



Deuteronomy Chapter 17

The Law and Its Judges

Once again before we get started here this evening, I would just like to say welcome to everyone and thank you so very much for joining us for this study into the seventeenth chapter of the book of Deuteronomy which has everything to do with not just the law of Yehovah our Father in heaven but also the judges that he had put into place and the reverence and respect that the house of Israel was supposed to have for these judges.

If we will remember in Deuteronomy chapter 16 verses 18 through 20 Yehovah commanded the house of Israel to appoint judges and officers in all of their towns according to their tribes and these judges and officers were commanded to judge the people with righteous judgment. They were forbidden to pervert justice and they were forbidden to show partiality and they were forbidden to accept a bribe. And here in Deuteronomy chapter 17 we find an even deeper commandment concerning these judges and these officers.

As we read down through Deuteronomy chapter 17 were going to see the weight of authority that Yehovah God himself puts upon these judges and these officers that he has commanded the house of Israel to appoint within their towns and within their tribes. But it is also important that we understand that these judges were commanded to judge righteously. And again, they were not allowed to pervert justice or to show partiality or to accept a bribe because just as we are told in Deuteronomy chapter 16

verse 19 these things blind the eyes of the wise and subvert the cause of righteousness.

And therefore, these judges and these officers were held to a much higher standard because of the office that they held. But it wasn't only the judges and the officers that were given authority by Yehovah God... it was also the Kings of Israel that were given authority to rule and to reign over the house of Israel who were give a great deal of authority, and we'll talk more about that as we move forward through this study in just a few minutes.

And therefore, before we go any further let's open the books this evening and turn to Deuteronomy chapter 17 and let's read Deuteronomy chapter 17 for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it says just as importantly what it does not say. **Deuteronomy chapter 17 E1**

Deu 17:1 "You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep in which is a blemish, any defect whatever, for that is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Deu 17:2 "If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant,

Deu 17:3 and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden,

Deu 17:4 and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel,

Deu 17:5 then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones.

Deu 17:6 On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

Deu 17:7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

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Deu 17:8 "If any case arises requiring decision between one kind of homicide and another, one kind of legal right and another, or one kind of assault and another, any case within your towns that is too difficult for you, then you shall arise and go up to the place that the LORD your God will choose.

Deu 17:9 And you shall come to the Levitical priests and to the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall consult them, and they shall declare to you the decision.

Deu 17:10 Then you shall do according to what they declare to you from that place that the LORD will choose. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they direct you.

Deu 17:11 According to the instructions that they give you, and according to the decision which they pronounce to you, you shall do. You shall not turn aside from the verdict that they declare to you, either to the right hand or to the left.

Deu 17:12 The man who acts presumptuously by not obeying the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.

Deu 17:13 And all the people shall hear and fear and not act presumptuously again.

Laws Concerning Israel's Kings

Deu 17:14 "When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,'

Deu 17:15 you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

Deu 17:16 Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.'

Deu 17:17 And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

Deu 17:18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.

Deu 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,

Deu 17:20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

One of the very first things that we see here in Deuteronomy chapter 17 verse one is that no animal is to be sacrificed to Yehovah God if it has a blemish or any kind of defect whatsoever. If you were to sacrifice a defective animal or an animal with a blemish to Yehovah God that was not perfect... that was seen as an abomination to Yehovah God. Why?... Because anyone who would do such a thing would clearly not respect the divine authority of the creator of the heavens and the earth.

Today we have kings and prime ministers and presidents that rule over us in our modern-day societies and cultures. And no one would ever think of giving an earthly king or a prime minister or president a defective gift or gift with a blemish. And these are mere men. And therefore, to give a defective gift to the creator of the heavens and the earth would indeed be seen as an abomination to the creator of the heavens and the earth. You simply did not give God your second or third hand me downs when it came to offering sacrifices because it was seen as disrespectful, and in Yehovah God's eyes it was seen as an out right abomination.

Today our society and our culture has long forgotten a very important word within our English language. And that word is the word "respect".

