

Mishpatim part 2 Ex.22:25 - Ex 23:33

Chapter 22:25

v25-26 He is Compassionate, see Matt 9:13 & Hos. 6:6 this is not a "New Testament" concept, but rather existing from the beginning! Remember HE is the same yesterday, today and forever! (Num.23:19, Mal.3:6 & Heb.13:8)

v27 Cursing is blasphemy, see Leviticus 24:14-16 "Leader" The rabbi's believed this to be a Judge of Israel. Are we to judge our leaders? see (Rom.13:1 Courtesy of Judah Himango)

v28 Details of grain offering is specifically for First Fruits & Passover (Lev.23:10-12). The oil/wine offerings (see Lev.23:37-38) Also it is for the festivals mentioned later in this parsha v14-17 (you can do an entire study on just the firstborn)

v29 this is the first time in the text we see the "eighth day" appear, Lev. 9 Aaron and his sons begin their ministry on the eight day ~ Circumcised your males on the eight day Lev. 12:3 ~ A leaper is to present an offering on the eight day Lev. 14:10 ~ Feast of tabernacles, 1st & 8th days are to be "rest" days (Lev.23:39&Num.29:35) ~ Yeshua (Luke 2:21), John (Luk1:59) & Paul (Phil.3:5) were all circumcised on the 8th day... This entire time in scripture we deal with weeks, blocks of seven, the Sabbath representing a 1000 yr reign. So what is the importance of this "Eighth Day"? Because it represents the "New Jerusalem" or "New Heaven and Earth" that happens at the end of the "Sabbath" or 1000 yr reign. See Isaiah 65:17, Isaiah 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 3:12, & Revelation 21:1!

v30&31The word for "dogs" in Hebrew is "Kelev" (strong's H3611) it also means a "male prostitute"! King David uses the same word to refer to all his enemies in psalm 22:16, 22:20, 59:6, 59:14, & 68:23! This is symbolic of Israel or the "firstborn" being separate from those who do not make it into "New Jerusalem" Read Revelations 22:15! One can't help but recall Yeshua dealing with the Canninite woman in Mat. 15:21-28 (also Mark 7:24-30) Also a "Dog" could be a person who never truly repents! See 2Peter 2:22

Chapter 23

v1,2,&3 Seems to me we should not agree with something JUST BECAUSE it's the popular view, always DO what is Right! This reminds me of the "priest's" of Yeshua's day who convinced the crowd to release a hardened criminal instead of Yeshua Mat. 27:20

v4&5 Show love to your enemies (Mat.5:44) Like YHWH be kind to the ungrateful and wicked (Luke 6:35) For HE will judge our enemies (Judges 5:31 Psalm 143:12)

v6,7,&8 "He will not justify the wicked" again we see we should let HIM pass the Judgments, Via His court system

v9 "You are not to oppress the FOREIGNER" This is the second time in this parsha that we see this commanded! (Ex.22:21) Must be important! I have seen/heard Christian people use this as a scripture on why the current State of Israel should not oppress the so called "Palestinians", but if we look closely, the word in Hebrew used here is "gare" (strong's H1616) implicating that it is the ones who have joined themselves to Israel, but are not Israelites by "Birth", the same word is used also in these verses (Ex.12:19 & Is.14:1). This implicates that the "FOREIGNER" would be trying to celebrate the Passover, I don't know any "Palestinians" who want to try to join themselves to Israel and/or celebrate the Passover! Oppressing the foreigner is one of the reasons we were exiled (Ezek. 22:6-8). We will read in this parsha (23:24 & v32-33) exactly how to handle the enemies in our land! Unfortunately, a lot of "oppressing the foreigner" still goes on today at the hands of the orthodox Jews suppressing other sect's (Ethiopian, Sephardic, & Jews, Messianic, etc...)

