

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Background:** This Torah portion is the fourth portion that takes place in the last five weeks of Moses' life. He is addressing the new generation before they go into the land. They will no longer have the visible cloud of יהוה's presence nor will they eat manna any longer. This book is often known as the second giving of the law or instructions from יהוה given to Moses. We are beginning to understand as Joan McNeal discovered that it is the document of the New Covenant. See the first Torah portion "Devarim" for a related article. The Torah portion does not say that יהוה told Moses to tell the people. It says Moses **said** to the people, meaning this is Moses repeating what was given to him by יהוה during a previous time in the Wilderness. The two mountains Gerizim and Mount Ebal are in **Shechem**. The word Shechem means shoulder. Mount Gerizim is the mount of the blessing and it is covered with trees even today. Mount Ebal is the mount of cursing and it does not have many trees on it. יהוה gave this sign to show us the difference in receiving the blessing or the curse. We choose whether we want to follow יהוה's commands or not. Our choice determines whether we are filled with blessings or we are under the curse.

**Re' eh (ראה) = See, look at the results of your choices**

### Events in this Torah portion:

- Moses sets before the people the blessing and the curse
- They are to pronounce the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal
- The decrees and ordinances are given that are to be kept in the land
- Destroy idols in the land and bring offerings to the place יהוה will place His name
- You may eat meat in your cities but Offerings are only offered where He will place His name
- Bring tithes and offerings and give to the Levites
- Safeguard and hearken to all the commandments
- Don't worship יהוה in pagan ways
- A false prophet is a person who does miracles but says to not obey יהוה's commands
- You must witness against anyone who says let's worship other gods
- If a city of Israel commits an abomination, all Israel must come against it.
- Don't cut yourself or make yourself bald in mourning for the dead.
- You shall not eat animals that are abominable .
- Tithe all your crops. If you live far from the Temple, sell your 2nd tithe and take the money to Jerusalem and buy all that your heart desires to eat and drink before יהוה and rejoice.
- Take the tithe on the third and sixth year to the storehouse in your own town
- All debts are canceled on the seventh year. Hebrew slaves are set free.
- Give to the poor and needy
- Hebrew slaves are to be given generous gifts when they are set free.
- The procedure is given how to become a bond servant.
- Commandment of offering first born animals
- Commandment of Passover, Unleavened bread, Pentecost & Feast of Tabernacles

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### We choose a blessing or a curse

**Deuteronomy 11:26-28** **See**, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; 27 A blessing, if you obey the commandments of יהוה your Elohim, which I command you this day: 28 And a curse, if you will not obey the commandments of יהוה your Elohim, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which you have not known.

**See** = see, consider, discern, perceive, regard (s# 07200 ראה) (raw-eh')

**Comment:** See the difference in outcome if you follow יהוה or follow anything else. One right way and many wrong ways to not following Him. These conditions of blessing or curses may not be noticeable in the short term but will be abundantly clear in the long term. Many people who live like the devil, appear to be blessed much more than those who are doing their best to obey the commandments, but that is a temporary condition. David saw the wicked prospering with everything going well for them and it troubled him. But then he understood when he entered the sanctuary of יהוה.

### **Related Scripture: Those who obey will be blessed at the proper time**

**Psalms 73:1-28** Truly Elohim *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart. 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. 3 For **I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.** 4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm. 5 They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men. 6 Therefore pride compassed them about as a chain; violence covered them *as a* garment. 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily. 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walks through the earth. 10 Therefore his people return there: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them. 11 And they say, How does Elohim know? and is there knowledge in the most High? 12 Behold, these *are* the **ungodly, who prosper in the world;** they increase *in* riches. 13 Truly I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency. 14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. 15 If I say, I will speak this; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of your children. 16 When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me; 17 **Until I went into the sanctuary of Elohim; then I understood their end.** 18 Surely You set them in slippery places: You cast them down into destruction. 19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. 20 As a dream when *one* awakens; *so*, O Adonai, when You awake, You shall despise their image. 21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. 22 So **foolish was I, and ignorant:** I was *as* a beast before you. 23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with You: You have held *me* by my right hand. 24 **You shall guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.** 25 Who have I in heaven *but* You? and *there is* none on earth *that* I desire beside You. 26 My flesh and my heart fails: *but* Elohim *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion forever. 27 For, behold, **they that are far from You shall perish:** You have destroyed all them that go a whoring from You. 28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to Elohim: I have put my trust in Adonai יהוה, that I may declare all Your works.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### The Blessing and the Curse on the Mountains

**Deuteronomy 11:29-32** And it shall come to pass, when יהוה your Elohim has brought you into the land where you go to possess it, that you shall put the **blessing** on mount **Gerizim**, and the **curse** on mount **Ebal**. 30 Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goes down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against **Gilgal**, beside the plains of **Moreh**? 31 For you shall pass over **Jordan** to go in to possess the land which יהוה your Elohim gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell there. 32 And you shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

**Blessing** = blessing (s# 01293 ברכה ) (ber-aw-kaw)

**Gerizim** = cutting off, mountain in northern Israel (s# 01630 גרזים ) (gher-ee-zeem)

**Curse** = curse, vilification, execration (s# 07045 קללה ) (kel-aw-law)

**Ebal** = stone or bare mountain (s# 05858 עיבל ) (ay-bawl)

**Gilgal** = a wheel rolling, 1st campsite W. of Jordan river (s# 01537 גלגל ) (ghil-gawl)

**Moreh** = teacher (s# 04176 מורה ) (mo-reh)

**Jordan** = descender (s# 03383 ירדן ) (yar-den)

**Comment:** Moses was relaying a message from יהוה to Joshua that when they entered the land they were to stand on Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim and repeat the blessings for keeping the commands of יהוה and the curses if they did not keep His commands. Joshua did exactly as Moses told him to at their first camp after they entered the land. All of Israel had no excuse to not receive the curse if they had not obeyed יהוה. This shows the greater level of holiness required in the land of Israel.

### **Related Scripture: Joshua reads the blessings and curses in the Land**

**Joshua 8:30-35** Then Joshua built an Altar to יהוה Elohim of Israel in mount Ebal, 31 As Moses the servant of יהוה commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the Torah of Moses, an Altar of whole stones, over which no man has lift up *any* iron: and they offered there Burnt Offerings to יהוה, and sacrificed Peace Offerings. 32 And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the Torah of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. 33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the Ark and on that side before the Priests the Levites, which bare the Ark of the Covenant of יהוה, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of יהוה had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the Torah, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the Torah. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Blessing** = Mount Gerizim the blessings following יהוה (Covered with many trees)

**Curse** = Mount Ebal cursing following anything else (few trees on this mount, bald, uncovered as Korach not under the leadership of יהוה)

**Deuteronomy 27:11-15** And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, 12 These shall stand on mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you cross over Jordan; **Simeon**, and **Levi**, and **Judah**, and **Issachar**, and **Joseph**, and **Benjamin**: 13 And these shall stand on mount Ebal to curse; **Reuben**, **Gad**, and **Asher**, and **Zebulun**, **Dan**, and **Naphtali**. 14 And the Levites shall speak, and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

