

**Deuteronomy 16****Key Verse:** v.16**Key Word:** *choose* – v.6**X-Ref:** *Luke 2:41***Paraphrase:** *Moses reminds them to keep these three feasts once a year and that God would be changing the location of worship.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) When was Passover celebrated and why? *The month of Abib because this was the month that God brought them out of Egypt* – v.1.
- 2) When was the feast of weeks celebrated? *Seven weeks after “the sickle is first put to the standing grain.”* – v.9.
- 3) What does a bribe do? *“Blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous* – v.19.
- 4) Word Study: Asherah – v.21 (ESV) *“A tree or pole that was used to worship the goddess Asherah. This was a cult object. This cult was a major problem among the Israelites* – IVP Bible Background Commentary.

**Deuteronomy 17****Key Verse:** v.19**Key Word:** *“not acquired”* – vs.16-17**X-Ref:** *1Kings 10:26; 11:1-8***Paraphrase:** *A warning not to worship idols and the punishment for those who do. Instructions are given for the kings of Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) If a man or woman was caught worshipping a false god what should happen to them? *Stoned to death* – v.5.
- 2) Could a man claim that his neighbor worshipped idols and have him put to death based upon that testimony alone? *No, there had to be two or three witnesses.* – v.6.
- 3) If a person decided that they disagreed with the priest or judge that heard their case and didn't obey the ruling, what did God command should happen? *They must be put to death* – v.12.
- 4) What three things were Kings of Israel not to acquire much of? *Horses, wives, gold, and silver* – vs.16-17.

**Deuteronomy 18****Key Verse:** v.15**Key Word:** *Prophet* – v.15.**X-Ref:** *Acts 3:22; 7:37; John 6:14***Paraphrase:** *A reminder of their responsibilities to the Levites. Moses warns them to avoid behaving in the way that the inhabitants of the land did, which caused them to be removed. A test of a true prophet is explained.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Why was God driving out the inhabitants of the land of Canaan? *Because of the abominations that they did in the land* – v.12.
- 2) God promised that He would “raise up” what? *A prophet like Moses* – v.15.
- 3) What was the test of a true prophet? *If what he prophesied came true* – v.22.

**Deuteronomy 19****Key Verse:** v.21; vs.9-10**Key Word:** *unintentional* – v.4**X-Ref:** *1John 3:15***Paraphrase:** *Moses gives instructions regarding the cities of refuge. They are also told how to deal with false witnesses.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) As God increased the size of the land that Israel was inheriting, how many cities of refuge would they ultimately have? *A total of six.* – vs.3 & 7.
- 2) If a man killed his neighbor that he hated by waiting in hiding and striking him dead, then fled to a city of refuge, what would happen? *The elders of his city would return him to his city and to the avenger of blood.* - vs.11-13.
- 3) If a man maliciously accuses his neighbor of a crime and it was found by the judge that he had given false testimony, what would happen? *“then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.”* Deuteronomy 19:19

**Deuteronomy 20****Key Verse:** vs.17-18**Key Word:** *war* – v.1

**X-Ref:** *Joshua 6:4-5*

**Paraphrase:** *This is a record of laws concerning warfare.*

**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List the reasons why a man might go home instead of going to war. (1) *New house* (2) *New Vineyard* (3) *New wife* (4) *fearful or faint-hearted* – vs.5-8.
- 2) What was the difference between the cities that God commanded all the males to be killed and those He commanded “you shall save alive nothing that breathes”? *The cities that they were to kill all the males and spoil the rest were outside of the promised land. Inside the promised land they were commanded to destroy everything.* – vs.13-16.
- 3) What command did God give regarding fruit trees? *They could not be cut down during a siege* – vs.19-20.

**Deuteronomy 21**

**Key Verse:** v.9; v.21

**Key Word:** *purge, guilt* – v.9

**X-Ref:** *Galatians 3:13*

**Paraphrase:** *This chapter is about atoning for guilt and purging guilt and evil from Israel.*

**Examining the Text:**

- 1) If a heifer’s neck was broken by the priests in a valley with a running stream, then the elders of that city washed their hands over it, what action are they atoning for? *A murder for which they have no suspect* – vs.1-9.
- 2) What portion of the inheritance was the right of all firstborns? *A double portion* – vs.15-17.
- 3) What reason is given for the severity of the punishment for a disobedient son? *“...all Israel shall hear and fear.”* – v.22. *This sin was a danger to the community.*

**Deuteronomy 22**

**Key Verse:** v.22

**Key Word:** *ignore* – v.1; *Lying with* – v.22

**X-Ref:** *John 8:1-11; Genesis 4:9*

**Paraphrase:** *Various laws are given followed by laws concerning sexual immorality.*

**Examining the Text:**

- 1) List some of the things that God tells Israel that they were not allowed to do. (1) *Women wear a man’s garment and vice-versa* (2) *Eat a mother bird and her eggs* (3) *Sow two types of seeds in one field* (4) *Plow a field with an ox and a donkey* (5) *Wear clothes with wool and linen mixed.*
- 2) Under what 2 circumstances would a man not be allowed to ever divorce his wife? *If he had accused her of not being a virgin when they married and then been proven wrong. And if a man seizes a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, he would be forced to marry her and could never divorce her* – v.29.
- 3) The punishment for sexual sins was often what? *Death* – v.22.