

Lev 18 K'maaseh Eretz The Practice in the Land

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Introduction

Tzur Yisrael Triennial Parasha 94 (#30.3) ^A

Lev 18:1-30 – Laws on Sexual Relations ^B

A preamble to the law

¹And YHVH spake unto Moses, saying **לְאמֹר** *le-Mor*, ²Speak **דַּבֵּר** *dab-Ber* unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am YHVH your God **אֲלֹהֵיכֶם** *'e-lo-hei-Chem*. ³After the doings **כְּמַעֲשֵׂה** *ke-ma-'a-Seh* of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do **תַּעֲשׂוּ** *ta-'a-Su*: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk **תֵּלְכוּ** *te-Le-chu* in their ordinances **וּבְחֻקֹּתֵיהֶם** *u-ve-chuk-ko-tei-Hem*.
⁴Ye shall do my judgments **אֶת־מִשְׁפָּטַי** *'et-mish-pa-Tai*, and keep **תִּשְׁמְרוּ** *tish-me-Ru* mine ordinances **חֻקֹּתַי** *chuk-ko-Tai*, to walk therein: I am YHVH your God. ⁵Ye shall therefore keep **וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־** *u-she-mar-Tem 'et-* my statutes **חֻקֹּתַי** *chuk-ko-Tai*, and my judgments **מִשְׁפָּטַי** *mish-pa-Tai*: which if a man do, he shall live ^C in them: I am YHVH.

Unlawful marriages and unlawful lusts

^A <http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-2/Y2-37.htm>

^B Lev 18:1-5 The law form of Torah which is separate and distinct from the laws of man which are counter to Torah. Seven occurrences of land in these chapter.

There are 25 Mitzvoth (of the 613) in this chapter, 23 of which are categorized "Forbidden Sexual Relations"

^C **live** = "live again" in resurrection life (Rev 20:6). The Chaldee paraphrase = "shall live by them to life eternal". Compare the other passages where "live" is used in this sense: Eze 13:21; Eze 20:11. Luk 10:28. Rom 10:5. Gal 1:3, Gal 1:12. Neh 9:29. Rom 1:17. Heb 10:38, &c. In this sense the verb is used more often than is generally thought. Compare Isa 26:19; Isa 38:16; Isa 55:3. Eze 18:19; Eze 33:19; Eze 37:3, Eze 37:5, Eze 37:6, Eze 37:14. Hos 6:2. Amo 5:4, &c. The spiritual authorities of the second temple so interpreted the phrase. Thus "eternal life", by faith, is set in contrast with eternal life by works. Source CB Notes

⁶None of you לא ^{lo} איש ^{'ish} איש ^{'ish} ^D shall approach תקרבו ^{tik-re-Vu} to any that is near of kin בְּשָׂרוֹ ^{be-sa-Ro} to him, to uncover לגלות ^{le-gal-Lot} ^E their nakedness עֲרוֹהָ ^{'er-Vah}.^F I am YHVH אֲנִי ^{'a-Ni} יְהוָה ^{Yah-weh}. ⁷The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. ⁸The nakedness of thy father's wife ^G shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. ⁹The nakedness of thy sister,^H the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

¹⁰The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. ¹¹The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. ¹²Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman.^I ¹³Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. ¹⁴Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.^J ¹⁵Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. ¹⁶Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. ¹⁷Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

Unlawful to take your wife's sister, approach her during her period, commit adultery

¹⁸Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex לְצַרְרָהּ ^{litz-Ror} her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. ¹⁹Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put

^D **None of you.** Hebrew "Man, man, ye shall not approach"; should be "No man (Hebrew. 'ish). whatsoever shall approach". Emphasized by Figure of speech Epizeuxis. See App-6. The absence of the words "of the house of Israel", as in Lev 17:3, Lev 17:8, Lev 17:13, shows that the strangers are included in this law. Source CB Notes

Ahavta says this indicates (by the plural) that it applies to both men and women.

^E **uncover** H1540 Word-Study-H1540-galah-carry-captive-uncover-discover-away-reveal, article #827.

^F **H6172 'ervah** 24 times this word is used in this chapter. See Word-Study-H6166-to-H6210-ayin-resh-root-naked-wild-ass-dishonor-bare-nude, article #757.