<b>Benjamin</b>				<b>Naphtali</b>
<b>Joseph</b>				<b>Dan</b>
<b>Issachar</b>				<b>Zebulun</b>
<b>Judah</b>				<b>Asher</b>
<b>Levi</b>				<b>Gad</b>
<u><b>Mt Gerizim</b></u>	<b>Simeon</b>	<u><b>Priests</b></u>	<b>Reuben</b>	<u><b>Mt Ebal</b></u>
<u><b>Town of Shechem</b></u>				

### Destroy cursed things

**Deuteronomy 12:1-3** These *are* the statutes and judgments, which you shall observe to do in the land, which יהוה Elohim of your fathers gives you to possess it, all the days that you live on the earth. 2 You shall utterly destroy all the places, where the nations which you shall possess served their gods, on the high mountains, and on the hills, and under every green tree: 3 And you shall overthrow their **altars**, and break their **pillars**, and burn their **groves** with fire; and you shall hew down the **graven images** of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

**Altars** = Altars (s# 04196 מִזְבֵּחַ ) (miz-bay'-akh)

**Pillars** = pillars, mastaba, stump, monument with altar (s# 04676 מַצְבָּה ) (mats-tsay-baw)

**Sacred trees (groves)** = groves for idol worship, Astarte, **Easter**, Astera, Phoenician goddess of love (s# 0842 אֲשֵׁרָה ) (ash-ay-raw)

**Graven image** = image, idol, graven image (s# 06456 פְּסִיל ) (pes-eel)

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Comment:** We see that the Canaanites worshiped idols and the fertility goddess. It is hard for us to see how any normal human being could be so foolish to do such a thing. You would think that they would know that some image or idol that cannot see or hear or even move should be honored as if they were a god. However when we look at its name we see that modern man is still honoring the same goddess. Easter, the wife of Nimrod is honored each spring in nearly every church in America. She has been honored by the world each spring for nearly five thousand years. The trap setter, hasatan has tricked many who say they worship only the God of the Bible into believing that the resurrection is celebrated by honoring Easter, יהוה's arch enemy. This fertility goddess has different names in other cultures but she is the same enemy of יהוה. It may have been that when the King James Bible was translated in 1611AD that Easter had been celebrated for hundreds of years, so they decided to translate the word **Astara** (s# 0842 אַסְרָא ) (ash-ay-raw) as the word **grove** because the church at that time honored Easter as the day of resurrection. The word grove is found many times in the Bible, but most people do not connect this with the fertility goddess that is honored today in nearly all churches.

### Related Scripture: Fertility goddess

**Ezekiel 8:13-14** He said also to me, Turn yet again, *and* you shall see greater abominations that they do. 14 Then He brought me to the door of the gate of יהוה's house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for **Tammuz** (*son of Easter*).

### Related Scripture: Fertility goddess

**1 Kings 14:15** For יהוה shall strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which He gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their **groves** (*Easter*), provoking יהוה to anger.

### יהוה will choose a city to place His Name

**Deuteronomy 12:4-8** You shall not do so to יהוה your Elohim. 5 But to the place which יהוה your Elohim shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, *even* to His habitation shall you seek, and there you shall come: 6 And there you shall bring your Burnt Offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and Heave Offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your Freewill Offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: 7 And there you shall eat before יהוה your Elohim, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, where יהוה your Elohim has blessed you. 8 You shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatever *is* right in his own **eyes**.

**Eyes** = eye, fountain, affliction, knowledge, look, presence, sight (s# 05869 עֵין) (ah'-yin)

**Schottenstein Interlinear Chumash** (page 1151) We see that after they enter the land at some future time יהוה will choose a place (Jerusalem) where He would place His name and all Israel will bring their offerings there and rejoice. There was a period of fourteen years after they entered the land when a national Altar was built at Gilgal and later the Altar was at Shiloh for 369 years. After Shiloh there were national Altars at Nob and Gibeon. During the years that

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Altars were at Gilgal, Shiloh, Nob and Gibeon, people were allowed to build their own Altars and sacrifice on them, but they were commanded to not follow the ways of the pagans. However when יהוה chose Jerusalem they were no longer allowed to sacrifice on private Altars at all.

### **Related Scripture: Joshua builds an Altar**

**Joshua 8:30** Then Joshua built an Altar to יהוה Elohim of Israel in mount Ebal, 31 As Moses the servant of יהוה commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an Altar of whole stones, over which no man has lift up *any* iron: and they offered on it Burnt Offerings to יהוה, and sacrificed Peace Offerings.

### **Related Scripture: Gideon destroys Easter and builds an Altar**

**Judges 6:12-26** And the angel of יהוה appeared to him, and said to him, יהוה *is* with you, you mighty man of valor. 13 And Gideon said to him, Oh Adonai, if יהוה *is* with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *is* all His miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not יהוה bring us up from Egypt? but now יהוה has forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. 14 And יהוה looked on him, and said, Go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent you? 15 And he said to Him, Oh Adonai, how shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house. 16 And יהוה said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man. 17 And he said to Him, If now I have found grace in Your sight, then show me a sign that You talk with me. 18 Do not depart, I ask You, until I come to You, and bring my present, and set *it* before You. And He said, I will wait until you come again. 19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out to Him under the oak, and presented *it*. 20 And the angel of Elohim said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of יהוה put forth the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there arose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of יהוה departed out of his sight. 22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of יהוה, Gideon said, Alas, O Adonai יהוה! for because I have seen an angel of יהוה face to face. 23 And יהוה said to him, Peace *be* to you; fear not: you shall not die. 24 Then Gideon built an Altar there to יהוה, and called it Yehovah-shalom: to this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 25 And it came to pass the same night, that יהוה said to him, Take your father's young bull, even the second bull of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the **grove** (***Easter, carved wooden fertility goddess idol***) that *is* by it: 26 And build an Altar to יהוה your Elohim on the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bull, and offer a Burnt Sacrifice with the wood of the **grove** (***Easter, carved wooden fertility goddess idol***) which you shall cut down.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### **Related Scripture: Elijah builds an Altar at Mount Carmel**

**1 Kings 18:30-39** And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he **repaired the Altar of יהוה** that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of יהוה came, saying, Israel shall be your name: 32 And with the **stones he built an Altar** in the name of יהוה: and he made a trench about the Altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the Burnt Sacrifice, and on the wood. 34 And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time. 35 And the water ran around about the Altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36 And it came to pass **at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice**, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, יהוה Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* Elohim in Israel, and *that* I *am* your servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Hear me, O יהוה, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* יהוה Elohim, and *that* You have turned their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of יהוה fell, and consumed the Burnt Sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, יהוה, He *is* Elohim; יהוה, he *is* Elohim.

### **Related Scripture: There was an Altar in Bethlehem**

**1 Samuel 20:3-9** And David swore moreover, and said, Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes; and he said, Let not Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved: but truly *as* יהוה lives, and *as* your soul lives, *there is* but a step between me and death. 4 Then Jonathan said to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will do *it* for you. 5 And David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow *is* the New Moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meal: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field till the third *day* at evening. 6 If your father does miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might **run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.** 7 If he says, *It is* well; your servant shall have peace: but if he is very angry, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of יהוה with you: notwithstanding, if there is in me iniquity, slay me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father? 9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from you: for if I know certainly that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then I would tell you?

