

**Parashah 30 K'doshim (Holy People)**

**K'doshim (Holy People): {Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27}**

**Haftorah: Yechezk'el (Ezekiel 20:2-20)**

***B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah***

*1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10; John 10:27; John 15:9-10*

*Ephesians 4:11-16; Ephesians 4:29-30; Ephesians 4:17-28; Matthew 3:1-2*

***This week's portion is from Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27***

(Bold, Underlining and Italics added for emphasize)

{NKJV-New King James Version, CJB-Complete Jewish Bible, TEV-Today's English Version}

*Our Prayer today*, for understanding of G-d's word with His promises and requirements for us:

**Psalm 86:11,6 (NKJV)** "<sup>6</sup>*Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer*; and attend to the voice of my supplications...<sup>11</sup>*teach me your way, O LORD*; I will walk in your truth; *unite my heart* to fear your name."

Today's Portion begins with a command from G-d Almighty to His people, Israel. This command as we will see is still what G-d desires and applies to us today as part of the Body of Yeshua.

**Leviticus 19:1-2 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: *'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.*

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

א. וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

2. Speak to the entire congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

ב. דַּבֵּר אֶל כָּל עֵדַת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם: קְדוֹשִׁים תְּהִיוּ כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

Before we continue, let us look at the definitions for the word Holy as sometimes today it is misunderstood.

Miriam-Webster Dictionary: (bold and or italics added for emphasize):

- 1: ***exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness (G-d is)***
- 2: divine <for the Lord our God is *holy* — Psalms 99:9
- 3: ***devoted entirely to the deity or the work of the deity*** <a *holy* temple> <*holy* prophets>
- 4: a: having a divine quality <*holy* love>
- b: venerated as or as if sacred <*holy* scripture> <a *holy* relic>

Strong's Concordance: (bold and or italics added for emphasize):

Hagios (Greek): **sacred, holy**; Original Word: ἅγιος, ἴα, ον; Part of Speech: Adjective

Transliteration: hagios; Phonetic Spelling: (hag'-ee-os)

Short Definition: ***set apart, holy, sacred***

Definition: ***set apart by (or for) God, holy, sacred.***

HELPS Word-studies (bold and or italics added for emphasize):

Hágios (Greek) – properly, ***different (unlike), other ("otherness")***, holy; **For the Believer:** (hágios) means "*likeness of nature with the Lord*" because "*different from the world.*"

The fundamental (core) meaning of (*hágios*) is "***different***" – thus a temple in the 1st century was *hagios* ("holy") because *different* from other buildings (Wm. Barclay). In the NT, *hágios* ("holy") **has the "technical" meaning "different from the world" because "like the Lord."** (*hágios*) implies something "**set apart**" and therefore "***different (distinguished/distinct)***" – i.e. "other," because *special* to the Lord.

We are learning: **ONLY G-D'S WAY OF COMING INTO HIS PRESENCE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE?**

Continuing, G-d repeats as He does many times some basic tenants of being able to approach Him:

**Leviticus 19:3-4 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> 'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and **keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.** <sup>4</sup> *'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD your God.*

3. Every man shall fear his mother and his father, and you shall observe My Sabbaths. I am the Lord, your God.

ג. איש אָמוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ וְאֵת שַׁבָּתֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ  
אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

4. You shall not turn to the worthless idols, nor shall you make molten deities for yourselves. I am the Lord, your God.

ד. אַל תִּפְּגֹנוּ אֶל הָאֱלִילִים וְאֱלֹהֵי מִסְכָּה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

Next G-d addresses the offering of a sacrifice, this time specifically a peace offering and makes it clear there is a proper way of making an offering to Him and motive or the matter of the heart is key along with G-d's prescribed ways:

**Leviticus 19:5 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> 'And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, *you shall offer it of your own free will.*

**Leviticus 19:5 (CJB)** <sup>5</sup> "'When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to Adonai, *offer it in a way that will make you accepted.*

5. When you slaughter a peace offering to the Lord, you shall slaughter it for your acceptance.

ה. וְכִי תִזְבַּחוּ זֶבַח שְׁלָמִים לַיהוָה לְרִצְוֹנְכֶם  
תִּזְבְּחֶהוּ:

Keep in mind the following scripture as it shows the consequences of improperly following G-d's desires and commands. While this talks of the in the physical sacrifice made by Israel, it still applies in principal to us today. It applies through the spiritual connection we now have with G-d through Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ. Today our offerings of sacrifice and work to G-d can become unacceptable to Him if done with impure motives and the wrong motives from the heart.

