

Portion: Shoftim (Judges)
Devarim (Deuteronomy 16:18-18:7)

Deuteronomy 16:18-22

- 18 "Appoint judges and officers within all your gates, which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, according to your tribes. And they shall judge the people with righteous right-ruling.
19 "Do not distort right-ruling. Do not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.
20 Follow righteousness, righteousness alone, so that you live and inherit the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.
21 "Do not plant for yourself any tree as an Asherah near the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim that you make for yourself.
22 "And do not set up a pillar, which יהוה your Elohim hates.

Deuteronomy 17:1-20

- 1 "Do not slaughter to יהוה your Elohim a bull or sheep which has any blemish, any evil matter, for that is an abomination to יהוה your Elohim.
2 "When there is found in your midst, in any of your cities which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the eyes of יהוה your Elohim, in transgressing His covenant,
3 and has gone and served other mighty ones and bowed down to them, or to the sun or to the moon or to any of the host of the heavens, which I have not commanded,
4 and it has been made known to you and you have heard, and have searched diligently. Then see, if true: the matter is confirmed that such an abomination has been done in Yisra'el,
5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil matter, and you shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.
6 "At the mouth of two or three witnesses shall he that is to die be put to death. He is not put to death by the mouth of one witness.
7 "The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people last. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.
8 When any matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, or between stroke and stroke - matters of strife within your gates - then you shall rise and go up to the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses,"
9 and shall come to the priests, the Lēwites, and to the judge who is in those days, and shall inquire. And they shall declare to you the word of right-ruling,
10 and you shall do according to the word which they declare to you from that place which יהוה chooses. And you shall guard to do according to all that they instruct you.
11 "Do according to the Torah in which they teach you, according to the right-ruling which they say to you. You do not turn to the right or to the left from the word which they declare to you.

12 "And the man who acts arrogantly, so as not to listen to the priest who stands to serve there before יהוה your Elohim, or to the judge, that man shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Yisra'el.

13 "And let all the people hear and fear, and no longer do arrogantly.

14 When you come to the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you, and shall possess it and shall dwell in it, and you shall say, 'Let me set a sovereign over me like all the nations that are around me,' "

15 you shall certainly set a sovereign over you whom יהוה your Elohim shall choose. Set a sovereign over you from among your brothers, you are not allowed to set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

16 "Only, he is not to increase horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Mitsrayim to increase horses, for יהוה has said to you, 'Do not return that way again.'

17 "And he is not to increase wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor is he to greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

18 "And it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his reign, that he shall write for himself a copy of this Torah in a book, from the one before the priests, the Lěwites.

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he learns to fear יהוה his Elohim and guard all the Words of this Torah and these laws, to do them,"

20 so that his heart is not lifted up above his brothers, and so as not to turn aside from the command, right or left, so that he prolongs his days in his reign, he and his children, in the midst of Yisra'el.

Deuteronomy 18:1-7

1 "The priests, the Lěwites, all the tribe of Lěwi, have no part nor inheritance with Yisra'el. They are to eat the offerings of יהוה made by fire, and His inheritance.

2 But among his brothers Lěwi has no inheritance. יהוה is his inheritance, as He has spoken to him.

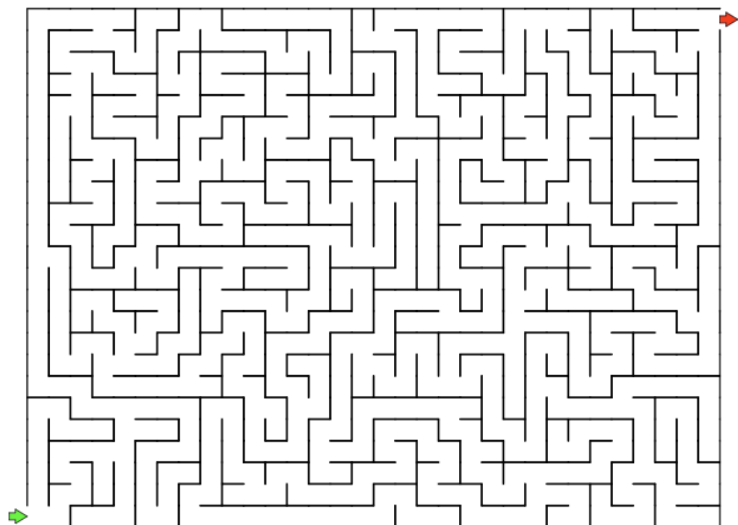
3 "And this is the priest's right from the people, from those who slaughter a slaughtering, whether it is bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the stomach;

4 the first-fruits of your grain and your new wine and your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you give to him.

5 "For יהוה your Elohim has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the Name of יהוה, him and his sons forever.

