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### Psalm - Psa 136

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks unto YHVH; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>2</sup> O give thanks unto the Elohim of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>3</sup> O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>4</sup> To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>5</sup> To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>6</sup> To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>7</sup> To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>8</sup> The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>9</sup> The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>10</sup> To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>11</sup> And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>12</sup> With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>13</sup> To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>14</sup> And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>15</sup> But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>16</sup> To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>17</sup> To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>18</sup> And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>19</sup> Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>20</sup> And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>21</sup> And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>22</sup> Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>23</sup> Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever: <sup>24</sup> And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>25</sup> Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever. <sup>26</sup> O give thanks unto the Elohim of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

## Torah - Deu 12:20-15:6

*The how and where of eating meat, don't eat blood*

<sup>20</sup> When YHVH thy Elohim shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. <sup>21</sup> If the place which YHVH thy Elohim hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which YHVH hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after. <sup>22</sup> Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike. <sup>23</sup> Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh. <sup>24</sup> Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water. <sup>25</sup> Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of YHVH. <sup>26</sup> Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which YHVH shall choose: <sup>27</sup> And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of YHVH thy Elohim: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of YHVH thy Elohim, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

*Safeguard YHVH's Commands; The Religious Rituals of the Heathen Are an Abomination*

<sup>28</sup> Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of YHVH thy Elohim. <sup>29</sup> When YHVH thy Elohim shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; <sup>30</sup> Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. <sup>31</sup> Thou shalt not do so unto YHVH thy Elohim: for every abomination to YHVH, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. <sup>32</sup> What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

*Beware of the False Prophets*

**13:1** If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup> And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for YHVH your Elohim proveth you, to know whether ye love YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>4</sup> Ye shall walk after YHVH your Elohim, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. <sup>5</sup> And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from YHVH your Elohim, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which YHVH thy Elohim commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee. <sup>6</sup> If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

*One Who Entices Others to Go Astray Is to Be Exposed and Killed*

<sup>7</sup> Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; <sup>8</sup> Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: <sup>9</sup> But thou shalt

surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.  
<sup>10</sup> And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from YHVH thy Elohim, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. <sup>11</sup> And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you. <sup>12</sup> If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which YHVH thy Elohim hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

#### *The Fate of a City That Turns from YHVH to Idolatry*

<sup>13</sup> 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 ye have not known; <sup>14</sup> Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you; <sup>15</sup> Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. <sup>16</sup> And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for YHVH thy Elohim: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again. <sup>17</sup> And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that YHVH may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; <sup>18</sup> When thou shalt hearken to the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of YHVH thy Elohim.

#### *Do Not Follow the Practices of the Heathen for Israel Is a Treasured and Kadosh People*

**14:1** Ye are the children of YHVH your Elohim: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. <sup>2</sup> For thou art an holy people unto YHVH thy Elohim, and YHVH hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

#### *Unclean Meats Are an Abomination to Eat*

<sup>3</sup> Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. <sup>4</sup> These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, <sup>5</sup> The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois. <sup>6</sup> And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless these ye 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 divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you. <sup>8</sup> And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcass. <sup>9</sup> These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat: <sup>10</sup> And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you. <sup>11</sup> Of all clean birds ye shall eat. <sup>12</sup> But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, <sup>13</sup> And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind, <sup>14</sup> And every raven after his kind, <sup>15</sup> And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind, <sup>16</sup> The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, <sup>17</sup> And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant, <sup>18</sup> And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. <sup>19</sup> And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. <sup>20</sup> But of all clean fowls ye may eat. <sup>21</sup> Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto YHVH thy Elohim. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tithe to be Used During the Pilgrimage Festivals Where YHVH Will Choose to Place His Name*

<sup>22</sup> Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. <sup>23</sup> And thou shalt eat before YHVH thy Elohim, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear YHVH thy Elohim always. <sup>24</sup> And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which YHVH thy Elohim shall choose to set his name there, when YHVH thy Elohim hath blessed thee: <sup>25</sup> Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which YHVH thy Elohim shall choose: <sup>26</sup> And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before YHVH thy Elohim, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, <sup>27</sup> And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee. <sup>28</sup> At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: <sup>29</sup> And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that YHVH thy Elohim may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

*Remission of Loans at the End of Every Seven Years*

**15:1** At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. <sup>2</sup> And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called YHVH's release. <sup>3</sup> Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release; <sup>4</sup> Save when there shall be no poor among you; for YHVH shall greatly bless thee in the land which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: <sup>5</sup> Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of YHVH thy Elohim, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day. <sup>6</sup> For YHVH thy Elohim blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

## My Commentary and Notes

### Stand alone Aleph Tav for Deu 12:28, 12:32 (13:1 BHS) and 14:22

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**12:28** Observe and hear **Aleph Tav** all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of YHVH thy Elohim.