**Leviticus 19:6-8 (NKJV)** <sup>6</sup> It shall be eaten the same day you offer *it*, and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire. <sup>7</sup> *And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination. It shall not be accepted.* <sup>8</sup> *Therefore everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the hallowed offering of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people.*

**Leviticus 19:6-8 (CJB)** <sup>6</sup> It is to be eaten the same day you offer it and the following day; but if any of it remains until the third day, it is to be burned up completely. <sup>7</sup> *If any of it is eaten on the third day, it will have become a disgusting thing and will not be accepted;* <sup>8</sup> *moreover, everyone who eats it will bear the consequences of profaning something holy meant for Adonai — that person will be cut off from his people.*

**Leviticus 19:6-8 (TEV)** <sup>6</sup> The meat must be eaten on the day the animal is killed or on the next day. Any meat left on the third day must be burned, <sup>7</sup> *because it is ritually unclean, and if anyone eats it, I will not accept the offering.* <sup>8</sup> *Any who eat it will be guilty of treating as ordinary what is dedicated to me, and they will no longer be considered my people.*

6. It may be eaten on the day you slaughter it and on the morrow, but anything left over until the third day, shall be burned in fire.

ו. ביום זבחהם יאכל וממחרת והגותר עד יום השלישי באש ישרף:

7. And if it would be eaten on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.

ז. ואם האכל יאכל ביום השלישי פגול הוא לא ירצה:

8. And whoever eats it shall bear his sin, because he has profaned what is holy to the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from his people.

ח. ואכליו עונו ישא כי את קדש יהוה חלל ונכרתה הנפש ההוא מעמיה:

Chapter nineteen continues with a long list of do's and do not's. These are commands, which deal with our relationships to one another, the land, not to eat blood and few things some, even professing Christians think is okay to do. Let's look at a couple of these that tend to be overlooked or conveniently forgotten today. G-d does not mince His words, so these are self-explanatory!

**Leviticus 19:28 (NKJV)** <sup>28</sup> You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, *nor tattoo any marks on you*: I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 19:28 (CJB)** <sup>28</sup> Don't cut gashes in your flesh when someone dies *or tattoo yourselves*; I am Adonai.

**Leviticus 19:28 (TEV)** <sup>28</sup> *or tattoo yourselves* or cut gashes in your body to mourn for the dead. I am the LORD.

28. You shall not make cuts in your flesh for a person [who died]. You shall not etch a tattoo on yourselves. I am the Lord.

כח. ושרט לנפש לא תתנו בבשרכם וכתבת קעקע לא תתנו בכם אני יהוה:

**Leviticus 19:30 (NKJV)** <sup>30</sup> *'You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary*: I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 19:30 (CJB)** <sup>30</sup> *“Keep my Shabbats, and revere my sanctuary*; I am Adonai.

**Leviticus 19:30 (TEV)** <sup>30</sup> *Keep the Sabbath, and honor the place where I am worshiped*. I am the LORD.

30. You shall observe My Sabbaths and revere My Sanctuary. I am the Lord.

ל. את שבתתי תשמרו ומקדשי תיראו אני יהוה:

Here is a very interesting item concerning respect and treatment:

**Leviticus 19:32 (NKJV)** <sup>32</sup> You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 19:32 (CJB)** <sup>32</sup> *“Stand up in the presence of a person with gray hair, show respect for the old; you are to fear your God; I am Adonai.*

**Leviticus 19:32 (TEV)** <sup>32</sup> "Show respect for old people and honor them. Reverently obey me; I am the LORD.

32. You shall rise before a venerable person and you shall respect the elderly, and you shall fear your God. I am the Lord.

לב. מפני שיבה תקום והדרתפני זקן ויראת מאלהיך אני יהוה:

G-d continues to give some very specific commands about sex relations and relationships in chapter twenty and continues to command his people (means us today also) about being "holy" or "set apart" from the world.

**Leviticus 19:37 (NKJV) <sup>37</sup> 'Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them: I am the LORD.' "**

37. You shall observe all My statutes and all My ordinances, and fulfill them. I am the Lord.

לז. ושמרתם את כל חקתי ואת כל משפטי ועשיתם אתם אני יהוה:

**Leviticus 20:7-8 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the LORD who sanctifies you.**

7. You shall sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I am the Lord, your God.

ז. והתקדשתם והייתם קדשים בי אני יהוה אלהיכם:

8. And you shall observe My statutes and fulfill them. I am the Lord, Who sanctifies you.

ח. ושמרתם את חקתי ועשיתם אתם אני יהוה מקדשכם:

**Leviticus 20:22-23 (NKJV) <sup>22</sup> 'You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. <sup>23</sup> And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation, which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.**

22. And you shall observe all My statutes and all My ordinances, and fulfill them, then the Land, to which I am bringing you to dwell therein, will not vomit you out.

