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**Introduction**

Acharei Mot deals with the death of Nadab and Abihu and the aftermath. Kedoshim contains a distillation of the essence of Torah instruction.

**Leviticus 20:22-26**

**22** `You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. <sup>23</sup> ` **And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you**; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them. <sup>24</sup> `But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I *am* the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. <sup>25</sup> `You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. <sup>26</sup> `And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine. (NKJ)

To be holy like God, you must separate yourselves from the ways of the world. We live in the world, but we are instructed not to be like the world. Like the Israelites, we have been commanded to keep His statutes and judgments. If Israel did not do as they were instructed, they would be vomited out of the Promised Land. So, what happens to us when we do not do as the Lord commands? We are kept out of the Promised Land by the fact that as believers in Messiah Yeshua, we will be refused the right to make Aliyah to Israel if we are Jews by birth. Non-Jews have a better chance to become citizens in Israel than Jewish believers do, so the result is we live outside the land waiting for Messiah to return to bring us back to the land. We are not to walk in the statutes of the nations the Almighty cast out the Promised Land, but if we are living outside of the land, do these rules apply to us? Israel is told they must distinguish between clean and unclean animals. Israel has been separated from these unclean animals and birds in addition to being separated from the nations so they can be His people.

We may not be living in the Promised Land, but wherever we live, we should be living according to the teachings of Torah. There is a new saying that we at Judaic Studies Institute are living and teaching by. **Torah: Learn It, Love It, Live It as Yeshua did** based on Psalm 119. Psalm 119 is all about the Torah. David sang a song about Torah for everyone to see and join him, even though he had his shortcomings. Yes, King David had problems living Torah at times, but one thing was a constant with him, and that was when he was confronted with his sins, he never tried to explain them away. He accepted his sins and repented of them; hence, he was special to the Lord because he tried to follow Torah.

**Leviticus 18:26** `You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations, *either any of your own nation* or any **stranger** who dwells among you (NKJ)

**0161** גֵּר ger {gare} or (fully) גֵּיִר geyr (gare )

**Meaning:** sojourner, a temporary inhabitant, a newcomer lacking inherited rights, of foreigners in Israel, though conceded rights

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There are no notes for this verse.

The Hebrew word for strangers in this verse is *Ger*. *Ger* is different from other Hebrew words for stranger in that it offers conceded rights to one who is not native born of Israel. If they choose to live among Israel, then they are entitled to the rights of a native born if they choose to stay. This is an important point to remember because today it is said one must convert and become a Jew to have these rights, but that is not what the Torah says. In Ruth's case, she professed faith in the God of Israel, chose to go with her mother-in-law, dwell among Judah, and eventually married into Judah and became an ancestor of the Messiah Yeshua. Ruth is a prime example of one who was a *ger*, desired to dwell in Israel, and received the rights of a native born by her faith in the God of Israel, living according to Torah and marrying into Judah. She may have been a stranger at first but became a sojourner and then a citizen.

Being born into Israel, or for that matter into any people group, does not guarantee you acceptance unless you abide by the rules of that nation. The physical nation of Israel that exists today is not based on faith the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, or Torah. They follow their own laws, not God's.

**Titus 3:1** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, (NKJ)

Yet, we are instructed in the writings of the Shaliach Shaul (Paul) to obey the authorities in the places where we live, but isn't there a line that needs to be drawn where man's laws cause us to transgress God's? We cannot claim to be something we are not. In this

case, Israel was told what God would do for them, but they had to follow His Torah, and if they chose not to, there was a penalty. Our society chooses to disregard Torah, and in the case of the church, they call themselves Christians, which implies they are followers of Messiah Yeshua. Yet, the lives they live do not reflect what could be described as a Christian life. They have thrown Messiah's teachings out the window in favor of what the master of this world would give them.

