



NATZARIM YAHSHUA FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Weekly Teen Torah

Training our youth to be sons and daughters of the commandments.

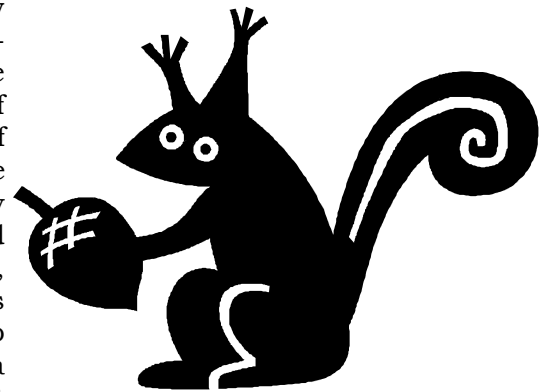
*Parsha Shoftim
"Judgments"
Deuteronomy/Devarim
16:18-21:9*

"If you love me, keep my commandments." Yashua (John 14:15)

PORTION IN A NUTSHELL

SHOFTIM (JUDGMENTS)

Yahweh instructed the people to choose judges and officers for their towns. They would judge with righteous judgment. The people were not permitted to show partiality or accept a bribe. Israel is not allowed to plant any tree as an Asherah beside the altar of Yahweh our Elohim. Setting up pillars is also forbidden. If someone serves or worships the sun, moon, or any host of heaven, and it is true that they have done so, they are to be put to death on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses. No one may be put to death on the testimony of just one person. If a case arises that is too difficult to decide, Israel was to go to the Levitical priest and the judge and consult with them. Israel was to obey and accept the judgment of the appointed judge and the Levitical priest. They are not to presume they know what the judge will decide and act before hearing the judgment. Israel was instructed to choose a king from among their brethren (not a foreigner). The king may not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Mitsrayim (Egypt) to acquire many horses. He shall not acquire many wives for himself. He may not acquire excessive gold and silver. The king must write for himself in a book, a copy of the law of Yahweh. This book must be approved by Levitical priests. He shall read it in the days of his life so he may learn to fear Yahweh our Elohim by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes. All the tribe of Levi has no portion or inheritance with Israel. They shall eat Yahweh's food offerings. The people were instructed to follow Yahweh's commands and refrain from offering anything to false gods or idols. Yahweh promises to raise up a prophet like Moshe from the people. They shall listen to him. He shall speak what Yahweh commands. If a prophet speaks and you don't know if it is Yahweh's word, and it does not come to pass, the prophet has spoken presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him. If he speaks in the names of other gods, he must be put to death. Yahweh commands the people to set up three cities of refuge and gives the ordinances for the cities of refuge. Yahweh instructs the people not to move their neighbor's landmark (boundary). If someone does wrong and is found guilty from the judges, you shall not pity them. It shall be a life for a life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. When Israel goes into battle, they are not to fear for Yahweh our Elohim is with them. They are not to panic. Officers shall ask the people who has built a new house and not dedicated it or planted a vineyard and not enjoyed its fruit or betrothed a wife and not taken her. These men are to go back to his own house. The commanders of the army will then be chosen to be heads over the people. If cities that are besieged by Israel are willing to make peace with Israel then they shall become servants of Israel. If they are not willing to make peace, they shall be plundered and destroyed. In the cities of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, there were the Israelites not to make an offer of peace. In those cities, Israel was to leave nothing alive that breathes. Israel was not to destroy a cities trees by wielding an axe against them. They may eat from them. Trees that are not for food may be cut down and used for siege-works. An atonement must be made for an unsolved murder by the elders of the surrounding cities. Israel must do what is right in the sight of Yahweh our Elohim.



SOLVE THE CASE: 101

The Candy Town Cafe had been open only an hour when Ahava entered the cafe saw a new poster announcing a price increase. "I put the sign up this morning," Mr. Stewart said. "Had to raise my prices ten percent to cover some new expenses. I need a new back door. Somebody tried to break into my cafe last night."

"Have you called the police?" Ahava asked.

"No. Nothing was stolen." Mr. Stewart led Ahava to a small storeroom in the back. "I use this space as an office. I sat here and made my price change poster last night. As soon as I was done, I left it on that old desk. When I went out, I locked the door to the main part of my store. So whoever got in was stuck in this little office and there is nothing here to steal."

When Ahava left, she went down to the park where Yosef and David were skateboarding. "Did you hear that somebody broke a door at the Candy Town Cafe?" she asked.

"Nope," Yosef said. "We've been here since dawn and haven't talked to anybody."

David gestured to the half pipe. "We've been practicing some new tricks."

Yosef stood up. "But now I'm getting hungry. I've got a dollar left from my allowance. If Mr. Stewart is there now, I'm going up to the cafe to get a dollar double chocolate cupcake."

"Better get another dime from somewhere, then," David told him. "A dollar's not enough any more. As for me, I'm going home to get a couple sandwiches for myself."

"You both stay right here," Ahava said. "I know which one of you broke that door! You'd better think of a way to pay for it, because I'm telling Mr. Stewart!"



You be the judge! Who is the culprit? How do you know?

questions & answers

1. What are three things you should never do when deciding judgment? (Deut 16:19) _____

2. What would taking a gift do to the judge? (Deut 16:19) _____

3. What is the king to write down? (Deut 17:18) _____

4. Why should the king read the Word? (Deut 17:19) _____

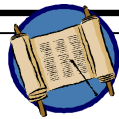
5. How many witnesses does it take for a word to be established? (Deut 19:15) _____

6. How will we know the word that YHWH hasn't spoken? (Deut 18:21-22) _____

7. What will happen to a false witness? (Deut 19:16-19) _____

THE JUST SHALL LIVE

Ezekiel 18:5-9 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbor's wife, neither hath come near to a unclean woman, and hath not oppressed any, [but] hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; he [that] hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, [that] hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he [is] just, he shall surely live, saith Yahweh Elohim.



TORAH CHALLENGE

Read **Deuteronomy 20:19-20** and match the tree to the group FOOD or NOT FOOD.

F O O D	PINE	N O T F O O D
	FIG	
	APPLE	
	CHERRY	
	MAPLE	
	OAK	
	WALNUT	
	POPLAR	
	PALM	
	CHESTNUT	
ASH		
COCONUT		

• check this out •

The Sh'ma
Shema Israel
Yahweh elocheinu
Yahweh Echad
Baruch shem ke'vod
Malkhuto le'olam va ed

TRANSLATION

Hear O Israel!

*Yahweh our Elohim; Yahweh is one
 Blessed be the name of his glorious kingdom
 forever and ever. Amen*



STOP & STUDY

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 9:9 Give [instruction] to a wise [man], and he will be yet wiser: teach a just [man], and he will increase in learning.

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Romans 2:13 For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law [is] holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

HEBREW LANGUAGE

DID YOU KNOW...

SHOFTIM in Hebrew means "JUDGMENTS" and is written in Hebrew below.

שופטים

WRITE IT!

EKEV in Hebrew, It is spelled: SHIN . VAV . FEY . TET . YOD . MEM (sofit)

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ALEPH-BET REVIEW

א ב ג ד ה
ו ז ח ט י
כ ל מ נ ס
ע פ צ ק ר
ש ת

Read the aleph-bet chart from right to left:

aleph, bet, gimmel, dalet, hey

vav, tzion, chet, tet, yod

khaf/kaf, lamed, mem, nun, samech

ayin, pey/fey, tzadi, kof, resh

sheen/sin, tav

