

Leviticus 26:14-46 Curses for Disobeying the Law Pt 1

The Law of YeHoVaH is inclusive of blessings and curses, life and death. Those who obey YeHoVaH's Law experience the life of YeHoVaH and the benefits, blessings, and privileges thereof.

Disobeying the Law of YeHoVaH produces death and the curses associated with disobedience.

In the second portion of Leviticus 26, YeHoVaH instructs Moses to warn the Children of Israel, and those who joined themselves to the Commonwealth of Israel, of what they had to look forward to if they rejected His Law or failed to carry out all His Commands and violated His Covenant.

- We will cover several things in this portion.
- There is a progression of curses after each failed opportunity to repent. Their lives would get worse, not better.
- Four times YeHoVaH mentions punishment "seven times" more in verses 18, 21, 24, and 28.
- YeHoVaH would walk contrary to Israel as Israel walked contrary to Him.
- In the midst of their wickedness, He would not destroy Israel.

The people of Israel were given Laws to govern them as a great nation. Their Laws were given by YeHoVaH and no other nation, that existed then or now, had YeHoVaH near to them as Israel did.

Moses told the people in Deuteronomy 4:

Dt 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

Dt 4:6 Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.

Dt 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who *hath* God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that we call upon him for*?

Dt 4:8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Moses told the people in Deuteronomy 28:

Dt 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Dt 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

YeHoVaH promised Israel that He would make them a great nation in Egypt.

Ge 46:2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.

Ge 46:3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

Ge 46:4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

YeHoVaH made good on His promise, made Israel a great nation, and after bringing them out of Egypt gave them Laws that no other nation had. Israel's responsibility was to keep its part of the Covenant.

Lev 26:14 But if ye will **not** hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

Hearken – **08085** שָׁמָע {shaw-mah'}

Meaning: v 1) to hear, listen to, obey

Usage: AV - hear 785, hearken 196, obey 81, publish 17, understand 9, obedient 8, diligently 8, shew 6, sound 3, declare 3, discern 2, noise 2, perceive 2, tell 2, reported 2, misc 33; 1159

Remember: Moses had been instructed to tell Israel what YeHoVaH commanded him.

Lev 26:15 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:

YeHoVaH gave Israel Statutes, Judgments, and Commandments.
They ALL were contained in the Law/Torah.

The Bible contains the Commandments of God.

- God's created Laws
- Judgement of God

The Bible also contains some commandments of men.

- Man's created laws
- Judgement of man

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Despise – **03988** אָסַף {maw-as'}

Meaning: 1) to reject, despise, refuse 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to reject, refuse 1a2) to despise 1b) (Niphal) to be rejected 2) (Niphal) to flow, run

Usage: AV - despise 25, refuse 9, reject 19, abhor 4, become loathsome 1, melt away 1, misc 17; 76

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:

because thou hast rejected knowledge,

I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Lack of Knowledge

Reject Knowledge

People today lack and reject the **Knowledge of God's Law** because they don't believe it is for them.

Statutes – **02708** חֻקִּים {khook-kaw'}

Meaning: 1) statute, ordinance, limit, enactment, something prescribed 1a) statute

Usage: AV - statute 77, ordinance 22, custom 2, appointed 1, manners 1, rites 1; 104

Abhor – **01602** אָגַעַל {gaw-al'}

Meaning: 1) to abhor, loathe, be vilely cast away, fall 1a) (Qal) to abhor, loathe 1b) (Niphal) to be defiled 1c) (Hiphil) to reject as loathsome, show aversion

Usage: AV - abhor 5, lothe 3, cast away 1, fail 1; 10

Judgments – **04941** מִשְׁפָּט {mish-pawt'}

Meaning: 1) judgment, justice, ordinance 1a) judgment 1a1) act of deciding a case 1a2) place, court, seat of judgment 1a3) process, procedure, litigation (before judges) 1a4) case, cause (presented for judgment) 1a5) sentence, decision (of judgment) 1a6) execution (of judgment)

Usage: AV - judgment 296, manner 38, right 18, cause 12, ordinance 11, lawful 7, order 5, worthy 3, fashion 3, custom 2, discretion 2, law 2, measure 2, sentence 2, misc 18; 421

Break – **06565** פָּרַר {paw-rar'}

Meaning: 1) to break, frustrate 1a) (Hiphil) 1a1) to break, violate 1a2) to frustrate, make ineffectual 1b) (Hophal) 1b1) to be frustrated 1b2) to be broken 1b3) to break 1c) (Pilpel) to break to bits, shatter 2) to split, divide 2a) (Qal) to split, crack through 2b) (Poel) to break apart 2c) (Hithpoel) to be split, be cracked through

Usage: AV - break 25, make void 5, defeat 2, disannul 2, disappoint 2, frustrate 2, come to nought 2, break asunder 1, cause to cease 1, clean 1, dissolved 1, divide 1, misc 5; 50

Covenant – **01285** בְּרִית {ber-eeth'}

Meaning: 1) covenant, alliance, pledge 1a) between men 1a1) treaty, alliance, league (man to man) 1a2) constitution, ordinance (monarch to subjects) 1a3) agreement, pledge (man to man) 1a4) alliance (of friendship) 1a5) alliance (of marriage) 1b) between God and man 1b1) alliance (of friendship) 1b2) covenant (divine ordinance with signs or pledges) 2) (phrases) 2a) covenant making 2b) covenant keeping 2c) covenant violation

Usage: AV - covenant 264, league 17, confederacy 1, confederate 1, confederate + 01167 1; 284

Covenants are between entities, with all entities in agreement.

The Old Covenant was between YeHoVaH and Israel, but Israel broke the Covenant.

Jer 31:31 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:

The New Covenant is between YeHoVaH and Israel.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

We do not enter into Covenant with Yeshua; **we enter into Covenant with YeHoVaH.**

Yeshua is the mediator of the Covenant.

1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Yeshua;

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb 12:24 And to Yeshua the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Heb 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the **house of Israel** and with the **house of Judah**:

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; **because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.**

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the **house of Israel** after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will **be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people**:

Under the New Covenant, all parties who enter the Covenant are responsible for learning or knowing the God of the Covenant and the knowledge of God.

Ro 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Ro 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

Ro 11:35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

Ro 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever.

Amen.

Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Ro 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Co 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Yeshua our Lord,

The beauty of the New Covenant and the precious promises are, those who enter the New Covenant through Messiah Yeshua are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens.

Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, **but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God**;

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Lev 26:15 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:

Lev 26:16 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 ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

Appoint – **06485** פָּקַד paqad {paw-kad'}

Meaning: v 1) to attend to, muster, number, reckon, visit, punish, appoint, look after, care for

Usage: AV - number 119, visit 59, punish 31, appoint 14, commit 6, miss 6, set 6, charge 5, governor 5, lack 4, oversight 4, officers 4, counted 3, empty 3, ruler 3, overseer 3, judgment 2, misc 28; 305

Lev 26:17 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.

The Blessing causes YeHoVaH's face to shine upon us.

Nu 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

Nu 6:25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Nu 6:26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Nu 6:27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Opportunity to Repent

Lev 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.

Lev 26:19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

Heaven as iron = no rain

Earth as brass = no crop

Nothing comes down, nothing comes up.

The ground will not yield increase nor the trees fruit.

Lev 26:20 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.