

Deuteronomy 14-21

Ch 14

Theme – Do not deform your body for the sake of the dead; clean and unclean food; rules regarding the offering of tithes

Ch 15

Theme – Sabbath year and release of debts; promise to bless if the people are obedient; have a heart for the poor; release a Hebrew slave with enough to start over; bondservant; offering of the firstborn animals

Ch 16

Theme – Rules for observing the 3 required feasts (Passover/ Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks/ Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacles); call for righteous judgment; no pillars of false worship

Ch 17

Theme – Do not sacrifice blemished animals; punishment for those who serve other gods; how to seek guidance with difficult judgments; law for kings of Israel

Ch 18

Theme – Providence for the priests and Levites; to not follow the pagan practices of the people in the land; Moses foretells of a future Prophet that Israel will hear

Ch 19

Theme – Preparation of land to provide access to the Cities of Refuge; purpose of the Cities of Refuge; command to not move boundary markers; laws regarding legal witnesses

Ch 20

Theme – Laws regarding war (exhortation not to be fainthearted, permission for the timid for who can leave the army, command to spare women, children, animals, command to strike down fully those who refuse to leave the land and make war on them)

Ch 21

Theme – What to do in the case of unsolved murders; treatment of female captives (explanation of ch 20); inheritance rights of firstborn (allusion to Jacob); rebellious child; man who is hung on a tree is cursed




