

Eze 44

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Eze 44:15-31 – Rules for the Levitical Priests i.e. the sons of Zadok

¹⁵ But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD: ¹⁶ They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. ¹⁸ They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with any thing that causeth sweat. ¹⁹ And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments. ²⁰ Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

²¹ Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

Lev 10:8 And YHVH spake unto Aaron, saying, ⁹ Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

²² Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

²³ And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Lev 10:10 And that ye may put difference between holy קֹדֶשׁ *hak-Ko-desh* and unholy

חַל *ha-Chol*, and between unclean טְמֵאָה *hat-ta-Me* and clean טְהוֹרָה *hat-ta-Hor*;

²⁴ And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

Lev 10:11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel אֵת all the statutes חֻקִּים *ha-chuk-Kim* which YHVH hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses. ^A

of יִשְׂרָאֵל *be-Nei the children* בְּנֵי אֶת- *u-le-ho-Rot* And that ye may teach וְלִהְיוֹת ¹¹ *Yis-ra-'El* Israel
 hath דִּבֶּר *a-Sher' which* אֲשֶׁר *ha-chuk-Kim* all the statutes חֻקִּים *-kol* all כָּל- *et'* אֵת *;* *Yis-ra-'El* Israel
 of מִיַּד *-be-yad* unto them by the hand בְּיַד- *a-lei-Hem'* to אֱלֹהִים *Yah-weh* which the LORD יְהוָה *dib-Ber* spoken
 מֹשֶׁה *.mo-Sheh* Moses

²⁵ And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. ²⁶ And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. ²⁷ And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD. ²⁸ And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession. ²⁹ They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. ³⁰ And the first of all the firstfruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all, of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house. ³¹ The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

^A In the millennial Kingdom the Messiah will teach the Torah.

H#	Translation Transliteration	Hebrew	#
H5921	In ve-'al-	וְעַל־	1
	Eze 44:24		
H7379	And in controversy Riv,	רִיב	2
H1992	they Hem·mah	הֵמָּה	3
H5975	they shall stand ya-'am-Du	יַעֲמְדוּ	4
H8199	avenge (le-mish-Pat,	לִשְׁפֹט	5
H4941	it according to my judgments be-mish-pa-Tai	בְּמִשְׁפָּטַי	6
H8199	avenge (yish-pe-Tu-hu;	וְשִׁפְטֵהוּ	7
H853	ve-'Et	וְאֵת־	8
H8451	my laws to-ro-Tai	תּוֹרֹתַי	9
H853	ve-'Et	וְאֵת־	10
H2708	and my statutes chuk-ko-Tai	חֻקֹּתַי	11
H3605	all be-chol	בְּכָל־	12
H4150	in all mine assemblies mo-'a-Dai	מוֹעֲדָי	13
H8104	and they shall keep yish-Mo-ru,	יִשְׁמְרוּ	14
H853	ve-'Et	וְאֵת־	15
H7676	my sabbaths shab-be-to-Tai	שַׁבָּתוֹתַי	16
H6942	and they shall hallow ye-kad-De-shu.	יִקְדְּשׁוּ	17

Lev 21:7-15 – Priest can't take a wife who has been put away

⁷ They shall not take a wife *that is* a whore זְנוּנָה *zo-Nah*, or profane וְחִלְלָהּ *va-cha-la-Lah*; neither shall they take a woman put away גְּרוּשָׁה *ge-ru-Shah* from her husband מְאִישָׁהּ *me-i-Shah*: for he *is* holy unto his God.

⁸ Thou shalt sanctify וְקִדְשְׁתָּו *ve-kid-dash-To* him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I YHVH, which sanctify מִקְדֹּשֶׁיכֶם *me-kad-dish-Chem* you, *am* holy קָדוֹשׁ *ka-Doosh*. ⁹ And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire. ¹⁰ And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes; ¹¹ Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; ¹² Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane אֶת אֲרוֹן הַבְּרִית the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* YHVH. ¹³ **And he shall take a wife in her virginity.** ¹⁴ **A widow**, or a divorced *garash* woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, these **shall he not take**: but **he shall take a virgin** of his own people to wife. ¹⁵ Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I YHVH do sanctify him.

Eze 44:22 – a priest can marry a widow

Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is **put away**: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the **house of Israel**, or **a widow that had a priest before**.^B

I have no doubt that God hates divorce, but God Himself divorced the House of Israel, and I do not believe that God sinned against His own law in doing so. But the real force of Malachi's prophecy is that God hates it when husbands put away their wives without a bill of divorce. That is the sin which God hates, because, as Malachi says, it causes violence by dealing treacherously with the woman.

Ezekiel and the Sons of Zadok:

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During Shabbat I commented on the powerful verses of Eze 44:23-24 because 1) it talks about distinguishing holy (kadosh) and profane and also between clean and unclean.

^B See Ezekiel-and-the-Sons-of-Zadok,

, I completely skipped over the powerful verse