

Parshah Insights 2021

Parshah: Ki Teitzei

(Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19)

Q: What is the theme of this *parshah*?

A: Respect for Others

WAR

(21:10)

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Fear of God

WAR

(25:17-19)

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Numbers 11.4-6

Now the rabble that was among them cultivated a craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had flesh to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Three Severe Rebukes:

- 1 **Ephesus** - Left their 1st LOVE - 2x "Repent"
(Rev. 2:1-7)
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- 2 **Sardis** - Dead - 1x "Repent"
(Rev. 3:1-6)
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- 3 **Lodicea** - Lukewarm - 1x "Repent"
(Rev. 3:14-22)

Choices

- A) Defeat Amalek B) Surrender

Galatians 5:13-17

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Torah is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the spirit, and the desires of the spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Romans 8:5-7

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit set their minds on the things of the spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the spirit is life and peace. **For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's Torah; indeed, it cannot.**

Restoring What is Lost

Deut. 22:1-3

Discussion Questions:

- Read and discuss the battle against Amalek. (Exodus 17:8-16)
 - We can either surrender to Amalek or defeat him. What does surrender to Amalek look like? What does defeat of Amalek look like?
 - Think of an incident in your own life when your flesh wanted one thing and you knew that God wanted another. How did things turn out? (Share, if appropriate.)
 - Why were the Israelites to be kind to Egypt (23:7-8) but not to Amalek?
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NOTES:

Deut. 21:10 “When you go out to war against your enemies..”

Deut. 25:17-19 “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God. Therefore when Adonai your God has given you rest from all your enemies around you, in the land that Adonai your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.”

When what we don't have becomes “something” in our minds, then what we do have becomes “nothing” in our eyes.

2 Timothy 3:1-7 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power. Avoid such men as these. For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Deut. 23:7-8 You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were a sojourner in his land. Children born to them in the third generation may enter the assembly of Adonai.

1 Revelation 2:4-5 [Ephesus] “But I have this against you, that you abandoned your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent**, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you **repent.**”

2 Revelation 3:1-3 [Sardis] “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and **repent.** If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

3 Revelation 3:15-20 [Laodicea] “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.”

Luke 19:9-10 And Yeshua said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”