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Leviticus 23

- 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.
- 3 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn (*complete JB*) rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.
  - JB: Jewish Bible
- 4 'These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.
- 5 'On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the LORD'S Passover.
- 6 'And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread (*JB: matzah*) to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread.
- 7 'On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary (*occupational - ordinary*) work on it.
- 8 'But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.'"
- 9 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.
- 11 'He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.
  - The wave sheaf is always on a Sunday? Or is it after the Holy Day (the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread?
  - Does it always fall inside the Days of Unleavened Bread?
  - the from after day = 4283 mochorath (mokh-or-awth) morning; next day; tomorrow
- 12 'And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD.
- 13 'Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a sweet (*pleasing*) aroma; and its drink offering shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin.
- 14 'You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
- 15 'And you shall count for yourselves from (*beginning with*) the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.
  - JB: From the day after the day of rest ... you are to count seven full weeks
  - Interlinear: Sheaf the of bring you in from day the the Sabbath the from after day you to you and number shall
  - from day the =
  - RSV: Le 23:15 "And you shall count from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven full weeks shall they be,

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- YLT: Le 23:15 `And ye have numbered to you from the morrow of the sabbath, from the day of your bringing in the sheaf of the wave-offering: they are seven perfect sabbaths;
- Adam Clarke's Commentary: Verse 15. Ye shall count unto you-seven Sabbaths] That is, from the sixteenth of the first month to the sixth of the third month. These seven weeks, called here Sabbaths, were to be complete, i. e., the forty-nine days must be finished, and the next day, the fiftieth, is what, from the Septuagint, we call pentecost.
- Keepers of Sivan 6 follow the tradition of the Pharisees
- 16 'Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD.
  - JB: until the day after the seventh week
  - Interlinear: day the after to shall they be perfect Sabbaths seven wave the offering food a offering shall you bring and days fifty shall you number seventh the Sabbath
  - the from after day = 4283 mochorath (mokh-or-awth) morning; next day; tomorrow
  - RSV: Le 23:16 counting fifty days to the morrow after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to the LORD.
  - YLT: Le 23:16 unto the morrow of the seventh sabbath ye do number fifty days, and ye have brought near a new present to Jehovah;
- 17 'You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD.
- 18 'And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD.
- 19 'Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering.
- 20 'The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.
- 21 'And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
- 22 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God.'"
- 23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

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- 25 'You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.'
- 26 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:
- 27 "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.
- 28 "And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God.
- 29 "For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people.
- 30 "And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.
- 31 "You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
- 32 "It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls (*humble yourselves*); on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate (*observe*) your sabbath."
- 33 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: "The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD.
- 35 'On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.
- 36 'For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sacred (*solemn*) assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.
- 37 "These are the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day-
- 38 'besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD.
- 39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.
- 40 'And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit (*foliage*) of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.
- 41 'You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.
- 42 'You shall dwell in booths (*tabernacles – booths made of boughs*) for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths,
- 43 'that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.'
- 44 So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

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Leviticus 24

- 1- 4 = Care of the Tabernacle Lamps
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- 5-9 = The Bread of the Tabernacle
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- 10-23 The Penalty for Blasphemy
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- 15 "Then you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.
- 16 'And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall be put to death.
- 17 'Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.
- 18 'Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal.
- 19 'If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him-
- 20 'fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him.
- 21 'And whoever kills an animal shall restore it; but whoever kills a man shall be put to death.
- 22 'You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.'"
- 23 Then Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they took outside the camp him who had cursed, and stoned him with stones. So the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Leviticus 25

- 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying,
- 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to the LORD.
- 3 'Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit;
- 4 'but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the LORD. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.
- 5 'What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a year of rest for the land.
- 6 'And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you,
- 7 'for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land-all its produce shall be for food.
- 8 'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.
  - Is this the Pentecost of Years?

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- 9 'Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.
- 10 'And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.
- 11 'That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine.
- 12 'For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.
  - 2 Sabbath Years back to back – the 49<sup>th</sup> and the 50<sup>th</sup> (Jubilee)
  - Same as Pentecost? 2 Sabbath (high) days back to back?
  - Or Monday – a day in between?
- 13 'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.
- 14 'And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another.
- 15 'According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you.
- 16 'According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you according to the number of the years of the crops.
- 17 'Therefore you shall not oppress (*mistreat*) one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.
- 18 'So you shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them; and you will dwell in the land in safety.
- 19 'Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety.
- 20 'And if you say, "What shall we eat in the seventh year, since we shall not sow nor gather in our produce?"
- 21 'Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years.
- 22 'And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat old produce until the ninth year; until its produce comes in, you shall eat of the old harvest.
- 23 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me.
- 24 'And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land.
- 25 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold.
- 26 'Or if the man has no one to redeem it, but he himself becomes able to redeem it,
- 27 'then let him count the years since its sale, and restore the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he may return to his possession.

