

Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

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

Monday:	Lev. 25:1-34	Land Sabbath, Jubilee year
Tuesday:	Lev. 25:35-55	Right-rulings
Wednesday:	Lev. 26:1-13	Blessings for obedience
Thursday:	Lev. 26:14-46	Curses for disobedience
Friday:	Lev. 27	The redeeming of beings, property and vows

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be discussing some of the laws and the right-rulings Yahweh gave Yisra'el, along with His promised blessings for obedience and His curses for disobedience. Now, let's read Lev. 26.

PARSHA POINTS

- I am Yahweh your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from being their slaves - 26:1-2, 13, 44-45
- These are the laws, the right-rulings and the Torot which Yahweh made between Himself and the children of Yisra'el on Mount Sinai - 26:46

➤ Do NOT:

- make idols for yourselves - 26:1
- set up a carved image or a pillar for yourselves - 26:1
- place a stone image in your land to bow down to it - 26:1

➤ Do:

- guard My Sabbaths - 26:2
- reverence My Set-apart Place - 26:2

➤ If you: (Positive)

- walk in My laws (**chukkot**) - 26:3
- guard My commands (**mitzvot**) - 26:3
- do them (laws and commands) - 26:3



➤ **Yahweh shall: (Blessings)**

- give you rain in its season - 26:4
- cause the land to yield its crops - 26:4
- cause the trees of the field to yield their fruit - 26:4
- let your threshing last until the time of the grape harvest - 26:5
- let your grape harvest last until the time of sowing - 26:5
- let you eat your bread until you've had enough - 26:5
- let you dwell in your land safely - 26:5
- give peace in the land - 26:6
- let you sleep unafraid - 26:6
- clear the land of evil beasts - 26:6
- protect you from the sword (**cherev**) - 26:6
- turn to you and make you fruitful and increase you - 26:9
- establish His covenant with you - 26:9
- set His Dwelling Place in your midst - 26:11
- NOT reject you - 26:11
- walk in your midst and be your Elohim - 26:12



➤ **You shall:**

- pursue your enemies; 5 of you shall pursue 100 and 100 of you shall pursue 10,000 - 26:7-8
- cause your enemies to fall by the sword before you - 26:7-8
- eat the old supply, then clear it out to make room for the new - 26:10
- be Yahweh's people - 26:12



➤ **If you: (Negative)**

- DO NOT obey Yahweh - 26:14
- DO NOT DO all Yahweh's commands - 26:15
- reject and loathe Yahweh's laws and right-rulings - 26:15,43
- break Yahweh's covenant - 26:15
- DO NOT obey Yahweh - 26:18,27
- walk contrary (**keri**) to Yahweh - 26:21, 23,27
- refuse to obey Him - 26:21
- are NOT willing to be instructed by Yahweh - 26:23



➤ **Yahweh shall: (Curses)**

- appoint sudden alarm over you, such as wasting disease and inflammation, which destroy the eyes and consume one's life - 26:16
- allow your enemies to eat the seed you sow, and you shall labor in vain - 26:16
- set His face against you - 26:17
- allow your enemies to smite you - 26:17
- allow those who hate you to rule over you - 26:17
- cause you to flee from those who pursue you - 26:17
- punish you 7 times more for your sins - 26:18
- break the pride of your power - 26:19
- make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze - 26:19
- cause your strength to be spent in vain - 26:20
- prevent your land from yielding its crops - 26:20
- prevent your trees from yielding their fruit - 26:20
- bring on you yet 7 times more plagues, according to your sins - 26:21
- send wild beasts among you which shall bereave you of your children - 26:22
- cut off your livestock - 26:22
- make you few in number, so that your highways are deserted - 26:22
- walk contrary to you - 26:24
- strike you 7 times for your sin - 26:24
- bring against you a sword to execute the vengeance of His covenant - 26:25
- send pestilence among you when you are gathered in your cities - 26:25
- give you into the hand of your enemy - 26:25
- cut off your supply of bread, allowing you such small rations that you will NOT be satisfied - 26:26
- walk contrary to you in wrath - 26:28
- punish you 7 times for your sins - 26:28
- vbring such hunger upon you that you eat the flesh of your sons and daughters - 26:29
- destroy your high places and cut down your sun-pillars - 26:30
- put your carcasses on the carcasses of your idols - 26:30
- loathe you - 26:30
- turn your cities into ruins - 26:31
- lay your set-apart places waste - 26:31
- NOT smell your sweet fragrances - 26:31



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- lay your land waste, so that the enemies dwelling among you are astonished - 26:32
- scatter you among the nations - 26:33
- draw out a sword after you - 26:33
- make your land a desert and your cities ruins - 26:33
- allow the wasted land to rest and enjoy its Sabbaths, because you are removed from it to dwell in your enemies' land - 26:34-35,43
- send those who are left, faintness of heart in the land of their enemies, so that even the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee - 26:36



➤ **You shall:**

- flee as though retreating from a sword, and shall stumble over one another and fall when no one pursues - 26:36,37
- NOT be able to stand before your enemies - 26:37
- perish among the nations and be eaten up by the land of your enemies - 26:37,38
- rot away in your enemies' land, in your crookedness and the crookedness of your fathers of those of you who are left - 26:39,43



➤ **If you:**

- confess your crookedness and the crookedness of your fathers, with their trespass against Yahweh and their contrary walk which brought them to the land of their enemies - 26:40-41
- humble your uncircumcised heart - 26:41
- accept the punishment of your crookedness - 26:41

➤ **Then Yahweh shall Remember:**

- the land - 26:42
- His covenant with Ya'aqob, Yitshaq and Abraham - 26:42
- the covenant of the ancestors whom He brought out of the land of Mitsrayim - 26:45

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

- Parsha Bechukotai contains a series of blessings (26:3-13) and curses (26:14-46). Eleven verses are dedicated to blessings, while thirty six verses are dedicated to curses. Why do you think there are more curses than blessings? Can you find verses in the Scriptures that talk about the purpose of chastisement? Look at Deuteronomy 28 for further discussion on blessings and curses that Yahweh pronounces upon Yisra'el.
- Discuss how you would act if you knew Yahweh was giving you a choice between the blessings or the curses found in parsha Bechukotai and Ki Tavo.
- The Hebrew word for rebuke is 'chechah'. What is it that Yahweh does NOT want us to do if we wish to avoid rebuke from Him? Look at Lev. 26:14-15, 18, 21, 23, 27, 43. What is it that Yahweh wants us to do? Look at Lev. 26:2-3, 40-41.
- Why do you think Yahweh said that He would scatter or disperse Yisra'el among the nations? Do you think it might be because if they were concentrated in one area, their enemies might make war on them and annihilate them? (Lev. 26:33)