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Later one city shall be chosen

**Deuteronomy 12:9-14** For you are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which יהוה your Elohim gives you. 10 But *when* you go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which יהוה your Elohim gives you to inherit, and *when* He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety; 11 Then there shall be a place which יהוה your Elohim shall choose to cause His name to dwell there; there shall you bring all that I command you; your Burnt Offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the Heave Offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to יהוה: 12 And you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim, you, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as he has no part nor inheritance with you. 13 Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your Burnt Offerings in every place that you see: 14 But in the place which יהוה shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your Burnt Offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

### You may eat meat in your cities but eat offerings before יהוה

**Deuteronomy 12:15-18** Notwithstanding you may kill and eat flesh in all your gates, whatever your soul desires, according to the blessing of יהוה your Elohim which He has given you: the unclean (*person*) and the clean (*person*) may eat of it, as the roebuck, and as of the hart. 16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth as water. 17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your wine, or of your oil, or the firstlings of your herds or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vowed, nor your Freewill Offerings, or Heave Offering of your hand: 18 But you must eat them before יהוה your Elohim in the place which יהוה your Elohim shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within your gates: and you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim in all that you put your hands to do.

**Comment:** The Children of Israel were told that there would be a period of time before the Land would be completely taken. After that time יהוה would choose a place for them to gather to offer their Sacrifices and to observe the Festivals that are commanded in Leviticus 23. They were to bring the firstborn of animals that were dedicated to יהוה to this city and offer them there. However they could eat meat of sheep, goats and cattle that were not firstborn in their cities along with deer and other kosher animals. They were commanded to kill these animals and cover the blood with earth when they were slaughtered.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Don't forsake the Levite, eat meat in your cities

**Deuteronomy 12:19-28** Take heed that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live on the earth. 20 When יהוה your Elohim shall enlarge your border, as He has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat flesh, because your soul longs to eat flesh; you may eat flesh, whatever your soul desires. 21 If the place which יהוה your Elohim has chosen to put His name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which יהוה has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat in your gates whatever your soul desires. 22 Even as the gazelle and the deer is eaten, so you shall eat them: the unclean (*person*) and the clean (*person*) shall eat of them alike. 23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood: for the blood is the life; and you may not eat the life with the flesh. 24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth as water. 25 You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do *that which is* right in the sight of יהוה. 26 Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which יהוה shall choose: 27 And you shall offer your Burnt Offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the Altar of יהוה your Elohim: and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the Altar of יהוה your Elohim, and you shall eat the flesh. 28 Observe and hear all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do *that which is* good and right in the sight of יהוה your Elohim.

**Comment:** Israel was allowed to eat any kosher animal, but all kosher animals were not to be offered as a sacrifice. Only cattle, sheep and goats were to be offered to יהוה on the Altar. A person who was ritually clean or unclean could eat kosher animals in their villages, but the unclean person could not eat offerings that were offered at the Tabernacle or the Temple. The unclean person was not even allowed to come to the Temple or Tabernacle.

### Don't enquire about how false gods were worshipped

**Deuteronomy 12:29-32** When יהוה your Elohim shall cut off the nations from before you, where you go to possess them, and you succeed them, and dwell in their land; 30 Take heed to yourself that you are not snared by following them, after that they are destroyed from before you; and that you **enquire** not after their gods, saying, How did these nations **serve** their gods? even so will I do likewise. 31 You shall not do so to יהוה your Elohim: for every **abomination** to יהוה, which He hates, have they done to their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. 32 Whatever thing I command you, observe to do it: you shall not add to it, or diminish from it.

**Enquire** = tread frequently, seek, ask; specifically to worship (s# 01875 זָרַשׁ ) (daw-rash')

**Serve** = to work, serve, enslave, keep in bondage, dress, worshipper (s# 05647 עָבַד ) (aw-bad')

**Abomination** = disgusting thing, wickedness (s# 08441 תּוֹעֵבָה ) (to-ay-baw)

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Comment:** יהוה has told us how we are to worship Him. We are not to think of what seems like a good way to worship יהוה and do what we imagine. That is to follow the logic of Nadab and Abihu, which leads to death.

### Sign of a false prophet

**Deuteronomy 13:1-5** If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and give you a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, that he spoke to you, saying, Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them; 3 You shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for יהוה your Elohim tests you, to know whether you love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after יהוה your Elohim, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him, and cleave to Him. 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he has spoken to turn *you* away from יהוה your Elohim, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to turn you out of the way which יהוה your Elohim commanded you to walk in. So shall you put the evil away from the midst of you.

**Serve** = to work, to serve (s# 05647 עבד ) (aw-bad)

**Listen** = hear and obey (s# 08085 שמע ) (shaw'-mah)

**His voice** = voice, to call aloud (s# 06963 קול ) (kole)

**Cleave** = cling, stay close (s# 01692 דבק ) (daw-bak)

**Comment:** We must be careful who we follow -Even if a person does signs and wonders but doesn't keep the commandments don't follow them-- A false prophet can do signs and wonders. Many look only for wonders some call them **miracle mongers** but they don't want to change their lives to יהוה's standards. They don't want to keep the Feasts or obey His commands. They just want to "**be in His presence and be led by the spirit.**" They need to realize that the Holy Spirit is given to enable us to keep the commandments. If the spirit they follow is not causing them to desire to keep the commandments, they should know it is not the Spirit of יהוה. A good example of this is the many month long "miracle/revival" meeting in Lakeland Florida. People were supposedly healed by being kicked by the tattooed self proclaimed messenger of יהוה. In the end when he left his wife for another woman in less than proper circumstances, all those who had proclaimed he was from God believed that he had fallen away, but they still believed that what he had done before was from God. They should have examined his ministry by the standard that Elohim has given us in Deuteronomy 13. If anyone says that we are not to follow the commandments of Elohim, then they are a false prophet period. The problem is many are searching for the big show with no knowledge of what a Godly ministry would look like. Yeshua never healed people by kicking them, He never had "holy laughter" to take over His teaching and most of all He obeyed the Torah perfectly, including not having a tattoo.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Related Scripture: Test the Spirit

**1 John 4:1-6** Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try the spirits whether they are of Elohim: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby you will know the Spirit of Elohim: Every spirit that confesses that Yeshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is of Elohim: 3 And every spirit that does not confess that Yeshua the Messiah is come in the flesh is not of Elohim: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, that You have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 You are of Elohim, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore they speak of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of Elohim: he that knows Elohim hears us; he that is not of Elohim does not hear us. From this we **know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error**.

### Related Scripture: The Spirit leads us to keep the Commandments

**2 Chronicles 24:20** And the Spirit of Elohim came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said to them, This says Elohim, **Why transgress you the commandments of יהוה, that you cannot prosper?** because you have forsaken יהוה, He has also forsaken you.

### Related Scripture: If we have His Spirit we keep His Commandments

**1 John 3:24** And he that keeps His commandments dwells in Him, and He in him. And from this we know that He abides in us, **by the Spirit** which He has given us.

