

Triennial Parsha Reading For 11/28/2009

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Psalm 139

¹ <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.> O YHVH, thou hast searched me, and known me. ² Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. ³ Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, YHVH, thou knowest it altogether. ⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. ⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. ¹² Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. ¹³ For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. ¹⁵ My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O Elohim! how great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. ¹⁹ Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O Elohim: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. ²⁰ For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. ²¹ Do not I hate them, YHVH, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? ²² I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. ²³ Search me, O Elohim, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Torah - Deu 17:14-18:13

The Future King in Israel

¹⁴ When thou art come unto the land which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; ¹⁵ Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom YHVH thy Elohim shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. ¹⁶ But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as YHVH hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. ¹⁷ Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. ¹⁸ And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear YHVH his Elohim, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: ²⁰ That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

Gifts Given to the Priests to Help Support Their Ministry to the People


18:1 The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of YHVH made by fire, and his inheritance. ² Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: YHVH is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them. ³ And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. ⁴ The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. ⁵ For YHVH thy Elohim hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of YHVH, him and his sons for ever. ⁶ And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which YHVH shall choose; ⁷ Then he shall minister in the name of YHVH his Elohim, as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before YHVH. ⁸ They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

Learn Not the Ways of the Heathen: Child Sacrifice, Divination, Astrology, Necromancy

⁹ When thou art come into the land which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. ¹¹ Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. ¹² For all that do these things are an abomination unto YHVH: and because of these abominations YHVH thy Elohim doth drive them out from before thee. ¹³ Thou shalt be perfect with YHVH thy Elohim.

My Commentary and Notes

General Comments

Psalms 139:15: "...when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought ^{H7551 raqam} ..." 

H7551: A primitive root; to *variegate* color, that is, *embroider*; by implication to *fabricate*: - embroiderer, needlework, curiously work.

Scientifically speaking raqam is DNA

Psa 139:16 KJV Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

Psa 19:1 KJV <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Deu 18:20-22 the judges, i.e. the kohanim are to have at some level anyway, an arms lengths distance from the rest of Yisrael. This is so because they are judging of Yisrael and don't want a conflict of interest.

Mitzvot for this parasha

Verse(s)	Mitzvah Number	Category	Law
Deu 17:15	582	The King	To appoint a king.
Deu 17:15	583	The King	Not to appoint as ruler over Israel, one who comes from non-Israelites.
Deu 17:16	273	Property and Property Rights	Never to settle in the land of Egypt.
Deu 17:16	584	The King	That the King shall not acquire an excessive number of horses.
Deu 17:17	585	The King	That the King shall not take an excessive number of wives.
Deu 17:17	586	The King	That he shall not accumulate an excessive quantity of gold and silver.
Deu 17:18	587	The King	That the King shall write a scroll of the Torah for himself, in addition to the one that every person should write, so that he writes two scrolls. See Torah.
Deu 18:1	399	Kohanim and Levites	That none of the tribe of Levi shall take any portion of territory in the land (of Israel). See Levi.
Deu 18:1	400	Kohanim and Levites	That none of the tribe of Levi shall take any share of the spoil (at the conquest of the Promised Land). See Levi.
Deu 18:3	419	T'rumah, Tithes and Taxes	To give the kohein the due portions of the carcass of cattle (according to the Talmud, this is not mandatory in the present outside of Israel, but it is permissible, and some observant people do so) . See Kohein.
Deu 18:4	420	T'rumah, Tithes and Taxes	To give the first of the fleece to the kohein (according to the Talmud, this is not mandatory in the present outside of Israel, but it is permissible, and some observant people do so) . See Kohein.
Deu 18:4	421	T'rumah, Tithes and Taxes	To set apart t'rumah g'dolah (the great heave-offering, that is, a small portion of the grain, wine and oil) for the kohein (affirmative) . See Kohein.
Deu 18:6-8	401	Kohanim and Levites	That the kohanim shall serve in the Sanctuary in divisions, but on festivals, they all serve together. See Kohein.
Deu 18:10	339	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to practice kisuf (magic using herbs, stones and objects that people use).
Deu 18:10	340	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to practice kessem (a general term for magical practices).
Deu 18:11	341	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to practice the art of a chover chaver (casting spells over snakes and scorpions).
Deu 18:11	342	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to enquire of an ob (a ghost).
Deu 18:11	343	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to seek the maytim (dead).
Deu 18:11	344	Idolatry, Idolaters and Idolatrous Practices	Not to enquire of a yid'oni (wizard).

