

Triennial Parasha Reading for - 1/16/2010

Tab	Section	Verses
1	Psalm	Psa 146
2	Torah	Deu 24:19-25:19
3	Brit	Luk 12:13-48
4	Gospel	Act 20:1-38
5	Prophecy	Rev 8:1-9:21
6	History	Neh 3:1-32

Psalm 146.....	1
Torah - Deu 24:19-25:19.....	2
My Commentary and Notes.....	3
Standalone Aleph Tav for Deu 25:17.....	3
Mitzvot for this parasha	3
Brit - Luk 12:13-48	4
Gospel - Act 20:1-38.....	5
Prophecy - Rev 8:1-9:21	6
History - Neh 3:1-32	7
Commentary.....	8
Ahavta.....	8

Psalm 146

¹ Praise ye YHVH. Praise YHVH, O my soul. ² While I live will I praise YHVH: I will sing praises unto my Elohim while I have any being. ³ Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. ⁴ His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. ⁵ Happy is he that hath the Elohim of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in YHVH his Elohim: ⁶ Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: ⁷ Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. YHVH looseth the prisoners: ⁸ YHVH openeth the eyes of the blind: YHVH raiseth them that are bowed down: YHVH loveth the righteous: ⁹ YHVH preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. ¹⁰ YHVH shall reign for ever, even thy Elohim, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye YHVH.

Torah - Deu 24:19-25:19

Gifts to the Poor From the Harvest and Their Right to Glean Your Fields

¹⁹ When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that YHVH thy Elohim may bless thee in all the work of thine hands. ²⁰ When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. ²¹ When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. ²² And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

Lashes for the Wicked

25:1 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. ² And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number. ³ Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

Don't Muzzle the Ox When It Is Threshing

⁴ Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

Rules Pertaining to the Levirate Marriage and How to Release the Obligation

⁵ If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. ⁶ And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel. ⁷ And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. ⁸ Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her; ⁹ Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house. ¹⁰ And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

Penalty for Embarrassing Another During an Altercation

¹¹ When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets: ¹² Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.

Dishonest Weights and Measures Are an Abomination

¹³ Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. ¹⁴ Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. ¹⁵ But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee. ¹⁶ For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto YHVH thy Elohim.

Remembering to Wipe Out the Memory of Amalek

¹⁷ Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; ¹⁸ How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint

and weary; and he feared not Elohim. ¹⁹ Therefore it shall be, when YHVH thy Elohim hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which YHVH thy Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

My Commentary and Notes

Standalone Aleph Tav for Deu 25:17

For an explanation of the Aleph Tav teaching, click here → [Word Doc](#) version or [PDF](#) version

H6002 לך עמלק H6213 did עשה H834 what אשר H853 את H2142 Remember זכור **Deu 25:17**
H4714: ממזרים H3318 when ye were come forth בצאתכם H1870 unto thee by the way, בדרך Amalek

Mitzvot for this parasha

Source: www.jewfaq.org

Verse(s)	Mitzvah Number	Category	Law
Deu 24:19	49	The Poor and Unfortunate	Not to return to take a forgotten sheaf This applies to all fruit trees (Deut. 24:20) (negative) .
Deu 24:19-20	50	The Poor and Unfortunate	To leave the forgotten sheaves for the poor (affirmative) .
Deu 25:2	304	Punishment and Restitution	To punish the wicked by the infliction of stripes.
Deu 25:3	305	Punishment and Restitution	Not to exceed the statutory number of stripes laid on one who has incurred that punishment (and by implication, not to strike anyone) .
Deu 25:4	202	Employees, Servants and Slaves	Not to muzzle a beast, while it is working in produce which it can eat and enjoy.
Deu 25:5	79	Marriage, Divorce and Family	That a widow whose husband died childless must not be married to anyone but her deceased husband's brother (this is only in effect insofar as it requires the procedure of release below).
Deu 25:5	80	Marriage, Divorce and Family	To marry the widow of a brother who has died childless (this is only in effect insofar as it requires the procedure of release below) .
Deu 25:7-9	81	Marriage, Divorce and Family	That the widow formally release the brother-in-law (if he refuses to marry her).
Deu 25:12	265	Injuries and Damages	To save the pursued even at the cost of the life of the pursuer. See Life.
Deu 25:12	266	Injuries and Damages	Not to spare a pursuer, but he is to be slain before he reaches the pursued and slays the latter, or uncovers his nakedness.
Deu 25:13-14	183	Business Practices	Not to possess inaccurate measures and weights.
Deu 25:17	611	Wars	Always to remember what Amalek did.
Deu 25:19	612	Wars	That the evil done to us by Amalek shall not be forgotten.
Deu 25:19	613	Wars	To destroy the seed of Amalek.

