

**Archarei Mot & Kedoshim**  
**“After the death” & “Holy”**

**Torah:**                   **Leviticus 16:1-20:27**  
**Haftarah:**               **Ezekiel 20:2-20 & 22:1-19, Amos 9:7-15**  
**Brit Chadasha:**       **Matthew 5:33-37, 43-48, 15:1-11, 19:16-30, 22:33-40**  
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**TORAH:**

**Leviticus 16**

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they approached the presence of *Adonai* and died.

2 *Adonai* said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holiest Place behind the curtain —before the atonement cover which is on the Ark—so that he would not die. For I will be appearing in the cloud over the atonement cover.

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3 “In this way shall Aaron come into the Sanctuary: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He is to put on the holy linen garment, have the linen undergarments on his body, put on the linen sash, and wear the linen turban—they are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water, and put them on.

5 “Then he is to take from the congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael* two he-goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 Then Aaron is to offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself and make atonement for himself and his house.

7 Then he is to take the two goats and present them before *Adonai* at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

8 Aaron will then cast lots for the two goats—one lot for *Adonai*, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 Aaron is to present the goat on which the lot for *Adonai* fell and make it a sin offering.

10 But the goat upon which the lot for the scapegoat fell is to be presented alive before *Adonai*, to make atonement upon it, by sending it away as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 “Also Aaron is to present the bull of the sin offering which is for himself and so make atonement for himself and his house. He is to slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

12 He is to take a firepan full of coals of fire from off the altar before *Adonai* plus two handfuls of sweet powdered incense and bring it within the curtain.

13 Then he is to put the incense on the fire before *Adonai*, so that the cloud of the incense may cover the atonement cover that is on the Ark, so that he would not die.

14 He is then to take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the atonement cover, on the east side. Before the atonement cover he is to sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 “Then he is to slaughter the goat of the sin offering which is for the people, bring its blood behind the curtain, and do with it as he did with the blood of the bull—sprinkle it upon the atonement cover, and before the atonement cover.

16 So he is to make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of *Bnei-Yisrael* and because of their transgressions, all their sins. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their impurities.

17 No one is to be in the Tent of Meeting when he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out, and has made atonement for himself and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

18 “Then he is to go out to the altar that is before *Adonai* and make atonement for it. He is to take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and dab it around on the horns of the altar.

19 He is to sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and consecrate it from the uncleanness of *Bnei-Yisrael*.

20 “When he has finished atoning for the Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, then he is to present the live goat.

21 Aaron should lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of *Bnei-Yisrael* and all their transgressions, all their sins. He should place them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

22 The goat will carry all their iniquities by itself into a solitary land and he is to leave the goat in the wilderness.

23 “Then Aaron is to come into the Tent of Meeting, take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and leave them there.

24 He is to bathe himself with water in a holy place, put on his garments, and come out to offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people.

25 “Then he is to burn up fat of the sin offering in smoke on the altar.

26 The man who leaves the goat as a scapegoat is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in water. Afterward he may come into the camp.

27 “The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp, and their hides, their flesh, and their dung burned with fire.

28 The one who burns them is to wash his clothes and bathe his body in water. Then afterward he may come into the camp.

29 “It is to be a statute to you forever, that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you are to afflict your souls, and do no kind of work—both the native-born and the outsider dwelling among you.

30 For on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. From all your sins you will be clean before *Adonai*.

31 It is a *Shabbat* of solemn rest to you, and you are to afflict your souls. It is a statute forever.

32 The *kohen* who is anointed and who is consecrated to be *kohen* in his father's place will make the atonement, and put on the linen garments, the holy garments.

33 He is to make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, for the Tent of Meeting, for the altar, for the *kohanim*, and for all the people of the assembly.

34 "This will be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for *Bnei-Yisrael* once in the year because of all their sins." It was done as *Adonai* commanded Moses.

## **Leviticus 17**

### *Sacrifice of Life in Blood*

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all *Bnei-Yisrael*, and say to them: This is the word which *Adonai* has commanded.

