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(18) You shall appoint magistrates and officials for your tribes, in all the settlements that the LORD your God is giving you, and they shall govern the people with due justice. (19) You shall not judge unfairly: you shall show no partiality; you shall not take bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the discerning and upset the plea of the just. (20) Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that the LORD your God is giving you. (21) You shall not set up a sacred post—any kind of pole beside the altar of the LORD your God that you may make— (22) or erect a stone pillar; for such the LORD your God detests. (1) You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep that has any defect of a serious kind, for that is abhorrent to the LORD your God. (2) If there is found among you, in one of the settlements that the LORD your God is giving you, a man or woman who has affronted the LORD your God and transgressed His covenant— (3) turning to the worship of other gods and bowing down to them, to the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, something I never commanded— (4) and you have been informed or have learned of it, then you shall make a thorough inquiry. If it is true, the fact is established, that abhorrent thing was perpetrated in Israel, (5) you shall take the man or the woman who did that wicked thing out to the public place, and you shall stone them, man or woman, to death.— (6) A person shall be put to

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(יח) שֹׁפְטִים וְשֹׁטְרִים תִּתֶּן לְךָ בְּכָל־שְׁעָרֶיךָ
אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ לְשִׁבְטֶיךָ וְשֹׁפְטֵי
אֶת־הָעָם מִשֹּׁפֵט־צָדִיק: (יט) לֹא־תִטָּה
מִשֹּׁפֵט לֹא תִכִּיר פָּנִים וְלֹא־תִקַּח שֹׁחַד כִּי
הַשֹּׁחַד יַעֲוֶה עֵינֶי חֹכְמִים וְיִסְלַף דְּבָרֶי
צַדִּיקִים: (כ) צָדִיק צָדִיק תִּרְדֹּף לִמְעַן תִּתְּנֶה
וַיִּרְשֶׁת אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן
לְךָ: (ס) (כא) לֹא־תִטַּע לְךָ אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה כְּלֵעַץ
אֲצֶל מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה־לְךָ:
(ס) (כב) וְלֹא־תִקֶּים לְךָ מִצַּבֵּה אֲשֶׁר שָׁנֵא
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ: (ס) (א) לֹא־תִזְבַּח לַיהוָה
אֱלֹהֶיךָ שׂוֹר וְשֵׂה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה בֹּרַח מִמּוֹם כֹּל
דָּבָר רָע כִּי תוֹעֵבֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הוּא: (ס)
(ב) כִּי־יִמָּצֵא בְּקִרְבְּךָ בְּאֶחָד שְׁעָרֶיךָ
אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ אִישׁ אוֹ־אִשָּׁה
אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה אֶת־הַרְעָה בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה־אֱלֹהֶיךָ
לַעֲבֹר בְּרִיתוֹ: (ג) וְלָךְ וַיַּעֲבֹד אֱלֹהִים
אֲחֵרִים וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלַשָּׁמַשׁ אִלֹּהִים אֲוִ
לְכָל־צָבָא הַשָּׁמַיִם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־צִוִּיתִי: (ד)
וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְךָ וְשִׁמַּעְתָּ וְדַרְשֶׁתָּ הֵיטֵב וְהִגַּתָּ אִמְתָּ
נִכּוֹן הַדָּבָר וַעֲשִׂיתָהּ הַתּוֹעֵבָה הַזֹּאת
כִּי־שָׂרָאֵל: (ה) וְהוֹצֵאתָ אֶת־הָאִישׁ הַהוּא אוֹ
אֶת־הָאִשָּׁה הַהוּא אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה אֶת־הַדָּבָר
הַרְעָה הַזֶּה אֶל־שְׁעָרֶיךָ אֶת־הָאִישׁ אוֹ
אֶת־הָאִשָּׁה וְסָקַלְתָם בְּאֲבָנִים וּמָתוּ: (ו)
עַל־כֵּי אִשְׁנַיִם עֹדִים אוֹ שְׁלֹשָׁה עֹדִים יוּמָת
הַמֵּת לֹא יוּמָת עַל־כֵּי יַעַד אֶחָד: (ז) יָד
הָעֹלָיִם תִּהְיֶה־בָו בְּרֹאשׁוֹנָה לְהַמִּיתוֹ וַיָּד
כָּל־הָעָם בְּאֶחָדָה וּבְעֶרְתָּ הַרְעָה מִקִּרְבְּךָ:

death only on the testimony of two or more witnesses; he must not be put to death on the testimony of a single witness. — (7) Let the hands of the witnesses be the first against him to put him to death, and the hands of the rest of the people thereafter. Thus you will sweep out evil from your midst. (8) If a case is too baffling for you to decide, be it a controversy over homicide, civil law, or assault—matters of dispute in your courts—you shall promptly repair to the place that the LORD your God will have chosen, (9) and appear before the levitical priests, or the magistrate in charge at the time, and present your problem. When they have announced to you the verdict in the case, (10) you shall carry out the verdict that is announced to you from that place that the LORD chose, observing scrupulously all their instructions to you. (11) You shall act in accordance with the instructions given you and the ruling handed down to you; you must not deviate from the verdict that they announce to you either to the right or to the left. (12) Should a man act presumptuously and disregard the priest charged with serving there the LORD your God, or the magistrate, that man shall die. Thus you will sweep out evil from Israel: (13) all the people will hear and be afraid and will not act presumptuously again. (14) If, after you have entered the land that the LORD your God has assigned to you, and taken possession of it and settled in it, you decide, “I will set a king over me, as do all the nations about me,” (15) you shall be free to set a king over yourself, one chosen by the LORD your God. Be sure to set as king over yourself one of your own people; you must not set a foreigner over you, one who is not your kinsman. (16) Moreover, he shall not keep many horses or send people back to Egypt to add to his horses, since the LORD has warned you, “You must not go back that way again.” (17) And he shall not have many wives, lest his heart go astray; nor shall he amass

(פ) (ח) כִּי יִפְּלֵא מִמֶּךָ דָּבָר לְמִשְׁפָּט בֵּין-דָּבָרִים
 וּלְדָם בֵּין-דָּבָרִים לְדָוִן וּבֵין נִגְעָה לְנִגְעַת דְּבָרִים
 רִיבֹת בְּשִׁעְרֶיךָ וּקְמַת וְעֲלִית אֶל־הַמִּקְוֹם
 אֲשֶׁר יִבְתֵּר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בּוֹ: (ט) וּבָאתָ
 אֶל־הַכֹּהֲנִים הַלְוִיִּם וְאֶל־הַשֹּׁפֵט אֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה
 בְּיָמֶיךָ הֵהָם וְדַרְשָׁתָּ וְהִגִּידוּ לְךָ אֵת דְּבַר
 הַמִּשְׁפָּט: (י) וַעֲשִׂיתָ עֲלֵי-פִי הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר
 יִגִּידוּ לְךָ מִן־הַמִּקְוֹם הַהוּא אֲשֶׁר יִבְתֵּר
 יְהוָה וְשִׁמַּרְתָּ לַעֲשׂוֹת כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר יֹרֶה:
 (יא) עֲלֵי-פִי הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר יֹרֶה
 וְעַל־הַמִּשְׁפָּט אֲשֶׁר־יֵאמְרוּ לְךָ תַעֲשֶׂה לֹא
 תִסּוֹר מִן־הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר־יִגִּידוּ לְךָ יָמֶיךָ
 וּשְׂמֹאל: (יב) וְהָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־יַעֲשֶׂה כַזֶּה
 לְבִלְתִּי שָׁמַע אֶל־הַכֹּהֵן הָעֹמֵד לְשַׁרְתָּ שָׁם
 אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אוֹ אֶל־הַשֹּׁפֵט וּמֵת הָאִישׁ
 הַהוּא וּבְעֶרְתָּ הָרַע מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל: (יג) וְכֹל־הָעָם
 יִשְׁמְעוּ וַיִּבְּאוּ וְלֹא יִזְדוֹן עוֹד: (ד) (יד)
 כִּי־תָבֵא אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן
 לְךָ וַיִּרְשַׁתָּהּ וַיִּשְׁבַּתָּהּ בָּהּ וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲשִׁימָה
 עָלַי מֶלֶךְ כְּכֹל־הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר סְבִיבֹתַי: (טו)
 שׁוּם תַּשִּׂים עָלֶיךָ מֶלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר יִבְתֵּר יְהוָה
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ בּוֹ מִקִּרְבֵּי תַשִּׂים עָלֶיךָ מֶלֶךְ
 לֹא תוֹכֵל לְתַת עָלֶיךָ אִישׁ נָכְרִי אֲשֶׁר
 לֹא־אֶחָיךָ הוּא: (טז) רַק לֹא־יִרְבֶּה־לְךָ
 סוּסִים וְלֹא־יָשִׁיב אֶת־הָעָם מִצְרַיִם לַמַּעַן
 הַרְבּוֹת סוּס וַיִּהְיֶה אָמַר לְכֶם לֹא תִסְפּוּן
 לָשׁוּב בְּבִרְךָ הַזֶּה עוֹד: (יז) וְלֹא יִרְבֶּה־לְךָ
 נָשִׁים וְלֹא יִסּוֹר לְבָבְךָ וּבִסָּף וְזָהָב לֹא
 יִרְבֶּה־לְךָ מָאֵד: (יח) וְהִנֵּה כְּשִׁבְתְּךָ עַל כִּסֵּא
 מַמְלַכְתְּךָ וְכָתַב לְךָ אֶת־מִשְׁנֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת
 עַל־סֹפֶר מִלִּפְנֵי הַכֹּהֲנִים הַלְוִיִּם: (יט) וְהִיְתָה
 עִמָּךְ וְקָרָא בּוֹ כָּל־יָמֶיךָ תִּגִּיו לַמַּעַן יִלְמַד
 לִירְאָה אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשִׁמֹּר
 אֶת־כָּל־דְּבָרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת וְאֶת־הַחֻקִּים
 הָאֵלֶּה לַעֲשׂוֹתָם: (כ) לְבִלְתִּי רוּם־לְבָבְךָ
 מֵאֶחָיו וּלְבִלְתִּי סוֹר מִן־הַמַּצְוָה יָמֶיךָ
 וּשְׂמֹאל לַמַּעַן יִצְרִיךָ יָמִים עַל־מַמְלַכְתְּךָ
 הוּא וּבְגִיּוֹ בְּקִרְבֵּי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (כ) (א) לֹא־יְהִי