6 "And when the Lěwite comes from one of your gates, from where he has sojourned among all Yisra'el, and shall come with all the desire of his being to the place which יהוה chooses,

7 then he shall serve in the Name of יהוה his Elohim, like all his brothers the Lěwites, who are standing there before יהוה.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) And let all the people _____ and _____, and no longer do arrogantly.
- 2) You shall do according to the _____ which they declare to you from that _____ which יהוה chooses.
- 3) You shall bring out to your _____ that man or woman who has done this evil _____, and you shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.
- 4) Do not slaughter to יהוה your Elohim a bull or sheep which has any blemish, any _____ matter, for that is an _____ to יהוה your Elohim.
- 5) Do not _____ for yourself any tree as an _____ near the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim that you make for yourself.
- 6) He shall serve in the _____ of יהוה his Elohim, like all his brothers the _____, who are standing there before יהוה.
- 8) Do not _____ right-ruling. Do not show _____, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.
- 9) The hand of the _____ shall be first against him to put him to death, and the hand of all the people last. So you shall purge the _____ from your midst.
- 10) The _____, the Lěwites, all the tribe of Lěwi, have no part nor _____ with Yisra'ěl.

True Or False

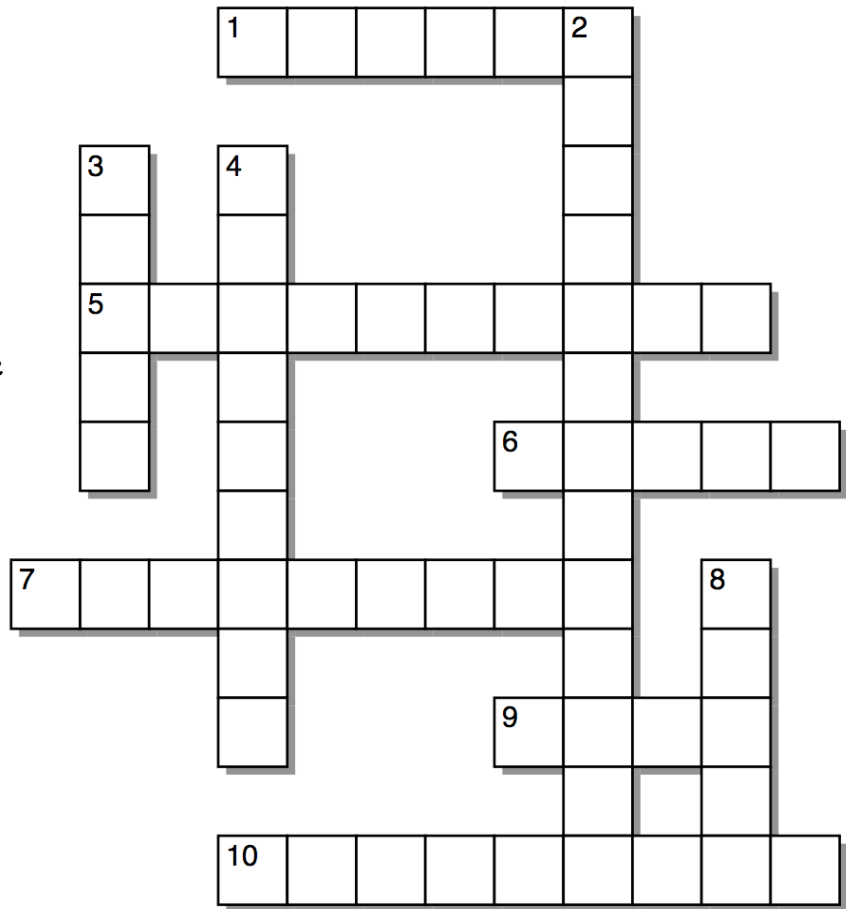
- 1) Yisra'ěl was to set a sovereign over itself from among their brothers. True/False
- 2) The Lěwites, all the tribe of Lěwi, have a part in the inheritance with Yisra'ěl. True/False
- 3) The priest had the right to the shoulder, the two cheeks, and the rump of the slaughterings. True/False
- 4) The priest was to receive first-fruits of the grain, new wine, oil, and the first of the fleece of the sheep. True/False

Across

1. Do not set up a _____.
5. Let all the people hear and fear, and no longer do _____.
6. What was a sovereign to write a copy of?
7. Whose hand shall be first to put to death those doing evil?
9. Whom among his brothers has no inheritance in the land?
10. What kind of bull or sheep are you not to slaughter to יהוה your Elohim?

Down

2. What is followed so that the people could live and inherit the land?
3. You shall _____ to do according to all that they instruct you.
4. Who was not allowed to be set over them as sovereign?
8. What blinds the eyes of the wise?



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