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## Parashas BECHUKOSAI (בְּחֻקֵי) ["in My statutes"]

## Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

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## Rashi Highlights & D'verei HaTorah

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:6. And I will give peace in the land,<sup>1</sup> and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, nor shall the sword go through your land.

Rashi, Vayikra 26:6 -- And I will grant peace You might say, "*Here is food, and here is drink, but if there is no peace, there is nothing!*" Scripture, therefore, states, after all this [blessing], "I will grant peace in the Land." From here, [we learn] that peace is equal to everything else. And so, [this is illustrated in our morning prayers,] when we say: "[Blessed are You, O Lord...] Who... makes peace and creates everything" [a paraphrase of the verse] (Isaiah 45:7). -[see Ber. 11b; Torath Kohanim 26:7] **and no army will pass through your land** It is unnecessary to state that they will not come to wage war, but [they will not come] even to pass through your land from one country to another.-[Torath Kohanim 26:9]

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:9. For I will turn myself to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

Rashi, Vayikra 26:9 -- I will turn towards you -"I will turn away (הִנָּחֵם) from all My affairs to pay your reward." To what may this be compared? To a king who hired some workers

<sup>1</sup> Yishayahu 9:5. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called "Wonderful counsellor of the mighty God, of the everlasting Father, of the Prince of peace".

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[only one of whom worked for him for a long time, while all the others did not. When they presented themselves to receive payment, the king quickly paid the others a small amount, while to the one who had worked long, he said, “They worked merely a little for me, but with you, I must now turn my attention to calculate the substantial amount that I owe you.” Likewise, **God will quickly pay the nations the small amount He owes them for their little good deeds, and then He will turn His attention, as it were, to the Jewish people, to calculate their great reward,**] as is taught in *Torath Kohanim* 26:11.] **and I will make you fruitful** [Unlike the usual expression of רְבִיחַ וּפְרִיחַ in Scripture, here, the two parts of this expression are separated by the word אֲתֶכֶם (*Sifthei Chachamim* quoting *Maharai*). The first part, וְהִפְרִיתִי אֲתֶכֶם, refers to the blessing of] being fruitful and multiplying. -[*Torath Kohanim* 26:12] [while the second part, אֲתֶכֶם וְהִרְבִּיתִי] [refers to the blessing of having]dignity of stature [(הִתְרַבְּבוּת)] i.e., being able to hold one’s head up high due to dignity].-[*Mizrachi* ; *Torath Kohanim* 26:12] **and I will set up My covenant with you a new covenant, not like the first covenant, which you broke, but a new covenant, which will not be broken, as it is said, “I will form a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah—not like the covenant [that I formed with their forefathers... that they broke]” (Yirmiyahu 31:30-31).** -[*Torath Kohanim* 26:12]

**Vayikra 26:11.** And I will set **my tabernacle** among you; and my soul shall not loathe you... 19. And **I will break the pride of your power**; and I will make your skies like iron, and your earth like bronze....

**Rashi, Vayikra 26:11 – And I will place My dwelling This is the Holy Temple.**-[see *Er. 2a* and *Rashi* there; *Torath Kohanim* 26:14] **and My Spirit will not reject you** My Spirit will not be disgusted with you. Every [expression of] גְּעִילָה is an expression of the purging of something that had been absorbed by something else, as in the verse, “For there, the shield of the mighty was rejected (נִגְעַל),” (II Sam. 1:21), it did not accept that anointment, that [warriors] used to anoint their leather shields with cooked fat, in order to have attacking arrows or spears glide off it, rather than pierce the leather.

**Rashi, Vayikra 26:19 – I will break the pride of your strength This is the Temple, and so Scripture says, “Behold I profaning My Sanctuary, the pride of your strength” (Ezek. 24:21).** -[*Torath Kohanim* 26:27] **and make your skies like iron and your land like copper** This is more severe than that of Moses, for there he says, “And your sky above you will be [like] copper and the earth beneath you (like) iron” (Deut. 28:23), that the sky will sweat as copper sweats, and the earth will not sweat, just as iron does not sweat, and therefore, [the earth] will preserve [any of] its [existing] fruit. Here, however, [in this harsher curse, pronounced by God Himself,] the sky will not sweat, just as iron does not sweat, and therefore, there will be drought in the world, while the earth will sweat, just as copper sweats, thus causing its fruits to rot [through its dampness].-[*Torath Kohanim* 26:28]

**Vayikra 26:13. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,** that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

**Rashi, Vayikra 26:13 – I am the Lord, your God, [Who took you out of the land of Egypt]** It is worthwhile for you to believe Me that I can do all these things, for indeed **“I took you out of the land of Egypt” and performed great miracles for you.**-[*Torath Kohanim* 26:16] **the pegs** [A plowing yoke consists of a bar that is placed over the animal’s neck and reins that are placed under its neck and threaded through two holes at each end of the bar. This term יֵלֶן refers to] a type of peg, which is inserted into the two [holes at the] ends of the yoke. [These pegs therefore jam the reins tightly through the holes,] preventing the reins from coming off the ox’s head and [preventing the] undoing of the knot. [The term is] as [it appears] in the verse, “Make yourself reins and yoke-pegs (יֵלֶן)” (Jer. 27:2); *cheville* in French. **upright** Erect in stature [due to relief from bondage].-[*Torath Kohanim* 26:17]

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Vayikra/Leviticus 26:15. And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul loathes my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant;

Rashi, Vayikra 26:15 -- and if you despise My statutes [This refers to one who despises others who perform [the commandments];-[Torath Kohanim 26: 18] and reject My ordinances [refers to one who] hates the Sages -[Torath Kohanim 26:18] not performing [refers to someone who] prevents others from fulfilling [the commandments];-[Torath Kohanim 26:18] any of my commandments [refers to one who] denies that I [God,] commanded them. This is why the verse says “any of My commandments” and “not any of the commandments.”-[Torath Kohanim 26:18] thereby breaking My covenant [This refers to one who] denies the main tenet [of Judaism, namely, that God is the Omnipotent Creator of all existence (Torath Kohanim 26:18).] Hence, [this verse has enumerated] seven sins, the first leading to the second, and so on, until the seventh, [and the process of degeneration is] as follows: [First, a person does not learn [the Torah]; then, he [subsequently] does not fulfill [the commandments]; he then despises others who do [fulfill them]; then, he hates the Sages, prevents others from fulfilling [the commandments], denies the [authenticity of the] commandments and [finally] denies the very omnipotence of God.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:17. And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you.