**Deu 12:28** שָׁמַר וְשָׁמַעְתָּ אֶת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי  
מְצַוְךָ לַמַּעַן יִיטֵב לְךָ וּלְבְנֶיךָ אַחֲרֶיךָ עַד-עוֹלָם כִּי תַעֲשֶׂה  
הַטּוֹב וְהַיָּשָׁר בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ: ס

**12:32 (13:1 BHS)** **Aleph Tav** What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

**(Deu 13:1 BHS) Deu 12:32 KJV** אֶת כָּל-הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה  
אֶתְכֶם אַתּוֹ תִשְׁמְרוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת לֹא-תִסַּף עָלָיו וְלֹא תִגְרַע מִמֶּנּוּ: ה

**14:22** Thou shalt truly tithe **Aleph Tav** all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

**Deu 14:22** עֶשֶׂר תַעֲשֶׂר אֶת כָּל-תְּבוּאֹת זֵרַעֲךָ הַיֵּצֵא הַשָּׂדֶה שָׁנָה שָׁנָה:

## General Comments

Compare Deu 13:1-10 with the prophecy of the prophet like me Elohim and like me Moshe found in chapter 18.

**Deu 18:15-19 KJV** YHVH thy Elohim will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; <sup>16</sup> According to all that thou desiredst of YHVH thy Elohim in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of YHVH my Elohim, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. <sup>17</sup> And YHVH said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. <sup>19</sup> And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

## Mitzvot for this parasha

Verse(s)	Mitzvah Number	Category	Law
Deu 12:32	14	Torah	Not to add to the commandments of the Torah, whether in the Written Law or in its interpretation received by tradition. See Torah.
Deu 12:32	15	Torah	Not to take away from the commandments of the Torah. See Torah.
Deu 15:3	57	Treatment of Gentiles	To exact the debt of an alien.
Deu 14:11	147	Dietary Laws	To examine the marks in fowl, so as to distinguish the clean from the unclean. See Animals that may not be eaten.
Deu 14:19	154	Dietary Laws	Not to eat of winged insects. See Animals that may not be eaten.
Deu 14:21	156	Dietary Laws	Not to eat the flesh of a beast that died of itself. See Kosher slaughtering.
Deu 12:21	157	Dietary Laws	To slay cattle, deer and fowl according to the laws of shechitah if their flesh is to be eaten ("as I have commanded" in this verse refers to the technique) . See Kosher slaughtering.
Deu 12:23	158	Dietary Laws	Not to eat a limb removed from a living beast. See Kosher slaughtering.
Deu 15:2	217	The Sabbatical and Jubilee Years	To release debts in the seventh year.
Deu 15:2	218	The Sabbatical and Jubilee Years	Not to demand return of a loan after the Sabbatical year has passed.
Deu 13:14	246	The Court and Judicial Procedure	To examine witnesses thoroughly.
Deu 13:3	321	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to hearken to one who prophesies in the name of an idol.
Deu 13:11	323	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to entice an Israelite to idolatry.
Deu 13:8	325	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to love the enticer to idolatry.
Deu 13:8	326	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to give up hating the enticer to idolatry.
Deu 13:8	327	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to save the enticer from capital punishment, but to stand by at his execution.
Deu 13:8	328	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	A person whom he attempted to entice to idolatry shall not urge pleas for the acquittal of the enticer.
Deu 13:8	329	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	A person whom he attempted to entice shall not refrain from giving evidence of the enticer's guilt, if he has such evidence.
Lev 19:28; Deu 13:18	347	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to cut oneself or make incisions in one's flesh in grief, like the idolaters.
Deu 13:18	349	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to make a bald spot for the dead.
Deu 13:15 - 16	355	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	To slay the inhabitants of a city that has become idolatrous and burn that city.
Deu 13:16	356	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to rebuild a city that has been led astray to idolatry.
Deu 13:17	357	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to make use of the property of city that has been so led astray.
Deu 14:22	417	T'rumah, Tithes and Taxes	To set apart the second tithe in the first, second, fourth and fifth years of the sabbatical cycle to be eaten by its owner in Jerusalem (affirmative) (today, it is set aside but not eaten in Jerusalem).
Deu 14:28 - 29	418	T'rumah, Tithes and Taxes	To set apart the second tithe in the third and sixth year of the sabbatical cycle for the poor (affirmative) (today, it must be separated out but need not be given to the poor).
Deu 12:26	553	Sacrifices and Offerings	To take trouble to bring sacrifices to the Sanctuary from places outside the land of Israel.
Deu 14:3	554	Sacrifices and Offerings	Not to eat the flesh of beasts set apart as sacrifices, that have been rendered unfit to be offered up by deliberately inflicted blemish.

