

Torah for Acharei Mot: Leviticus 17: 1 – 18: 5

(1) The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying:

(א) וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

(2) Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelite people and say to them:

(ב) דַּבֵּר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶל־בָּנָיו וְאֶל כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

This is what the Eternal has commanded:

וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהוָה לֵאמֹר:

(3) if anyone of the house of Israel slaughters an ox or sheep or goat in the camp, or does so outside the camp,

(ג) אִישׁ אִישׁ מִבֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁחַט שׂוֹר

אוֹרֶכְשֵׁב אוֹ־עֵז בַּמַּחֲנֶה אוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁחַט מִחוּץ

לַמַּחֲנֶה:

(4) and does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to present it as an offering to the Eternal, before the Eternal's Tabernacle, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that party: having shed blood, that person shall be cut off from among this people.

(ד) וְאֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לֹא הֵבִיאוּ לְהַקְרִיב קָרְבָּן

לַיהוָה לִפְנֵי מִשְׁכַּן יְהוָה דָּם יִחָשֵׁב לְאִישׁ הַהוּא דָם

שָׁפַךְ וְנִכְרַת הָאִישׁ הַהוּא מִקִּרְב עַמּוֹ:

(5) This is in order that the Israelites may bring the sacrifices which they have been making in the open—that they may bring them before the Eternal, to the priest, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and offer them as sacrifices of well-being to the Eternal;

(ה) לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יָבִיאוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־זִבְחֵיהֶם

אֲשֶׁר הֵם זֹבְחִים עַל־פְּנֵי הַשָּׂדֶה וַהֲבִיֵּאֵם לַיהוָה

אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד אֶל־הַפֶּה וְזָבְחוּ וְזָבְחֵי שְׁלָמִים

לַיהוָה אוֹתָם:

(6) that the priest may dash the blood against the altar of the Eternal at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and turn the fat into smoke as a pleasing odor to the Eternal;

(ו) וְנָרַק הַפֶּה וְאֶת־הַדָּם עַל־מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה פֶּתַח אֹהֶל

מוֹעֵד וְהַקְטִיר הַחֵלֶב לְרִיחַ נִיחֹם לַיהוָה:

(7) and that they may offer their sacrifices no more to the goat-demons after whom they stray. This shall be to them a law for all time, throughout the ages.

(ז) וְלֹא־יִזְבְּחוּ עוֹד אֶת־זִבְחֵיהֶם לְשַׁעִירִים אֲשֶׁר הֵם

זָנִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם חֻקַּת עוֹלָם תְּהִי־זֹאת לָהֶם

לְדוֹרֹתָם:

(8) Say to them further: If anyone of the house of Israel or of the strangers who reside among them offers a burnt offering or a sacrifice,

(ח) וְאָלֵהֶם תֹּאמַר אִישׁ אִישׁ מִבֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמִן־

הַגֵּר אֲשֶׁר־יִגֹּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם אֲשֶׁר־יַעֲלֶה עֲלֶה אוֹ־זֹבַח:

(9) and does not bring it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting to offer it to the Eternal, that person shall be cut off from this people.

(ט) וְאֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לֹא יָבִיֵּאוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתוֹ

לַיהוָה וְנִכְרַת הָאִישׁ הַהוּא מֵעַמּוֹ:

(10) And if anyone of the house of Israel or of the strangers who reside among them partakes of any blood, I will set My face against the person who partakes of the blood; I will cut that person off from among kin.

(י) וְאִישׁ אִישׁ מִבֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמִן־הַגֵּר הַגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם

אֲשֶׁר יֹאכַל כָּל־דָּם וְנִתַּתִּי פָנַי בְּנַפְשׁ הָאֹכֵלֶת אֶת־

הַדָּם וְהִכְרַתִּי אֹתָהּ מִקִּרְב עַמָּה:

(11) For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have assigned it to you for making expiation for your lives upon the altar; it is the blood, as life, that effects expiation.

(12) Therefore I say to the Israelite people: No person among you shall partake of blood, nor shall the stranger who resides among you partake of blood.

(13) And if any Israelite or any stranger who resides among them hunts down an animal or a bird that may be eaten, that person shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

(14) For the life of all flesh—its blood is its life. Therefore I say to the Israelite people: You shall not partake of the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Anyone who partakes of it shall be cut off.

(15) Any person, whether citizen or stranger, who eats what has died or has been torn by beasts shall wash those clothes, bathe in water, remain impure until evening—and shall then be pure.

(16) But if the clothes are not washed and the body is not bathed, that person shall bear the guilt.

(1) The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying:

(2) Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: I the Eternal am your God.

(3) You shall not copy the practices of the land of Egypt where you dwelt, or of the land of Canaan to which I am taking you; nor shall you follow their laws.

(4) My rules alone shall you observe, and faithfully follow My laws: I the Eternal am your God.

(5) You shall keep My laws and My rules, by the pursuit of which human beings shall live: I am the Eternal.

(יא) כִּי נַפְשׁ הַבֶּשֶׂר בַּדָּם הוּא וְאֲנִי נִתְּתִיו לָכֶם
עַל-הַמִּזְבֵּחַ לְכַפֵּר עַל-נַפְשׁוֹתֵיכֶם כִּי-הַדָּם הוּא
בְּנַפְשׁ יִכָּפֵר:

(יב) עַל-כֵּן אֶמְרָתִי לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּל-נַפְשׁ מִכֶּם
לֹא-תֹאכַל דָּם וְהִגֵּר הִגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם לֹא-יֹאכַל דָּם:

(יג) וְאִישׁ אִישׁ מִבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמִן-הִגֵּר הִגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם
אֲשֶׁר יִצוּד יִצִיד חַיָּה אוֹ-עוֹף אֲשֶׁר יֹאכַל וְשָׁפַךְ אֶת-
דָּמוֹ וְכִסְהוּ בְּעָפָר:

(יד) כִּי-נַפְשׁ כָּל-בֶּשֶׂר דָּמוֹ בְּנַפְשׁוֹ הוּא וְאָמַר לְבְנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל דָּם כָּל-בֶּשֶׂר לֹא תֹאכְלוּ כִּי נַפְשׁ כָּל-בֶּשֶׂר
דָּמוֹ הוּא כָּל-אֲכָלָיו יִכָּרֵת:

(טו) וְכָל-נַפְשׁ אֲשֶׁר תֹּאכַל גְּבִלָה וְטֶרֶף בְּאֲזָרָה
וּבִגֵּד וּכְבֶסֶת בְּגָדָיו וְרִחֵץ בַּמַּיִם וְטָמֵא עַד-הָעֶרֶב
יִטְהַר:

(טז) וְאִם לֹא יִכְבֶּס וּבִשְׁרוּ לֹא יִרְחֹץ וּנְשָׂא עוֹנוֹ:

(א) וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

(ב) דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

(ג) כְּמַעֲשֵׂה אֲרָץ-מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁבְּתֶם-בָּהּ לֹא
תַעֲשׂוּ וְכַמַּעֲשֵׂה אֲרָץ-כְּנָעַן אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְבִיא אֶתְכֶם
שָׁמָּה לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ וּבַחֲקִיתֶהֶם לֹא תִלְכוּ:

(ד) אֶת-מִשְׁפָּטֵי תַעֲשׂוּ וְאֶת-חֻקֹּתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ לְלַקֵּת
בָּהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

(ה) וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת-חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת-מִשְׁפָּטֵי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה
אִתְּם הָאָדָם וְחֵי בָהֶם אֲנִי יְהוָה: