Parashah 47 Re’eh - הָּרֶעֶה - “See”

Torah: D’varim (Deutoronomy) 11:26-16:17
- Aliyah 1 - 11:26-12:10 Choice: Blessings/Curses; Mt G’rizim/Eival; exterminate idolatry in The Land
- Aliyah 2 - 12:11 - 28 Sacrificial service/tithes at the place where God’s name dwells is defined
- Aliyah 3 - 12:29-13:19 Do not fall into idolatry, or follow false prophets among the people
- Aliyah 4 - 14:1 - 21 Bodily cutting/marking forbidden; Laws of Kashrut (kosher) reiterated
- Aliyah 5 - 14:22 - 29 Tithing further defined - eating it in the presence of Adonai; care for Levi’im/poor
- Aliyah 6 - 15:1 - 18 7th year debt forgiveness, release of slaves, care for needy
- Aliyah 7 - 15:19-16:17 Sacrifice 1st born male-herd/flock; Pesach/Matzah, Shavu’ot, Sukkot pilgrimage

Haftarah: Yesha’yahu (Isaiah) 54:11-55:5
B’rit Hadashah: 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 1 Yochanan (1 John) 4:1-6

1. (12:2) Should we destroy idolatrous places of worship today? What did Sha’ul do? When is "tolerance" compromise?

2. (12:11) Where were the Israelites instructed to bring their sacrifices and offerings? Why are sacrifices not offered today? When were they stopped? What was Yeshua’s perspective on the Temple?

3. (13:1) How do you interpret "adding" or "subtracting" from the commandments of God?

4. (13:3) How can we detect a false prophet? What is commanded to be done to false prophets? Where, when, and to whom does this apply? How does mainstream Judaism view Yeshua as a prophet?

5. As believers in Messiah and followers of The Way, why should we obey or not obey the dietary laws today? What is "disgusting" (abomination) to you? What should be?

6. Upon what is the "one-tenth" mentioned based? What is to be done with it? What happens every three years?

7. Upon what is the concept of debt based? Why would someone be in debt? How are foreigners treated differently than "brothers"? Can you think of a time when Yeshua speaks of "debts"? When will there be no poor among us?
8. Did Yeshua observe the three pilgrimage festivals? What is the heart attitude that the festivals should invoke? (16:14) How do you define "joy?"

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (11:26) There are only two choices - “our” way, or God’s way. Which do you choose? (Mat 7:13-14, Jos 24:15, 2Pe 3:9, Rut 1:15-18)

2. (12:11) Where does God’s name dwell today? Are you drawn to come to this “place?” (Deu 16:16, Joh 1:14, Col 1:19, Col 2:8-10, Heb 1:1-3, Joh 12:32)


5. (14:22) Tithing was to be on a cash-basis; a definite, structured, planned, consistent process. How do you handle your giving, and why? (2Ch 31:5, Mal 3:10, 1Co 16:2, 2Co 9:6-11, Neh 10:34-39, Deu 14:29)