3 Anyone from the house of Israel who slaughters a bull, a lamb or a goat in the camp or outside the camp,

4 but has not brought it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to offer it as a sacrifice to *Adonai* before the Tabernacle—let bloodguilt be charged to that man. He has shed blood—that man is to be cut off from among his people.

5 Thus *Bnei-Yisrael* may bring their sacrifices that they were making in the open field to *Adonai*, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to the *kohen*, and offer them as sacrifices of fellowship offerings to *Adonai*.

6 The *kohen* is to sprinkle the blood on the altar of *Adonai* at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and burn up the fat as smoke for a soothing aroma to *Adonai*.

7 They are no longer to offer their sacrifices to the goat-demons after which they play the prostitute. This will be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.

8 "Then you are to say to them: Anyone from the house of Israel, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 but does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to sacrifice it to *Adonai*, is to be cut off from his people.

10 “Anyone from the house of Israel, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who eats any kind of blood, I will set my face against that soul—the one who eats blood—and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives—for it is the blood that makes atonement because of the life.

12 Therefore I have said to *Bnei-Yisrael*: No person among you may eat blood, nor may any outsider dwelling among you eat blood.

13 “Any person from *Bnei-Yisrael*, or from the outsiders dwelling among them, who hunts as game any animal or bird that may be eaten, must drain its blood and cover it with dust.

14 For the life of every creature, its blood is in its life. Therefore I said to *Bnei-Yisrael*: You are not to eat the blood of any kind of creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it is to be cut off.

15 “Everyone who eats what dies naturally or is torn by animals—whether he is native-born or a foreigner—is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water. He will be unclean until the evening, then he will be clean.

16 But if he does not wash them or bathe his body, then he will bear his iniquity.”

## **Leviticus 18**

1 *Adonai* said to Moses:

2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and say to them: I am *Adonai* your God.

3 You are not to act as they do in the land of Egypt, where you used to live. Nor are you to act as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, nor are you to walk in their customs.

4 You are to obey My ordinances and keep My statutes and walk in them—I am *Adonai* your God.

5 So you are to keep My statutes and My ordinances. The one who does them will live by them. I am *Adonai*.

### *Incest Forbidden*

6 “None of you is to come near anyone who is his close relatives to uncover their nakedness. I am *Adonai*.

7 “You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father or your mother. She is your mother. You should not uncover her nakedness.

8 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife, for it is your father’s nakedness.

9 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere.

10 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your son’s daughter, or of your daughter’s daughter, for theirs is your own nakedness.

11 You are not to uncover the nakedness of the daughter of your father’s wife, conceived by your father, since she is your sister.

12 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s sister, for she is your father’s direct relative.

13 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister, for she is your mother’s direct relative.

14 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your father’s brother by approaching his wife, for she is your aunt.

15 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law, for she is your son’s wife. You are not to uncover her nakedness.

16 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your brother’s wife, because that is your brother’s nakedness.

17 You are not to uncover the nakedness of both a woman and her daughter. You are not to take her son’s daughter, or her daughter’s daughter, to uncover her nakedness, for they are direct relatives. That is wickedness.

18 You are not to marry your wife’s sister, to be a rival, uncovering her nakedness, while her sister is still alive.

#### *Other Forbidden Relations*

19 “You are not to approach a woman to uncover her nakedness while she is in the impurity of her *niddah* .

20 You are not to lie sexually with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her.

21 “You are not to give any of your children in sacrifice to Molech, and defile the Name of your God. I am *Adonai*.

22 “You are not to lie with a man, as with a woman—that is an abomination.

23 You are not to lie with any animal to defile yourself with it, nor is any woman to give herself to an animal, to lie down with it—that is a perversion.

24 “Do not defile yourselves in any of these things, for in all of these ways the nations which I am casting out before you were defiled.

