

Re'eh – See

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

The layout of the book of Deuteronomy is comparable to a standard suzerainty treaty.

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Today our lesson will extend slightly beyond the boundary of our parashah's periscope; we will end at Deuteronomy 17:7.

Deuteronomy 11:26-32

"Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; 28 and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known. 29 Now it shall be, when the Lord your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. 30 Are they not on the other side of the Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth trees of Moreh? 31 For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it. 32 And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes and judgments which I set before you today.

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P	Deuteronomy 12:1-15:18	Deuteronomy 16:1-17:7	Comments
A 1, 2	Deuteronomy 12:1-31 12 "These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to	Deuteronomy 16:1-17:1 16:1 "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib	The goal was for the Israelites to enter the Promised Land and be at rest from their enemies.

	<p>possess, all the days that you live on the earth. 2 You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. 3 And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names from that place. 4 You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things.</p> <p>5 "But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. 6 There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. 7 And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.</p> <p>8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today — every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes — 9 for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you. 10 But when you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety, 11 then there will be the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your</p>	<p>the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. 2 Therefore you shall sacrifice the Passover to the Lord your God, from the flock and the herd, in the place where the Lord chooses to put His name. 3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4 And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the meat which you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until morning.</p> <p>5 "You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you; 6 but at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt. 7 And you shall roast and eat it in the place which the Lord your God chooses, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. 8 Six days you shall eat unleavened</p>	<p>To stay at rest, they had to keep the terms of the covenant; YHVH was to remain first in their lives.</p> <p>They were to remove and destroy previous places and objects of worship so they would not be an influence for idolatry in the future. Originally, the tabernacle was mobile. YHVH dwelt with His people until His Spirit departed from it in Ezekiel 10:18.</p> <p>YHVH's tabernacle was likely set up at Gilgal where the people dwelled once crossing over into the Promised Land. Then it was in Shiloh before all of the tribes had received their inheritance. This was when Joshua was still alive. The land was divided by lots in Shiloh. See Joshua 18-19. It was in Shiloh when Samuel was a prophet. King David eventually moved it to Jerusalem. See 2 Samuel 6.</p> <p>Eventually, YHVH had chosen to make His name abide in Jerusalem. It was here in the temple where sacrifices, vows, tithes, and firstborn animals could be brought and eaten. It was/is not acceptable to do it anywhere else.</p>
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	<p>hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the Lord. 12 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, since he has no portion 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 the Lord chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.</p> <p>15 "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike. 16 Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water. 17 You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or your new wine or your oil, of the firstborn of your herd or your flock, of any of your offerings which you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of the heave offering of your hand. 18 But you must eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God chooses, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in all to which you put your hands. 19 Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.</p> <p>20 "When the Lord your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because you long to eat meat, you may eat</p>	<p>bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a sacred assembly to the Lord your God. You shall do no work on it.</p> <p>9 "You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain. 10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you. 11 You shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are among you, at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. 12 And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.</p> <p>13 "You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. 14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and</p>	<p>The Feasts of YHVH – See Leviticus 23, Numbers 28-29</p> <p>Repeatedly YHVH's people were commanded to remember that they had been slaves in Egypt, that YHVH had redeemed them, and that He brought them out in the month of the aviv (spring). This used to be when the sun was passing through the constellation of Aries; however, due to precession of the equinoxes, the sun now appears to be passing through Pisces instead. This is in the first 30 degrees of right ascension from the First Point of Aries, which is the 0 degree point of right ascension. Look for more information on this in the coming New Moon Series.</p> <p>Normally, people could eat meat from peace offerings (but not the portion for Aaron and his sons) if they were ritually clean (Leviticus 7:19). If they were unclean when eating it, they would be cut off from their people.</p> <p>In Deuteronomy 12:21, YHVH is not talking about peace offerings. YHVH was telling them they could slaughter from their herds or flocks or they could kill wild clean animals,</p>
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	<p>as much meat as your heart desires. 21 If the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd and from your flock which the Lord has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you may eat within your gates as much as your heart desires. 22 Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them; the unclean and the clean alike may eat them. 23 Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life; you may not eat the life with the meat. 24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it on the earth like water. 25 You shall not eat it, that it may go well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord. 26 Only the holy things which you have, and your vowed offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the Lord chooses. 27 And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of the Lord your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the Lord your God, and you shall eat the meat. 28 Observe and obey all these words which I command you, that it may go well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the Lord your God.</p> <p>29 "When the Lord your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, 30 take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I</p>	<p>your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. 15 Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice. 16 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. 17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.</p> <p>18 "You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. 20 You shall follow what is altogether just, that you</p>	<p>such as deer or gazelle within their gates. They did not have to be ritually clean to eat them since they were not offering these at the tabernacle/temple.</p> <p>The native-born and any stranger who dwelled in their midst could not eat blood. See also Leviticus 17:12.</p> <p>YHVH's people (them, their sons and daughters, male and female servants, and Levites) were commanded to rejoice in the place where God caused His name to abide. We can still rejoice before YHVH now for the Spirit of Truth abides in His people (John 14:16-17). We are to abide in Messiah (John 15; 1 John 2:24-28; 2 John 9).</p> <p>Another important point here, it that even the strangers (gerim) within their cities were to observe Chag HaSukkot. Further, it is emphasized that 3 times a year males were to appear before YHVH in the place YHVH chose for all of the feasts of YHVH: Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot), Weeks (Chag HaShavuot), and Tabernacles (Chag HaSukkot). This was so that YHVH would bless their produce and all of the work of their hands.</p>
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	<p>also will do likewise.' 31 You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.</p>	<p>may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you. 21 "You shall not plant for yourself any tree, as a wooden image, near the altar which you build for yourself to the Lord your God. 22 You shall not set up a sacred pillar, which the Lord your God hates. Various Instructions 17 "You shall not sacrifice to the Lord your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish or defect, for that is an abomination to the Lord your God.</p>	<p>See also Zechariah 14:16-19.</p>
<p>B 1,2</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 12:32-13:18 [13:1-19]</p> <p>32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.</p> <p>13 "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which 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 the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. 5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death,</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 17:2-7</p> <p>2 "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing His covenant, 3 who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked</p>	<p>We must not listen when others attempt to draw us away from YHVH to worship other gods. If accusations are made against someone that may be leading someone astray, we must investigate the matter to determine if it is true or not. This includes relatives.</p> <p>They were not to worship YHVH in the same manner or with the same things that others worshiped their gods. We are not to do that either. Unfortunately, Christianity does just that. Christianity has become Babylon so to speak. It's paganized religion. We must come out of her and walk in the covenant as YHVH has commanded us. This is hard because we are spread out and</p>