## **Brit - Mat 7:15-27**

<sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? <sup>17</sup> Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. <sup>21</sup> Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? <sup>23</sup> And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. <sup>24</sup> Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: <sup>25</sup> And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. <sup>26</sup> And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: <sup>27</sup> And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

## **Gospel - Act 10:1-48**

<sup>1</sup> There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, <sup>2</sup> A devout man, and one that feared Elohim with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to Elohim always. <sup>3</sup> He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of Elohim coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. <sup>4</sup> And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before Elohim. <sup>5</sup> And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: <sup>6</sup> He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do. <sup>7</sup> And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; <sup>8</sup> And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa. <sup>9</sup> On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: <sup>10</sup> And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, <sup>11</sup> And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: <sup>12</sup> Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. <sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. <sup>15</sup> And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What Elohim hath cleansed, that call not thou common. <sup>16</sup> This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. <sup>17</sup> Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, <sup>18</sup> And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. <sup>19</sup> While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. <sup>20</sup> Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. <sup>21</sup> Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? <sup>22</sup> And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth Elohim, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from Elohim by an holy

angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. <sup>23</sup> Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup> And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and he had called together his kinsmen and near friends. <sup>25</sup> And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>26</sup> But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. <sup>27</sup> And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. <sup>28</sup> And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but Elohim hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. <sup>29</sup> Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me? <sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, <sup>31</sup> And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of Elohim. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. <sup>33</sup> Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before Elohim, to hear all things that are commanded thee of Elohim. <sup>34</sup> Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that Elohim is no respecter of persons: <sup>35</sup> But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. <sup>36</sup> The word which Elohim sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Y'shua Christ: (he is Lord of all:) <sup>37</sup> That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; <sup>38</sup> How Elohim anointed Y'shua of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for Elohim was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: <sup>40</sup> Him Elohim raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; <sup>41</sup> Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before Elohim, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of Elohim to be the Judge of quick and dead. <sup>43</sup> To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. <sup>44</sup> While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify Elohim. Then answered Peter, <sup>47</sup> Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

## Prophecy - Dan 9:1-27

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; <sup>2</sup> In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of YHVH came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And I set my face unto the Lord Elohim, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: <sup>4</sup> And I prayed unto YHVH my Elohim, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful Elohim, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; <sup>5</sup> We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: <sup>6</sup> Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> YHVH, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the

countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. <sup>8</sup> O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our Elohim belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> Neither have we obeyed the voice of YHVH our Elohim, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of Elohim, because we have sinned against him. <sup>12</sup> And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before YHVH our Elohim, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. <sup>14</sup> Therefore hath YHVH watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for YHVH our Elohim is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. <sup>15</sup> And now, O Lord our Elohim, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. <sup>16</sup> YHVH, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. <sup>17</sup> Now therefore, O our Elohim, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. <sup>18</sup> O my Elohim, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my Elohim: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. <sup>20</sup> And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before YHVH my Elohim for the holy mountain of my Elohim; <sup>21</sup> Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. <sup>22</sup> And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. <sup>24</sup> Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. <sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. <sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. <sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

## History - Ezz 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup> And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the Elohim of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of Elohim. <sup>3</sup> And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto YHVH, even burnt offerings morning and evening. <sup>4</sup> They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; <sup>5</sup> And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of YHVH that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto YHVH. <sup>6</sup> From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto YHVH. But the foundation of the temple of YHVH was not yet laid. <sup>7</sup> They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia. <sup>8</sup> Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of Elohim at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of YHVH. <sup>9</sup> Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of Elohim: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. <sup>10</sup> And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of YHVH, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise YHVH, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup> And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto YHVH; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised YHVH, because the foundation of the house of YHVH was laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: <sup>13</sup> So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

## Commentary

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## Commentary - Year 3 Sabbath 33

Deuteronomy 12:20 - 15:6 - Jeremiah 23:9 - Psalm 130 - Matthew 7:15-27

### ***Ki-Yarchiv / When He Enlarges***

(V.12:20) Kashrut: here we have God's decree of kosher animals for meat, and the prohibition of eating blood. The mention of animals disallowed for offerings shows that personal use of animals for meat is the subject. Also, there is an ethical rule derived here, that we should not indulge in luxuries beyond what God has "extended our border" to afford.

