



*Congregation Notes Torah Portion Shoftim - Judges
Judges at the End and the Holy Spirit
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Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9; Isaiah 51:12- 52:12; John 14:9-10*

***Deuteronomy 16:18** You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

***Judges 16:1-3** One day while Samson was in Gaza, he saw a prostitute and went to her house to spend the night. The people who lived in Gaza found out he was there, and they **decided to kill him at sunrise. So they went to the city gate and waited all night** in the guardrooms on each side of the gate. But Samson got up in the middle of the night and went to the town gate. He pulled the gate doors and doorposts out of the wall and put them on his shoulders. Then he carried them all the way to the top of the hill that overlooks Hebron, where he set the doors down, still closed and locked.

***Judges 16:30** Then Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines! And he pushed (the pillars) with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.

***Deuteronomy 16:19** You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.

***Deuteronomy 16:2-5** If a man or woman among you in one of the towns that the LORD your God gives you is found doing evil in the sight of the LORD your God by transgressing His covenant who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, and if it is reported and you hear about it, you must investigate it thoroughly. If the report is true and such an abomination has happened in Israel, **you must bring out to your gates the man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you must stone that person to death.**

***John 8:2- 6** Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say? This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

***John 8:7** Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.

***Jeremiah 17:13** O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

***John 8:10b-11** Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you? She said, No one, Lord. And Yeshua said to her, Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.

***Deuteronomy 17:6-7** By the testimony of two witnesses or three witnesses shall **the one who is to die be put to death**; he shall not be put to death by the testimony of one witness. The hand of the witnesses shall be against him first to put him to death, and the hand of the entire people afterward, and you shall eradicate the evil from you.

***John 6:67-69** Then Yeshua said to the twelve, **Do you also want to go away?** Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.

***Deuteronomy 16:20** Justice, justice you shall pursue, so that you will live and you will possess the land that HASHEM, your God gives to you.

***Galatians 3:23-24** But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Messiah, that we might be justified by faith.

***John 14:6** Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

***2 Corinthians 5:7** For we live by faith, not by sight.

***Ephesians 5:15-16** Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

***Matthew 22:37-39** Jesus said to him, You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

***Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***2 Corinthians 10:4-5** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,.....

***2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

***Matthew 5:6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

***John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things.

***Acts 8:14-24** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter said to him, Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thoughts of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity. Then Simon answered and said, Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.

***Galatians 5:25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us walk in step with the Spirit.

***Romans 5:5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

***Acts 15:28** For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

***Acts 21:25** But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.

***Ephesians 4:30-31** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, outcry and slander, along with every form of malice.

***Matthew 6:6** But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

***Isaiah 51:12** I even I am He who comforts you. Who are you that you should be afraid of a man who will die.

***Isaiah 51:13** And **you forget the LORD your Maker**, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth; **you have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor**, when he has prepared to destroy. And where is the fury of the oppressor?

***Isaiah 52:5-6** Now therefore, what have I here, says the LORD, that My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them sail, says the LORD, and My name is blasphemed continually every day. Therefore, My people shall know My name; therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks; behold, it is I.