19-17:14

Yirmeyahu (YirmeYahu) Chapter 16

¹⁹ O אלהים, my strength and my fortress,
my refuge in the day of distress,
the nations will come to You



from the ends of the earth, and they will say,

“Our fathers inherited nothing but lies,
worthless idols of no benefit at all.

²⁰ Can man make mighty ones for himself?

Such are not mighty ones!”

²¹ “Therefore behold, I will inform them,

and this time I will make them know

My power and My might;

then they will know

that My name is אֶלֹהִים.

Yirmeyahu (YirmeYahu) Chapter 17

¹The sin of Yahudah is written with an iron stylus,

engraved with a diamond point

on the tablets of their hearts

and on the horns of their altars.

² Even their children remember their altars and Asherah poles



by the green trees and on the high hills.

³ O My mountain in the countryside,

I will give over your wealth

and all your treasures as plunder,

because of the sin of your high places,

within all your borders.

⁴ And you yourself will relinquish

the inheritance that I gave you.

I will enslave you to your enemies

in a land that you do not know,

for you have kindled My anger;

it will burn forever.”

⁵ This is what אלהים says:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind,

who makes mere flesh his strength

and turns his heart from אלהים.



⁶ He will be like a shrub in the desert;

he will not see when prosperity comes.

He will dwell in the parched places of the desert,

in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ ***But blessed is the man who trusts in אֱלֹהִים,***

whose confidence is in Him.

⁸ He is like a tree planted by the waters

that sends out its roots toward the stream.

It does not fear when the heat comes,

and its leaves are always green.

It does not worry in a year of drought,

nor does it cease to produce fruit.

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things

and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

¹⁰ I, אֱלֹהִים, search the heart;



I examine the mind

to reward a man according to his way,
by what his deeds deserve.

¹¹ Like a partridge hatching eggs it did not lay
is the man who makes a fortune unjustly.

In the middle of his days his riches will desert him,
and in the end he will be the fool.”

YirmeYahu's Prayer for Deliverance

¹² An esteemed throne, exalted from the beginning,
is the place of our sanctuary.

¹³ O אֱלֹהֵינוּ, the hope of Yasharal,
all who abandon You will be put to shame.

All who turn away will be written in the dust,
for they have abandoned אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
the fountain of living water.

¹⁴ *Heal me, O אֱלֹהֵינוּ, and I will be healed;*



*save me, and I will be saved,
for You are my praise.*

Matthew (MattithYahu) 22:1-14

Matthew (MattithYahu) Chapter 22

The Parable of the Banquet (Luke 14:15–24)

¹ Once again, ^{וַיְדַבֵּר} spoke to them in parables: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to call those he had invited to the banquet, but they refused to come.

⁴ Again, he sent other servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ But they paid no attention and went away, one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷ The king was enraged, and he sent his troops to destroy those murderers and burn their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited were not



worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the crossroads and *invite to the banquet as many as you can find.*'

¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered everyone they could find, *both evil and good*, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he spotted a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. ¹²'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?'

But the man was speechless.

¹³ Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'¹⁴ *For many are called, but few are chosen.*"

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