

Shoftim 8/19/23
Judges
Deut. 16:18 – 21:9.

- I. This Parsha is extremely significant to our day by reason of, its' title 'Shoftim' – translated as 'Judges'. It lays the fundamental groundwork for how the Nation of Israel was to govern itself. In addition, these Laws became the bedrock for what is known today as "COMMON LAW". *Common Law is defined as 'a body of unwritten laws based on previous court decisions'* also known as precedent and is separate from Codes and Statutes, i.e. Civil law! Moreover, the vast majority of the Body of National and International Common Laws were indeed predicated upon these Biblical Standards being discussed here in Shoftim!

For arguments sake, were we to revisit the previous Parsha and continue into the current one we would find embedded in the overarching discussion of these 'laws' a familiar theme that can originally be found in Ex. 20: 1 – 17 and known simply as "*The Ten Commandments*".

In the wake of that, what I find today as I prepare this teaching is a diabolic, hidden agenda that is so interwoven into the fabric of the Believing Community, that most who're trapped in its' clutches are blinded to the Truth – which – need I remind you - is the ONLY vehicle that can set one free and keep you free in the face of what is coming! For emphasis: John 8:32 states unequivocally "*And you shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free*"

The above verse begins with a conjunction indicating that knowing Truth is linked to the previous verse: *...if you continue in My WORD, then are you My disciples indeed;*

Unquestionably, His word is the Torah, a.k.a. THE LAW! Without Law, there is no Truth, without Truth there is no freedom! Freedom is a powerful word that must NOT be confused with Liberty!

Let me explain: Freedom implies the action of being free FROM something, whereas, Liberty indicates to be free to DO something! [If that Liberty is removed or withheld then I can't do what it licensed previously] The underlying difference involves the distinction between the Living Man whose life is predicated upon obedience to the LAW – Torah – Common Law – which sets him Free - [*Because I*

am obedient to the Law, I am not a murderer, thief, adulterer and am free from - cannot be made to - espouse unholy statutes, codes, nor supposed legalities such as abortion, homosexuality, etc.] - versus the Civil Man whose actions must adhere to what is deemed Legal in society and thus, his liberties are licensed or permitted therefore, he is subject to those civil laws that may otherwise restrain his conscience!

As a result, little by little true freedom and Biblical law become intolerant to that society! When that happens, and it has, and sadly, whether one likes it or not, however imperceptible it may be, he remains bound! Further, though one heralds his/her Spiritual Freedom and still remains in bondage to the above, whether by ignorance or intent that individual is still BOUND!

By way of explanation, what, to many seems a subtle difference is in fact a calculated plan to perpetuate ignorance and with ignorance comes servitude! Should you take exception to this statement, simply stop – ask yourself what areas of your life require a license or permit in order to function in a supposed ‘FREE’ society? Consider the short list following:

Marriage license, Birth certificates, Baptismal certificates, death certificates, drivers’ license, income tax, Mortgage payments, Real Estate taxes, building permits, mandatory public school, voter registration, fishing/hunting license, Gun registration, Vehicle registration, Social Security numbers, Banking restrictions on ‘your’ money, credit cards, FRN Dollars, restricted speech/opinions on religion, sexuality, lifestyles, 501c3 churches, and the list goes on...tell me O’ Free Man one area in your life that interacts with others socially where you have no restraints?

In this regard, there seems an unholy plan to subvert what many disdainfully refer to as Law! Should truth be known this ‘Law’ is in fact, the terms of a wedding Contract! Now you can understand why the enemy would sabotage the keeping of His – YHVH’s Law or Commandments. Perhaps we should unmask that agenda?

Let’s look at this word for law.

- II. The English word ‘law’ is initially seen translated 12 times alone from **Gen. 11 – Ex. 4** and in each case with one exception it is not seen in the Hebrew text! That exception is found in **Gen. 47:26** where Joseph makes a ‘law’ – H#2706, **קח**, choq,

here rendered as a statute and must not be confused with the 1st - true Hebrew definition of law found in **Ex. 12:49** Please pay close attention!

*One law shall be to him that is **Homeborn**, and unto the **Stranger** that sojourneth among you.*

Before looking at ‘Law’ I want to focus on two key words above: Homeborn and Stranger.

- Homeborn, H#249, **אֶזְרָח**, Ezrawkh, a native, one rising from the soil. One rising from the womb of a country. One not transplanted from another soil.
- Stranger, H#1616, **גֵר**, Ger, a foreigner.