Rashi, Vayikra 26:17 -- ....Your enemies will rule over you Heb. אֶתְּיָדֵי יָדָיו אֶעֱשֶׂה I will make your enemies stem from within your very own people. For at the time that the nations stand up against Israel, they seek out only what is visible, as it is said, “And it happened, when Israel sowed, that Midian, Amalek, and the children of the East came up... and they camped against them and destroyed the Land’s produce” (Jud. 6:3-4). However, when I will set up [enemies] against you from within your very own camp, they will seek out your hidden treasures [within]. Thus, says the verse, “who ate the flesh of My people and flayed their skin from upon them [and opened their bones and broke them]” (Micah 3:3)—the metaphor of breaking the bone to get to the marrow within, alluding to the enemy seeking out the hidden treasure within (Yosef Hallel)]....

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:21. And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. 22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. 23. And if you will not be admonished by me by these things, but will walk contrary to me; 24. Then will I also walk contrary to you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Devarim 31:17. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? 18. And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evils which they shall have done, in that they are turned to other gods... 32:20. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith. 21. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. 22. For a fire is kindled in my anger, and shall burn to the lowest part of Sheol, and shall consume the earth with her produce, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. 23. I will heap evils upon them; I will spend my arrows upon them.

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Rashi, Vayikra 26:21 -- And if you treat me as happenstance Heb. קָרִי. Our Rabbis said that [this word means] temporary, by chance (מִקְרָה), something that happens only sometimes. Thus, [our verse means:] ***“If you treat the commandments as happenstance, a temporary concern.”*** Menachem [Ben Saruk], (*Machbereth*, p. 1158) however, explains [קָרִי] as refraining. Similar is, “hold back (הִקַּר) your steps” (Prov. 25:17), and also, “he who keeps back (יָקַר) his breath” (Prov. 17:27). ***And this explanation [of קָרִי עָמִי לִלְכֹת] resembles Onkelos’s translation, namely, denoting hardness (קָשָׁה), i.e., [those who commit the sin of קָרִי עָמִי לִלְכֹת] harden (מְקַשְׁוּ) their hearts to refrain from coming close to Me. I will add seven punishments corresponding to your sins*** Seven other punishments, with the number seven, corresponding to your sins. -[*Torath Kohanim* 26:30]

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:32 [re: Rav Yaakov Weinberg זצ"ל]. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.

Rashi, Vayikra 26:32 -- ***I will make the Land desolate This is actually a good thing for Israel, namely, that since the Land will be desolate of people living in it, the enemies will not find contentment in Israel’s Land [and will have to leave].*** -[*Sifthei Chachamim ; Torath Kohanim* 26:38]

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39. And those who are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies’ lands; and ***also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.*** 40. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary to me; 41. And that I also have walked contrary to them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; ***if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept of the punishment of their iniquity;***

Rashi, Vayikra 26:37 -- Each man will stumble over his brother When they run away to flee, they will stumble over each other, because they will flee in panic. ***as if from the sword i.e., as if fleeing from [people] who want to kill them, for they will have fear in their hearts, and every moment, they will think that someone is chasing them.*** [*The paranoia of the Gallus!*] And the Midrashic explanation of אִישׁ בְּאָחִיו is: ***“Each man will stumble because of his brother,” i.e., one person will stumble because of someone else’s sin, because all Jews are guarantors for one another.*** -[*Torath Kohanim* 26:45, *Sanh.* 27b<sup>3</sup>]

Rashi, Vayikra 26:38 -- You will become lost among the nations When you will be scattered, you will become lost from one another. ***and the land of your enemies will consume you<sup>4</sup> This refers to those [Jews] who will die in the Diaspora.*** [*Physical Death & “Spiritual Death!”*]

Rashi, Vayikra 26:39 -- because the iniquities of their fathers are still with them ***If they hold onto the [evil] practices of their forefathers in their hands.*** -[*Sanh.* 27b] they will rot away Heb. יִמְקוּ, an expression of melting, and has the same meaning as יִמְסוּ, “they will melt.” Similar is, “their eyes will melt (תִּמְקְנָה) in their sockets” (Zech. 14:12), and, “my bruises are... decayed (נִמְקוּ)” (Ps. 38:6). [***Vayikra 19:3. You shall reverence every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths; I am the Lord your God.***] [*w/Viduy....*]

<sup>3</sup> N Sanhedrin 27b –

<sup>4</sup> Tehillim 14 & Tehillim 53 -- Do all the evil doers have no knowledge? ***Who eat up my people like they eat bread,*** and call not on the Lord.

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Rashi, Vayikra 26:41 -- Then I too, will... bring them [... (back while) in the land of their enemies] -"I Myself will bring them [back]!" This is a good thing for Israel, so that they should not say, "Since we have been exiled among the nations, we may as well behave like them!" [Says God in answer to this:] "I will not allow them [to do this]! Rather, I will set up My prophets, and bring them back [to Me] under My very wings!" as it is said, "But what enters your mind shall not come about, [what you say, 'Let us be like the nations, like the families of the lands, serving wood and stone']. As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm and with poured out fury, will I reign over you!" (Ezek. 20:32-33). - [Torath Kohanim 26:48] If then... becomes humbled Heb. אוּ אִזְּ יִכְנַע [This unusual expression, אוּ אִזְּ, is] similar to that in the verse, אוּ נֹדַע כִּי שׁוֹר נִגַּח הוּא, "If it was known that it was a [habitually] goring bull" (Exod. 21:36). [Thus, the meaning of this verse is: **If they want to become like the nations, I will have to take them back to Me against their will**] **but, if (אִזְּ) their clogged heart then (אִזְּ) becomes humbled [without force, their sufferings will atone for them...]** (Sifthei Chachamim). Another meaning [of אוּ אִזְּ is:] Perhaps. [Thus, the verse means:] "**Perhaps then, their blocked heart will become humbled... then, [their sufferings] will gain appeasement for their iniquity [means that] they will gain atonement for their iniquity through their sufferings.** [Tehillim 28:18. **Look upon my affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.**]

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:46. These are the statutes and judgments and laws [HaToros], which the Lord made between him and the people of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

Rashi, Vayikra 25:46 -- the laws - והתורות. [Why the plural form, והתורות ? **This denotes two Torahs** -] **one Written Torah and one Oral Torah**. It teaches us that **all were given to Moses on [Mount] Sinai**.-[Torath Kohanim 26:54]

## Women & Torah

Vayikra/Leviticus 27:7. And if from sixty years old and above: if **a male**, then the estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and if **a female** ten shekels.