Respect today seems to be a lost commodity within many of our communities. Today no one respects anything anymore. Even our history and those who have died so that we might have the freedoms that we have today are given no respect.

Today in our time the number of people who think that the world revolves around them and them alone is off the charts. And it is because of the loss of respect that people have for authority that lawlessness has indeed been increased and it is indeed because lawlessness has been increased that the love of many has indeed grown cold just as our Messiah warned us would happen in **Matthew chapter 24 verse 12 (scrn 1)**

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.



When we as a people no longer respect the law of the land and when the judges of the land do indeed pervert justice and show partiality and accept bribes... lawlessness clearly increases. And just as our Messiah tells us in the 20 fourth chapter of the book of Matthew because lawlessness will be increased... the love of many will grow cold.

Hate and malice for those who have no respect will continue to grow because good people find it difficult to love those who are a disrespectful menace to society. And hate and malice for those who do have respect will grow from those who respect nothing and hold nothing sacred at all because they believe it's all about them. And the devil knows this, and this is why he continues to gaslight both parties at every turn. The presidential address to the nation this week is a perfect example of lawlessness increasing and the love of many growing cold. We see it in the news and in politics each and every day.

And we're not just talking about God's law either. But we're also talking about the laws of men... that we are commanded to keep by the way...

as long as they do not dispute the law of Yehvoah God. And we should not think that the church today is exempt from this lawlessness either because I would submit to you that our God breathed Scriptures clearly condemn the apostate church today as being lawless because of the abominations that so many so-called early church fathers and rabbis and popes and bible commentators and doctors and charters of men have drug into what was supposed to be the house of God.

If I were to write a book today about our modern-day society and culture around the world the title of that book would surely be “The Generation That Increased Lawlessness”.

Everywhere we look today in our time we find lawlessness. We find disrespect for those of authority. We find disrespect for those who have died for our freedoms, we find disrespect for those who fight to protect us, disrespect for those who enforce the law, and an abundance of disrespect for those who teach the law, and disrespect for those who keep the law. And because of all of this disrespect for the law lawlessness has already been increased a hundredfold and this is exactly why the hearts of so many have indeed grown cold over time.

Even our children today have become disrespectful and almost animal like when it comes to respecting their parents and the grandparents and their teachers and those who have authority over them. Reports of teachers in our schools being beaten by students has become a national problem here in the United States. And there is very little pushback from the schools or the public because when the public goes to a town hall meeting to fight against what is going on within our school systems the parents who stand up for what is right are labeled terrorists by the Federal Bureau of investigation.

Once again lawlessness has been exponentially increasing in our time and because of this lawlessness... the hearts of many have already grown cold. Today in our time far too many appointed judges and officers do nothing but pervert justice. And depending upon which side

of the political landscape they may hail from, partiality has indeed become a way of life for them. And bribery seems to have become a national pastime for those with deep pockets and political persuasion.

The point that I am trying to stress here is that if we would have listened to what we were commanded from the beginning right here in the book of Deuteronomy back in the beginning of the Bible... we would not be witnessing this lawlessness and the hearts of so many growing cold.

Which brings us very nicely back to Deuteronomy chapter 17 versus two through seven **E1 SHOW ONLY**

Deu 17:2 "If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing his covenant,

Deu 17:3 and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden,

Deu 17:4 and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel,

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Deu 17:7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Here we are told that if anyone was found within the house of Israel doing evil in the site of Yehovah God and transgressing his covenant which does indeed mean that they are serving other gods... or if they were worshiping the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven that Yehovah God has forbidden... after verifying this wicked behavior on the evidence of two or three witnesses that person was to be stoned to death.

And I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment because I know that there are far too many false Christians out there today who believe nothing more than God is love and love is God... who think in their small minds that this kind of punishment is too excessive.

And the very reason that they think that this kind of punishment is excessive is because they have no respect for the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They have no respect for the creator of the heavens and the earth and they certainly have no fear of him which is indeed the beginning of wisdom.