### False Signs and Wonders

**Comment:** Many people are following **signs and wonders** today. They believe that anything that happens in the supernatural is from God. Brad Scott says that if something happens in the supernatural all we know from that is it is supernatural. Signs and wonders can come from Elohim or from hasatan. We must judge it by whether those involved are true followers of יהוה. Do they keep the Commandments of the Torah, are they interested in knowing the deep things of יהוה or, are they just into the excitement of seeing something supernatural? Many people believe that these signs prove that Elohim is approving of what they are doing as a group of people "following God." This is not what these verses in Deuteronomy 13 are saying. The Hebrew word for angel is the same word as messenger. If an angel appears and does not convey a clear message then it is not from יהוה. Whenever angels appear and don't bring a message they are encouraging people to admire and worship them. Angels from יהוה never do such things they are quick to stop anything that would even look like they were being worshiped. There are people who have gold flakes fall from their faces and angel feathers falling from the ceiling. We must ask ourselves what is the message that is being conveyed? Did ever such things happen when Yeshua spoke to the people?

**Personal Experience:** I have been present when a person who was described as a lay preacher and an expert in Hebrew and Greek gave a talk to a group of Messianic believers. He started talking about some things but then started making all sorts of sounds. At first I thought he was speaking in some other language, but then he laid down on his back on the floor in the

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

middle of the room and made all sorts of animal sounds for about fifteen minutes. Then he got up, picked up his stuff and walked out the door without saying a word. The person in charge of this congregation said, "Prophets do lots of strange things." He later admitted to me that this language expert was not living by יהוה's laws and the sounds he made were not of יהוה. However he said that he did not receive any of it into his spirit so it didn't matter. A person in charge of a group of יהוה's people cannot allow this to go unchecked. They will have to answer to יהוה for not taking action.

**The person who started the laughing sign**, people who were listening to him preach would just begin to laugh and laugh. The advertisement of his ministry said that signs and wonders would be given. This laughing ministry was said to be a sign that this was of God. **This person said all Scripture before the book of Acts has no authority on your life any more.** Deuteronomy chapter 13 tells us that he is a false prophet and that יהוה is testing you to see if you will follow Him or not. Even if they raise people from the dead but speak against what was said at Mount Sinai don't follow them. If he were in the Land when Messiah will rule from Jerusalem, he would be stoned to death as a false prophet. You can yell gee or haw to a mule to see if he is listening and obeying you by turning left or right. You can also pull the reigns and see if he is under your control or not. Elohim is sending a test to show who we are actually following, not just who we say we are following. We must judge everything according to the test in Deuteronomy 13.

### **Related Scripture: Lying Wonders**

**2 Thessalonians 2:7-10** For the **mystery of iniquity does already work**: only he who now lets *will let*, until he is taken out of the way. 8 And then that which is Wicked will be revealed, whom Adonai shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: 9 *Even him*, whose **coming is after the working of hasatan with all power and signs and lying wonders**, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because **they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

### **What should we do when we hear Doctrine that is new to us?**

#### **Thessalonica:**

Paul traveled to three different cities in Acts 17. He first came to Thessalonica where the leaders of the synagogue were envious of him and got criminals to tell lies about him and got the whole city in turmoil. Paul had to flee from the city.

#### **Related Scripture: Envy**

**Act 17:5** But the **Jews which believed not**, moved with envy, took to them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city in an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### **Berea:**

He next went to Berea and preached the good news of Messiah's redemption

### **Related Scripture: Carefulness**

**Acts 17:11-12** These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the Scriptures daily (only the Tanak existed)**, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

**Comment: Notice they didn't just blindly believe they searched the Scripture. The only Scripture that existed at that time was the "Old Testament." Everything that יהוה does must line up with ALL of His Word. יהוה does not have a plan A and a plan B. He only has one plan which He told from the beginning. Paul was a Torah scholar; the letters he wrote were not made up from things out of thin air. He wrote about things that were understood from the Torah. **All the preaching that he did was from the Torah.** The New Testament was not written for more than a hundred years after Paul's death. Acts 17:6 says that Paul had turned the world upside down preaching the "Good News" that was from the Torah. If we are told of any doctrine that replaces any part of the Torah, such as "we don't have to obey יהוה's laws any more" we know without a doubt that that doctrine is not from יהוה. **Deuteronomy 13 is יהוה's touchstone for all doctrine and signs.****

### **Athens:**

Next Paul traveled to Athens where he found that the people worshiped many gods. **They wanted to hear anything to entertain them but took none of it to heart.** They were not concerned with whether or not the story was true, but only if it was entertaining. They did not believe Paul's teaching.

### **Related Scripture: Entertainment**

**Acts 17:21** (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

### **Related Scripture: Not receiving the truth brings death**

**2 Thessalonians 2:10b** .... **they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved**

### **Three Attitudes:**

The events in these three cities describe three attitudes toward יהוה's word:

**1. Refusing the truth because of envy and pride (we already know all the truth so what you are telling us is something new so it must be wrong)**

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

2. Love of the truth and a carefulness to not believe false doctrine

3. Believing the truth is irrelevant.

We will always choose one of these attitudes each time we hear something that we do not understand. Choose the right way, study for yourself. יהוה will enable anyone who sincerely seeks the truth with an open mind and searches the Scriptures to come to the proper understanding of His Word.

### Related Scripture: Proper attitude

**2 Timothy 2:15** Study to show yourself approved to Elohim, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**Comment: The voice that was spoken on Mount Sinai:** -John Wesley the great preacher in America who led the GREAT AWAKING questioned if we still needed to keep the Ten Commandments. The ones that were spoken by יהוה that shook the mountain, rocks split and the people were greatly afraid. He questioned whether יהוה had changed His mind and we were just to let them be forgotten, because יהוה had made it too hard but He didn't want us to ask Him about His mistake, just stop doing them but don't embarrass יהוה by asking Him if He changed His mind.

### Anyone who says to seek false gods will be stoned in the kingdom

**Deuteronomy 13:6-11** If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, which *is* as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you, nor your fathers; 7 *Namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth; 8 You shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him: 9 But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 And you shall stone him with stones, that he die; because he has sought to separate you away from יהוה your Elohim, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

**Comment:** What do we do to others who want to follow false gods? The command to stone anyone who would try to turn us from following Elohim will be carried out in the future when Messiah rules from Jerusalem. These commands were to be followed when Israel conquered the seven nations who lived in the land. However these laws can only be carried out after the future exodus when evil has been destroyed and the world has been given the truth. There will be those who will rebel against Messiah during His thousand year reign and will be stoned as it is commanded in these verses. Today we must stand strong against friends and family who do not see the truth in all the word of יהוה and entreat them in meekness and humility to see that יהוה's

## **Re' eh** (see) **Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17**

word is eternally true and will never change. We must remind them that the good news that was preached to all the world by the disciples in the first century was preached from the Torah and the Tanak, the "Old Testament." The New Testament did not even exist until a hundred years later. Everything that Paul talks about in all his letters is a commentary about the Torah.

### **Related Scripture: Rejection by those close to us**

**Luke 14:16-30** Then said He to him, A certain man made a great supper, and invited many: 17: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were invited, Come; for all things are now ready. 18: And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said to him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I ask you to have me excused. 19: And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I ask you to have me excused. 20: And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21: So that servant came, and showed his master these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22: And the servant said, Adonai, it is done as you have commanded, and yet there is room. 23: And Adonai said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24: For I say to you, That none of those men which were invited shall taste of my supper. 25: And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said to them, 26: **If any man come to me, and honors his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and his own life more than Me also, he cannot be My disciple. 27: And whoever does not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.** 28: For which of you, intending to build a tower, sits not down first, and counts the cost, whether he has sufficient to finish it? 29: Or, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 30: Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

**If you go down the same road** that someone else has told you about, wouldn't you expect to see the same things that person saw. Then **why do we expect** to go down the same road that Yeshua went and find that everyone loves us and is happy that we are following where **יהוה** is leading us. We should expect to receive what He received, rejection, lies told about us, others saying we are out of God's will, we are going back under the law and have rejected grace, if you were really doing what God said there would be great numbers of you because God blesses His work, If you were following God you would be building huge churches, Jesus did away with the law, there is no such thing in Scripture as a lone disciple, you must be joined to the body of believers.