Rashi, Vayikra 27:7 -- And if [the person is] sixty years old [or over] When people reach a venerable age, a woman's value becomes closer to that of a man. This is why **a man decreases [in value] in his old age [to] beyond a third of his value [as an adult, namely, from 50 shekels to 15], while a woman [in her old age] decreases [to] only one third of her value [namely, from 30 shekels to 10]**. As people say: "**An old man in the house is a breach in the house (Rashi) [or] a snare in the house (Rabbenu Gershon), while an old woman in the house is a hidden treasure in the house and a good sign for the house.**"-[Arachin 19a]

Vayikra 27:32. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.

Rashi, Vayikra 27:32 – of all that pass under the rod When one comes to tithe them, he lets them out [of the pen] through the gate, one by one, and he strikes [every] tenth animal with a rod that has been painted with vermilion (red dye), so that it is identifiable as the tithe. So he must do with every year's lambs and calves, [but with no other animals, as Scripture states, "Any tithe of cattle or flock".]-[Bech. 58b] **[the tenth] shall be holy** that its blood and sacrificial portions be offered upon the altar, while its meat is eaten by the owner [with nothing given to the kohanim], because it is not enumerated with other [items categorized as] "**gifts to the kehunah**," nor do we find that its meat must be given to kohanim.

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**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3.** If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4. Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5. And your threshing shall last to the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:6.** And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, nor shall the sword go through your land. 7. And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9. For I will turn myself to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:10.** And you shall eat old store, and remove the old because of the new. 11. And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not loathe you. 12. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people. 13. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:14.** But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments; 15. And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul loathes my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant; 16. I also will do this to you; I will appoint over you terror, consumption, and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17. And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:18.** And if you will not yet for all this listen to me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. 19. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your skies like iron, and your earth like bronze; 20. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:21.** And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. 22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:23.** And if you will not be admonished by me by these things, but will walk contrary to me; 24. Then will I also walk contrary to you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. 25. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge my covenant; and when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:27.** And if you will not for all this listen to me, but walk contrary to me; 28. Then I will walk contrary to you also in fury; and I will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29. And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat. 30. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall loathe you. 31. And I will lay your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. 32. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. 33. And I will scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:34.** Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. 35. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:36.*** And upon those who are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursues. 37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39. And those who are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:40.*** If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary to me; 41. And that I also have walked contrary to them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept of the punishment of their iniquity; 42. Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. 43. The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lies desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, because they despised my judgments, and because their soul loathed my statutes.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:44.*** And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor will I loathe them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God. 45. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God; I am the Lord.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:46.*** These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between him and the people of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:1.*** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If a man shall make a special vow to give to the Lord the estimated value of persons, 3. Then the estimation shall be: of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old, fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 4. And if a female, then the estimation shall be thirty shekels. 5. And if from five years old to twenty years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male twenty shekels, and of the female ten shekels. 6. And if from a month old to five years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male five shekels of silver, and of the three shekels of silver. 7. And if from sixty years old and above: if a male, then the estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and if a female ten shekels. 8. But if he is poorer than your estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.

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according to the years that remain to the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your estimation. 19. And if he who sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be remain his. 20. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21. But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field that has been devoted; the possession of it shall be the priest's.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:22.*** And if a man sanctifies to the Lord a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his possession; 23. Then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of the estimation, to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give the estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the Lord. 24. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land did belong. 25. And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:26.*** Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is an ox, or sheep; it is the Lord's. 27. And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:32.*** And concerning the tithes of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord. 33. He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and its change shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:34.*** These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel in Mount Sinai.

***Parashas Bechukosai, First Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3 – 26:5***

3. If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;
4. Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
5. And your threshing shall last to the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Second Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:6 – 26:9***

6. And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, nor shall the sword go through your land.
7. And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.
8. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.
9. For I will turn myself to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

***Vayikra 26:3. If you walk in my statutes (וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ), and keep my commandments, and do them...***

***Parashas Bechukosai, Third Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:10 – 26:46***

10. And you shall eat old store, and remove the old because of the new.
11. And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not loathe you.
12. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.
13. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.
14. But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments;
15. And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul loathes my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant;
16. I also will do this to you; I will appoint over you terror, consumption, and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17. And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you.
18. And if you will not yet for all this listen to me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
19. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your skies like iron, and your earth like bronze;
20. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.
21. And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.
22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.
23. And if you will not be admonished by me by these things, but will walk contrary to me;
24. Then will I also walk contrary to you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.
25. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge my covenant; and when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.
26. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.
27. And if you will not for all this listen to me, but walk contrary to me;
28. Then I will walk contrary to you also in fury; and I will chastise you seven times for your sins.
29. And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.
30. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall loathe you.
31. And I will lay your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors.
32. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
33. And I will scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.
34. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.
35. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it.
36. And upon those who are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursues.
37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
38. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
39. And those who are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.
40. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary to me;
41. And that I also have walked contrary to them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept of the punishment of their iniquity;

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42. Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43. The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lies desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, because they despised my judgments, and because their soul loathed my statutes.

44. And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor will I loathe them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God.

45. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God; I am the Lord.

46. These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between him and the people of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Fourth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:1 – 27:15***

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If a man shall make a special vow to give to the Lord the estimated value of persons,

3. Then the estimation shall be: of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old, fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

4. And if a female, then the estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5. And if from five years old to twenty years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male twenty shekels, and of the female ten shekels.

6. And if from a month old to five years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male five shekels of silver, and of the three shekels of silver.

7. And if from sixty years old and above: if a male, then the estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and if a female ten shekels.

