

# Pearl Seeking

## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Lev. 16	Yom HaKippurim/Day of Atonements
Tuesday:	Lev. 17	Torah regarding slaughtering, blood and carcass
Wednesday:	Lev. 18	Torah regarding abominable practices
Thursday:	Lev. 19	Torah regarding charges, commands and right-rulings
Friday:	Lev. 20	Torah regarding charges, commands and right-rulings

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be discussing some of the charges, commands and right-rulings Yahweh gave Yisra'el. We have grouped verses that go under similar categories to help you. Now, let's read Lev. 17-20.

## PARSHA POINTS

### *Torah Regarding Blood*

- Yahweh's face will be against anyone who eats blood, whether an Yisra'elite or a stranger who dwells among the children of Yisra'el - 17:10, 12
- Yahweh explains that life is in the blood. The blood is for atonement for one's life on the altar, and therefore it is not to be consumed - 17:11
- Any animal that is hunted and caught by man to eat shall have its blood drained out and covered by dirt - 17:13
- Anyone eating blood shall be cut off from the community - 17:10, 14
- Do NOT eat meat with the blood - 19:26



### *Torah Regarding NOT Doing as the Nations Do*

- Yahweh commands that the children of Yisra'el to NOT do as the Mitsrites did back in Mitsrayim where they had come from, nor do as the Kena'anites do where they are going - 18:3
- The children of Yisra'el are NOT to give their children to be offered by fire to Molek (pagan god), which would profane the Name of Elohim - 18:21
- Yahweh explains that doing the abominations of the nations would cause the children of Yisra'el to be 'vomited' out of the land of Kena'an - 18:27-29
- Do NOT round the corner of your head or destroy the corner of your beard - 19:27
- Do NOT make cuttings in your flesh for the dead - 19:28
- Do NOT put tattoo marks on yourselves - 19:28



- Anyone who offers their children to Molek shall be put to death by stoning, because it defiles Yahweh's Set-apart Place and profanes His Set-apart Name - 20:2-3
- Anyone who witnesses someone offering their children to Molek and fails to execute that person shall themselves have Yahweh turn His face against them, to be cut off - 20:4-5
- Do NOT walk in the laws of those nations that Yahweh says He will drive out, for Yahweh loathes them for their abominations - 20:23

### ***Torah Against Idolatry***

- Do NOT turn to idols - 19:4
- Do NOT make for yourselves molded mighty ones - 19:4



### ***Torah Against Witchcraft***

- Do NOT practice divination or magic - 19:26
- Do NOT turn to mediums - 19:31
- Do NOT seek after spiritists - 19:31
- Anyone who turns to mediums or spiritists shall have Yahweh turn His face against them, to be cut off - 20:6
- Anyone who is a medium or a spiritist shall be stoned to death - 20:27

### ***Charges, Commands and Right-Rulings***

- Anyone who kills a bull, lamb or goat, either in the camp or outside the camp, must bring the animal to the door of the Tent of Meeting as an offering to Yahweh - 17:3-5
- Fear your mother and father - 19:3
- When reaping the harvest (**katzir**), the corners of the field shall not be reaped, and when gleaning the vineyard (**kerem**), some grapes shall be left; these are for the poor and the stranger -19:9, 10 (This is also mentioned in Parsha Emor - Leviticus 23:22)
- Do NOT steal, lie or deceive one another - 19:11
- Do NOT swear falsely by Yahweh's Name and so profane it - 19:12
- Do NOT oppress or rob your neighbor; make sure they get their correct daily wages - 19:13
- Do NOT curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind person - 19:14
- Do no unrighteousness in right-ruling - 19:15,35
- Do NOT be partial to one who is poor or favor one who is great among your neighbors - 19:15
- Do NOT slander - 19:16
- Do NOT stand against the blood of you neighbor - 19:16
- Do NOT hate your brother in your heart, but reprove the one who may cause others to sin - 19:17
- Do NOT take vengeance or bear a grudge - 19:18
- Love your neighbor as yourself - 19:18



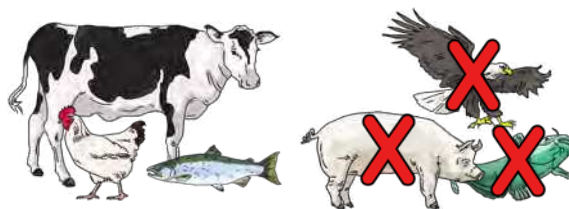
- Do NOT sow your field with mixed kinds of seeds or weave a garment or cloth out of 2 sorts of thread - 19:19
- In the land of Yisra'el the:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> three (**shalosh**) years' crop from a fruit (**p'ri**) tree (**ets**) is NOT to be eaten - 19:23
  - 4<sup>th</sup> (**arba**) year's fruit of a tree is set-apart to Yahweh - 19:24
  - 5<sup>th</sup> (**chamesh**) year's fruit from the tree was to be eaten by the owner - 19:25



- Rise before the gray-headed (aged) and favor the face of an old man - 19:32
- Do NOT oppress a stranger who lives among you - 19:33
- Treat a stranger as a native and love him as yourself, as a remembrance that you, Yisra'elites, were also strangers in Mitsrayim - 19:34
- Do no unrighteousness in the measurements of length, weight or in liquids - 19:35
- Make sure your scales have correct weights, scales, a right ephah, and a right hin - 19:36

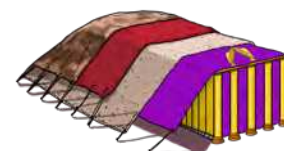


- Anyone who curses their father or mother shall be put to death - 20:9
- Anyone who commits adultery shall be put to death - 20:10
- Yahweh gives to the children of Yisra'el the land of these nations; a land that flows with milk and honey - 20:24
- You shall make a distinction between clean and unclean animals, as well as clean and unclean birds. Neither shall you make yourselves abominable by unclean creatures that creep on the ground - 20:25



### ***Torah Regarding Set-apartness to Yahweh***

- Yahweh commanded that the children of Yisra'el:
  - do His right-rulings and guard His laws, to walk in them so that they might live - 18:4-5, 26
  - guard His Charge so as to not defile themselves by abominable practices - 18:30
  - be set-apart, because Yahweh their Elohim is set-apart - 19:2; 20:7
  - guard Yahweh's Sabbaths - 19:3, 30
  - guard Yahweh's laws - 19:19
  - revere Yahweh's Set-apart Place - 19:30
  - guard all Yahweh's laws and His right-rulings, to do them - 19:37
  - guard all Yahweh's laws and all His right-rulings and do them, so that the land does not 'vomit' them out - 20:8, 22
  - be set-apart, for Yahweh is set-apart, and has separated His people to be His possession - 20:26



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Yahweh is very specific about not eating blood. He explains the reason for it in this parsha. The first time Yahweh talks about this is in Gen. 9:4. Discuss the customs of the nations regarding the blood.
- Discuss the abominable practices of the nations. Why would Yahweh forbid His people from participating in similar rituals?
- In this parsha, Yahweh talks a lot about set-apartness as His standard and desire for the children of Yisra'el. How can we become more set-apart in our daily walk?
- Find verses in Chapter 19 and 20 that correspond with the 10 Commandments.
- Among all these right-rulings, Yahweh tells Yisra'el to take care of the poor and the stranger by making sure they are able to eat. Notice that He wants the poor or stranger to do the gathering themselves, but only asks that we leave it available for them. Discuss why you think Yahweh didn't ask that we bring it to them? (Lev. 19:9 - 10; 23:22)