	<p>because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.</p> <p>6 "If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers, 7 of the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth, 8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; 9 but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. 10 And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 11 So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you. 12 "If you hear someone in one of your cities, which the Lord your God gives you to dwell in, saying, 13 'Corrupt men have gone out from among you and enticed the inhabitants of their city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods"' — which you have not known — 14 then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination was committed among you, 15 you shall surely</p>	<p>thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones. 6 Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. 7 The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.</p>	<p>living under other governments with laws that are incompatible with our beliefs.</p> <p>This is serious. The penalty for leading others away from YHVH was stoning to death. Again, we do not live in countries where YHVH's covenantal laws are the law of the land. We do not have the authority to impose the death penalty. One day that time will come, and YHVH judges will carry out this judgment if necessary.</p> <p>We can put away evil from our midst in a variety of ways.</p>
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	<p>strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its livestock — with the edge of the sword. 16 And you shall gather all its plunder into the middle of the street, and completely burn with fire the city and all its plunder, for the Lord your God. It shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again. 17 So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers, 18 because you have listened to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord your God.</p>		
<p>C 1, 2</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 14:1-29</p> <p>14:1 "You are the children of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. 2 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.</p> <p>3 "You shall not eat any detestable thing. 4 These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, 5 the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the mountain goat, the antelope, and the mountain sheep. 6 And you may eat every animal with cloven hooves, having the hoof split into two parts, and that chews the cud, among the animals. 7 Nevertheless, of those that chew the cud or have cloven hooves, you shall not eat, such as these: the camel, the hare, and the rock hyrax; for they chew the cud but do not have cloven hooves; they are unclean for you. 8 Also the swine is unclean for you, because it has cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud; you shall not eat their flesh or touch their dead carcasses.</p>	<p>Do not follow practices of other nations for the dead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting yourself • Shaving the front of your head <p>See Leviticus 19:27-28</p> <p>Dietary laws are found in Leviticus 11.</p> <p>Clean animals must both completely divide the hoof and chew the cud.</p> <p>Clean water creatures must have both fins and scales.</p> <p>Birds not listed in Leviticus 11:13-18 and Deuteronomy 14:11-18 are clean.</p>	