8. But if he is poorer than your estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.

9. And if it is a beast, of which men bring an offering to the Lord, all that any man gives of such to the Lord shall be holy.

10. He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange of it shall be holy.

11. And if it is any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice to the Lord, then he shall present the beast before the priest;

12. And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as you, who are the priest, will value it, so shall it be.

13. But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part of it to your estimation.

14. And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy to the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15. And if he who sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be his.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Fifth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:16 – 27:21***

16. And if a man shall sanctify to the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then your estimation shall be according to its seed; a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17. If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your estimation it shall stand.

18. But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your estimation.

19. And if he who sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be remain his.

20. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21. But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field that has been devoted; the possession of it shall be the priest's.

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***Parashas Bechukosai, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:22 – 27:28***

22. And if a man sanctifies to the Lord a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;
23. Then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of the estimation, to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give the estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the Lord.
24. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.
25. And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.
26. Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is an ox, or sheep; it is the Lord's.
27. And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.
28. However no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to the Lord of all that he has, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:29 – 27:34***

29. None devoted of men, which shall be doomed to death, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.
30. And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.
31. And if a man will at all redeem any of his tithes, he shall add to it a fifth part.
32. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.
33. He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and its change shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.
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## Parashas BECHUKOSAI (חֻקֵּי) ["in My statutes"] Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3 - 27:34

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:14.*** And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy to the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. 15. And if he who sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be his.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:16.*** And if a man shall sanctify to the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then your estimation shall be according to its seed; a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. 17. If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your estimation it shall stand. 18. But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your estimation. 19. And if he who sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be remain his. 20. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21. But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field that has been devoted; the possession of it shall be the priest's.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:22.*** And if a man sanctifies to the Lord a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his possession; 23. Then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of the estimation, to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give the estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the Lord. 24. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land did belong. 25. And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:26.*** Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is an ox, or sheep; it is the Lord's. 27. And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:28.*** However no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to the Lord of all that he has, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:29.*** None devoted of men, which shall be doomed to death, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:30.*** And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. 31. And if a man will at all redeem any of his tithes, he shall add to it a fifth part.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:32.*** And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord. 33. He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and its change shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:34.*** These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel in Mount Sinai.

***Parashas Bechukosai, First Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3 – 26:5***

3. If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4. Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

***Vayikra 26:3. If you walk in my statutes (וַיִּקְרָא), and keep my commandments, and do them....***

5. And your threshing shall last to the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Second Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:6 – 26:9***

6. And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, nor shall the sword go through your land.

7. And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9. For I will turn myself to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Third Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:10 – 26:46***

10. And you shall eat old store, and remove the old because of the new.

11. And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not loathe you.

12. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

13. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14. But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments;

15. And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul loathes my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant;

16. I also will do this to you; I will appoint over you terror, consumption, and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17. And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you.

18. And if you will not yet for all this listen to me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your skies like iron, and your earth like bronze;

20. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21. And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

23. And if you will not be admonished by me by these things, but will walk contrary to me;

24. Then will I also walk contrary to you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge my covenant; and when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27. And if you will not for all this listen to me, but walk contrary to me;

28. Then I will walk contrary to you also in fury; and I will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29. And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.

30. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall loathe you.

31. And I will lay your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors.

32. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.

33. And I will scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.

34. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

35. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it.

***Vayikra 26:3. If you walk in my statutes (וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת־חֻקֵּי), and keep my commandments, and do them...***

36. And upon those who are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursues.
37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
38. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
39. And those who are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.
40. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary to me;
41. And that I also have walked contrary to them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept of the punishment of their iniquity;
42. Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.
43. The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lies desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, because they despised my judgments, and because their soul loathed my statutes.
44. And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor will I loathe them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God.
45. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God; I am the Lord.
46. These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between him and the people of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Fourth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:1 – 27:15***

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If a man shall make a special vow to give to the Lord the estimated value of persons,
3. Then the estimation shall be: of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old, fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.
4. And if a female, then the estimation shall be thirty shekels.
5. And if from five years old to twenty years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male twenty shekels, and of the female ten shekels.
6. And if from a month old to five years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male five shekels of silver, and of the three shekels of silver.
7. And if from sixty years old and above: if a male, then the estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and if a female ten shekels.
8. But if he is poorer than your estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.
9. And if it is a beast, of which men bring an offering to the Lord, all that any man gives of such to the Lord shall be holy.
10. He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange of it shall be holy.
11. And if it is any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice to the Lord, then he shall present the beast before the priest;
12. And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as you, who are the priest, will value it, so shall it be.
13. But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part of it to your estimation.
14. And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy to the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.
15. And if he who sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be his.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Fifth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:16 – 27:21***

***Vayikra 26:3. If you walk in my statutes (וַיִּקְרָא), and keep my commandments, and do them...***

- 16. And if a man shall sanctify to the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then your estimation shall be according to its seed; a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.
- 17. If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your estimation it shall stand.
- 18. But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your estimation.
- 19. And if he who sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be remain his.
- 20. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.
- 21. But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field that has been devoted; the possession of it shall be the priest's.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:22 – 27:28***

- 22. And if a man sanctifies to the Lord a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;
- 23. Then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of the estimation, to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give the estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the Lord.
- 24. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.
- 25. And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.
- 26. Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is an ox, or sheep; it is the Lord's.
- 27. And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.
- 28. However no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to the Lord of all that he has, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord.

***Parashas Bechukosai, Seventh Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 27:29 – 27:34***

- 29. None devoted of men, which shall be doomed to death, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.
- 30. And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.
- 31. And if a man will at all redeem any of his tithes, he shall add to it a fifth part.
- 32. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.
- 33. He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and its change shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.
- 34. These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel in Mount Sinai.

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Vayikra 26:3. If you walk in my statutes (וּפְקֻדֹתַי), and keep my commandments, and do them....

## Parshas BECHUKOSAI

### Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3-27:34

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:3 If ye walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them; 4 then I will give your rains in their season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time; and ye shall eat your bread until ye have enough, and dwell in your land safely.

-- My statutes = Talmud Torah

--*Devarim/Deuteronomy 5:1* And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them: Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and observe to do them.

--*Rashi, Devarim/Deuteronomy 11:14* that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 And I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you; and will establish My covenant with you.