25 The land has become defiled, so I will punish its iniquity, and the land will vomit out its inhabitants.

26 You, however, are to keep My statutes and My ordinances, and do none of these abominations, neither the native-born, nor the outsider dwelling among you.

27 “For all these abominations were done by the men of the land who were before you, and the land became defiled.

28 If you defile it, the land will vomit you out as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

29 For whoever does any of these detestable things, the souls that do them are to be cut off from the midst of their people.

30 Therefore you are to keep My charge, so that you do not practice any of these detestable customs that were practiced before you, so that you do not defile yourselves by them. I am *Adonai* your God.”

## **Leviticus 19**

### *Holiness Code*

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

2 “Speak to all the congregation of *Bnei-Yisrael* and tell them: You shall be *kedoshim*, for I, *Adonai* your God, am holy.

3 “Each one of you is to respect his mother and his father, and keep My *Shabbatot*. I am *Adonai* your God.

4 “Do not turn to idols, or make molten gods for yourselves. I am *Adonai* your God.

5 “When you bring a sacrifice of fellowship offerings to *Adonai*, you are to offer it so that you may be accepted.

6 It is to be eaten the same day you offer it, and the next day. But if anything remains until the third day, it is to be burned with fire.

7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is disgusting. It will not be accepted.

8 Rather, anyone who eats it will bear his iniquity, since he has profaned what is holy to *Adonai*, and that soul will be cut off from his people.

9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, you are not to reap to the very corners of your field, nor are you to gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 You are not to pick the remnants of your vineyard, nor are you to gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. Instead, you are to leave them for the poor and for the outsider. I am *Adonai* your God.

11 “You are not to steal. You are not to lie. You are not to deceive one another.

12 “You are not to swear by My Name falsely, and so profane the Name of your God. I am *Adonai*.

13 “You are not to oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired servant are not to remain with you all night until the morning.

14 “You are not to curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God. I am *Adonai*.

15 “You are to do no injustice in judgment. You are not to be partial toward the poor nor show favoritism toward the great, but you are to judge your neighbor with fairness.

16 “You are not to go up and down as a talebearer among your people. You are not to endanger the life of your neighbor. I am *Adonai*.

17 “You are not to hate your brother in your heart. Instead, you are to firmly rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

18 You are not to take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am *Adonai*.

19 “You must keep My statutes. You are not to crossbreed different kinds of animals. You are not to sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor are you to wear a garment woven of two kinds of material.

20 “If a man lies sexually with a woman who is a slave girl, pledged to be married to another man, but not ransomed or given her freedom, they are both to be punished. But they are not to be put to death, because she was not free.



21 He is to bring his trespass offering to *Adonai*, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting—a ram for a guilt offering.

22 The *kohen* is to make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before *Adonai* for his sin that he committed, and the sin that he committed will be forgiven him.

23 “When you come into the land and have planted all kinds of trees for food, you are to consider their fruit as forbidden. Three years it will be forbidden to you. It is not to be eaten.

24 Then in the fourth year all its fruit will be holy, for giving praise to *Adonai*.

25 In the fifth year you may eat its fruit. So it will yield its increase to you. I am *Adonai* your God.

26 “You are not to eat any meat with the blood still in it, nor are you to use enchantments, or practice sorcery.

27 “You are not to round off the hair on the sides of your heads, nor are you to mar the edge of your beard.

28 You are not to make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead or make any tattoo marks upon yourself. I am *Adonai*.

29 “Do not defile your daughter, to make her a prostitute, so that the land does not fall into prostitution, and become full of wickedness.

30 “You are to keep My *Shabbatot*, and reverence My Sanctuary. I am *Adonai*.

31 “Do not turn to those who are mediums or to soothsayers. Do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am *Adonai* your God.

32 “You are to rise up in the presence of the gray-haired and honor the presence of the elderly. So you will fear your God. I am *Adonai*.

33 “If an outsider dwells with you in your land, you shall do him no wrong.