It would seem this ‘Law’ pertains to all equally, whether natural born inhabitants or those who immigrated to the land. Ironically, the Powers That Be use the same terms to decide who is a Citizen of their Corporate fictions! Do some research regarding who is actually a Citizen of the United States of America versus who is a foreigner. *Remember their language counterfeits that of Torah – Law and ignorance of how they speak is sufficient to perpetuate generational Slavery! Get yourself a Black’s Law dictionary - early editions - and begin to enlighten yourself and those around you! Moreover, ask yourself why Latin is most often the language of their court systems and then, remember Latin is the tongue of Rome, Esau, Edom.

So, let’s look at the primary Hebrew Word for law:

- Law, H#8451, **תּוֹרָה**, Torah, law, direction, instruction, to teach.

We contend this Law was given first to Adam and later codified by Moshe. We must also review context because the giving of this Mosaic ‘Law’ occurred at Mt. Sinai, which once again, we believe would have been the same vicinity as the original Gan Eden – Garden of Eden! Israel is gathered just as Adam and Chavah, to hear the Teaching and Instructions of a proposal – a wedding Ketubah that determines how they will be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion!

How can I stipulate that Adam received the Torah first? Perhaps we’ll all agree that the ‘Law’ – Torah originated with Elohiym, right? Therefore, the significance

of **Gen. 1: 26** where Elohiym intends to create Man in His image and likeness is our source for argument. Take note:

- Image, H#6754, **צלם**, Tselem, is translated as image, resemblance, shadow and finally IDOL. This is important; the heathen nations created idols out of inanimate objects without life, however, Elohiym created MAN to be His idol, i.e. a certified copy that was a living image of the original! As such, this Living Man would become the source of Elohiym's Word – Law – Torah in the Earth! The heathen Nations attempted to counterfeit that Shadow with their idols of wood and stone that had no life, at present, the Powers That Be have created their own idols – The incorporated all CAPS man who also has no life!

As stated, the above Ketubah or Covenant terms called 'Law' clearly encompass all those who would embrace the Price and Provisions of the Covenant whether one is freeborn or foreign! In other words, those who would comprise what we know as THE BRIDE! It is quite apparent that Bride is a plural word and parts of the instructions teach us how to get along with others in a community! (Just like the latter 7 of the 10 commandments) No wonder wedding vows today are trivialized as we easily pick and choose which we will obey or not! Sounds like His Torah! Which Law would you dispense with? Most likely the one(s) you are prone to breaking.

Blurring the lines: Yah's Law versus Man's Law:
Appointing Judges and Officers.

- Judges, H#8199, **שפטים**, Shoftim, from Shafat, to judge, vindicate or punish, to govern or litigate. It hints at setting in place, to establish, to move something to a certain spot! Its' two-letter root, the Shin-Pey hints at a border, lip, language or threshold. The value of Shaphat is 389, the same as a unique phrase in Hebrew: *Bein h'Arabiym* – between the evenings. I feel the need to break this down for your benefit and hopefully; the original intent of the office of a Judge will then carry more weight for you.

The Hebrew *Bein h' Arabiym* is written: **בין הערבים** – it is translated as 'Between the evenings' and in context refers to the timing of the Paschal Lamb's sacrifice. However, the first word could also hint at a Son – Ben. Now, the letter Hey that follows is prefixed indicating 'The'. This leaves us with the plural word for 'evenings' from **ערב**, H#6153, erev, defined as evening, dusk. At the same

time, it is styled identically with H#6148, עֶרַב, `Arab, to pledge, undertake for, become surety, to interchange for someone in order to succeed in his place!

Thus, Yahshua epitomized the Judge/Shaphat who would see Adam without STANDING in the courts and worthy of his death sentence. He would then cross the Threshold on Adam's behalf – between the evenings – as the Passover Lamb – becoming BEN HA ARBAIYM – THE PLEDGED SON – In other words, The Son INTERCHANGED or pledged in Adam's stead! One must appear at his court case, but because Adam had no Standing, Yahshua had to take on the Flesh of Adam in order to regain that standing! Now perhaps, you'll realize why the defendant in today's court is asked: *“Do you understand the charges against you”*. Their courts are a fiction and they cannot charge you as the ALL CAPS Fiction unless you the Living Man agree to STAND UNDER their charges! No! I do not understand!

As a result, the Judges of Israel were/are supposed to remember to judge equitably as if they themselves were the accused. Further, as Believers, we must recall the price that Yahshua paid as The Pledged Son on our behalf and appoint those to offices who will act in His stead! How sad that today's judges are merely puppets for the Powers and the other 'officers' of the courts [Lawyers, etc.] just as compromised! Curing the ignorance of the People will also remedy this problem!