--*B'rachos 11b*

--*Yishayahu/Isaiah 45:7* I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am the LORD, that doeth all these things.

--*Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 31:27* Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down, and to overthrow and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the LORD. 29 In those days they shall say no more: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. 31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; forasmuch as they broke My covenant, although I was a lord over them, saith the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people; 34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying: 'Know the LORD'; for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

-----*Yishayahu/Isaiah 53:2* For he shot up right forth as a sapling, and as a root out of a dry ground; he had no form nor comeliness, that we should look upon him, nor beauty that we should delight in him.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:10 And ye shall eat old store long kept, and ye shall bring forth the old from before the new. 11 And I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be My people. 13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

--*Bereshis/Genesis 3:8* And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden toward the cool of the day; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

----*Bamidbar/Numbers 19:2* This is the statute of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying: Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer, faultless, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke.

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---Devarim/Deuteronomy 21:3 And it shall be, that the city which is nearest unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke.

---Deuteronomy 28:48 therefore shalt thou serve thine enemy whom the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

-----Melachim Alef/1 Kings 12:4 'Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.'

---Yishayahu/Isaiah 9:4 (9-3) For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, Thou hast broken as in the day of Midian.

---Yishayahu/Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of fatness.

---Yishayahu/Isaiah 14:25 That I will break Asshur in My land, and upon My mountains tread him under foot; then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulder.

---Yishayahu/Isaiah 47:6 I was wroth with My people, I profaned Mine inheritance, and gave them into thy hand; thou didst show them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

---Yechezkel/Ezekiel 34:27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her produce, and they shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:14 But if ye will not hearken unto Me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 and if ye shall reject My statutes, and if your soul abhor Mine ordinances, so that ye will not do all My commandments, but break My covenant; 16 I also will do this unto you: **I will appoint terror over you,** even consumption and fever, that shall make the eyes to fail, and the soul to languish; and **ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.** 17 And I will set My face against you, and ye shall be smitten before your enemies; they that hate you shall rule over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

--Bereshis/Genesis 10:9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; wherefore it is said: 'Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.'

--Bereshis/Genesis 13:13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against the LORD exceedingly.

#### --Annulment Of The Covenant

- 1) He did not study
- 2) He did not perform
- 3) He hates other who perform
- 4) He hates the Sages
- 5) He prevents others from performance
- 6) He renounces the commandments
- 7) He renounces that which is essential

--Eichah/Lamentations 2:22 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side, and there was none in the day of the LORD'S anger that escaped or remained; those that I have dandled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.'

---Tehillim/Psalm 14:4 'Shall not all the workers of iniquity know it, **who eat up My people as they eat bread,** and call not upon the LORD?'

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:18 And if ye will not yet for these things hearken unto Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your power; and **I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass.** 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her produce, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.

--Yechezkel/Ezekiel 24:21 Speak unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and the longing of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword.

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 28:23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:21 And if ye walk contrary unto Me, and will not hearken unto Me; **I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.** 22 And I will send the beast of the field

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among you, which shall **rob you of your children**, and destroy your cattle, and **make you few in number**; and your ways shall become desolate.

--**Mishlei/Proverbs 25:17** Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house; lest he be sated with thee, and hate thee.

--**Mishlei/Proverbs 17:27** He that spareth his words hath knowledge; and he that husbandeth his spirit is a man of discernment.

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:24** The wasting of hunger, and the devouring of the fiery bolt, and bitter destruction; and the teeth of beasts will I send upon them, with the venom of crawling things of the dust.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:23 And if in spite of these things **ye will not be corrected unto Me**, but will **walk contrary unto Me**; 24 then will I also walk contrary unto you; and I will smite you, even I, seven times for your sins. 25 And **I will bring a sword upon you**, that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant; and ye shall be gathered together within your cities; and I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver your bread again by weight; and **ye shall eat, and not be satisfied**.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 6:8** Be thou **corrected**. O Jerusalem, lest My soul be alienated from thee, lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

--**Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 48:17** Bemoan him, all ye that are round about him, and all ye that know his name; say: 'How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful rod!'

--**Yechezkel/Ezekiel 5:16** when I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will **break your staff of bread**;

#### D'var Torah

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto Me, **but walk contrary unto Me**; 28 then I will walk contrary unto you in fury; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 30 And **I will destroy your high places**, and cut down your sun-pillars, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. 31 And I will make your cities a waste, and **will bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours**. 32 And **I will bring the land into desolation**; and **your enemies that dwell therein shall be astonished at it**. 33 And **you will I scatter among the nations**, and I will draw out the sword after you; and **your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste**.

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*This, in our opinion, is an example of a prophecy made by the Torah which -- even if the Torah was not codified until the Babylonian Exile (a claim of Bible Critics, and something which we do NOT believe to be the case) -- has been fulfilled, and could not have been made by anyone else except a Being with Perfect Foreknowledge (read: "G-d"!)* But, before we look at the following verses from the Book of Devarim (Deuteronomy), let us set the scene by making an analogy to a movie from the recent past. "Seven Years In Tibet," a film starring Brad Pitt, which tells the story of a German deserter from World War II who fled to Tibet and became acquainted with the Dali Lama, contains a scene depicting the Dali Lama having a nightmare. The bad dream was about the Dali Lama's hometown being overrun by invading marauders, with the population of the town being slaughtered. The Dali Lama is awakened to the news that his dream was in fact a vision of reality -- his hometown was indeed overrun, and the villagers murdered. The movie then depicts the Dali Lama looking through the Buddhist Holy Writings and finding a passage relating to the people of Tibet being occupied and exiled. Now, imagine for a moment that a Christian theologian, looking over the Dali Lama's shoulder and reading these same "scriptures," comments that what was happening -- invasion of the Chinese, and the murder of many Tibetans -- was in reality a fulfillment of the Buddhist prophecy. This, of course, would never happen, as the Christian would never give any credibility to "scriptures" written by Buddhist Monks. But, this scenario is exactly what is played out in the Torah. At the time of the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai (or its "codification" in the Babylonian Exile) the world was populated by a few G-d-fearing Israelites, with the remainder being polytheistic, rock worshipping heathens. How would the "Author" of the Torah know that someday in the future that the entire world

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would accept the Torah as the "Word of G-d" yet reject the Jewish people, the purveyors of those writings?  
...Take a look closely at the following verses, weigh the evidence, and then decide if this is evidence of the Divinity of G-d's Torah!