	<p>9 "These you may eat of all that are in the waters: you may eat all that have fins and scales. 10 And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you.</p> <p>11 "All clean birds you may eat. 12 But these you shall not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, 13 the red kite, the falcon, and the kite after their kinds; 14 every raven after its kind; 15 the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after their kinds; 16 the little owl, the screech owl, the white owl, 17 the jackdaw, the carrion vulture, the fisher owl, 18 the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe and the bat.</p> <p>19 "Also every creeping thing that flies is unclean for you; they shall not be eaten. 20 "You may eat all clean birds. 21 "You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the Lord your God. "You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.</p> <p>22 "You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.</p> <p>23 And you shall eat before the Lord your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. 24 But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the Lord your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the Lord your God has blessed you, 25 then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the Lord your God chooses. 26 And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27 You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.</p> <p>28 "At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates. 29 And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.</p>	<p>Clean flying insects must both creep on all 4s and have jointed legs for leaping.</p> <p>Blood, helev-fat (fat that encases the internal organs), and animals that dies of itself are not to be eaten.</p> <p>Cooking a kid in its mother's milk is a pagan practice mentioned in a broken Ras Shamra text.</p> <p>See also Leviticus 20:25</p> <p>Each year our tithes are to be eaten joyfully with our families before YHVH.</p> <p>The first tithe from the people is for the Levites. It is mentioned in Numbers 18:21-32. The priests were required to give a tithe of that as a heave offering to YHVH.</p> <p>According to the Stone Edition Chumash and Jewish Encyclopedia , tithes were brought in according to the years of the 7-year Shemittah cycle. Deuteronomy 14:22-27 refers to what the Jews call the 2nd tithe. The 2nd tithe was brought to the feasts during the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th</p>
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	<p>Deuteronomy 15:19-23</p> <p>19 "All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall sanctify to the Lord your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20 You and your household shall eat it before the Lord your God year by year in the place which the Lord chooses. 21 But if there is a defect in it, if it is lame or blind or has any serious defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the Lord your God. 22 You may eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean person alike may eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer. 23 Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.</p>	<p>years to be eaten before YHVH. The tithe could be sold for money to buy what your heart desires to eat before YHVH. If that is the case, what did they eat before YHVH in the 3rd, 6th, and 7th years at the feast?</p> <p>Every 3rd year (3rd and 6th years of a 7 year cycle), a tithe is to be collected for the Levites, strangers, orphans, and widows. The question remains as to whether or not this tithe was above and in addition to the 2nd tithe for the feasts. I hope to check additional Rabbinic sources in the future.</p> <p>No tithes are taken in the 7th year.</p>
D	<p>Deuteronomy 15:1-18</p> <p>15 "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. 2 And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the Lord's release. 3 Of a foreigner you may require it; but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother, 4 except when there may be no poor among you; for the Lord will greatly bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance — 5 only if you carefully obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today. 6 For the Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.</p>	<p>A release of debts shall be done every 7 years for fellow Israelites, but that is not required for foreigners (nochri).</p> <p>You are not to ignore the poor; you are to provide for his needs.</p> <p>You are to release servants in the 7th year as well.</p> <p>If they have been treated well, they may choose to stay.</p>

	<p>7 "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving 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 willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs. 9 Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the Lord against you, and it become sin among you. 10 You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand. 11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'</p> <p>12 "If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13 And when you send him away free from you, you shall not let him go away empty-handed; 14 you shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. From what the Lord has blessed you with, you shall give to him. 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today. 16 And if it happens that he says to you, 'I will not go away from you,' because he loves you and your house, since he prospers with you, 17 then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your servant forever. Also to your female servant 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 in serving you six years. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all that you do.</p>	<p>How we treat the poor is of great concern to YHVH. Defend them. Take care of them. See that they get justice. Do not oppress them.</p> <p>See Leviticus 25 (Parashah B'har)</p>
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