Today in our time the church teaches nothing more than God is love and love is God. You see, to them it's all about how much God loves them and how precious that they are to God. But they give no thought to showing their love back to Yehovah God. They give no thought to the debt that they owe Yehovah God for extending the olive branch of his gift of salvation to them which he did not have to do by the way. **(scrn 2) show only**

The Biblical Deffinition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



Today's modern day denominational empires of men are so concerned with how special that they are and how precious that they are to God... and how much God loves them... that they have long forgotten the biblical definition of the love of God which is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us which is written by the apostle John in the New Testament by the way.

And once again... John was not talking about keeping the New Testament commandments because there was no New Testament at that time. The New Testament Scriptures would not be written or canonized for another 80 to 90 years after the death of the apostle John. And therefore, when John tells us in first John chapter 5 verse three that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us he was talking about the Old Testament commandments that were written in the Old Testament not the New.

You see, keeping the commandments of Yehovah God has become legalistic to the devil's church. Respect for the law of Yehovah God which is the spoken word of Yehovah God that our Messiah became in the flesh has become nonexistent as far as the church today is concerned.

As far as the church today is concerned Jesus did it all for them at the cross so they don't have to be bothered with anything. And the love of God that we read about right here in first John chapter 5 verse three has become nothing more than legalistic behavior for those who do not believe that their Jesus did it all for you at the cross so that you don't have to be bothered with his Father's commandments which is his law the very word that our Messiah became.

And therefore, I would like for us to contrast what we are reading in Deuteronomy chapters 16 and 17 and 18 with what is going on in the world today in our time.

What if... what if... we had obeyed these Scriptures found in Deuteronomy chapters 16 through 18 instead of becoming lawless?

If an evil person who worshiped another god or who burnt his son or his daughter as an offering to another god or who practiced divination or told fortunes or interpreted omens or became a sorcerer was stoned to death for their transgressions today in our time... do you suppose that this would strike the fear of God in the hearts of the people of Yehvoah God? Because I would submit to you that it certainly would. And I would contend that the very reason that so many are lawless today is because hardly anyone is held accountable to the law these days. We see it in the news over and over and over again where liberal minded judges who are far too partial to their political beliefs and accept bribes and pervert justice are all too quick to release the wicked back into society with no repercussions at all for their crimes. Today in our time in some liberal minded states you can walk into a store and literally steal up to \$1000 worth of goods and never spend a night in jail.

I tell you the truth... nothing has changed today in our time. The wicked may not be immediately stoned to death today in our time because we have no Temple on earth, no Levitical Priesthood and no God ordained court system but this does not mean that they are not going to die. Because I tell you the truth... the wicked will indeed die for their transgressions.

Those who do evil in the sight of Yehovah God will indeed be killed by the very Messiah that they claim to know and love but really don't know at all. And that may seem like a strong statement to make for those who have not read their Bibles. But I assure you that our Messiah will indeed kill the wicked for it is written; **(scrn 3)**

Isa 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

Isa 11:2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isa 11:3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear;

Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.



What we have just read here in Isaiah chapter 11 has everything to do with our Messiah who was the shoot that came forth from the stump of Jesse David's father. And just as the prophet Isaiah tells us in Isaiah chapter 11 verse four... with the breath of his lips our Messiah will indeed kill the wicked. And if there is still any doubt in your mind concerning the punishment of the wicked upon the return of our Messiah, I would simply point you to **Revelation chapter 2 verses 20 through 23 (scrn 4)**

Rev 2:20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

Rev 2:21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works,

Rev 2:23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.



As we have said so many times before so now we say again; when Yehovah God speaks something it becomes universal law. It cannot be changed nor will it be changed by any pastor, priest, Bishop, Pope, Rabbi, not by any Bible commentator, not by any early church father, not by the devil, and not by any angel, the word of Yehovah God does not come back to him empty. And in the end make no mistake about it my friends, the wicked will indeed perish and they will indeed perish in front of the righteous so that it can be seen that we do indeed serve a just Elohim who knows justice because he invented... justice.