כב. ושמרתם את כל חקתי ואת כל משפטי ועשיתם אתם ולא תקיא אתכם הארץ אשר אני מביא אתכם שמה לשבת בה:

23. You shall not follow the practices of the nation that I am sending away from before you, for they committed all these [sins], and I was disgusted with them.

כג. ולא תלכו בחקות הגוי אשר אני משלח מפניכם כי את כל אלה עשו ואקץ בם:

**Leviticus 20:26 (NKJV) <sup>26</sup> And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.**

26. And you shall be holy to Me, for I, the Lord, am holy, and I have distinguished you from the peoples, to be Mine.

כו. והייתם לי קדשים כי קדוש אני יהוה ואבדל אתכם מן העמים להיות לי:

**See it yet?** G-d has set His standards for behavior in order to draw near to Him. This has not changed, even for us today. G-d's way is the only way we can have the salvation he provided through the sacrifice of His only begotten Son, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ. Yeshua said He did not come to abolish the "Law" (G-d's expectations and requirements for our behavior), but to fulfill it. And this He did, as the repetitive need for sacrifices for forgiveness was taken care of "once and for all time" and the sentences for disobedience to G-d's Laws was taken from the spiritual leaders and taken back over by G-d and His Son, our Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus. These were nailed to the cross with him.

**Remember this, as G-d does not change and what He described as abominable, disgusting, etc. to Him and would bring His wrath and punishment is not now nor ever acceptable to Him. Give some serious thought when you think the standards of G-d, which He gave to us through Israel and the Law given to them is no longer valid.**

## *Haftarah - Prophets*

### *Yechezk'el (Ezekiel 20:2-20)*

This week's Haftarah tells of G-d's repeated reminders to observe the commandments, keep the Shabbat and flee from idol worship and is reflective of this week's Torah portion, which discusses many commandments, including the obligation to sanctify the Shabbat and reject idolatry.

**Ezekiel 20:2-4 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Have you come to inquire of Me? *As I live,*" says the Lord GOD, "I will not be inquired of by you." ' <sup>4</sup> Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them?* Then make known to them the abominations of their fathers.

The prophet Ezekiel transmit G-d's message, reminding the Jews how He chose them as His nation, how He took them out of Egypt and promised to take them to the Holy Land. In Egypt, G-d dispatched a prophet who exhorted the Jews to abandon their idols, yet they did not do so.

**Ezekiel 20:5-9 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day when I chose Israel and raised My hand in an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, I raised My hand in an oath to them, saying, 'I *am* the LORD your God.' <sup>6</sup> On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, 'flowing with milk and honey,' the glory of all lands. <sup>7</sup> **Then I said to them, 'Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.'** <sup>8</sup> **But they rebelled against Me and would not obey Me.** They did not all cast away the abominations, which were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. **Then I said, 'I will pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.'** <sup>9</sup> **But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles among whom they were, in whose sight I had made Myself known to them,** to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

He then gave them laws and statutes, including that of the observance of Shabbat as a sign between Him and His people.

**Ezekiel 20:11-14 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> **And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them.'** <sup>12</sup> Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies them. <sup>13</sup> **Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they despised My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them'; and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths.** Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. <sup>14</sup> **But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out.**

The prophet goes on to mention G-d's punishment of the Jews in the desert, namely that they did not enter the Holy Land. He then admonishes the children not to follow their fathers' ways, but to observe the laws and to sanctify the Shabbat.

**Ezekiel 20:17-20 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> Nevertheless My eye spared them from destruction. I did not make an end of them in the wilderness. <sup>18</sup> "But I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols. <sup>19</sup> I *am* the LORD your God: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; <sup>20</sup> hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD your God.'

## ***B'rit Hadashah – New Testament***

***1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10; John 10:27; John 15:9-10***

***Ephesians 4:11-16; Ephesians 4:29-30;***

***Ephesians 4:17-28; Matthew 3:1-2***

**Time to review and summarize this week's teaching and study.**

This week's Parashah the focuses on the most important attribute of god Almighty, HIS HOLINEES. Not only is G-d HOLY, but he has given the command for His people to be "Holy" also! If you don't consider yourself as one of "His People" through Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ, then this would not apply to you. However if you are one of "G-d's People" through and in Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ, then this is important and applies to you also!