Jot's and Tittles in Deu 18:13, Enlarged Tav for the word Tamim (disputed)

Source: [Sofer on site](#)

Deu 18:13 Thou shalt be perfect ^{H8549 Tamim} with YHVH thy Elohim



תמים תהיה עם יהוה אלהיך : ס Deu 18:13

Haftorah - 1Sa 8:5-20

⁵ And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto YHVH. ⁷ And YHVH said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. ⁸ According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. ⁹ Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. ¹⁰ And Samuel told all the words of YHVH unto the people that asked of him a king. ¹¹ And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. ¹³ And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. ¹⁴ And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. ¹⁶ And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. ¹⁸ And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and YHVH will not hear you in that day. ¹⁹ Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; ²⁰ That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

Haftorah - 1Sa 10:17-25

¹⁷ And Samuel called the people together unto YHVH to Mizpeh; ¹⁸ And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith YHVH Elohim of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you: ¹⁹ And ye have this day rejected your Elohim, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before YHVH by your tribes, and by your thousands. ²⁰ And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. ²¹ When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found. ²² Therefore they inquired of YHVH further, if the man should yet come thither. And YHVH answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff. ²³ And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. ²⁴ And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom YHVH hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, Elohim save the king. ²⁵ Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before YHVH. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Gospel - Act 13:1-52

¹ Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ³ And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of Elohim in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. ⁶ And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: ⁷ Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of Elohim. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. ¹⁰ And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. ¹³ Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. ¹⁵ And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. ¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear Elohim, give audience. ¹⁷ The Elohim of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. ¹⁸ And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. ²⁰ And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ And afterward they desired a king: and Elohim gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. ²³ Of this man's seed hath Elohim according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Y'shua: ²⁴ When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose. ²⁶ Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth Elohim, to you is the word of this salvation sent. ²⁷ For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. ²⁹ And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. ³⁰ But Elohim raised him from the dead: ³¹ And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. ³² And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, ³³ Elohim hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Y'shua again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. ³⁴ And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on

this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. ³⁵ Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. ³⁶ For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of Elohim, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: ³⁷ But he, whom Elohim raised again, saw no corruption. ³⁸ Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: ³⁹ And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; ⁴¹ Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. ⁴² And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. ⁴³ Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of Elohim. ⁴⁴ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of Elohim. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. ⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of Elohim should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. ⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Prophecy - Dan 11:20-45

²¹ And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. ²² And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. ²³ And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴ He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. ²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. ²⁶ Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain. ²⁷ And both of these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. ²⁸ Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land. ²⁹ At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. ³⁰ For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. ³¹ And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. ³² And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their Elohim shall be strong, and do exploits. ³³ And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. ³⁴ Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. ³⁵ And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. ³⁶ And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the Elohim of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. ³⁷ Neither shall he regard the Elohim of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ But in his estate shall he honour the Elohim of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. ³⁹ Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. ⁴⁰ And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. ⁴¹ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. ⁴² He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. ⁴⁴ But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. ⁴⁵ And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

History - Ezz 6:1-22

¹ Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. ² And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written: ³ In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of Elohim at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; ⁴ With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house: ⁵ And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of Elohim, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of Elohim. ⁶ Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: ⁷ Let the work of this house of Elohim alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of Elohim in his place. ⁸ Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of Elohim: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered. ⁹ And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the Elohim of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: ¹⁰ That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the Elohim of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. ¹¹ Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. ¹² And the Elohim that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of Elohim which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed. ¹³ Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily. ¹⁴ And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the Elohim of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. ¹⁵ And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. ¹⁶ And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of Elohim with joy. ¹⁷ And offered at the dedication of this house of Elohim an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁸ And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of Elohim, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. ¹⁹ And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. ²⁰ For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. ²¹ And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek YHVH Elohim of Israel, did eat, ²² And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for YHVH had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of Elohim, the Elohim of Israel.