While wandering in the wilderness, the people were disciplined for complaining about lack of meat. Now they were permitted to enjoy meat as God prospered them. The lesson is: we should learn to be satisfied with God's provision, we are allowed to enjoy His prospering us, and we should not indulge beyond what He provides (what we can afford) or what He permits (as kosher).

(V.21) "*You may slaughter . . . as I have commanded you*" is taken to show that God gave Moses oral command concerning kosher slaughter. We occasionally see reference to instruction from God that is not explicitly written in Torah; such instruction is often promoted by Yeshua and His apostles: the "Cup of the Covenant" at the Passover seder (Matthew 26:27-28), and the "lamps" for havdallah (Acts 20:8), are examples.

(V.25) Our primary consideration for obeying God's commands should be, not what seems good for us, but "*doing what is right in the eyes of Yahweh.*"

### ***Sh'mar and Sh'ma.***

(V.28) "*(Sh'mar) Safeguard and (sh'ma) obey all these words which I command you, in order that it may be well with you and your sons after you forever, for you will be doing what is good and right in the sight of Yahweh your God.*"

We are to learn and review Torah, so that it becomes part of us, to keep us from stumbling. The previous reasons (v.25) are repeated: then "*it will be well with us and our children forever, when we do what is good and right in the eyes of Yahweh.*"

(V.32) "*Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.*" The Psalmist says, (v.3-4) "*If You, Yahweh, should mark iniquities, O Yahweh, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.*"

Yeshua said (Matthew 7:23-27), "*And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.' Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall.*"

### **You shall not *Sh'ma*.**

(V.13:1-11) If a "prophet" or "dreamer" arises, though his words be accompanied by signs or miracles, if he says to follow another god or different commandments (v.5!) – you shall not (*sh'ma*) listen to him. You shall not pity him (even though he be a mate or offspring), but he is to be stoned to death. This means that a witness must testify before the judges,

and subsequent to a guilty verdict, must cast stones upon the condemned. The death penalty is to cause all to fear following false gods: God teaches that capital punishment is a deterrent. Note how corrupt judges of the Sanhedrin justified condemning Yeshua (Matthew 26:65-66): *“Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, ‘He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?’ They answered and said, ‘He is deserving of death!’ ”*

Yeshua neither abolished Torah (Mathew 5:17) nor changed the commandments (Acts 6:14 – a false accusation, Hebrews 10:28).

Jeremiah says (v.23:16-18), *“Thus says Yahweh of hosts, ‘Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of Yahweh. They keep saying to those who despise Me, ‘Yahweh has said, ‘You will have peace’ ’; and as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, they say, ‘Calamity will not come upon you.’ But who has stood in the council of Yahweh, that he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened?”*

Yeshua says (Matthew 17:15-17), *“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit.”*

### **Why are there false teachers?**

The reason that false prophets are sent among us is that (v.3) *“Yahweh your God is testing you to find out if you love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul”!*

We can expect to be tested, to see whether we will walk in God’s commandments, or follow false teachings; whether we will learn from those whom God has proclaimed to be His prophets, or listen to those who falsely claim to be His prophets (sometimes with miracles); whether we will submit to His Holy Word, or make ourselves judges over it – doing what is right in our own eyes (v.12:8).

### **Sanctification**

Chapter fourteen concerns how we are to be set aside for God: this is called (*kodesh*) holiness or sanctification.

(V.14:1) We are not to mourn in the way the heathen do, by injuring or marking ourselves: they do so because they are without hope – death being final in their eyes. Paul emphasizes this in 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

(V.4) These are the animals that God has given us for food.

(V.9) These are the fish that God has given us for food.

(V.11) These are the birds that God has given us for food.

(V.14:22 – 15:6) The seven-year tithing cycle:

The first tithe (*terumah* / priest’s portion – not mentioned in this chapter: see Numbers 18:21-31) is taken every year.

The second tithe is taken the first, second, fourth, and fifth years: it is to be eaten at Jerusalem (Feasts).

The third tithe is taken the third and sixth years: it is for the poor. The portion lists those who are more likely to be poor: the Levite, the proselyte, the orphan, and the widow.

Remission of loans is required in the seventh year (Sabbatical Year).

The total of tithes may be seen as approximately 20 percent. Much of that is consumed by the tither. All tithes and offerings should not exceed thirty percent (rabbinic ruling) unless the giver is wealthy enough that such would not be neglecting his family.

We are promised a blessing, similar to that found in Malachi 3:10.