



Chapter 17

1. Thou shall not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God any bullock, or sheep, in which is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that is an abomination unto the Lord thy God.
2. If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord thy God gives thee, man or woman, that has wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord thy God, in transgressing his covenant,
3. And has gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;
4. And it be told thee, and you have heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:
5. Then shall you bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones, till they die.
6. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.
7. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put the evil away from among you.
8. If there arise a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shall you arise, and get you up into the place which the Lord thy God shall choose;
9. And you shall come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew you the sentence of judgment:
10. And you shall do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the Lord shall choose shall shew thee; and you shall observe to do according to all that they inform thee:
11. According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, you shall do: you shall not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.
12. And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto

the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and you shall put away the evil from Israel.

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

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Chapter 18

1. The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance.
2. Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the Lord is their inheritance, as he has said unto them.
3. And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.
4. The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shall you give him.
5. For the Lord thy God has chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons for ever.
6. And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the Lord shall choose;
7. Then he shall minister in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before the Lord.
8. They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.
9. When you art come into the land which the Lord thy God gives thee, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.
10. There shall not be found among you any one that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.
11. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
12. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God does drive them out from before thee.
13. Thou shall be perfect with the Lord thy God.
14. For these nations, which you shall possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God has not suffered you so to do.
15. The Lord thy God will raise up unto you a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him you shall hearken;

16. According to all that you desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
17. And the Lord said unto me in dream, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.
18. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
19. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.
20. But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.
21. And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?
22. When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken, but the prophet has spoken it presumptuously: you shall not be afraid of him.

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Chapter 19

1. When the Lord thy God has cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God gives thee, and you succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;
2. Thou shall separate three cities for you in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God gives you to possess it.
3. Thou shall prepare you a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the Lord thy God gives you to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee there.
4. And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee there, that he may live: Whoso kills his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;
5. As when a man goes into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetches a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slipped from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:
6. Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.
7. Wherefore I command thee, saying, You shall separate three cities for thee.
8. And if the Lord thy God enlarge thy coast, as he has sworn unto thy fathers, and give you all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;
9. If you shall keep all these commandments to do them, which I Moses command you this day, to love the Lord thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shall you add three cities more for thee, beside these three:
10. That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord thy God gives you for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.
11. But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and strike him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:
12. Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.
13. Thine eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14. Thou shall not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land that the Lord thy God gives you to possess it.
15. One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.
16. If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong;
17. Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;
18. And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother;
19. Then shall you do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shall you put the evil away from among you.
20. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.
21. And your eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

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