34 The outsider dwelling among you should be to you as the native-born among you. You should love him as yourself—for you dwelled as outsiders in the land of Egypt. I am *Adonai* your God.

35 “You must not be dishonest in judgment—in measurements of length, weight or of quantity.

36 You are to have honest balances, honest weights, honest bushel-measure and an honest gallon. I am *Adonai* your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 You must observe all My statutes and all My ordinances—do them. I am *Adonai*.”

## **Leviticus 20**

### *Idols and the Occult*

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying:

2 “Moreover, you are to tell *Bnei-Yisrael*: Anyone from *Bnei-Yisrael* or from the outsiders dwelling in Israel, who gives any of his children to Molech, should surely be put to death. The people of the land are to stone him with rocks.

3 I also will set My face against such a person and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given his children to Molech, defiling My Sanctuary and profaning My holy Name.

4 But if the people of the land all hide their eyes from that person, when he gives of his seed to Molech, and do not put him to death,

5 then I will set My face against that man and against his family, and will cut him off, along with all who play the prostitute after him with Molech, from among their people.

6 “The soul that turns to mediums or to soothsayers, prostituting himself with them, I will set My face against that soul and will cut him off from among his people.

7 So consecrate yourselves and be holy, for I am *Adonai* your God.

8 You are to keep My statutes, and do them. I am *Adonai* who sanctifies you.

9 “Any man who curses his father or his mother should surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or mother, and his blood should be on him.

10 “The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, who commits adultery with his friend’s wife, both the adulterer and the adulteress should surely be put to death.

11 “If a man lies with his father’s wife, and has uncovered his father’s nakedness, both of them should surely be put to death, and their blood should be on them.

12 If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them should surely be put to death. They have committed a perversion, and their blood should be on them.

13 If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination, and they should surely be put to death. Their blood should be on them.

14 If a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness. They should be burned with fire—both he and they, so that there may be no wickedness among you.

15 If a man lies with an animal, he should surely be put to death, and you are to kill the animal.

16 If a woman approaches any animal, and lies down with it, you are to kill the woman and the animal. They should surely be put to death, and their blood should be on them.

17 If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness, and she his, it is a shameful thing. They are to be cut off in the sight of the children of their people, for he has uncovered his sister's nakedness, and will bear his iniquity.

18 If a man lies with a woman during her *niddah* and exposes her nakedness, he has exposed her flow and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them are to be cut off from among their people.

19 You are not to uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, or your father's sister, for the one who does that has made his close relative naked, and will bear his iniquity.

20 If a man lies with his aunt, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They should bear their sin, and die childless.

21 If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an impurity. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness, and they will be childless.

22 "Now you are to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land where I am bringing you to dwell will not vomit you out.

23 You are not to walk in the ways of the nation which I am casting out before you, for they did all these things and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said to you, 'You will inherit their land and I will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am *Adonai* your God, who has set you apart from the peoples.

25 “Also you are to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean. And you are not to make your souls detestable by an animal or by a bird, or by anything with which the ground teems, which I have set apart as unclean for you.

26 You are to be holy to Me, for I, *Adonai*, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, so that you would be Mine.

27 “A man or a woman who is a medium or is a soothsayer should surely be put to death. They should stone them with rocks, and their blood should be on them.”

## HAFTARAH

### Ezekiel 20:2-20

2 The word of *Adonai* came to me saying:

3 “Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel. Say to them, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: ‘Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live’—it is a declaration of *Adonai*—‘I will not be inquired of by you.’

4 “Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Make them know the detestable practices of their fathers.

5 Say to them, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: On the day I chose Israel, I lifted up My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt. I lifted up My hand to them saying, ‘I am *Adonai* your God.’

6 On that day I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had sought out for them, flowing with milk and honey, the splendor of all lands.

7 I said to them, ‘Each of you must throw away every detestable thing from his eyes, and not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am *Adonai* your God.’