We must count the costs and continue as He leads us

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Evil cities in the Land must be destroyed

**Deuteronomy 13:12-18** If you shall hear *said in one of your cities*, which יהוה your Elohim has given you to dwell there, saying, 13 *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known; 14 Then you shall **enquire**, and make a search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it is true, and the thing certain, that* such **abomination** is among you; 15 You shall surely attack the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that *is* in it, and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. 16 And you shall gather all the spoil of it into the middle of the street, and shall burn with fire the city, and all its spoil every bit, for יהוה your Elohim: and it shall be a **heap forever**; it shall not be built again. 17 And there shall not be left any of the cursed thing to your hand: that יהוה may turn from the fierceness of His anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion on you, and multiply you, as He has sworn to your fathers; 18 When you shall listen to the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to keep all His commandments which I command you this day, to do *that which is right* in the eyes of יהוה your Elohim.

**Enquire** = to tread frequently, inquire, question, search (s# 08575 דרש) (daw-rash')

**Abomination** = disgusting, abhorrence, idol, abominable (s# 08441 תועבה) (daw-bak)

**Heap** = mound (s# 08510 תל) (tale)

**Forever** = eternity, everlasting, forever (s# 05769 עולם) (owlam)

### Related Scripture: Destruction of Gibeah because of perversion

**Judges 19:1-30** And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehem-judah. 2: And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him to her father's house to Bethlehem-Judah, and was there four (4) whole months. 3: And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly to her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of donkeys: (4) and she brought him to her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4: And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: (3) so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. 5: And it came to pass on the fourth (4) day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said to his son in law, Comfort your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way. 6: And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said to the man, Be content, I ask you, and tarry all night, and let your heart be merry. 7: And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again. 8: And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day (5) to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort your heart, I ask you. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them. 9: And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening, I ask you stay all night: behold, the day grows to an end, lodge here, that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow get up early and be on your way, that you may go home. 10: But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against **Jebus, which is Jerusalem**; and there were with him two donkeys

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

saddled, his concubine also was with him. 11: And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, Come, I ask you, and let us turn into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. 12: And his master said to him, We will not turn aside here into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah. 13: And he said to his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah. 14: And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down on them when they were by Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. 15: And they turned aside to go in and **to lodge in Gibeah**: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging. 16: And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at evening, which was also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17: And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Where are you going? and where did you come from? 18: And he said to him, We are passing from Bethlehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from there am I: and I went to Bethlehem-judah, but I am now going to the house of **יהוה**; and there is no man that received me to his house. 19: Yet there is both straw and provender for our donkeys; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for your handmaid, and for the young man which is with your servants: there is no want of any thing. 20: And the old man said, Peace be with you; however let all your wants lie on me; only lodge not in the street. 21: So he brought him into his house, and gave provender to the donkeys: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink. 22: **Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, came to the house round about, and beat at the door, and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man that came into your house, that we may know him.** 23: And the man, the master of the house, went out to them, No, my brethren, no, I ask you, do not do so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into my house, do not this folly. 24: Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble them, and do with them what seems good to you: but to this man do not so vile a thing. 25: But the men would not listen to him: **so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth to them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go. 26: Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, till it was light.** 27: And her master rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were on the threshold. 28: And he said to her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up on a donkey, and the man rose up, and got him to his place. 29: **And when he was come to his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her to all the borders of Israel.** 30: And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt to this day: consider it, take advice, and speak your minds.

**Judges 20:1-48** Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together **as one man**, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, to **יהוה** in Mizpeh. 2: And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of Elohim, **four hundred thousand** footmen that drew sword. 3: (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness? 4: And the Levite, the husband of the

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

woman that was slain, answered and said, I came to Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. 5: And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and came against the house round about on me by night, and **thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.** 6: **And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.** 7: Behold, you are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel. 8: And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house. 9: But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up by lot against it; 10: And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch food for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel. 11: So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together **as one man.** 12: And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you? 13: Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel: 14: But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. 15: And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand **(26,000)** men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred **(700)** chosen men. 16: Among all this people there were seven hundred **(700)** chosen men **lefthanded;** everyone could sling stones at an hair breadth, and not miss. 17: And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand **(400,000)** men that drew sword: all these were men of war. 18: And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of Elohim, and asked counsel of Elohim, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And **יהוה** said, **Judah shall go up first.** 19: And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. 20: And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah. 21: And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand **(22,000)** men. 22: And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first **(1st)** day. 23: (And the children of Israel went up and wept before **יהוה** until evening, and asked counsel of **יהוה**, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And **יהוה** said, Go up against him.) 24: And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second **(2nd)** day. 25: And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand **(18,000)** men; **{total of 40,000}** all these drew the sword. 26: Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came to the house of Elohim, and wept, and sat there before **יהוה**, and fasted that day until even, and offered Burnt Offerings and Peace Offerings before **יהוה**. 27: And the children of Israel enquired of **יהוה**, (for the Ark of the Covenant of Elohim was there in those days, 28: And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And **יהוה** said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand. 29: And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah. 30: And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third **(3rd)** day, and put

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. 31: And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one (1) goes up to the house of Elohim, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty (30) men of Israel. 32: And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first (1st). But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city to the highways. 33: And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at **Baal-tamar**: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of Gibeah. 34: And there came against Gibeah ten thousand (10,000) chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was near them. 35: And יהוה smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred (25,100) men: all these drew the sword. 36: So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah. 37: And the liers in wait hurried, and rushed on Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and struck all the city with the edge of the sword. 38: Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. 39: And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty (30) persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. 40: But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven. 41: And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come on them. 42: Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and those which came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. 43: Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trod them down with ease over against Gibeah toward the rising sun. 44: And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand (18,000) men; all these were men of valor. 45: And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand (5,000) men; and pursued hard after them to Gidom, and killed two thousand (2,000) men of them. 46: So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand (25,000) men that drew the sword; all these were men of valor. 47: **But six hundred (600) men turned and fled to the wilderness to the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four (4) months.** 48: And the men of Israel turned again on the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

**Judges 21:1-25** Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give our daughter to Benjamin to wife. 2: And the people came to the house of Elohim, and abode there till evening before Elohim, and lifted up their voices, and wept; 3: And said, O יהוה Elohim of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be today one (1) tribe lacking in Israel? 4: And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an Altar, and offered Burnt Offerings and Peace Offerings. 5: And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation to יהוה? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to יהוה to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. 6: And the **children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their**

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

brother, and said, There is one (1) tribe cut off from Israel this day. 7: How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by יהוה that we will not give them of our daughters as wives? 8: And they said, What one (1) is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to יהוה? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. 9: For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there. 10: And the congregation sent there twelve thousand (12,000) men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children. 11: And this is the thing that you shall do, You shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that has lain with man. 12: And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead **four hundred (400) young virgins**, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan. 13: And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably to them. 14: And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet it was not enough. 15: And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that יהוה had made a breach in the tribes of Israel. 16: Then the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? 17: And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that are escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe is not destroyed out of Israel. 18: However we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that gives a wife to Benjamin. 19: Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of יהוה in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. 20: Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, **Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; 21: And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.** 22: And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come to us to complain, that we will say to them, Be favorable to them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for you did not give to them at this time, that you should be guilty. 23: And the children of Benjamin did so, and took wives, according to their number, of them that danced, who they caught: and they went and returned to their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them. 24: And the children of Israel departed then at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance. 25: In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes

**Comment:** This story about the destruction of Gibeah shows us an example of what was commanded by Deuteronomy 13, however I believe it may also be a prophecy of the end times about what will happen to the descendants of Ephraim and Benjamin.

