

Va'Etchanan Mitzvots 2022 Notes

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12 commandments in this portion

Deuteronomy 5:18 - deals with matters of the heart

2 types of messengers

- Self appointed
 - Has to resort to slander or bring someone down to be heard
- God appointed
 - Focused on bringing the message

Deuteronomy 6:4 - Shema

- We are totally submissive to God (our sovereign) and no other deity/king
- Big statement of loyalty

You cannot serve 2 masters

Breaking a covenant shames God's name

Yeshua will be king of the earth - but God is king of the universe

Everyone who recites the Shema serves as a witness testifying that "Hashem, our G-d is the One and only G-d in the world."

Shema

- Oath of loyalty
- Confession of faith

Love is the duty of a vassal to their suzerain

Love = loyalty to sovereign

"Friend" = covenantal language

- We are under a covenant with God through Yeshua - so we owe our loyalty to Yeshua

Yeshua came to restore

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Love in the Bible has covenantal context

Love has to do with international relations

We are all in covenant with God - so we are to be loyal to one another as we are loyal to God

- "Horizontal-vertical relationship"

Idolatry and adultery have the same penalty - they're both transgressions of covenantal oaths

Loving God = following God's commandments

We are not to practice what the nations practice

Deuteronomy 6:7 - we have to teach Torah

Deuteronomy 6:7 - we are to recite the Shema 2x daily

- Waking and before bed

Some words that Yeshua said while on the cross line up with the evening Shema

Vayomer (Numbers 15:37-41) - done in the Temple

Deuteronomy 6:8 - tefillin

Yeshua did not say anything was wrong with tefillin in Matthew 23:5

- It was more about their intention/motivation
- They weren't behaving like a new creation
- Yeshua was judging their character

Our lifestyle should reflect our relationship with God

Tzitzit - to remember the commandments

Blood on doorposts during Passover - God's protection from chaos and death

By having a mezuzah - our properties become sacred spaces

Matthew 23 - they were taking Temple purity laws and imposing them on people

- Handwashing, etc.

Tefillin have 4 portions written - Exodus 13:1-10, 13:11-16 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-21

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Deuteronomy 6:9 - Mezuzah

- Written inside is Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Vehoyah Im Shamoah (Deuteronomy 11:13-21)
- Commandment is more of actually writing it on the doorpost

By having a mezuzah we are witnesses that our dwelling place is for the God of creation

- The lifestyle in that place should reflect God's character

We proclaim God as our king and redeemer on Shabbat

We proclaim Redemption from Egypt on Passover

We proclaim God as our liberator on Shavuot

We proclaim God as our king on Yom Teruah

We proclaim God as our Judge on Yom Kippur

We proclaim that God gathers us up on Sukkot

Deuteronomy 6:16 - prophets are supposed to speak God's words

Deuteronomy 13 discusses how to validate a "prophet of God"

Deuteronomy 7:2 - pertains to Israelites in the land of Israel under a theocracy

Ezra told the priest to put away his strange wives (Ezra 10:3)

- They (the wives) wouldn't be able to go into the Temple to eat of the offerings
 - They wouldn't survive
- This gives the wives a chance of survival if they are divorced