8 “But they rebelled against Me and were unwilling to listen to Me. None of them cast away the detestable things that were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. So I resolved to pour out My fury upon them, to expend My anger upon them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I acted, for the sake of My Name, to keep it from being profaned in the eyes of the nations, where they were, in whose sight I made Myself known to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt.

10 So I led them out from the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

11 I gave them My laws and taught them My judgments, which if a man does, he will live by them.

12 I also gave them My *Shabbatot*, as a sign between Me and them, so that they would know that I am *Adonai* who made them holy.

13 “But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes. They rejected My judgments, which if a man does, he will live by them. They greatly profaned My *Shabbatot*. Then I resolved to pour out My fury on them in the wilderness to consume them.

14 But for the sake of My Name I did what would keep it from being profaned in the eyes of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

15 Yet I also lifted My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the splendor of all lands.

16 For they rejected My laws, did not walk in My rulings and profaned My *Shabbatot*—for their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless, My eye spared them from destruction, so I did not make a full end of them in the wilderness.

18 “I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, do not keep their ordinances, do not defile yourselves with their idols.

19 I am *Adonai* your God. Walk in My statutes, keep My ordinances and do them.

20 Keep My *Shabbatot* holy, so they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am *Adonai* your God.’

## **Ezekiel 22:1-19**

### Blood and Injustice

1 The word of *Adonai* came to me saying:

2 “You, son of man, will you judge? Will you judge the bloody city? So explain to her all her abominations.

3 Say, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: ‘City that spills blood in her midst and makes idols for herself that defile—her time has come!

4 You have become guilty in your blood that you have spilled, and are defiled by your idols that you have made. So you have brought your days near, and have come up to your years. Therefore I have made you a disgrace to the nations and a mockery to all the lands.

5 Those near and far from you will mock you—with a defiled name and full of turmoil.’

6 “Behold, each prince of Israel has used his own arm’s strength in you to shed blood.

7 Father and mother have been treated with contempt; the outsider has been oppressed in your midst; the orphan and the widow have been mistreated in you.

8 You have despised My holy things and profaned My *Shabbatot*.

9 Slanderous men are in you in order to shed blood. They have eaten at the mountain shrines; they commit immoral acts in your midst.

10 They have uncovered their fathers’ nakedness in you; they violate women that are in *niddah* within you.

11 One has been detestable with his neighbor’s wife; another has wickedly defiled his daughter-in-law; yet another has violated his sister, his father’s daughter, in you.

12 They accept bribes in order to shed blood in you; you have taken usurious interest. You have greedily gained by oppressing your neighbors, and you have forgotten Me.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

13 “Now look, I clap My hands at your dishonest gain that you have made and at your bloodshed in your midst.

14 Will your heart’s courage stand or your hands be strong in the days when I deal with you? I, *Adonai*, have spoken it and will do it.

15 I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you throughout the lands. I will purge your uncleanness from you.

16 You will be defiled in the sight of the nations. Then you will know that I am *Adonai*.”

17 The word of *Adonai* came to me saying:

18 “Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me—all of them are the copper, tin, iron and lead left inside a furnace—they are the dross of silver.”

19 Therefore, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: “Because you have all become dross, therefore behold, I will gather you into Jerusalem.

## Amos 9:7-15

7 “Are you not like the children of the Cushites to Me, *Bnei-Yisrael*?” It is the declaration of *Adonai*. “Did I not bring Israel up from the land of Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor, and Aram from Kir?”

8 Behold, the eyes of my Lord *Adonai* are on the sinful kingdom. So I will utterly destroy it from the face of the earth. Nevertheless, I will not annihilate the house of Jacob.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

9 “For behold, I have commanded, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations, like grain being tossed in a sieve, without a pebble falling to the ground.

10 By the sword shall all the sinners of My people die, those who say: ‘The calamity will not overtake or confront us.’

### David’s *Sukkah* Restored

11 “In that day I will raise up David’s fallen *sukkah*. I will restore its breaches, raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in days of old

12 —so they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations called by My Name.” It is a declaration of *Adonai*, the One who will do this.