And once again my friends, as we read down through Deuteronomy chapter 17 and we find this commandment to slay the wicked and to put them to death so that they cannot infiltrate the community we can be rest assured that this is exactly what is going to happen when our Messiah returns to the earth. When our Messiah gathers us together once again as Yehovah God's children and we are again loving Yehovah God by keeping his commandments and not allowing his commandments to become burdensome to us... there will be no wicked person living among us because the wicked will indeed be killed. And Yehovah God's

people will indeed live in peace and security because the wicked have been killed and will no longer exist. And just as the prophet Zechariah tells us in that day there shall no longer be a traitor in the house of Yehovah of hosts. Let's go read that in **Zechariah chapter 14 verses 16 through 21 E2**

Zec 14:16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.

Zec 14:17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

Zec 14:20 And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "Holy to the LORD." And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.

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Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Luk 16:17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void



Just as the prophet Zechariah tells us here in Zechariah chapter 14 when our Messiah returns the nations of the world will once again clearly understand that the law of Yehovah God has not passed away just as our Messiah told us that it would not pass away in both Matthew chapter 5 and again in Luke chapter 16. In fact, according to the prophet Zechariah right here in Zechariah chapter 14 any of the nations of the earth that do not go up to celebrate the feast of booths also known as Tabernacles will receive no rain on them. Why? Because just as it is written in both the Old Testament and New Testament when our Messiah returns, he will smash these nations like clay pots and he will rule over them with a rod of iron.

And therefore, let us not be so foolish as to think that the wicked are not going to be destroyed in the end. Just because we as God's people are scattered among the nations and we no longer have a temple or a godly judicial system or the Levitical priesthood to turn to, this does not mean that the wicked are not going to perish.

Once again, we no longer have an earthly temple or a high priest or

Levitical priesthood or God ordained judges to turn to here on this earth in order to establish whether or not someone is guilty of worshipping another God or doing wicked things within our communities. But this does not change the fate of the wicked. And things will indeed change upon the return of our Messiah make no mistake about it not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture.

And so, once again, as we have said so many times before, once our Father in heaven speaks something it becomes universal law and it will indeed come to pass make no mistake about it. **E3 SHOW ONLY**

Deu 17:6 On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

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But I also want us to notice here in Deuteronomy chapter 17 verses 6 through 13 that before anyone was to be stoned to death there had to be evidence that was presented by at least two or three witnesses. And I also want us to notice that according to Deuteronomy chapter 17 verse seven that it was the hand of the witness that was to be the first one to cast the first stone. And this goes right back to what our Messiah said in John chapter 8 when the rabbinical Pharisees brought him a woman who they said had been caught in adultery. Once again, we do not see two or three witnesses being presented in John chapter 8 by the rabbinical Pharisees which once again points to them as being lawless. And this is exactly why our Messiah tells them in John chapter 8 to let him who is without sin be the first to cast a stone at her. And of course, they all dropped their stones and walked away.

Once again, it's important to understand that the law has not passed away according to our Messiah. And it is because the law has not passed away that we still need a savior today. We still need a Passover Lamb, and the blood of that innocent lamb to cover our sinful heads. If the law has been done away with then no-one would need the Son of God to atone for their sins!

However... something within the law did indeed change upon the arrival of our Messiah because you see, our Messiah was given the power to forgive sin. And the depiction of the woman who had been caught in adultery according to the Pharisees in John chapter 8 is a perfect example of Yehovah God's unfolding plan of salvation for mankind and how the law does still stand today in our time.

Today in our time if a sinner who has been walking in sin which means someone who is lawless... willfully and intentionally decides to repent in the name of Yeshua the only begotten Son of Yehovah God... that sinner can indeed be forgiven by the only begotten Son of God who was given the power by his Father to forgive sin. And therefore, there now an alternative to stoning someone paying the death penalty for their sins.

It should be made clear that when we say that the wicked will be destroyed, we are talking about the willful and intentional wicked who have heard the gospel message of Yehovah God and willfully and intentionally decided to reject that gospel message that was established in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15.