- Officers, H#7860, שֵׁטָר, Shatar, to write, a scribe, one who arranges or organizes, a magistrate. It hints at preserving, protecting, guarding.

We can now conclude, from our definitions that the 'Judge' uses the Law to set things in their proper place, either punishing or exonerating those who come before him, while the Officer becomes the extension of that Judge and enforces the decision. It is noteworthy that the word Shatar/Shetar can also be defined as a formal legal document or deed or other instruments such as betrothal or marriage contracts. This latter definition is important because the Law or Torah as previously stated was in fact, a betrothal contract! How powerful it would be if the officers of today's courts insisted upon enforcing the lawful terms of Elohiym's Law instead of their counterfeit!

While this may seem rudimentary, the key term in our discussion here is what one considers 'LAW'! Suffice it to say, there is a wide chasm between what is Lawful (Torah – YHVH) the Common Law and what may be deemed Legal (Statutes, Codes - Man)!

As I contemplate the above, I noticed the correlation between the word for officer – Shatar, and another Hebrew word styled with the Hebrew letter Samech rather than the Shin (Which are interchangeable): סָתַר – pronounced ‘Cathar’ and indicating to hide by covering, to conceal, keep secret. Thus, we can begin to see that Judges and Officers were intended to be intimately familiar with the Law acting on behalf of YHVH and having the wisdom to use that Law to set things in order between YHVH and Man, as well as, settling differences between men. Further, they were charged with insuring the enforcement of such decisions. Thus chosen, they were to hide, protect, cover and secret away the Law – not to keep it from the People – rather, to protect the sanctity of the Law and NEVER allow its’ compromise! In fact, The Law or Torah must be accessible and impartial to all! Just like the Homeborn and Stranger!

Take note of **Deut. 17: 18-20** *And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests, the Levites: and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: That he may learn to fear YHVH his Elohiym, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: To the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.*

How simple life would be if those in positions of Power ruled from the same book as the Priests who kept the Torah! As convoluted as that may seem the Powers That Be actually have regard for the Torah – Law and use it effectively AGAINST us, because today’s Priests don’t have the Book of The Law before them and most are guilty of breaking the very law they are charged with holding sacred! Just look at the 4th commandment! Keeping the Sabbath! The Sabbath is called the Bride and its’ keeping was/is a seal of a return to that LAW or Torah - Marriage Covenant! To abrogate its’ keeping is idolatry and adultery in it’s highest form! (This creates a Dead Man – Image – Idol who has no life)

As we continue, it’s worth mentioning that the Sages taught that there were 3-distinct categories wherein Judges/Officers were to be found: **Kings, Priests and Prophets!** One should carefully note that based upon the above scripture each of the 3 were to rule or govern the People from ONE SOURCE – TORAH! Before going further, in fairness to the adherents of a purposed New Testament change in Law (A) we must establish that the Greek word (Nomos) translated as ‘Law’ in the

New Testament is equivalent to the Hebrew word Torah of the Old Testament!
[More on Kings, Priests, and Prophets to follow...]

[Oh, let me add this little caveat first! YHVH doesn't change. **Mal. 3:6**. Interestingly, neither does Yahshua **Heb. 13:8**. So then, who authorized a Biblical Law change? You'd be surprised to know that the same who call themselves Priests (Roman Catholicism and Constantine) colluded with the Powers That Be in order to defraud you of your inheritance!] Ironically, these Papal Priests want you to keep the Law that they espouse rather than the Torah! Do your own research and you'll find the influence of Rome, Esau, Edom – Babylon in every strata of religion, which directly influences civil law!

(A) There are those False Shepherds, Teachers and Prophets today who brazenly declare the Law as having been done away with, nailed to the 'Tree' upon Yahshua's execution! Ironically, most call themselves Protestants as in – opposed to Catholicism – yet the very things they protest, they embrace! Anyone who makes a statement regarding the Law's end is: #1 Either blatantly ignorant of the Language of their New Testament Scripture because the Septuagint supports the Hebrew text or #2 guilty of intentionally mistranslating Nomos - LAW in order to cover up their own carnal, lustful misdeeds. Perhaps you've heard the statement: As the Church goes, so goes the Nations?