13 “Behold, days are soon coming” —it is a declaration of *Adonai*— “when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one treading grapes, the one sowing seed. The mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will melt over.

14 Yes, I will restore the captivity of My people Israel. They will rebuild desolated cities and dwell in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine. They will also make gardens and eat their fruit.

15 Yes, I will plant them on their land, and they will never again be plucked up out of their land that I have given to them.” *Adonai*, your God, has said it.



## **BRIT CHADASHA**

**Romans 3:19-28, 9:30-10:13,13:8-10**

**Hebrews 7:23-10:25**

### **Matthew 5:33-37**

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall carry out your oaths to *Adonai*.’

34 But I tell you, do not swear at all—not by heaven, for it is the throne of God;  
35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.

37 But let your word ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’—anything more than this is from the evil one.”

### **Matthew 5:43-48**

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,  
45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do the same, don’t they?

47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than anyone else? Even the pagans do that, don’t they?

48 Therefore be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

### **Matthew 15:1-11**

## Religious Leaders Quiz *Yeshua*

1 Then some Pharisees and *Torah* scholars came to *Yeshua* from Jerusalem. They said,

2 “Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not do the ritual handwashing when they eat bread.”

3 And answering, He said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”

4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.’

5 But you say, ‘Whoever tells his father or mother, “Whatever you might have gained from me is a gift to God,”

6 he need not honor his father.’ On account of your tradition, you made void the word of God.

7 Hypocrites! Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying,

8 ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

10 Then *Yeshua* called the crowd and said to them, “Hear and understand.

11 It’s not what goes into the mouth that makes the man unholy; but what comes out of the mouth, this makes the man unholy.”

## **Matthew 19:16-30**

16 Now behold, one came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good shall I do to have eternal life?”

17 “Why do you ask Me about what is good?” *Yeshua* said to him. “There is only One who is good; but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

18 “Which ones?” he said. *Yeshua* said, “Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony,

19 honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

20 “All these I’ve kept,” the young man said to Him. “What do I still lack?”

21 *Yeshua* said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you own, and give to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”

22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving, for he had much property.

23 Then *Yeshua* said to His disciples, "Amen, I tell you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

25 When the disciples heard this, they were utterly astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

26 And looking, *Yeshua* said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

27 Then Peter said to Him, "Look, we've left everything to follow You! So what will we have?"

28 And *Yeshua* said to them, "Amen, I tell you, when the Son of Man sits on His glorious throne in the new world, you who have followed Me shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for My name's sake, will receive a hundred times as much, and will inherit eternal life.

30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

### **Matthew 22:33-40**

33 When the crowds heard this, they were astounded at His teaching.

#### The Greatest Mitzvot

34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that *Yeshua* had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together in one place.

35 And testing Him, one of them, a lawyer, asked,

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the *Torah*?"

37 And He said to him, "'You shall love *Adonai* your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 The entire *Torah* and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

### **Luke 10:25-39**

Who Is My Neighbor?

25 Now a certain *Torah* lawyer stood up to entrap *Yeshua*, saying, “Teacher, what should I do to gain eternal life?”

26 Then *Yeshua* said to him, “What has been written in the *Torah*? How do you read it?”

27 And he replied, “You shall love *Adonai* your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

28 *Yeshua* said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he said to *Yeshua*, “Then who is my neighbor?”

30 *Yeshua* replied, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked by robbers, who stripped him and beat him. Then they left, abandoning him as half dead.

31 And by chance, a *kohen* was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he passed by on the opposite side.

32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the opposite side.

33 But a Samaritan who was traveling came upon him; and when he noticed the man, he felt compassion.

34 He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then setting him on his own animal, he brought him to a lodge for travelers and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him. And whatever else you spend, upon my return I will repay you myself.’

36 Which of these three seems to you a neighbor to the one attacked by robbers?”

37 And he said, “The one who showed mercy to him.” Then *Yeshua* said to him,

“Go, and you do the same.”