Brit - Luk 12:13-48

¹³ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
¹⁴ And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. ¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸ And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. ²⁰ But Elohim said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? ²¹ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward Elohim. ²² And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. ²³ The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and Elohim feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? ²⁵ And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? ²⁶ If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ If then Elohim so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? ²⁹ And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. ³⁰ For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. ³¹ But rather seek ye the kingdom of Elohim; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; ³⁶ And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. ³⁸ And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹ And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. ⁴⁰ Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. ⁴¹ Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? ⁴² And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁴ Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. ⁴⁵ But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; ⁴⁶ The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷ And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. ⁴⁸ But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Gospel - Act 20:1-38

¹ And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia. ² And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece, ³ And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia. ⁴ And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These going before tarried for us at Troas. ⁶ And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. ⁷ And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. ⁸ And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. ⁹ And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. ¹¹ When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. ¹² And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. ¹³ And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot. ¹⁴ And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. ¹⁵ And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. ¹⁷ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, ¹⁹ Serving YHVH with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: ²⁰ And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, ²¹ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward Elohim, and faith toward our Lord Y'shua Christ. ²² And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: ²³ Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Y'shua, to testify the gospel of the grace of Elohim. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of Elohim, shall see my face no more. ²⁶ Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of Elohim. ²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of Elohim, which he hath purchased with his own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. ³² And now, brethren, I commend you to Elohim, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. ³³ I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. ³⁴ Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. ³⁵ I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Y'shua, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. ³⁶ And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them

all. ³⁷ And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, ³⁸ Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Prophecy - Rev 8:1-9:21

¹ And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels which stood before Elohim; and to them were given seven trumpets. ³ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before Elohim out of the angel's hand. ⁵ And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. ⁶ And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. ⁷ The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. ⁸ And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; ⁹ And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. ¹⁰ And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; ¹¹ And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. ¹² And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. ¹³ And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! ¹ And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. ³ And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of Elohim in their foreheads. ⁵ And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. ⁶ And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. ⁷ And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. ⁸ And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. ⁹ And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. ¹⁰ And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. ¹¹ And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. ¹² One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. ¹³ And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before Elohim, ¹⁴ Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. ¹⁵ And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. ¹⁶ And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and

the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.¹⁸ By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.¹⁹ For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.²⁰ And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:²¹ Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

History - Neh 3:1-32

¹ Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.² And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.³ But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.⁴ And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.⁵ And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their YHVH.⁶ Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.⁷ And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.⁸ Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.⁹ And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.¹⁰ And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.¹¹ Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.¹² And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.¹³ The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.¹⁴ But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhaccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.¹⁵ But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.¹⁶ After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.¹⁷ After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.¹⁸ After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.¹⁹ And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning of the wall.²⁰ After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.²¹ After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.²² And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.²³ After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.²⁴ After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.²⁵ Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him

Pedaiah the son of Parosh. ²⁶ Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out. ²⁷ After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel. ²⁸ From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house. ²⁹ After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate. ³⁰ After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. ³¹ After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner. ³² And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

Commentary

For more commentary on Ki-teitzel from [MIA](#), click → [here](#).

Ahavta

Commentary - Year 3 Sabbath 43

Deuteronomy 24:19 - 25:19 - Hosea 10:12 - Psalm 140 - Luke 12:13-48

Shevat 1, 5764 / January 24, 2004 Shevat 1, 5767 / January 20, 2007

Ki-tik'tzor / When You Reap

(Hosea 10:12) “*Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with kindness; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek Yahweh until He comes to rain righteousness on you.*”

(Psalm 140:12-13) “*I know that Yahweh will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and justice for the poor. Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name; the upright will dwell in Your presence.*”

(Deuteronomy 24:19-22) After a season of labor, when the crops are ready to harvest, a farmer must still realize that God brings forth bread from the earth, and creates the fruit of the tree: his prosperity is from God, and it is entrusted to him to share with the poor.