These are the wicked that will indeed perish, these are the wicked that will indeed be killed by the very breath of our Messiah who was given the authority to judge over us all. **E4 SHOW ONLY**

The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

Psa 2:1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

Psa 2:3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Psa 2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Psa 2:5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

Psa 2:6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Psa 2:7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Psa 2:9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Psa 2:10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Psa 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

The most important judge that we have today is much more than a simple judge but rather a King who has been set over us as Yehovah God's people just as Yehovah God had prophesied all throughout the Old Testament. Yehovah God has indeed set his king in Zion on his holy hill

and he has indeed said to him and I quote, “You are my Son today I have begotten you. Ask of me and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession and you shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Now therefore oh kings be wise, be warned, all rulers of the earth. Serve Yehovah with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son lest he be angry and you perish in the way for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

What we need to understand is that our Father in heaven has more patience than any man or angel. **Second Peter chapter 3 verses eight and nine (scrn 6)**

2Pe 3:8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



Our Father in heaven knows that he has scattered us among the nations. He knows the atmosphere and the culture and the society that we are forced to now live in. But he is patient in waiting to see how long it takes for us to get sick and tired of living in sin. He is patiently waiting to see how many of his children will choose to willfully and intentionally turn back and seek his face and returned to where they

belong. **E5 SHOW ONLY**

2Pe 3:4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

2Pe 3:5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,

2Pe 3:6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

2Pe 3:7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

And just as Peter tells us in 2nd Peter chapter 3, scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing following their own sinful desires. And they will say where is the promise of his coming for ever since the fathers fell asleep all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation". But just as Peter tells us, they deliberately overlook the fact that the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word... the heavens and the earth that now exist are stored up for fire being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

And therefore, let us not be fooled into thinking that the law of Yehovah God has somehow been turned into a curse by the sorcery of men. And let us not be fooled into thinking that what we are reading about right here in Deuteronomy chapter 17 is not going to take place upon the return of our Messiah because I tell you the truth, these things will come full circle and the wicked after being given the opportunity to repent will indeed be killed if they do not repent just as they were stoned back in the days of Moses... they will once again meet their end just the same.

According to all the major prophets Yehovah God's people will be brought full-circle back to Yehovah God where he intended them to be in

the first place and Yehovah God's word will not return to him empty in the end. And just as we are told... a day is as a thousand years to our Father in heaven. And therefore, we should not think that time works for him the same way that time works for us. But this does not mean by any stretch of the imagination that the spoken word of Yehovah God will not be completely and utterly fulfilled in his good time. **E6 SHOW ONLY**

Laws Concerning Israel's Kings

Deu 17:14 "When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,'

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Deu 17:16 Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.'

Deu 17:17 And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

Deu 17:18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.

Deu 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,

Deu 17:20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Which brings us very nicely to Deuteronomy chapter 17 verses 14 through 20 where the house of Israel is told that they may indeed set a king over them whom Yehovah would choose. And I want us to pay close attention to Deuteronomy chapter 17 verse 15 because according to the spoken word of Yehovah this King must be one from among the brothers of the house of Israel. In other words... If this person is not one of their brothers from among the house of Israel, this person cannot be set as a king over the house of Israel. And this is exactly why it is written

in Deuteronomy chapter 18 that our Messiah is likened unto Moses. You see, Yehvoah God had already promised the house of Israel to raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers. **Deuteronomy chapter 18 verses 15 through 19 E7**

A New Prophet like Moses

Deu 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

Deu 18:16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deu 18:19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Just as we are told here in the very next chapter of Deuteronomy in Deuteronomy chapter 18 the Messiah of Israel could not be anyone else other than someone who was a brother that came from the house of Israel. And this is exactly why our Father in heaven chose his faithful servant David who was the head of the tribe of Judah to bring forth this profit from. **Second Samuel chapter 7 verses 12 through 17 E8**

2Sa 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,

2Sa 7:15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

2Sa 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

2Sa 7:17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

As we can see here in second Samuel chapter 7 our Father in heaven was literally keeping his own law. He promised Moses that he was going to raise up a prophet like Moses himself who would be the one true mediator between God and man. And right here in second Samuel chapter 7 we find out which of the brothers among the house of Israel that Yehovah God was going to bring forth this man from that he would set as king on his holy hill in Zion. (scrn 7) **SHOW ONLY**

David Shall Never Lack A Man To Sit On The Throne of Israel!