At Home with Miriam and Martha

38 Now while they were traveling, *Yeshua* entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

39 She had a sister called Miriam, who was seated at the Master’s feet, listening to His teaching.

### **Romans 3:19-28**

19 Now we know that whatever the *Torah* says, it says to those within the *Torah*, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become accountable to God.

20 For no human, on the basis of *Torah* observance, will be set right in His sight—for through the *Torah* comes awareness of sin.

How God Accepts Us

21 But now God’s righteousness apart from the *Torah* has been revealed, to which the *Torah* and the Prophets bear witness—

22 namely, the righteousness of God through putting trust in Messiah *Yeshua*, to all who keep on trusting. For there is no distinction,

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

24 They are set right as a gift of His grace, through the redemption that is in Messiah *Yeshua*.

25 God set forth *Yeshua* as an atonement, through faith in His blood, to show His righteousness in passing over sins already committed.

26 Through God’s forbearance, He demonstrates His righteousness at the present time—that He Himself is just and also the justifier of the one who puts his trust in *Yeshua*.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what principle? Of works? No, but by the principle of faith.

28 For we consider a person to be set right apart from *Torah* observance.

### **Romans 9:30-33**

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness—that is, a righteousness of faith.

31 But Israel, who pursued a *Torah* of righteousness, did not reach the *Torah*.

32 Why? Because they pursued it not by faith, but as if it were from works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,

33 just as it is written, “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and whoever believes in Him shall not be put to shame.”

### **Romans 10:1-13**

#### Misdirected Zeal

1 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for Israel is for their salvation.

2 For I testify about them that they have zeal for God—but not based on knowledge.

3 For being ignorant of God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For Messiah is the goal of the *Torah* as a means to righteousness for everyone who keeps trusting.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on *Torah*, “The man who does these things shall live by them.”

6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks in this way: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Messiah down),

7 or, ‘Who will go down into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead).”

8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming:

9 For if you confess with your mouth that *Yeshua* is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart it is believed for righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever trusts in Him will not be put to shame.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all—richly generous to all who call on Him.

13 For “Everyone who calls upon the name of *Adonai* shall be saved.”

### **Romans 13:8-10**

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the *Torah*.

9 For the commandments—“You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,” and any other commandment—are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fullness of the *Torah*.

### **Hebrews 7:23-28**

23 Now on the one hand, many have become *kohanim*, who through death are prevented from continuing in office.

24 But on the other hand, the One who does remain forever has a permanent priesthood.

25 Therefore He is also able to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, always living to make intercession for them.

26 For such a *Kohen Gadol* was fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

27 He has no need to offer up sacrifices day by day like those other *kohanim g’dolim*—first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people. For when He offered up Himself, He did this once for all.

28 For the *Torah* appoints as *kohanim g’dolim* men who have weakness; but the word of the oath, which came after the *Torah*, appoints a Son—made perfect forever.

### **Hebrews 8**

## *Yeshua*, Mediator of a Better Covenant

1 Now here is the main point being said. We do have such a *Kohen Gadol*, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

2 He is a priestly attendant of the Holies and the true Tent—which *Adonai* set up, not man.

3 For every *kohen gadol* is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, so it is necessary for this One also to have something to offer.

4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a *kohen* at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the *Torah*.

5 They offer service in a replica and foreshadower of the heavenlies—one that is just as Moses was instructed by God when he was about to complete the tabernacle. For He says, “See that you make everything according to the design that was shown to you on the mountain.”

6 But now *Yeshua* has obtained a more excellent ministry, insofar as He is the mediator of a better covenant which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first one had been faultless, there would not have been discourse seeking a second.

8 For finding fault with them, He says, “Behold, days are coming, says *Adonai*, when I will inaugurate a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not remain in My covenant, and I did not care for them, says *Adonai*.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says *Adonai*. I will put My *Torah* into their mind, and upon their hearts I will write it. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

11 And no more will they teach, each one his fellow citizen and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know *Adonai*,’ because all will know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and their sins I will remember no more.”