### **Related Scripture: Babylon destroyed by Elohim**

**Revelations 16:19:** And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great **Babylon** came in remembrance before Elohim, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Related Scripture: Babylon destroyed by Elohim

**Revelations 18:17-21** For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18: And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like this great city! 19: And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, where were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! **for in one hour is she made desolate.** 20: Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets; for Elohim has avenged you on her. 21: And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city **Babylon** be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

### Related Scripture: Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed by יהוה

**Genesis 19:1-26** And there came two angels to Sodom at evening; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2: And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I ask you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, No; but we will abide in the street all night. 3: And he pressed on them greatly; and they turned in to him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4: But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house around, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5: And they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men which came into you this night? bring them out to us, that we may know them. 6: And Lot went out the door to them, and shut the door behind him, 7: And said, I ask you, brethren, do not so wickedly. 8: Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known a man; let me, I ask you, bring them out to you, and do to them as is good in your eyes: only to these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. 9: And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with you, than with them. And they pressed upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. 10: But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. 11: And they struck the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. 12: And the men said to Lot, Have you here any besides? son in law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whatever you have in the city, bring them out of this place: 13: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is grown great before the face of יהוה; and יהוה has sent us to destroy it. 14: And Lot went out, and spoke to his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get out of this place; for יהוה will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that **mocked** to his sons in law. 15: And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take your wife, and your two daughters, which are here; lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city. 16: And while he lingered, the men laid hold on his hand, and on the hand of his wife, and on the hand of his two daughters; יהוה being merciful to him: and they brought him forth, and set him outside the city. 17: And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for your life; do not **look behind you**, neither stay in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest you be consumed. 18: And Lot said to them, Oh, not so, my Lord (Adonai): 19: Behold now, your servant has found grace in your sight, and you have magnified your mercy, which you have showed to me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: 20: Behold now, this

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

city is near to flee to, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape there, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. 21: And he said to him, See, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for which you have spoken. 22: Hurry, escape there; for I cannot do anything until you are there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. 23: The sun was risen on the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24: Then יהוה rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah brimstone and fire from יהוה out of heaven; 25: And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew on the ground. 26: But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

### Do not mark your body for the dead

**Deuteronomy 14:1-2** You *are* the children of יהוה your Elohim: you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For you *are* a holy people to יהוה your Elohim, and יהוה has chosen you to be a **peculiar** people to Himself, above all the nations that *are* on the earth.

**Treasured (peculiar) people** = valued property (s# 05459 סגלה ) (seg-ool-law)

### Related Scripture: Peter was quoting from Deuteronomy 14

**1 Peter 2:9** But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar people**; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:

### Animals that can be eaten

**Deuteronomy 14:3-6** You shall not eat any abominable thing. 4 These *are* the animals that may be eaten: the **ox**, the **lamb**, and the kid of the **goats**, 5 The **gazelle**, and the **deer**, and the **fallow deer**, and the **ibex**, and the **antelope**, and the **teo**, and the **zamer**. 6 And every beast that parts the hoof, and divides the hoof into two claws, *and* chews the cud among the beasts, that you shall eat.

**Ox** = bull, cow, ox (s# 07794 שור ) (shore)

**Sheep** = idea of pushing out to graze, sheep or goats (s# 07716 שׂה ) (seh)

**Goat** = she goat as strong, but masculine in plural, kid (s# 05795 עזים ) (aze)

**Gazelle** = male deer, hart (s# 0354 איל ) (ah-yawl)

**Deer** = prominence, splendor, pleasant, roe (buck) (s# 06643 צבי ) (tseb-ee')

**Fallow Deer** = a kind of deer (s# 03180 יחמור ) (yach-mur')

**Ibex** = slender, that is the ibex, wild goat (s# 0689 אקו ) (ak-ko')

**Antelope** = the leaper, that is the antelope (s# 01758 דישן ) (dishon')

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Teo (antelope)** = a species of antelope, white stripe on cheek (s# 08377 תאו ) (teh-o')

**Zamer** = a gazelle (from its lightly touching the ground (s# 02169 זמר ) (zeh'-mer))

### Animals not to be eaten

**Deuteronomy 14:7-8** Nevertheless these you shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but do not divide the hoof; therefore they are unclean to you.* 8 And the pig, because it divides the hoof, yet does not chew the cud, it is unclean to you: you shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.

### These are animals you may not eat

**Camel** = camel (s# 01581 גמל ) (gaw-mawl')

**Hare** = hare (s# 0768 ארנבת ) (ar-neh'-beth)

**Hyrax (coney)** = rock badger (s# 08227 שפן ) (shaw-fawn)

**Pig** = pig, hog, swine (s# 02386 חזיר ) (khaz-eer)

### The Pig is everywhere and I am not talking about the Grocery Store

Those of you who have ROKU or the Internet can see this video on TED Talks. A young lady Christine Meindersma from the Netherlands, gave an account of a two year study that she had completed entitled " **Pigs make the world go round.**" The country of the Netherlands has a pig population of 12 million. She listed all the things that were made from slaughtered pigs. The list is long and it includes many things that we would not expect in any way to be connected to things we eat and use every day. The following is a list of items that have some part of a pig's body in them:

Hand soap	Shampoo & conditioner	Wrinkle cream
Dough conditioner for bread	Margarine	Cellular concrete
Brakes pad for trains	Cheesecakes & desserts	Fine Bone China
Cigarettes	Paint	Glue for sandpaper
Paint brushes	Processing Beer	Processing Wine
Injectable collagen	Ammo	Heart valves

Small pieces of steak that are left after the meat has been cut are stuck together using glue from pigs and this meat is cut into steaks and sold as beef steaks.

There are a total of 185 different products that contain parts of pigs.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**The Task:** We are told in Torah that we are not to even touch the dead body of a pig, but the world system has made that a very difficult thing to do. We can be aware of some of these and avoid them by reading the labels of suspect products. We can buy soaps that do not contain animal products, hopefully we will not need a heart replacement, and we can buy Kosher wine if we desire. Real butter is better for your body than anything that is made as a replacement. It won't do us any harm to leave the cheesecakes in the store and to stop smoking. This is a tall order for us to live as our Father has commanded us, but every journey begins with the first step. If we desire to be obedient to our Heavenly call He will help us to complete the journey.

### You may eat Fish that have Fins and Scales

**Deuteronomy 14:9-10** These you shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall you eat: 10 And whatever has not fins and scales you may not eat; it *is* unclean to you.