ToDo: Compare to **Gen 3:11** "And he [YHVH] said, Who told thee that thou wast naked (*arom* עִירָם ^{H5903}? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

Gen 9:22 "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness (*'er-Vat* ^{H6172} עֲרוֹת) of his father, and told (*vai-yag-Ged* ^{H5043} וַיַּגֵּד) his two brethren without." Hebrew Word Order → "And saw Ham the father of Canaan אָת the nakedness of his father...."

Deu 24:1 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some **uncleanness** עֲרוֹת ^{'er-Vat} ^{H1672} in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. → See Bill-of-Divorce-H3748-keriythuth-H7971-shalached-H1644-garish-get, article #881.

^G **father's wife.** See Gen 35:22. 2Sa 16:20-23. 1Ki 2:17, and 1Co 5:1-5. This verse clarifies Gen 9:22-25, and see also Lev 20:11. Source CB Notes

^H **sister.** See Gen 20:12. 2Sa 13:12, 2Sa 16:20. Source CB Notes

^I There is nothing about an uncle is marrying his niece according to the Chumash.

^J this is saying that you aunt is the wife of you fathers brother as opposed to Lev 18:12 .

apart for her uncleanness טְמֵאָתָהּ *tum-'a-Tah*. ²⁰ Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally

תִּתֵּן *tit-Ten* שְׂכַבְתָּךְ *she-cha-ve-te-Cha* with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her.

Unlawful to pass thy seed through the fire of Molech

²¹ And thou shalt not let any of thy seed וּמִזְרַעֲךָ *u-miz-zar-'a-Cha* pass through the fire to Molech לְמֹלֵךְ *lam-Mo-lech*^K, neither shalt thou profane תְּחַלֵּל *te-chal-Lel* אֶת-*'et-* the name שֵׁם *shem* of thy God אֱלֹהֶיךָ *'e-lo-Hei-cha*: I am YHVH.

Unlawful for man to like with another man, nor beast

²² Thou shalt not lie with mankind זָכָר *za-Char*, as with womankind אִשָּׁה *'ish-Shah*: it is abomination

תּוֹעֵבָה *to-'e-Vah*^L. ²³ Neither shalt thou lie with any beast בְּהֵמָה *be-he-Mah* to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion תִּבְבֵּל *Te-vel*^M.

Doing these unlawful things defiles the land and it will vomit you out

²⁴ Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: ²⁵ And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit וְאֶפְקֹד *va-'ef-Kod* the iniquity עֲוֹנָהּ *'a-vo-Nah* thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth וַתִּקֵּא *vat-ta-Ki* אֶת-*'et-* out her inhabitants יֹשְׁבֵיהָ *yo-she-Vei-ha*^{N O}.

My statutes and judgments apply to strangers that sojourneth with you

²⁶ Ye shall therefore keep וּשְׁמֵרְתֶם *u-she-mar-Tem* אֶת-*'et-* my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations הַתּוֹעֵבוֹת *hat-to-'e-Vot*; neither any of your own nation הָאֲזָרָח *ha-'ez-Rach*, nor any stranger וְהַגֵּר *ve-hag-Ger* that sojourneth הֶגֶר *hag-Gar* among you: ²⁷ (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) ²⁸ That the land spue not you out

^K **Molech.** Always has the article (except 1Ki 11:7, which is probably a copyist's omission) denoting the king, or the king-idol (see Lev 18:21; Lev 20:2, Lev 20:3, Lev 20:4, Lev 20:5. See seq. 2Ki 23:10. Jer 32:35). The Massorites pointed it Molech, to assimilate it to "shameful thing", but omitted to do so in Isa 30:33 with Isa 57:9, which they left melech = king. It should read Molech in these two passages also.

^L See Word-Study-H8441-toebah-abomination-H8581-taab-abhor, article #1333.

^M **H8397 tebel** Apparently from H1101 *balal*; mixture, that is, unnatural bestiality: - confusion.; ^{KJC:2} Lev 18:23, Lev 20:12.