Let's be practical here: If indeed the Law has been done away with, with what are you replacing it? The Law as it is commonly called is nothing short of a Wedding Contract, it was given to Adam and though he failed, that Covenant was NEVER invalidated, only set aside until by FAITH it could be received by the Living Man again! Keeping the Law would make Adam live, thus he is expelled from Eden until such time as his STANDING or STATUS is changed. Thus, until the Last Adam (Yahshua) came and kept the Covenant, man was considered dead and is now alive again in Messiah! The very instrument that many say is antiquated and done away with is what enables us to Live in Him!

Point of fact, every case in the Gospel accounts where Nomos (LXX for Law) is used the meaning is clearly that of the Mosaic Law or Torah. Since no one will argue that the Gospel accounts detail the life and words of Yahshua, the evidence clearly reveals that He endorses keeping the LAW – TORAH and condemns those who do not! In fact, He declares He came in His Father's name – authority – law; therefore, He is the Image – Living, Speaking, Idol created to be a LIVING TESTAMONY! What would any law or court for that matter be without a TESAMONY?

Moreover, the overwhelming majority of the uses of Nomos in the epistles also reveal that Nomos was clearly understood as meaning law with a few exceptions where some argue that Paul refers to Pharisaic law in a couple of instances. However, context reveals that Paul wholeheartedly espoused keeping the LAW – TORAH! So, what then is this law and why argue against keeping it?

The Law-Torah Is For The Living Man:

- III. For a better understanding of the purpose of the ‘Law’ one must return to the Creation account of **Gen. 1:1** as well as, where it is echoed in the New Testament **John 1:1-3**. From the former we deduce that the Alef-Tav Elohiym created the heavens and, subsequently, the Alef-Tav, the earth. Whereas, John declares: *The Word – The Alef-Tav was from the beginning, was with Elohiym and was Elohiym and all things were made by Him and without Him nothing was made and in Him was life; and the life the light of men! Let there be LIGHT!*

It may be presumed from the above, that the entirety of This Word – Torah existed long before what we call the Law of Moshe! Further, it was released into creation for one purpose – To give life and light to Man! From **Gen. 1:28** forward Man was intended to reign as the uncontested Ambassador of YHVH on the Earth, a Living Image - Idol *because the Earth is YHVH’s and the fullness thereof...* **Ps. 23:1**. As such, Man was the Freeholder or titleholder of all the Land! Thus, the effort to separate Man from his dominion and title, i.e. his inheritance began in earnest in **Gen. 3!**

This purpose was never more defined than upon the Fall of Adam where man was considered DEAD AND IN NEED OF RESURRECTION! Like Satan, the Powers That Be today, tempt Man into continuing to partake of the Carnal Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, this perpetuating their DEAD Condition. Moreover, in Nimrods’ fashion at Babylon, wicked rulers arise who think to usurp the rightful inheritance of the Living Man by contriving legal parameters pacifying his need to be ‘Fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion’ by creating a counterfeit Civil Society with incorporated Governments who then create their own Genetically Modified Man – a DEAD IDOL - who is himself a corporate citizen! Corporate from Corpse a dead body!

As a result, these DEAD BODIES are subject – Slave to – by choice - the codes, policies, regulations and statutes of the corporation or group of dead ones and those who hold the title to the corporation! Hence, the reason why in every facet of

your civil life you are depicted in ALL CAPS LETTERS – as in JOHN DAVID MATHEWS – INC. I declare publicly and categorically: That is NOT ME! I am Me!

Hence the reason, the WORD – TORAH took on the body of Adam in the flesh and died to that flesh forever bringing Restoration or FREEDOM to all MAN! Thus, the Law is only for the LIVING MAN OR WOMAN! For this reason, the Powers That Be must separate you from it! If you refuse to be separated and learn how to get out of the clutches of Babylon's legal system, then they will respect your efforts to access your inheritance! However, getting out of the maze and finding out who the Wizard of OZ truly is, can be daunting while ignorant. Educate yourself now!

What many fail to see is that SATAN espouses what is LEGAL rather than LAWFUL! Legalities were foisted upon the Fallen Dead Man – Adam - because he could be easily accused and found guilty of not keeping such, and thereafter, be restrained by them, all the while, should he remain the dutiful slave he is rewarded with certain Liberties!

You must understand, though Satan is still the Accuser, he cannot accuse you under the Law, because the Law of the Spirit of Life in Yahshua has freed you from the law of sin and death. **Rom. 8:1-2**. He can only accuse you if you give him permission or consent by engaging in sin by stepping outside the Law's boundaries! Further, Statutes and Codes are not LAW! You cannot be convicted under a statute, code, policy, or regulation, without your consent – AND I hate to say this but - YOU HAVE CONSENTED! FIND OUT HOW TO UNDO THIS! I believe this is the Body of Death that Paul alludes to in **Rom. 7:24** from a natural perspective! Who indeed shall deliver me from the Body of this Death???

