

Parashah 48 Shoftim - שֹׁפְטִים
“Judges”



7. (20:5-8) What are the four classes of men not to participate in battle?
8. (20:10) What is the difference between the towns that are to be offered peace, and those that are to be destroyed? How does this apply to us today?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (16:18) We are required to make judgements every day. On what basis do you judge? (Deu 16:20, Joh 7:24, Mat 7:1-5, Mat 7:16-17, Isa 11:1-5)
2. (17:14) How do you handle the tension of not having what is promised... yet? (Mat 13:17, Luk 10:24, 1Pe 1:10-12, 1Co 13:12, Exo 33:17-23, Joh 14:8-11, Heb 1:1-3)
3. (18:1) All Levites- blemish free or not- were treated the same in regard to inheritance. Do you feel excluded from service in God's Kingdom because of some "disability?" (Isa 55:1-7, Luk 12:27-30, Gal 2:7-10, Gal 3:29)
4. (18:6) Levitical service was a duty, but provision was made for service from desire. Is your service to the Lord a duty or a desire? Or both? (Psa 63:1-4, Psa 27:4-6, Psa 37:4, Joh 17:24)
5. (18:14) God's laws define God's people, and their behavior. Where do you draw the line? (Deu 18:10-11, Jer 10:2-3, Act 14:16-17, Rom 12:2, Gal 5:19-21, 1Co 6:9-10, Mat 7:18-20, Psa 81:8-16, Act 17:30-31)
6. (19:14) What are your boundaries? Do you respect the boundary markers of your neighbor(s)? (Col 2:16, Rom 14:3, 5, 10, 13, Jud 3, Mar 9:39-40, Hos 5:10, Pro 23:10-11, 1Co 8:11-13)
7. (20:12) We are in a battlefield today. Do we offer peace or war? (Rom 12:18, Eph 6:11-13, 2Co 10:3-5, Rev 3:10-11, Rev 14:12)