---Devarim/Deuteronomy 29:22 (29:21) And **the generation to come**, your children that shall rise up after you, and **the foreigner that shall come from a far land**, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith the LORD hath made it sick; 23 (29:22) and that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and a burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath; 24 (29:23) even **all the nations shall say** 'Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?' 25 (29:24) then **men shall say**: 'Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; 26 (29:25) and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods that they knew not, and that He had not allotted unto them; 27 (29:26) therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is **written in this book**; 28 (29:27) and the LORD rooted **them** out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast **them** into another land, as it is this day'.

Let us read carefully the preceding verses: 29:21: And **the generation to come**, your children that shall rise up after you, [This refers to those descendants of Yaakov who remain after the last exile -- those of the Yidden who return to The Land] and **the foreigner that shall come from a far land** [This refers to a non-Jew], shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith the LORD hath made it sick; [This refers to the condition of The Land when the Jews are not living there -- see the Mark Twain quote below!...] 29:23: even **all the nations shall say** 'Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?' [This relates the words of The Nations when they see the condition of The Land] 29:24: then **men shall say**: 'Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; [This depicts The Nations' acceptance of the Torah as the Word of G-d, while foretelling that The Nations will reject the Jews as G-d's ambassadors] 29:25: and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods that they knew not, and that He had not allotted unto them... 29:28: and the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day'. [The majority of the Nations, both Christians and Muslims, claim to worship the G-d of Israel, yet they deny that the Jews are G-d's chosen people. In fact, most Christians, and all Muslims, believe that they have taken the Jews' place as G-d's chosen.]

**Note:** We should remember the Holy Land as it was described by Mark Twain who visited Israel in 1867 described it like this in Innocents Abroad: "We traversed some miles of desolate country whose soil is rich enough but is given wholly to weeds - a silent, mournful expanse... A desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action. We reached Tabor safely... We never saw a human being on the whole route. We pressed on toward the goal of our crusade, renowned Jerusalem. The further we went the hotter the sun got and the more rocky and bare, repulsive and dreary the landscape became... There was hardly a tree or a shrub anywhere. Even the olive and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country. No landscape exists that is more tiresome to the eye than that which bounds the approaches to Jerusalem... Jerusalem is mournful, dreary and lifeless. I would not desire to live here. It is a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land... Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes."

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Vayikra/Leviticus 26:34 Then shall **the land** be paid her sabbaths, **as long as it lieth desolate**, and ye are in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and repay her sabbaths. 35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall have rest; even the rest which it had not in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

--2 Chronicles 36:21 to fulfil **the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah**, until the land had been paid her sabbaths; for **as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years**.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:36 And as for them that are left of you, I will send a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one fleeth from the sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 37 And they shall stumble one upon another, as it were before the sword, when none pursueth; and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 And **ye shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up**. 39 And they that

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are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

--Rashi: "They will stumble, each man over his brother," - one stumbles through the sin of another, for all of Israle are guarantors fro one another....

----Vayikra/Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbour, and not bear sin because of him.

----Sanhedrin 27b

----Vayikra/Leviticus 19:14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

----W/Viduy!!! (Art Scroll) -- Vayikra/Leviticus 26:40 And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their treachery which they committed against Me, and also that they have walked contrary unto Me.

--Devarim/Deuteronomy 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

----Shemos/Exodus 20:5 thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;

----Shemos/Exodus 34:7 keeping mercy unto the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and unto the fourth generation.'

----Shemos/Leviticus 26:39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

----Bamidbar/Numbers 14:18 The LORD is slow to anger, and plenteous in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation.

----Devarim/Deuteronomy 5:9 Thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me,

----Tehillim/Psalm 106:6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have done iniquitously, we have dealt wickedly.

----Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 14:20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, even the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against Thee.

----Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 32:18 who showest mercy unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, the LORD of hosts is His name;

----Yechezkel/Ezekiel 18:19 Yet say ye: Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father with him? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

----Yirmiyahu/Jeremiah 16:19 O LORD, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge, in the day of affliction, unto Thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say: 'Our fathers have inherited nought but lies, vanity and things wherein there is no profit.' 20 Shall a man make unto himself gods, and they are no gods?

----Devarim/Deuteronomy 4:10 the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me: 'Assemble Me the people, and I will make them hear My words that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

----Devarim/Deuteronomy 6:7 and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

----Devarim/Deuteronomy 11:19 And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

----Tehillim/Psalm 34:11 (34:12) Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

----Tehillim/Psalm 132:12 If thy children keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them, their children also for ever shall sit upon thy throne.'

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Vayikra/Leviticus 26:40 And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their teachery which they committed against Me, and also that they have walked contrary unto Me. 41 I also will walk contrary unto them, and bring them into the land of their enemies; if then perchance their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then be paid the punishment of their iniquity; 42 then will I remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My covenant with Isaac, and also My covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. 43 For the land shall lie forsaken without them, and shall be paid her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them; and they shall be paid the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they rejected Mine ordinances, and their soul abhorred My statutes.

\*\*\*\* "Berlin is our Jerusalem!"

\*\*\*\* "To be a German on the street, and a Jew at home."

\*\*\*\* *The desire to "convert" in order to "blend-in"*

----Yechezkel/Ezekiel 20:31 and when, in offering your gifts, in making your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, unto this day; shall I then be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you; 32 and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all; in that ye say: We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. 33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, will I be king over you; 34 and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

--The "vav" from *Eliyahu* & the "included" "vav" in *Yaakov* -- five places

----Malachi 4:5 (3:23) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

---- The missing "remember": Bereshis/Genesis 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. B'rachos 62b

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:44 And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. 45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:46 These are the statutes and ordinances and laws, which the LORD made between Him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

--Torahs = (\*\*\*\*\*)

-----Shemos/Exodus 18:20 And thou shalt teach them the statutes and the laws [\*\*\*\*\*], and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

Vayikra/Leviticus 27:1 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When a man shall clearly utter a vow of persons unto the LORD, according to thy valuation, 3 then thy valuation shall be for the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 And if it be a female, then thy valuation shall be thirty shekels. 5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy valuation shall be for the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy valuation shall be for the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy valuation shall be three shekels of silver. 7 And if it be from sixty years old and upward: if it be a male, then thy valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 8 But if he be too poor for thy valuation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the means of him that vowed shall the priest value him.