LXX G1093 *ge*; Contracted from a primary word; soil; by extension a region, or the solid part or the whole of the terrene globe (including the occupants in each application): - country, earth (-ly), ground, land, world. ^{KJC:243}

^N **Lev 18:24-25 - Choices have consequences**

If, after the six years of abundance followed by the six years of famine, the seventy that went down "teshuvad" back to the promised land Canaan (Lev 18:3) and did not wait the long period of time prophesized to Abram (Gen 15:18-21) then the amount of time that would have elapsed would be much less.

The question is how bad off would have the land been defiled. How far down the path would have Canaan have sunk into depravity if Israel, a nation of priests, had been there way earlier?

Maxim: Man's decisions has consequences. Corollary: The decisions of a man who is Israel and therefore a priest has consequences in the spiritual realm which makes the decisions ==> consequences greatly magnified.

^O Haftorah relationship Eze 22:24, Eze 22:30.

תְּקִיָּא *ta-Ki* וְלֹא־ *ve-lo-* also, when ye defile it, as it spued out קָאָה *ka'Ah* אֶתְּהָ *'o-Tah*; the nations הַגּוֹי *hag-Goy* that were before you. ²⁹For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off וְנִכְרְתוּ *ve-nich-re-Tu* from among their people. ³⁰Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am YHVH your God.

Ezekiel 22:20-31 – Haftorah

²⁰As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there וְהִנַּחְתִּי ^P and melt you וְהִתְכַּתִּי *ve-hit-tach-Ti* אֶתְּכֶם . ²¹Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. ²²As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I YHVH have poured out my fury upon you.

The general corruption of prophets, priests, princes, and the people

²³And the word of YHVH came unto me, saying, ²⁴Son of man, say אֵתְּ *ah* unto her, Thou art the land ^Q that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

is לֹא *E-retz* unto her Thou [art] the land אַרְצְךָ *at' you* אֵתְּ *lah* לָהּ *e-mor* say אֲמַרְךָ *a-Dam' of man* אָדָם *-ben Son* בְּנֵי־ ²⁴
of יָמַי *be-Yom* upon in the day בְּיוֹם *gush-Mah* nor rained גְּשֶׁמָּה *lo nor* לֹא *Hi* he הִיא *that is not cleansed* מֵהַרְחֵק *me-to-ha-Rah* מִטְּהָרָה *lo not*
Za'am indignation

²⁵There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. ^R ²⁶Her priests have violated my law, ^S and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, ^T and I am profaned among them. ²⁷Her princes שְׂרֵיָה *sa-Rei-ha* in the midst thereof are like wolves כְּזֵאֲבִים *kiz'e-Vim* ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. ²⁸And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord אֲדֹנָי *'a-do-Nai* הוֹיָה *Yah-weh* GOD, when YHVH hath not spoken. ²⁹The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. ³⁰And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. ³¹Therefore have I poured

^P I will leave you there. The letter? (Pe-P) in ve hippihti, in being transferred from the ancient Hebrew into the modern square character, was probably mistaken for the? (Nun = N), being much alike. If so, "I will blow" became "I will leave"; and the words "you there" had to be necessarily supplied. By this change the correspondence of the two verses (20, 21) is restored: - Eze 22:20. Gather . . . blow . . . melt: Eze 22:21. Gather . . , blow . . . melt. Source CB Notes

^Q "... *Aleph Tav Erets*..." This is similar to Gen 1:1 "...*vet haErets*"

^R Sounds like financing a \$20 Trillion (circa April 2017) debt with monetized Birth Certificates. Sacrificing the future earnings of the children to the God of Socialism.

^S my law is my Torah which is the law form of Torah.

^T Antinomian Christianity defies keeping YHVH's Sabbath.

out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD אֲדֹנָי 'a-do-Nai הַיְהוָה? Yah-weh.

1 Corinthians 5:1-6:1 – Brit Expel the Wicked Man

The sexual immorality person,

¹It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. ²And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. ³For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, ⁴In the name of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, ⁵To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Yeshua.

is cause rather of shame unto them than of rejoicing.

⁶Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

The old leaven is to be purged out.

⁷Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us: ⁸Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. ⁹I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

Heinous offenders are to be shamed and avoided.

¹⁰Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. ¹¹But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. ¹²For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? ¹³But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.