The Apostle Peter reemphasized this commandment, G-d's words (quoting from none other than the "old testament", the "Law"):

**1 Peter 1:13-16 (NKJV)** <sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> ***as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."***

It obviously clear and concise Peter knew and gave this as a command for all believers, not just for the Jews, but also for those "grafted in" by the sacrifice of Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Peter also paralleled the calling G-d gave to Israel in Exodus 19:6 when addressing the believers in his lifetime. He was referencing not only that calling but the calling after accepting Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ:

**1 Peter 2:9-10 (NKJV)** <sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, ***His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*** <sup>10</sup> ***who once were not a people but are now the people of God,*** who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

The commandments in Leviticus echo the 10 Commandments. In fact you could consider the 10 Commandments the table of contents to G-d's requirements and commands (the Law), spelled out in specific detail through out the Torah several times.

Therefore we have the requirement to keep the standard of holiness that G-d Almighty set for us in the commandments expounded on and laid out for everyone, Jew and Gentile, in Torah (the five books of Moses). By following god's blueprint to be holy as He requires, we become people set apart for "holiness" and we will reflect the glory and Holiness of G-d Almighty and His son given to us for our salvation!!

Lip service, declarations of service and faith alone do not mean you are living a "holy lifestyle" or in

other words a "set apart lifestyle", a "lifestyle different or separate from the world". To achieve the holiness defined by G-d Almighty, Israel would have to observe and obey G-d's Torah, His commandments.

Knowing that Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ is the Word of G-d made flesh. Yeshua obeyed the Torah flawlessly and is our example. He was and is HOLY!

**John 10:27 (NKJV)** <sup>27</sup> *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

**John 15:9-10 (NKJV)** <sup>9</sup> *"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.*

We become an imitator of Christ by following Him and keeping His commandments and the result is that we reflect His character and His Holiness. By doing so, we become "a light to the world", just as Yeshua, Jesus is a "light". We can only accomplish this in UNITY with other believers for then we truly are the "the body of Messiah". Then we will become in practice what we have been declared to be:

**Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints *for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,* <sup>13</sup> *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;* <sup>14</sup> **that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,** <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

While today because of the cleansing blood of Yeshua, Jesus, the Spirit dwells within us and we have been declared holy, we still must work our holiness in order to be that light to those who do not know Him and so we do not "grieve" the Spirit within us.

**Ephesians 4:29-30 (NKJV)** <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,** by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Just as we have been learning in Leviticus, the commands of G-d are to be separate from the ungodly nations in appearance, practices and worship. Again teaching the new believers (Jew and Gentile) the commandments of G-d Almighty, the Torah, the Law is quoted, actually a little paraphrased to drive home the point leading to the above scriptural teaching in Ephesians:

**Ephesians 4:17-28 (NKJV)** <sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. <sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> **if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:** <sup>22</sup> **that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,** <sup>23</sup> **and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,** <sup>24</sup> **and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.** <sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are

members of one another. <sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

## *Closing:*

It is easy to see that we have strayed far from the goals of G-d Almighty for our lives. We see Israel did not remain separate from the nations. The people of Ephraim were exiled into the nations and completely lost their identity as a set apart people, a holy people. The Levitical priesthood had become profane and corrupted by the time of Yeshua, Jesus. John the Baptist, a son of a Levite, separated himself from the corrupt system, living in the seclusion of the wilderness. G-d Almighty choose and gave John the Baptist a mission and a message:

*Matthew 3:1-2 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*

John the Baptist was warning the corrupted religious leaders of the corrupted religious systems of that day to return to the ways of TORAH. In other words, return to the commands of G-d Almighty, return to the commanded "holiness". John's mission and message as given by G-d, prepared the way for the first coming of the Messiah. *Now as priests of the order of Melchizedek, those of us whose eyes have been opened to the truth of G-d's will, His commands, His requirements, His TORAH must also call out with the same message as preparation for the second coming of our Messiah!*

***REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!***

***RETURN TO TORAH, RETURN TO G-D'S BLUEPRINT FOR LIFE AND HOLINESS!***

***FOR INDEED THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!***

***YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE WORD,***

***FOR THE WORD TO BE IN YOU!***

***Shabbat Shalom, G-d Bless and Keep you!***

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