silver and gold to excess. (18) When he is seated on his royal throne, he shall have a copy of this Teaching written for him on a scroll by the levitical priests. (19) Let it remain with him and let him read in it all his life, so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God, to observe faithfully every word of this Teaching as well as these laws. (20) Thus he will not act haughtily toward his fellows or deviate from the Instruction to the right or to the left, to the end that he and his descendants may reign long in the midst of Israel. (1) The levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no territorial portion with Israel. They shall live only off the LORD's offerings by fire as their portion, (2) and shall have no portion among their brother tribes: the LORD is their portion, as He promised them. (3) This then shall be the priests' due from the people: Everyone who offers a sacrifice, whether an ox or a sheep, must give the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach to the priest. (4) You shall also give him the first fruits of your new grain and wine and oil, and the first shearing of your sheep. (5) For the LORD your God has chosen him and his descendants, out of all your tribes, to be in attendance for service in the name of the LORD for all time.

לְפָנָיִם הַלְוִיִּם כָּל־שֶׁבֶט לִנְי תִּלְקַ וְנִחְלָה
עַם־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֵׁי יְהוָה וְנִחְלָתוּ יֹאכְלוּ: (ב)
וְנִחְלָה לֹא־יִהְיֶה־לוֹ בְּקָרֵב אָחִיו יְהוָה הוּא
נִחְלָתוֹ כַּאֲשֶׁר דָּבָר־לוֹ: (ג) וְזֶה יִהְיֶה
מִשְׁפֹּט הַפְּהָנִים מֵאֵת הָעָם מֵאֵת זִבְחֵי הַזֶּבַח
אִם־שׂוֹר אִם־שֶׁה וְנָתַן לַפְּהֵן הַזֶּרַע
וְהַלְחָנִים וְהַקֶּבֶה: (ד) רֵאשִׁית דְּגָנְךָ תִּירֹשְׁךָ
וַיִּצְהָרְךָ וְרֵאשִׁית גֶּזַ צֹאנְךָ תִּתֶּן־לוֹ: (ה) כִּי
כֹּה בָּתֵּר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִכָּל־שֶׁבֶטֶיךָ לַעֲמֹד
לְשֵׁרֵת בְּשֵׁם־יְהוָה הוּא וּבְגִּוּוֹ כָּל־הַיָּמִים:
(ו)