We will be judged according to our use of that with which God has prospered us. It is put in our control as a test of our service.

(V.19) “*When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.*”

Wheat field



Gathering sheaves



Thrashing (to separate grain from pods)



Winnowing (to remove chaff)



From www.paulnoll.com/china

(V.20) *“When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow.”*

Olive trees



Olive trees on the Mount of Olives in Israel



From www.lighthouse123.com/id33.htm

From www.thefigtree.com/olives.htm

Growth Habits: The olive is an evergreen tree growing to 50 ft. in height with a spread of about 30 ft. Olives are long-lived with a life expectancy of 500 years. The trees are also tenacious, easily sprouting back even when chopped to the ground.

Fruit: The olive fruit is a green drupe, becoming generally blackish-purple when fully ripe. A few varieties are green when ripe and some turn a shade of copper brown. The cultivars vary considerably in size, shape, oil-content and flavor. The shapes range from almost round to oval or elongated with pointed ends. Raw olives contain an alkaloid that makes them bitter and unpalatable. A few varieties are sweet enough to be eaten after sun drying.

Harvest: Olive fruits that are to be processed as green olives are picked while they are still green but have reached full size. They can also be picked for processing at any later stage up through full ripeness.

Curing: There are several classical ways of curing olives. A common method is the lye-cure process in which green or near-ripe olives are soaked in a series of lye solutions for a period of time to remove the bitter principle and then transferred to water and finally a mild saline solution. For California canned commercial olives, black olives are identical to green olives. The black color is obtained by exposure to air after lye extraction and has nothing to do with ripeness.

(From www.crfg.org/pubs/ff/olive.html)

Luke 12

God's order is: we are to serve Him first, then He will provide all of our needs for serving Him, and we are to work to justify that which is provided for us. This is quite contrary to popular thinking – that we work to create gain, and when we are satisfied from our own provision, we may then give God part of our time and resources.

(V.13) Someone said to Yeshua, “*Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.*” This does not seem like an unreasonable request. But note: He was asking the “teacher” to teach his brother – not himself! Our responsibility is to learn to serve faithfully with that which God entrusts to us.

(V.15) Yeshua said, “*Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.*”

(V.40-44) When Yeshua returns, those who have learned to be faithful in serving Him with all that has been entrusted to their care – they will be blessed, with eternal possessions put in their care!

(V.48) More will be required of those who have had more entrusted to them. In other words, riches bring greater responsibility. Desiring to be rich brings many temptations and snares (1 Timothy 6:9). Those who are rich are admonished about trusting in their riches, about conceit, and about generosity, “*storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

We are to be wise, and store up for natural times of “famine”. Those who live by farming, and other trades with seasonal income, need to budget their income for a year.

“Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and be wise, which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the summer, and gathers her provision in the harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8).

However, we are not to put “working for increase” first while we are younger, so that we may retire early to enjoy a life of leisure. Even the idea of building a nest-egg to have time to serve God later is contrary to God’s instruction of serving Him first while we are young.

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth” (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

To seek increase by cheating in trade is an abomination to Yahweh. This includes overcharging, and exaggerating the condition or value of something being sold. It is focusing on personal increase, rather than serving God, and will ultimately bring personal decrease through God’s judgment.

** following commentary incomplete **

(V.25:1-3)

(V.5-10) When a married man dies without offspring, his brother is required to take his wife, and raise up offspring in the name of the deceased.

“Then Judah said to Onan, ‘Go in to your brother’s wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother’ ” (Gen 38:8).

A priest may not marry his deceased brother’s wife, because he is forbidden to marry a widow (Leviticus 21:14). He must perform the *Halitzah Ritual*, which releases a widow from marrying her deceased husband’s brother (see Mishnah: Sanhedrin 2:1).

(V.11-12) This is about fair judgment in a court, not literally cutting off a hand in retribution. One who causes embarrassment is subject to payment of monetary penalty to victim. In this case, the price is established by God as the value of a hand: if you cause such embarrassment with your hand, you pay the price (value) of a hand.

(V.13-16)

(V.17-20)