13 In saying “new,” He has treated the first as old; but what is being made old and



aging is close to vanishing.

## Hebrews 9

### Messiah Enters the Heavenly Holies

1 Now even the first one had regulations for worship and the earthly sanctuary.

2 For a tent was prepared: in the outer part were the *menorah*, the table, and the presentation of the bread—this is called the Holy Place.

3 Beyond the second curtain was a dwelling called the Holy of Holies.

4 It held a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant, completely covered with gold. In the ark was a golden jar holding the *manna*, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant—

5 and above it, cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. But it is not now possible to speak in detail about these things.

6 Now with these things prepared this way, the *kohanim* do continually enter into the outer tent while completing the services;

7 but into the inner, once a year, the *kohen gadol* alone— and not without blood which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

8 By this the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* makes clear that the way into the Holies has not yet been revealed while the first tent is still standing.

9 It is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly, gifts and sacrifices are being offered that cannot make the worshiper perfect with respect to conscience.

10 These relate only to food and drink and various washings—regulations for the body imposed until a time of setting things straight.

11 But when Messiah appeared as *Kohen Gadol* of the good things that have now come, passing through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands (that is to say not of this creation),

12 He entered into the Holies once for all—not by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

14 how much more will the blood of Messiah—who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God—cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that those called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—since a death has taken place that redeems them from violations under the first covenant.

16 For where there is a covenant, the death of the one who made it must be established.

17 For a covenant is secured upon the basis of dead bodies, since it has no strength as long as the one who made it lives.

18 That is why not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the *Torah*, he took the blood of the calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and he sprinkled both the book itself and all the people.

20 He said, “This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you.”

21 And in the same way, he sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

22 And nearly everything is purified in blood according to the *Torah*, and apart from the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

23 Therefore it was necessary for the replicas of these heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices—but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Messiah did not enter into Holies made with hands—counterparts of the true things—but into heaven itself, now to appear in God’s presence on our behalf.

25 And He did not offer Himself again and again—as the *kohen gadol* enters into the Holy of Holies year after year with blood that is not his own.

26 For then He would have needed to suffer again and again from the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has been revealed once and for all at the close of the ages—to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this judgment,

28 so also Messiah, was offered once to bear the sins of many. He will appear a

second time, apart from sin, to those eagerly awaiting Him for salvation.

## Hebrews 10:1-25

### Perfect Pardon in the New Covenant

1 The *Torah* has a shadow of the good things to come—not the form itself of the realities. For this reason it can never, by means of the same sacrifices they offer constantly year after year, make perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers—cleansed once and for all—would no longer have consciousness of sins?

3 But in these sacrifices is a reminder of sins year after year—

4 for it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 So when Messiah comes into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for Me.

6 In whole burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not delight.

7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I come to do Your will, O God (in the scroll of the book it is written of Me).’”

8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin offerings You did not desire, nor did You delight in them” (those which are offered according to *Torah*),

9 then He said, “Behold, I come to do Your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second.

10 By His will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Messiah *Yeshua* once for all.

11 Indeed, every *kohen* stands day by day serving and offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.

12 But on the other hand, when this One offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God—

13 waiting from then on, until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those being made holy.

15 The *Ruach ha-Kodesh* also testifies to us—for after saying,

16 “This is the covenant that I will cut with them: ‘After those days,’ says *Adonai*, ‘I will put My *Torah* upon their hearts, and upon their minds I will write it,’” then He says,

17 “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Now where there is removal of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

‘Let Us Pray Boldly in God’s Presence

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have boldness to enter into the Holies by the blood of *Yeshua*.

20 He inaugurated a new and living way for us through the curtain—that is, His flesh.

21 We also have a *Kohen Gadol* over God’s household.

22 So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and body washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds.

25 And do not neglect our own meetings, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another—and all the more so as you see the Day approaching