**Deuteronomy 10:18** "He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. (NKJ)

**Deuteronomy 24:19** "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. (NKJ)

**Deuteronomy 26:12** "When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year-- the year of tithing-- and have given *it* to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled. (NKJ)

**Psalms 146:9** ADONAI watches over strangers, he sustains the fatherless and widows; but the way of the wicked he twists. (CJB)

**Isaiah 1:17** learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. (ESV)

These are just a few Scripture verses showing us how the Lord feels about the sojourners, orphans, and widows. What does our society do? Here in the United States they say it is not the government's responsibility to take care of them. They want faith-based groups like churches and synagogues to take care of them. In the end, one must ask themselves, what does the government do? Respect is supposed to be shown to the elderly, and we basically throw them to the mercy of the wolves. We are in direct disobedience of the Torah, and the Torah is the basis for what Yeshua taught. If we claim we are part of the Judeo-Christian lifestyle, then we need to start behaving like it. If we continue down the path we are on, we are heading for some hard times, my friends. Our moral compass has shifted way off course, and we need to get it back into alignment.

### **Amos 9:8**

**8** "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Nevertheless, I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob," Declares the LORD. (NAU)

If we are part of God's kingdom, then we had better start acting like it, people. We cannot say one thing and then do something that goes against the Torah. When we do this, we are placing ourselves under the judgment of the Holy One of Israel. If we persist down that road, then we are heading for a world of hurt. This verse from Amos is talking about a two-fold problem. One is the sinful kingdom, which could be the kingdoms of this world who are not God's chosen people, and then we have Israel who are God's chosen people,

but they transgress against Torah, and they are punished, but the Holy One in His mercy and His covenant with them will not totally destroy them. The world is in big time trouble, and they had better start looking at their options because if they continue down the road, then things are not looking that good for them.

**Jeremiah 5:10** "Go up through her vine rows and destroy, but make not a full end; strip away her branches, for they are not the LORD's. <sup>11</sup> For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have been utterly treacherous to me, declares the LORD. <sup>12</sup> They have spoken falsely of the LORD and have said, 'He will do nothing; no disaster will come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. <sup>13</sup> The prophets will become wind; the word is not in them. Thus, shall it be done to them!" (ESV)

The Lord is declaring His punishment for both houses of Israel – Judah and Ephraim, in this case identified as Israel, also known as northern the tribes. They went by the names of Ephraim, Joseph, and Israel. The condemnation is brought against both houses, and there is still time before the final judgment, but that time may be growing short. In their arrogance and self-imposed blindness, they claim the Lord will not do anything to them and that everything will be fine, when in fact He says the opposite. They say the words of the prophets are like the wind, and the word of the Lord is not in them if it does not say what they want it to say, but guess what, the Holy One does not work like that. He does not fear us, we need to learn how to fear Him.

**Jeremiah 30:11** For I am with you to save you, declares the LORD; I will make a full end of all the nations among whom I scattered you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished. (ESV)

The Lord makes it very clear that He will hold the nations where He scattered Israel to accountable and bring judgment on them for how they treated His people, but just as importantly, we need to learn from this before it is too late for us. The Lord promises that only a remnant will be saved. This is repeated over and over throughout the Bible. We need to take it to heart! Only a remnant will be saved.

## **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

**6** since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, <sup>7</sup> and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Yeshua is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah. <sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup> when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (NKJ)

What is the gospel of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah? It is very important to know what it is because if we do not obey it, we are facing everlasting destruction along with those who do not know the Father. What did Yeshua teach? He taught Torah and how to live it properly in our lives, and it is not meant just for Israel but for all mankind who, in the end,

will become part of Israel if they follow the gospel of Yeshua or to put it into plain English – the Torah as taught by Messiah Yeshua. The Torah is the gospel, people. He will come, in that Day, at the end of the Great Tribulation after Armageddon and before Gog and Magog. Armageddon is not the final battle. It paves the way into the Messianic Age, the thousand years of Yeshua's reign upon the earth. During this time, Satan will be bound and is in the bottomless pit. At the end the Messianic Age, Satan will be released for one final time, then Gog and Magog will come upon all who are alive during this time, and finally He will put all of His enemies under His feet and destroy them once and for all doomed to be sent into the outer darkness with those who thought they were doing the will of God and came up short.

Are we in the beginning of the Last Days? Only time and events will tell. No matter what happens, we must be a Yeshua-believing people holding fast to our faith in Him, living out Torah in lives. This is the gospel of the Master.

***Torah Man says: "To entertain some people all you have to do is listen."***

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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