



A Torah Study Guide  
for the Young  
& Young at Heart

PARASHAT  
B'CHUKOTAI

פרשת בחקתי

Leviticus 26:3-27:34

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Note to the adult teacher: It will be necessary for you to give the scriptural context and background for each of the points listed below.

### Great Discoveries in This Week's Parashah (Torah Portion)

- 26:3 Blessings for Obedience and Curses for Disobedience
- 26:16 The First Series of Punishments for Failing to Hear YHVH and Obey His Torah Commandments
- 26:18 The Second Series of Punishments
- 26:21 The Third Series of Punishments
- 26:23 The Fourth Series of Punishments
- 26:27 The Fifth Series of Punishments
- 26:42 The Conclusion of the Warning—YHVH Will Remember His Covenants
- 27:1 Special Voluntary Offerings Given to YHVH
- 27:30 Tithes of One's Crops and Herds

### Exploring This Week's Parashah

#### 1 Blessings for Those Who Obey YHVH

The first word in this Torah portion is "if" in Leviticus 26:3. The word if is like the hinge on a door that allows the door to swing one way or the other—open or closed. In light of this passage of Scripture, think of the open door being YHVH's favor and his blessings from heaven flowing to man, while a shut door is his disfavor and the blessings being shut off like a faucet.

- ▲ (a) What did the Israelites have to do in order to receive YHVH's divine favor and blessings? (Read Leviticus 26:3.) If the Israelites did not meet YHVH's conditions for his blessing them, what would happen to them then? (Read verses 14-15.)

In Leviticus 26:3, when YHVH says, "If you walk in my statutes and commandments ..." this relates to two things. First, walking is a metaphor or word picture of how we live or "walk out" our lives. Our life is like a journey along a road. Yeshua talked about this when he taught that there were two paths that men could choose to follow: a wide path and a narrow path.



He told us,

Enter you in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at, because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

YHVH was inspiring Moses to teach the Israelites the same principle: there are only two choices in life each of us can make. We can follow the difficult and narrow path of serving and obeying YHVH, which leads to blessings and life, or follow the path that the majority of people are on, which is wide and leads to curses, misery and eternal (forever) death.

Leviticus 23:3 talks about walking, but we must ask the following question? If life is like a path on which we are walking, then how do we know which way to go if we don't have a map to follow? That's an important question, but YHVH answers it in the same verse! He says, "Walk in my statutes and commandments."

This means to follow his Torah—his written instructions contained in the first five books of the Bible (Genesis to Deuteronomy).

▲ (b) What are the blessings for following YHVH's instructions, or his road map or guide-book of life or his Word? (Read Leviticus 26:4-13.)

In Psalm 119, David talks a lot about the joys and blessings of following YHVH. Here are some examples of what he says:

Blessed are they who keep his testimonies and who seek him with their whole heart. (Psalm 119:2)

Make me to go on the path of your commandments, for therein do I delight. (Psalm 119:35)

You through your commandments has made me wiser than my enemies ... I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. (Psalm 119:98-99)

Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)

I love your commandments above gold. (Psalm 119:127)

Your Torah is truth ... your commandments are my delight. (Psalm 119:142-143)

Abundant peace/shalom have they which love your law ... (Psalm 119:165)

I have longed for your salvation, O YHVH, and your Torah is my delight. (Psalm 119:174)



Are you lost on the road of life, or do you have the map of YHVH's Word to tell you where to go and how to get there?

- ▲ (c) When reading the list of blessings in Leviticus 26, what perhaps is the greatest blessing of all? (See verses 11-12.) Why is this the greatest blessing? If YHVH is with you and on your side what does this mean? Will your needs be met? What will happen to your enemies? Will you be blessed or cursed?
- ▲ (d) The following passages in the Apostolic Scriptures talk about "riches" coming to those who love and follow Yeshua. Look up and read the following Scriptures: Romans 11:33; Ephesians 1:7, 18; 3:8, 16; Colossians 1:27.