v10,11,&12 Again we see oil, grapes(v11), and Rashi claims grain (v10) the same sacrifices we are not to "withhold" (Ex.22:29) All three of these are used in the Festivals' mention later in this parsha(v14). So in other words, don't hold back these sacrifices, and go to Jerusalem at the appointed times! ~ Lev.26:14-46 (Israel incurs all the x2 & x7's) seems to be somewhat prophetic of what happens to the House of Israel (see Jer.19:9) So Israel neglects the "Land Sabbath's" (among many other things) and is punished, there are two different punishments.... One for the northern kingdom of "Israel" and one for the southern kingdom of "Judah" (Jer.3:8) ("A kingdom split" 1Kings12:20 & 2Kings14:12) Judah is exiled in Babylon (Jer.24:5&25:9-11) Historically it happens in (2Kings24:12) Daniel talks about this as well in 9:1-14, But Daniel is told what will happen to Judah in 9:24-27 Daniel's prophecy is fulfilled in Ezra 5:8. Israel's punishment is prophesied in Hosea 9:3-4. Historically happened in (2Kings 15:29) But all Israel, Judah & Ephraim (Israel) will be re-gathered back to the land!!! (Is.11:12, Jer.3:18, 16:14-18, &23:1-7)

v13 Seems to me that there is a shift in commands here, we went from dealing with our fellow Israelites and enemies, to dealing with respecting YHWH and His festivals....Why? Because they are about to go into "THE LAND" that is inhabited with pagans! Respect MY ways and DON'T follow theirs is now the "THEME"! "Have no other gods before me" appears three times in scripture (Now, Ex.20:3,&Deut.5:7). "If you follow other gods you will be punished" appears even more in scripture.

v14,15,16,&17 "Three times a year you are to appear before YHWH"
1.UNLEAVENED BREAD, 2.SHAVUOT (Pentecost), & 3.SUKKOT (Tabernacles) this also appears three times in scripture (Now, Ex.34,&Deut.16:16) Also these are the sacrifices "you are not to withhold" in 22:29

v18 We know that the blood sacrifice is Yeshua (Rom.3:25) And we know that leaven is sin (1st Cor.5:8) So it's saying don't take the blood of Yeshua with sin! The rabbi's will point out that this is the instructions for the Passover sacrifice. We are not to leave it out until dawn, but pull before (Lev.6:2) Also the fat & blood we are not to eat. (Lev.3:16-17)

v19 Our best is His, our Firstborn and the best of what we have is HIS. Abel brought the best/fat of what he had and it pleased YHWH. (Gen.4:4) ~ "You are not to boil a kid in its mother's milk" Again appears three times (Now, Ex.34:26, &Deut.14:21) this is where Rabbi's get the no meat-dairy together stuff from... But if we look closely at all three locations, there all the same! When you get to the land, don't follow the pagans. Follow my Feast's! Another example is that Abraham served the "Messenger" (Angels) meat and cheese (Gen.18:6-8) and the book of Jasher (that is quoted twice in the Bible Josh.10:13, II Sam.1:18 as a historical reference) says that Abraham studied the "word of YHWH" in the tent of Shem. (Jasher Ch9) And in following Torah, He (Abraham) gave a tenth to his Torah teacher Malki-tzedek (Shem) (Gen.14:20-22)

v20,21,&22 "The angel ahead of you" draws some interesting comparisons in scripture, it is referring to Yeshua the Messiah in all other portions of scripture see (Mal.3:1 & Matt.11:10), but maybe not here, as this angel "will not forgive our transgressions". Although we know that the Rock following the Israelites giving them water is the Messiah (Ex.17 & Num.20 = 1Cor.10:4) Oddly enough, the rabbi's teach that this was the "Metatron" or "Messiah" that the zohar speaks of..... (From Tikunei Zohar 66b)

v23&24 this is the "Theme" since verse 13, "you are not to worship their gods, serve them, or follow their practices" (Yes! no easter-mess, or lent! these are all ancient pagan practices that went on in "The Land")

v25-30 We see that sickness, miscarriages, and barren women are all curses of our sins (Deut.28:60-62) The full span of man's years is 120 years in the Torah(Gen.6:3). David says that the span of life is 70 years (Psa.90:10), but he may be referring to the span of a king (Isa.23:15)

v31,32,&33 Israel's territory will be and should be much larger than what it is today! v32 This is how you are to treat those who "occupy" YHWH's land of Israel!

In the ENTIRE "Mishpatim" parsha (Ex.21:1 - 24:18) there are fifty-three mitzvot -- 23 imperative commandments and 30 prohibitions.

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