Vayikra/Leviticus 27:9 And if it be a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that any man giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy. 10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. 11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they may not bring an offering unto the LORD, then he shall set the beast before the priest. 12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as

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thou the priest valued it, so shall it be. 13 But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part thereof unto thy valuation.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:14** And when a man shall sanctify **his house** to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as the priest shall value it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy valuation unto it, and it shall be his.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:16** And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD **part of the field** of his possession, then thy valuation shall be according to the sowing thereof; the sowing of a homer of barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy valuation it shall stand. 18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain unto the year of jubilee, and an abatement shall be made from thy valuation. 19 And if he that sanctified the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy valuation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. 20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's. --"pundyon" = 1/48th of a shekel

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:22** And if he sanctify unto the LORD **a field** which he hath bought, which is **not of the field of his possession**; 23 then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy valuation unto the year of jubilee; and he shall give thy valuation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD. 24 In the year of jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongeth. 25 And all thy valuations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:26** Howbeit **the firstling among beasts**, which is born as a firstling to the LORD, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox or sheep, it is the LORD'S. 27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall ransom it according to thy valuation, and shall add unto it the fifth part thereof; or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy valuation.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:28** Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man may devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, whether of man or beast, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; **every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.**

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:29** None devoted, that may be devoted of men, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:30** And **all the tithe of the land**, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, **is the LORD'S; it is holy unto the LORD.** 31 And if a man will redeem aught of his tithe, he shall add unto it the fifth part thereof.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:32** And all the **tithe of the herd or the flock**, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. 33 He **shall not inquire whether it be good or bad**, neither shall he change it; and if he change it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 27:34** These are **the commandments**, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in **mount Sinai.**

***Vayikra 26:3. If you walk in my statutes (וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת־חֻקֹּתַי), and keep my commandments, and do them....***

**Parshat BECHUKOSAI (Leviticus 26:3-27:34) + Haftarah**

**Tanach - Leviticus Chapter 26**

3. If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;
4. Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
5. And your threshing shall last to the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.
6. And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts from the land, nor shall the sword go through your land.
7. And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.
8. And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.
9. For I will turn myself to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.
10. And you shall eat old store, and remove the old because of the new.
11. And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not loathe you.
12. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.
13. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.
14. But if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments;
15. And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul loathes my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant;
16. I also will do this to you; I will appoint over you terror, consumption, and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17. And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you.
18. And if you will not yet for all this listen to me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
19. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your skies like iron, and your earth like bronze;
20. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield her produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.
21. And if you walk contrary to me, and will not listen to me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.
22. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.
23. And if you will not be admonished by me by these things, but will walk contrary to me;
24. Then will I also walk contrary to you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.
25. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge my covenant; and when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.
26. And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.
27. And if you will not for all this listen to me, but walk contrary to me;
28. Then I will walk contrary to you also in fury; and I will chastise you seven times for your sins.
29. And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.
30. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall loathe you.
31. And I will lay your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors.
32. And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
33. And I will scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities laid waste.
34. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lies desolate, and you are in your enemies' land; then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.
35. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt upon it.

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36. And upon those who are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursues.

37. And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38. And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39. And those who are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40. If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary to me;

41. And that I also have walked contrary to them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept of the punishment of their iniquity;

42. Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43. The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lies desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, because they despised my judgments, and because their soul loathed my statutes.

44. And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor will I loathe them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God.

45. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God; I am the Lord.

46. These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between him and the people of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

**Tanach - Leviticus Chapter 27**

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, If a man shall make a special vow to give to the Lord the estimated value of persons,

3. Then the estimation shall be: of a male from twenty years old to sixty years old, fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

4. And if a female, then the estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5. And if from five years old to twenty years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male twenty shekels, and of the female ten shekels.

6. And if from a month old to five years old, then the estimation shall be: of the male five shekels of silver, and of the three shekels of silver.

7. And if from sixty years old and above: if a male, then the estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and if a female ten shekels.

8. But if he is poorer than your estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.

9. And if it is a beast, of which men bring an offering to the Lord, all that any man gives of such to the Lord shall be holy.

10. He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange of it shall be holy.

11. And if it is any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice to the Lord, then he shall present the beast before the priest;

12. And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as you, who are the priest, will value it, so shall it be.

13. But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part of it to your estimation.

14. And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy to the Lord, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15. And if he who sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be his.

16. And if a man shall sanctify to the Lord some part of a field of his possession, then your estimation shall be according to its seed; a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17. If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your estimation it shall stand.

18. But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your estimation.

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19. And if he who sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be remain his.
20. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.
21. But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be holy to the Lord, as a field that has been devoted; the possession of it shall be the priest's.
22. And if a man sanctifies to the Lord a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;
23. Then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of the estimation, to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give the estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the Lord.
24. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.
25. And all your estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.
26. Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the Lord's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it is an ox, or sheep; it is the Lord's.
27. And if it is of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth part to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.
28. However no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to the Lord of all that he has, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the Lord.
29. None devoted of men, which shall be doomed to death, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.
30. And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.
31. And if a man will at all redeem any of his tithes, he shall add to it a fifth part.
32. And concerning the tithes of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the Lord.
33. He shall not search whether it is good or bad, nor shall he change it; and if he changes it at all, then both it and its change shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.
34. These are the commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel in Mount Sinai.

**Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14**

**Tanach - Jeremiah Chapter 16**

19. O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, nations shall come to you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthless idols, and things in which there is no profit.
20. Shall a man make gods to himself, and they are no gods?
21. Therefore, behold, I will this once make know to them, I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The Lord.