Jer 33:17 “For thus says the LORD: **David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,**
Jer 33:18 and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.”

Yeshua uses the phrase "Son of Man" over 83 times in the new Testament to describe himself!



And this is exactly why it is written in Jeremiah chapter 33 that David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel and the Levitical priest shall never lack a man in his presence to offer burnt offerings and to bring grain offerings and to make sacrifices forever. And once again the major prophets clearly tell us that the sons of Zadok who are the Levitical descendants will once again serve Yehovah God at his temple during the 1000 year millennial reign of our Messiah. And we can read about that in **Ezekiel chapter 44 verses 10 through 16 (scrn 9)**

Eze 44:10 But the Levites who went far from me, going astray from me after their idols when Israel went astray, shall bear their punishment.

Eze 44:11 They shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the temple and ministering in the temple. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before the people, to minister to them.

Eze 44:12 Because they ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn concerning them, declares the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their punishment.

Eze 44:13 They shall not come near to me, to serve me as priest, nor come near any of my holy things and the things that are most holy, but they shall bear their shame and the abominations that they have committed.

Eze 44:14 Yet I will appoint them to keep charge of the temple, to do all its service and all that is to be done in it.

Rules for Levitical Priests

Eze 44:15 "But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from me, shall come near to me to minister to me. And they shall stand before me to offer me the fat and the blood, declares the Lord GOD.

Eze 44:16 They shall enter my sanctuary, and they shall approach my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my charge.

And I bring these things to our attention so that we will know without a shadow of a doubt that Yehovah God is going to bring things back full circle to where he intended them to be in the beginning.

What we are reading about in the book of Deuteronomy is going to come full circle in the end. And this is exactly why it is written that our Father in heaven teaches us the end from the beginning. Everything concerning our Father in heaven and his word is reciprocal just as his love is supposed to be reciprocal. **(scrn 8) SHOW ONLY**

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



If we truly do love him, then we will understand the biblical definition of the love of God according to first John chapter 5 verse three which clearly tells us in the New Testament that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. That is the biblical definition of the love of God. And I tell you the truth my friends, those who do not understand the biblical definition of the love of God will not enter into the kingdom of God. Not says I, but says our God read Scripture. (scrn 9) **SHOW ONLY**

Those Who Yeshua (Jesus) Does Not Know...

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.**’



And just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 7, you can call Jesus your Lord all day long but that does not mean that you are getting into his kingdom. Our Messiah tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 7 verse 21 that the only one who is getting into his Father's kingdom is the one who is doing the will of his Father. And there are going to be all kinds of people who were going to claim that they prophesied in his name and that they cast out demons in his name and that they did all kinds of works in his name but he's going to turn to these people and tell them that he never knew them. And why is he going to tell them that he never knew them? He's going to tell them that he never knew them because they are workers of lawlessness, iniquity, which is "ANOMIA" in the Greek which clearly means "lawless". **E0 SHOW ONLY**

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Israel.

And this is exactly why we read in Deuteronomy chapter 17 verse 18 that when a king of Israel sat as king over Israel, he was supposed to write for himself a copy of the Torah that was to be approved by the Levitical priests so that that book of the law would be with him all the days of his life and so that he would remember to fear Yehovah God by keeping his law and his statutes so that his heart would not be lifted up above his brothers and so that he may not turn aside from the commandment.

The problem is that many of the kings of Israel did not follow this commandment and this is exactly why they fell. But this should not be shocking to us because our Father promised that he would indeed bring forth a new king from the very body of David to sit upon the throne of David forever. And that King has indeed been placed in Zion on his holy hill. His name is Yeshua Hamashiach and he is the only begotten Son of God Son of David Son of Abraham.

And with that being said, I think we will close Deuteronomy chapter 17 for this evening and pick up where we left off next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard Time.

But before we do, I will do as I always do and ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened unto you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.