**Comment:** Notice that there is no offering that can be offered for eating unclean animals. The punishment is that you will be sick often and die early. Isaiah 66 talks about **when Yeshua comes back** and deals with those who eat **swine** and the **mouse**.

### Related Scripture: Destruction of those who eat abominable animals

**Isaiah 66:15-17** For, behold, יהוה will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword will יהוה deal with all flesh: and the slain of יהוה shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, says יהוה.

### Clean birds you may eat, unclean you shall not eat

**Deuteronomy 14:11-20** Of all clean birds you shall eat. 12 But these *are they* of which you shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, 13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind, 14 And every raven after his kind, 15 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the Sea gull, and the hawk after his kind, 16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, 17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant, 18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. 19 And every creeping thing that flies *is* unclean to you: they shall not be eaten. 20 *But of* all clean fowls you may eat.

**Nesher (eagle)** = eagle, vulture, to lacerate (s# 05404 נשר ) (neh'-sher)

**Peres (ossifrage)** = bearded vulture (s# 06538 פרס ) (peh'-res)

**Ozniah (osprey)** = osprey, black eagle, buzzard (s# 05822 עזניה ) (oz-nee-yaw)

**Raah (glede)** = kite or hawk (s# 07201 ראה ) (raw-aw)

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Ayah (kite)** = hawk, falcon or kite (s# 0344 **איה**) (ah-yaw)

**Dayah (vulture)** = bird of prey, kite (s# 01772 **דיה**) (dah-yaw)

**Oreiv (raven)** = raven (s# 06158 **ערב**) (o-rabe)

**Haya' Anah** = of the owl (s# 03284 **יענה**) (yaw-an-aw) daughters of the owl

**Tachmos (night hawk)** = male ostrich, great owl (s# 08464 **תחמס**) (takh-mawce)

**Shachaf (sea gull)** = gull, sea gull (s# 07828 **שחף**) (shakh-af)

**netz (hawk)** = blossom (from *brilliancy*); a *hawk* (its *flashing* speed): (s# 05322 **נץ**) (nayts)

**Kos (little owl)** = cup, kind of owl (s# 03563 **כוס**) (koce)

**Yanshuf (great owl)** = great owl, eared owl (s# 03244 **ינשוף**) (yan-shofe) from 5398 to blow

**Tinshemes (swan)** = ibis, water hen (s# 08580 **תנשמת**) (tan-sheh'-meth) from 5395 to pant

**Kaas (pelican)** = pelican from vomiting (s# 06893 **קאת**) (kaw-ath)

**Rachamah (gier eagle)** = carrion vulture (s# 07360 **רחם**) (raw-khaw-maw) from 7355 to love

**Shalach (cormorant)** = bird of prey (s# 07994 **שלך**) (shaw-lawk)

**Chasidah (stork)** = stork (s# 02624 **חסידה**) (khas-ee-daw) from 2623 faithful, kind, holy one

**Anafah (heron)** = heron (s# 0601 **אנפה**) (an-aw-faw)

**Duchifas (lapwing)** = hoopoe (s# 01744 **דוכיפת**) (doo-kee-fath)

**Atalef (bat)** = bat (s#05847 **עטלף**) (at-al-lafe')

### Do not eat anything that dies of itself

**Deuteronomy 14:21** You shall not eat *of* anything that dies of itself: you shall give it to the stranger that *is* in your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to an alien: for you *are* a holy people to **יהוה** your Elohim. You shall not cook a kid in his mother's milk.

**Comment:** Any animal that dies on it own will die from a disease or infection from an injury. These germs will have multiplied greatly before it died and all this build up of harmful things will be absorbed by the person who eats it.

### The Second Tithe is eaten in Jerusalem

**Deuteronomy 14:22-26** You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed, that the field will bring forth year by year. 23 And you shall eat before **יהוה** your Elohim, in the place which He shall choose to place His name there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks; that you may learn to fear **יהוה** your Elohim always. 24 And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it; *or* if the place is too far from you, which **יהוה** your Elohim shall choose to set His name there, when **יהוה** your Elohim has blessed you: 25 Then you shall turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which **יהוה** your Elohim shall choose: 26 And you shall use that money for whatever your soul desires after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for **strong drink**, or for whatever your soul desires: and you shall eat there before **יהוה** your Elohim, and you shall rejoice, you, and your household,

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Alcoholic drink (strong drink)** = fermented, intoxicating liquor (s# 07941 שכר)  
(shay-kawr)

**The Tithe goes to three places:** Levites, travel money to Feasts and widow & orphan.

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 1013)

**1st tithe is to correct the neglect of the spirit, Given to those who minister**  
**2nd tithe is to correct the neglect of the body, Set aside for travel for Feasts**  
**3rd tithe (part of 2nd 10%) to correct the neglect of the poor, given to the**  
**storehouse in each city of Israel on the 3rd and 6th year.**

**Related Scripture: Give and it shall be given to you**

***Malachi 3:8-12*** Will a man rob Elohim? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, how have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings. 9 You *are* cursed with a curse: for you have robbed Me, *even* this whole nation. 10 Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now, says יהוה of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*. 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, says יהוה of hosts. 12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightsome land, says יהוה of hosts.

**Related Scripture: Widows & Orphans**

***Exodus 22:22-24*** You shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. 23: If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; 24: And My wrath shall grow hot, and I will kill you with the sword; **and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.**

**Levites, widows and Orphans are fed by the tithe**

**Deuteronomy 14:27-29** And the Levite that *is* within your gates; you shall not forsake him; for he has no part nor inheritance with you. 28 At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall lay *it* up within your gates: 29 And the Levite, (because he has no part nor inheritance with you,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *are* within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that יהוה your Elohim may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 1013) **The Second Tithe** After the terumah, or the Kohen's portion, and the Levite's tithe have been removed from the harvested crop, the owner must separate the second tithe, the subject of this passage. It is taken in the first, second, fourth and fifth years of the seven-year Shemittah cycle. During the third and sixth years, a tithe is taken instead for distribution to the poor, During the seventh year no tithes of any sort are taken. (Because no harvest is to be taken in the Shemittah year)

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

**Comment:** You shall eat before יהוה your Elohim in the place that He will choose to rest His Name The tithe of your grain, your wine and your oil and the firstborn of your cattle and your flocks, so that you will learn to fear יהוה, your Elohim, all the days. This is saying that they are to take their **second tithe** or sell the second tithe and carry the money to Jerusalem and buy food and drink there and eat it before יהוה with friends, Levites and strangers. This is the travel expense set aside from the harvest to attend the three required convocations. The second tithe (grain) is taken in the third and sixth year to be kept in each village. This food was kept in storehouses within the gates of the town or city you lived in. This food was to be given to the Levites, proselyte, orphans and widows or any poor as they needed it. יהוה promised to bless all your handiwork if you obeyed

### Debts of Israelites are released at the end of six years

**Deuteronomy 15:1-6** At the end of *every* seven years you shall make a release. 2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that lends *ought* to his neighbor shall release *it*; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called יהוה's release. 3 Of a foreigner you may exact *it again*: but *that* which is yours with your brother your hand shall release; 4 Except when there shall be no poor among you; for יהוה shall greatly bless you in the land which יהוה your Elohim gives you *for* an inheritance to possess it: 5 Only if you carefully listen to the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to observe to do all these commandments which I command you this day. 6 For יהוה your Elohim blesses you, as he promised you: and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

**Comment:** Forgive debts of all who are under the Covenant. Gentiles who are not under the Covenant are not included in this commandment since they borrowed money under the laws of the world not the commandments of יהוה. If those who are under the Covenant obey all the commandments and forgive the debts of others who are also under the Covenant, they will be blessed so that they will have even more because they canceled the debt.