**Tanach - Jeremiah Chapter 17**

1. The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond; it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;
2. As they remember their children so they remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees upon the high hills.
3. O mountain dweller in the field, I will give your wealth and all your treasures to the destroyers, and your high hills because of sin, through out all your borders.
4. And you, yourself, shall discontinue from your heritage that I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you know not; for you have kindled a fire in my anger, which shall burn for ever.
5. Thus says the Lord; Cursed be the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the Lord.
6. For he shall be like the juniper tree in the desert, and shall not see when good comes; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.
7. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.

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8. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be anxious in the year of drought, nor shall it cease from yielding fruit.
9. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?
10. I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the inwards, to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.
11. As the partridge sits on eggs, and hatches them not; so is he who gets riches, and not by right; he shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.
12. A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.
13. (K) O Lord, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be ashamed, and those who depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.
14. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for you are my praise.

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**Parshat BECHUKOSAI Verses & Notes**

--**KJV Leviticus 25:1** And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

--**KJV Exodus 24:4** And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. 6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. 8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

**KJV Leviticus 26:3** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

- a) I will give you rain in due season
- b) the land shall yield her increase
- c) the trees of the field shall yield their fruit
- d) your threshing shall reach unto the vintage
- e) the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time
- f) ye shall eat your bread to the full
- g) dwell in your land safely

**KJV Leviticus 26:6** And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

- h) **I will give peace in the land**
- i) **ye shall lie down**
- j) **none shall make *you* afraid**
- k) I will rid evil beasts out of the land
- l) neither shall the sword go through your land
- m) ye shall chase your enemies
- n) they shall fall before you by the sword
- o) five of you shall chase an hundred
- p) an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight
- q) your enemies shall fall before you by the sword
- r) **I will have respect unto you**
- s) **make you fruitful, and multiply you**
- t) **establish my covenant with you**

**KJV Leviticus 26:10** And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new. 11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. 13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

- u) ye shall eat old store
- v) bring forth the old because of the new
- w) **I will set my tabernacle among you**
- x) **my soul shall not abhor you**
- z) **I will walk among you, and will be your God**
- aa) **ye shall be my people**

**KJV Leviticus 26:14** **But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:** 16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and

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ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

1) I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart

2) ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it

3) **I will set my face against you**

4) ye shall be slain before your enemies

5) **they that hate you shall reign over you**

6) ye shall flee when none pursueth you

**KJV Leviticus 26:18** And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, **then** I will punish you seven times more for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

7) I will punish you seven times more for your sins

8) I will break the pride of your power

9) I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass

10) your strength shall be spent in vain

11) your land shall not yield her increase

12) neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits

**KJV Leviticus 26:21** And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. 22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate.

13) I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins

14) I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and **make you few in number**

15) your *high* ways shall be desolate

**KJV Leviticus 26:23** And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; 24 **Then** will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. 25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

16) will punish you yet seven times for your sins

17) **I will bring a sword upon you**, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant

18) when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and **ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy**

19) when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven

20) they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight

21) **ye shall eat, and not be satisfied**

**KJV Leviticus 26:27** And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; 28 **Then** I will walk contrary unto you also in *fury*; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. 31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. 32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. 33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

22) I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins

23) ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat

24) **I will destroy your high places**

25) cut down your images

26) cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols

27) my soul shall abhor you

28) I will make your cities waste

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29) bring **your sanctuaries** unto desolation

30) I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours [if you do not keep Torah, God will not accept your offerings!!!]

31) **I will bring the land into desolation**

32) **your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it**

33) **I will scatter you among the heathen**

34) will draw out a sword after you

35) **your land shall be desolate**

36) **your cities waste**

**KJV Leviticus 26:34** Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. 35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

**KJV Leviticus 26:36** And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

37) I will send **a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies**

38) the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them

39) they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword

40) they shall fall when none pursueth

41) they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth

42) ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies

43) ye shall perish among the heathen, and **the land of your enemies shall eat you up**

44) they that are left of you shall **pine away in their iniquity** in your enemies' lands

45) also **in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them**

**KJV Leviticus 26:40** **If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; 41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. 43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.**

--KJV Ezra 5:12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

--KJV Ezra 9:7 Since the days of our fathers *have we been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.

--KJV Nehemiah 9:16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

--KJV Nehemiah 9:34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

**KJV Leviticus 26:44** And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, **I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God. 45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.**

**KJV Leviticus 26:46** These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

--KJV 2 Chronicles 36:21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

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--KJV Ezra 2:64 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,

**KJV Leviticus 27:1** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation. 3 And thy estimation shall be of the **male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old**, even thy estimation shall be **fifty shekels of silver**, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 And if it *be a female*, then thy estimation shall be **thirty shekels**. 5 And if *it be from five years old even unto twenty years old*, then thy estimation shall be of the **male twenty shekels**, and for the female **ten shekels**. 6 And if *it be from a month old even unto five years old*, then thy estimation shall be of the **male five shekels of silver**, and for the female **thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver**. 7 And if *it be from sixty years old and above*; if *it be a male*, then thy estimation shall be **fifteen shekels**, and for the female **ten shekels**. 8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

--KJV Exodus 30:13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD.

**KJV Leviticus 27:9** And if *it be a beast*, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that any man giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy. 10 **He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.** 11 And if *it be any unclean beast*, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest: 12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, *who art* the priest, so shall it be. 13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

**KJV Leviticus 27:14** And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be holy* unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall **add the fifth part of the money** of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

**KJV Leviticus 27:16** And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubile, according to thy estimation it shall stand. 18 But **if he sanctify his field after the jubile, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.** 19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. 20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

**KJV Leviticus 27:22** And if *a man* sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the fields of his possession; 23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD. 24 In the year of the jubile the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong*. 25 And **all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.**

**KJV Leviticus 27:26** Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether *it be ox*, or sheep: *it is* the LORD'S. 27 And if *it be* of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem *it* according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

**KJV Leviticus 27:28** Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.

**KJV Leviticus 27:29** None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; *but* shall surely be put to death.

**KJV Leviticus 27:30** And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD. 31 And if a man will at all redeem *ought* of his tithes, he

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shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 14:22** Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, 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 the LORD thy God always. 24 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 the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: 25 Then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: 26 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 the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, 27 And the Levite that *is* within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

**KJV Leviticus 27:32** And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever passeth under the rod, **the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.** 33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

**KJV Leviticus 27:34** These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.