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- 28 'But if he is not able to have it restored to himself, then what was sold shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee; and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.
- 29 'If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year he may redeem it.
- 30 'But if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee.
- 31 'However the houses of villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall be released in the Jubilee.
- 32 'Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, and the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.
- 33 'And if a man purchases a house from the Levites, then the house that was sold in the city of his possession shall be released in the Jubilee; for the houses in the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.
- 34 'But the field of the common-land of their cities may not be sold, for it is their perpetual possession.
- 35 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty (*literally “his hand fails”*) among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.
- 36 'Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you.
- 37 'You shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit.
- 38 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.
- 39 'And if one of your brethren who dwells by you becomes poor, and sells himself to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a slave.
- 40 'As a hired servant and a sojourner he shall be with you, and shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee.
- 41 'And then he shall depart from you-he and his children with him-and shall return to his own family. He shall return to the possession of his fathers.
- 42 'For they are My servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.
- 43 'You shall not rule over him with rigor (*severity*), but you shall fear your God.
- 44 'And as for your male and female slaves whom you may have-from the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves.
- 45 'Moreover you may buy the children of the strangers who dwell among you, and their families who are with you, which they beget in your land; and they shall become your property.
- 46 'And you may take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them as a possession; they shall be your permanent slaves. But regarding your brethren, the children of Israel, you shall not rule over one another with rigor.

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- 47 'Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and one of your brethren who dwells by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family,
- 48 'after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him;
- 49 'or his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him; or anyone who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him; or if he is able he may redeem himself.
- 50 'Thus he shall reckon with him who bought him: The price of his release shall be according to the number of years, from the year that he was sold to him until the Year of Jubilee; it shall be according to the time of a hired servant for him.
- 51 'If there are still many years remaining, according to them he shall repay the price of his redemption from the money with which he was bought.
- 52 'And if there remain but a few years until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall reckon with him, and according to his years he shall repay him the price of his redemption.
- 53 'He shall be with him as a yearly hired servant, and he shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight.
- 54 'And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee-he and his children with him.
- 55 'For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

### Leviticus 26

- 1 'You shall not make idols (*worthless things*) for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.
- 2 You shall keep (*observe*) My Sabbaths (*including the holy days*) and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.
  - The first 4 commandments?
- 3 **If** you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,
- 4 then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.
- 5 Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.
- 6 I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil (*wild*) beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.
- 7 You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.
- 8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.
- 9 'For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.
- 10 You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.
- 11 I will set My tabernacle (*dwelling place*) among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.

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- 12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.
- 13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright (*erect*).
  - Evolution? I don't think so!
- 14 'But **if** you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments,
- 15 and **if** you despise My statutes, or **if** your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant (*contract or treaty*),
  - Not a unilateral agreement!
- 16 I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain (*without profit*), for your enemies shall eat it.
- 17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.
- 18 '**And after all this, if** you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
- 19 I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.
- 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.
- 21 '**Then, if** you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.
- 22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.
- 23 'And **if** by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me,
- 24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.
- 25 And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.
- 26 When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.
- 27 '**And after all this, if** you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me,
- 28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> negative **IF**
- 29 You (*in time of famine*) shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.
- 30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you.

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- 31 I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet (*pleasing*) aromas.
- 32 I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
- 33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.
- 34 Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.
- 35 As long as it lies desolate it shall rest-for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.
- 36 'And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness (*fear*) into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee; they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when no one pursues.
- 37 They shall stumble over one another, as it were before a sword, when no one pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
- 38 You shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
- 39 And those of you who are left shall waste away (*rot away*) in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in their fathers' iniquities, which are with them, they shall waste away.
- 40 'But **if** they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me,
  - 7<sup>th</sup> **IF** is confession of their sins
  - Confession of sins is essential along with repentance
- 41 and that I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they accept their guilt-
- 42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land.
- 43 The land also shall be left empty by them, and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them; they will accept their guilt, because they despised My judgments and because their soul abhorred My statutes.
- 44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.
- 45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD."
- 46 These are the statutes and judgments and laws which the LORD made between Himself and the children of Israel on Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.
  - A mutual agreement!

Leviticus 27

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- 1-33 = Redeeming Persons and Property Dedicated to God
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- 34 These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.