## 2 Curses for Those Who Disobey YHVH (Leviticus 26:14-39)

Earlier in this study, we talked about the word "if" being like a door on hinges. If we obey YHVH, it is like a door being opened for blessing to pour fourth upon us from heaven and for us to see YHVH and have a loving relationship with our Father in heaven. However, if we disobey him, it is like the door of his blessings and his Presence in our lives being shut. When the blessings and relationship with our Father is cut off because of our sin and rebellion against his commandments we open ourselves up to punishment and curses. As always, the choice is ours which way the door will be.

- ▲ (e) Specifically, what causes YHVH's punishment to come upon us? (Read Leviticus 26:14-15.) What does the Father say he will do if we refuse to obey him? (Read verse 17.)

Simply ignoring YHVH's commandments is the same thing as refusing to obey YHVH or rejecting his commandments outright. Most people do not actually shake their fists at YHVH and curse him. They just simply go their own fleshly, worldly and wicked way. They do their own thing and don't even think about obeying him. When we do this, it is still rebellion and will bring the consequences of sin upon us, which are curses and punishment.

## 3 Repentance/Teshuvah: The Way Back to YHVH (Leviticus 26:40-45)

YHVH always leaves the door open for his people to repent of their sinful ways and to return to him. You see, he punishes them even as a parent disciplines his child—not to harm or destroy them, but to teach them important lessons about why it is not for the child's good to disobey. In other words, the parent disciplines out of love in hopes that the child will mend his or her ways and do good from that point on. A loving parent wants things to go well for his child and for the child to be blessed. The same is true with regard to our Heavenly Father towards us.

- ▲ (f) When YHVH's people find themselves not being blessed, but being punished, what does YHVH expect them to do to get right with him again? (Read Leviticus 26:40.) What heart attitude does YHVH expect from his people when they are returning to him? (Look at verse 41.)
- ▲ (g) When YHVH's people truly repent of their sin and return to him what does he say his response will be? (Note verses 42-45.)



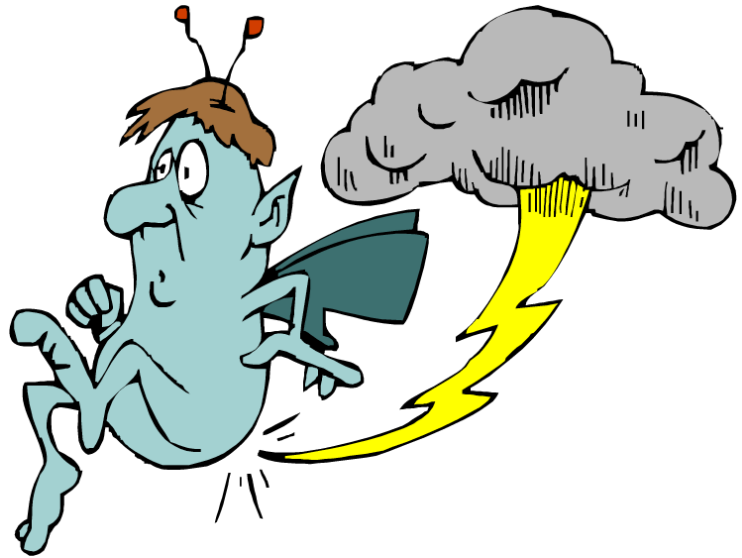


What we have talked about in this lesson can apply not only to our relationship with YHVH, but to that between parents and children, husbands and wives, and friends.

## Conclusion

This study has been a very serious one because we are talking about a pretty "heavy duty" topic—blessings for obedience and punishment for sin. This is a subject we don't really like to think about too much.

It would be easier to just believe that everything will be alright just the way it is, and that there really aren't any serious consequences for our disobedience to YHVH's commandments. But this is simply not the case. When we sin, it's unlikely that the very next instant a bolt of lightning from heaven will strike us, or that we will hear a voice from heaven rebuking us for the sin we just committed.



Things don't go well for us when we disobey YHVH!

But let's not forget that sin has its bad consequence upon our lives one way or another eventually. That's why it's best to avoid sin at all costs and to just follow YHVH's instructions the first time. These instructions are found in his Word—the Bible. That's why it's important that we read and study the Scriptures every day so that we WILL KNOW what YHVH's instructions in righteousness are BEFORE we are tempted to sin. In this way, we will stay on the straight and narrow path that leads to life!



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| Covenant          | One Fifth       | Seven Times More      | Tithe          |
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