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Bless those who are under the Covenant with all they need

**Deuteronomy 15:7-15** If there is among you a poor man of one of your brethren within any of your gates in your land which יהוה your Elohim gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother: 8 But you shall open your hand wide to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wants. 9 Beware that there is not a thought in your wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and your eye is **evil** against your poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cries to יהוה against you, and it is sin to you. 10 You shall surely give him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him: because that for this thing יהוה your Elohim shall bless you in all your works, and in all that you put your hand to. 11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command you, saying, you shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor, and to your needy, in your land. 12 *And* if your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serve you six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13 *And* when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty: 14 You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, and out of your floor, and out of your winepress: *of that* which יהוה your Elohim has blessed you, you shall give to him. 15 *And* you shall remember that you were a bondman in the land of Egypt, and יהוה your Elohim redeemed you: therefore I command you this thing today.

**Malevolently (evil)**= bad or evil (s# 07489 רעע ) (ra'-a')

**Comment:** Lend to all destitute persons among you and don't sin by seeing the year of remission is near and you fear that you will not get your money back. You must give as יהוה has commanded and He will bless you for it. If we don't give it; it shows we really don't believe in יהוה or we believe He has lied to us and He will not keep His word. Hebrew servants are to serve for six years only and be set free in the seventh year. This follows the same pattern of six day of work and the Sabbath there will be no work done and the six year of planting and no planting the seventh year.

The Sages say to hold out your hand until **they** say they have enough

**The Law of Bondservants:** Bondservant for love, not for profit. Paul described himself as the bondservant of יהוה. This is the highest calling in our walk with יהוה. We often may say that we are a bondservant of Him but then we expect to be rewarded here on this earth and we expect others to honor us as something special, but we must remember that we work for Him not others and we are not to work to please them but Him. Paul was beaten and stoned on several occasions by people but he was pleasing to יהוה in all that he was doing. He didn't give up and say " if they don't appreciate what I am trying to do for them then it must not be יהוה's will so I quit."

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Bond servants for life

**Deuteronomy 15:16-18** And it shall be, if he says to you, I will not go away from you; because he loves you and your house, because he is well with you; 17 Then you shall take an awl, and put *it* through his ear into the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also to your maidservant you shall do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard to you, when you send him away free from you; for he has been worth a double hired servant *to you*, in serving you six years: and יהוה your Elohim shall bless you in all that you do.

**Destitute (poor)** = in want, needy (s# 034 אביון ) (eb-yone)

**Eternal slave** = slave, bond servant, worshippers of Elohim (s# 05650 עבד ) (eh'-bed)

**Related Scripture: David is a Bondservant of יהוה**

**Psalms 78:70** He chose David also His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds

**Servant** = bondage, bondman, [Bond-] servant, (man-) servant (s# 05650 עבד ) (ebed)

**Related Scripture: Paul described himself as a bondservant of Messiah**

**Romans 1:1** Paul, a servant of Yeshua the Messiah, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of Elohim,

**Servant** = a slave (literally or figuratively involuntarily or voluntarily; frequently therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency): -bond (-man) servant (Greek s# 1210) (doo'-los)

### Firstborn bulls sheep and goats shall be eaten before יהוה

**Deuteronomy 15:19-23** All the first born males that come from your herd and of your flock you shall sanctify to יהוה your Elohim: you shall do no work with the firstling of your bulls, nor shear the firstling of your sheep. 20 You shall eat *it* before יהוה your Elohim year by year in the place which יהוה shall choose, you and your household. 21 And if there is *any* blemish in them, *as if it is* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemish, you shall not sacrifice it to יהוה your Elohim. 22 You shall eat it within your gates: the unclean and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart. 23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground as water.

**Comment:** The firstborn of animals that are allowed to be offered for sacrifice you are to take to Jerusalem. If it has a blemish you are not to offer it up. You may eat it in your cities along with animals that are kosher but they are not to be offered as sacrifice. The contaminated ones may

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

be eaten in your cities. This is referring to firstborn animals that would be offered up to יהוה except they have a blemish and may not be offered to Him because of the blemish.

### Keep Pesach in Jerusalem

**Deuteronomy 16:1-8** Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to יהוה your Elohim: for in the month of Abib יהוה your Elohim brought you forth out of Egypt by night. 2 You shall therefore sacrifice the Passover to יהוה your Elohim, of the flock and the herd, in the place which יהוה shall choose to place His name there. 3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shall you eat unleavened bread, *even* the bread of affliction; for you came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that you may remember the day when you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you in all your borders seven days; neither shall there *any* of the flesh, which you sacrificed the first day at evening, remain all night until the morning. 5 You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, which יהוה your Elohim gives you: 6 But at the place which יהוה your Elohim shall choose to place His name in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season that you came forth out of Egypt. 7 And you shall roast and eat *it* in the place which יהוה your Elohim shall choose: and you shall turn in the morning, and go to your tents. 8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to יהוה your Elohim: you shall do no work *then*.

**Comment:** Observe Passover and slaughter the Pesach-offering **only in Jerusalem** in the afternoon. You shall eat unleavened bread for six days and the seventh day shall be an assembly and you shall not do any work on that day.

### Count the Omer, Keep Shavuot in Jerusalem

**Deuteronomy 16:9-12** Seven weeks shall you number to you: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* you begin to *put* the sickle to the grain. 10 And you shall keep the feast of weeks to יהוה your Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give to יהוה your Elohim, according as יהוה your Elohim has blessed you: 11 And you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite that *is* within your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which יהוה your Elohim has chosen to place His name there. 12 And you shall remember that you were a bondman in Egypt: and you shall observe and do these statutes.

### Things we are to do on Shavuot:

**You are to bring a gift** proportional to the blessings you have received from יהוה.

**You are to Rejoice** before יהוה

**You shall remember** that you were slaves in Egypt

**You are to observe** and perform these decrees

## Re' eh (see) Torah Portion 47 Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

### Keep the Festival of Sukkot

**Deuteronomy 16:13-15** You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered in your grain and your wine: 14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your manservant, and your maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* in your gates. 15 Seven days shall you keep a solemn feast to יהוה your Elohim in the place which יהוה shall choose: because יהוה your Elohim shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the works of your hands, therefore you shall surely rejoice.

**You are to Rejoice on your Festival**

**You shall Celebrate to יהוה**

**You shall be completely Joyous**

### Three times a year those in the Land are come to Jerusalem

**Deuteronomy 16:16-17** Three times a year shall all your males appear before יהוה your Elohim in the place which He shall choose; in the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, and in the **Feast of Weeks**, and in the **Feast of Tabernacles**: and they shall not appear before יהוה empty handed: 17 Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of יהוה your Elohim which He has given you.

### Three pilgrimage Festivals

**The Festival of Matzot (מצות) (Feast of Unleavened Bread)**

**The Festival of Shavuot (שבועות) (Feast of Weeks)**

**The Festival of Sukkot (סוכות) (Feast of Tabernacles)**