Now, please note the following!

Based on early American Precedent, only Freeholders or Titleholders of land could hold elected office! This term has been attacked vehemently and labeled as racist and offensive, being associated with slavery and therefore, accused of denying land title or patents to those enslaved! This ruse is used on a regular basis today to point the ignorant in the wrong direction while stirring up strife and division that keeps the People from becoming ECHAD – ONE as in WE THE PEOPLE and prohibits them from functioning as THE LIVING MAN IN THE EARTH! Stop being ignorant and educate yourself regarding the True Enslaved *Human Beings*!

[Monster - A human being by birth, but in some part resembling a lower animal. A monster hath no inheritable blood, and cannot be heir to any land. –Ballentine's Law Dictionary (1930)]

A legally generated “artificial person” has no substance, no body, no brain, no consciousness, no heart, no energy, no spirit, no soul. It is a mere legal “persona” in the fictional “theatre of commerce”, which is prescribed imaginary “roles” played by “actors” giving a “performance”.

In the imaginary world of legal fiction commerce and all commerce is legal fiction, a “person” is always an artificial “legal person” of one kind or another legally generated. [Jurisprudence 7th Ed. Sweet & Maxwell Ltd (1924)] CAN YOU SEE THE TIN MAN, COWARDLY LION AND SCARECROW OF THE WIZARD OF OZ?

Critically, definitions of a “person” do not include a “sovereign”, and therefore no type of “person” can be one of the sovereign people of any freely constituted nation. [Black’s Law 2nd ed.]

Maxim of Law:

Quid fas non veritas est. Legality is not Reality.

Is Babylon Real then?

How Can We Come Out of Her?

Again, sadly, because we are woefully ignorant of the language of their Legal Jargon and even moreso, the Language of Torah – Law - only a minute percentage of People in this country are NOT SLAVES! This form of slavery crosses all ethnicities, races, colors, creeds, and religions! Thus, ignorance of what the Powers That Be deem ‘law’ as they intended, made everyone born here a citizen of the United States the corporation! As a result, the aforementioned ‘Birth Certificate’ could be issued and subsequently monetized along with everything you put your signature on! The Framers of the Constitution knew fully well the Power of Land Ownership and since that time every effort has been made to divest the Living Man from his inheritance! This is why such an effort is under way to divide People in this country along racial lines! It’s to hide the truth of who exactly is an Enslaved People and by whom!

Against this background, the Enemy has sought to separate Man from this Law of the Spirit of Life! In order to do so, he has contrived an elaborate and powerful counterfeit based upon WORDS as well! His words rule the Dead Men! All those

who live within a Civil Society that is governed by Statutes, Codes, Regulations etc. the Powers That Be consider you simply - 'Dead Men': Lost at Sea with proof lying in the initial foundational document given upon ones' birth/berth called a birth/berth certificate and set in motion by one called an INFORMANT – YOUR OWN MOTHER! Alert! For those clamoring “Come Out of Her My People” this of necessity must be the starting point! Taking back control by authenticating ones' birth certificate!

As a Living Man you should be FREE to determine the course of your life, free to travel, engage in trading with others, able to buy land without encumbrances etc. The next year will see inter and intra state travel and global travel restricted unless you have extricated yourself from their system. There are ways to travel without contracting with them!

Kings, Priests & Prophets!

- IV. Early on I established that the Judges and Officers of our Parsha were to be chosen from the above group. We also determined that each individual was charged with knowing the Torah and in the case of the King, writing his own and keeping it with him daily! This Torah contained the terms of a wedding covenant and YHVH stated in **Ex. 19:5-6** *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a Kingdom of Priests, and a holy nation. These are the words, which you shall speak to the children of Israel!*

This is echoed in **1Pet. 2: 5-9, Rev. 1:6, Rev. 5:10 Rev. 20:6**. There can be no doubt that a Remnant is rising up out of Babylon and declaring who they are: The Homeborn and The Strangers passing through and ONE LAW is their banner! Where are those Kings and Priests, the Prophets? **Dan. 11:32** *...but the people who know their Elohiym shall be strong and do great exploits!*

Arise O Yah and let Your enemies be scattered and let those who hate You flee before You. **Numb. 10: 35**.

Worst of all is not knowing just how little you know. We could all remain woefully ignorant of our own ignorance. The only thing more dangerous than ignorance is arrogance. [Albert Einstein]

Don't be afraid to ask questions and question what you ask!

Shabbat Shalom