Commentary

For more commentary on Shoftim Deu 16:18 to 21:9 from [MIA](#), click → [here](#).

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There were three basic commandments for Israel to observe as a nation when it was established in the land (*Talmud: Sanhedrin 20b*):

- (1) Appoint a specific kind of king (v.17:15);
- (2) Cut off the seed of Amalek (v.25:19); and
- (3) Build the Temple (v.12:10).

Deut 25:19 *"Therefore it shall come about when Yahweh your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which Yahweh your God gives you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget.*

Amelek was a grandson of Esau (Gen 36:12). Amelek fought against Israel early during the exodus (Ex 17:8); He attacked the stragglers that were faint (Deu 25:17). This was the battle where Israel prevailed as long as the hands of Moses were held up. The ten spies complained that Amelek lived in the land to be conquered (Num 13:29). Balak prophesied that the end of Amelek would be destruction (Num 24:20).

Deut 12:10-11 *"When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which Yahweh your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies around you so that you live in security, then it shall come about that the place in which Yahweh your God shall choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to Yahweh.*

- (1) A king was required first, (2) to lead war with Amalek (Exodus 17:16, 1 Chronicles 29:23);
- (3) when the land was at peace, the Temple was to be built (Deuteronomy 12:10).

Concerning kings (v.17:14-20):

When there was no king in Israel, everyone did what was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6).

There being no king in Israel (Judges 17-18), an Ephraimite named Micah had a silver graven image made, which Danites stole and worshipped, on their way to making war with Laish.

There being no king in Israel (Judges 19-29), the concubine of a Levite was raped and killed by Benjaminites, who were unrepentant. The Levite cut her into twelve pieces and sent them throughout the territory of Israel. Israel went to war with the Benjaminites, and tens of thousands were killed.

The king had to be God's choice, and had to be an Israelite – a Hebrew. The king was to trust in God's strength, and therefore was not allowed many horses. The king was to keep his heart aligned toward Yahweh, and therefore was not allowed many wives to turn his heart elsewhere. The king was to trust in God's provision, and therefore was not allowed great amounts of silver and gold. The king was required to write for himself a scroll copy of the Torah, to be read every day of his life, so that he would observe God's instruction, and stay mindful of his position under God.

When the people rejected God as their king (1 Samuel 8:7), and requested an earthly king, God's choice for the first king was Saul.

1 Samuel 10:19 *“But you today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, ‘No, but set a king over us!’”*

1 Samuel 10:24: *“And Samuel said to all the people, ‘Do you see him (Saul) whom Yahweh has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people.’ So all the people shouted and said, ‘Long live the king!’”*

After Saul, David became king, and was a type of Messiah King Yeshua. Yeshua would be a descendant of David.

Acts 13:21-23 *“And then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And after He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.’ From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Yeshua”.*

After David, Solomon became king. Solomon was granted great wisdom. Yet, he tried the things God forbade: many horses, many wives, and much gold.

This picture will be fulfilled in the end:

- (1) Israel's king will be Yeshua. He will act according to Torah forever, not trusting in the powerful things of this world, not turned astray by the pleasures of this world, and not depending upon the riches of this world. Fulfilling Deuteronomy 17:20 (see also 1 Samuel 13:13 and Revelation 11:15), His kingdom will be forever!
- (2) All of the enemies that would attack us today – meaning those that would deter us from our walk with God, will be cut off – eliminated. Their memory will be erased.
- (3) We will have access to God's Holy Temple, in all its perfection.

Concerning priests (v.18:1-8):

The Levites were to receive the firstfruits from the people, and share in them equally.

They were required to serve *“in the Name of Yahweh”*. That means that they were God's representatives, His ambassadors.

Yeshua came *“in the Name of Yahweh”* – Matthew 21:9, 23:39. He is Messiah (Anointed) Priest of the Most High God.

Concerning the people (v.18:9-13):

We are not to imitate the detestable things that worldly people do. We are to seek guidance from God, not “readers” or spiritists. God drives people out of their lands because they seek guidance from the wrong places (v.12). We are to be blameless (v.13).

In today's Psalm 133, which is a Psalm of David, we read, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!” When we are in unity under the Great King, how pleasant that will be!