

Deuteronomy

Lesson #17, Chapter 16-17

Ask the Lord to help you glean the most you can from Chapters 16 and 17. Ask Him to help you know Him better as you study His Word.

1. In verse 1 what are the Israelites supposed to do during the month of Abib [Abib corresponds to March/April]? Why (verse 1)?
2. What are the specific ways they are supposed to perform this ceremony (verses 2-8)? Also note any reasons that are given as to why they are to do certain things.
3. What else do you learn about this feast from Exodus 12:1-20, 26-27; 23:15?
4. What was the purpose of this celebration?
5. When does the next feast begin (verse 9)?
6. What is the next feast called (verse 10)? Also note what other names it has: Exodus 23:16; Leviticus 23:15-16 explains the name given to it in Acts 2:1 (in Greek *pentē* means five); Numbers 28:26.
7. What are the particulars of this feast (verses 10-12)?

8. What was the purpose of this feast?

9. What is the next feast mentioned in this chapter (verse 13)? When is it to be celebrated?

10. What are the particulars of this feast (verses 13-17)? See also Exodus 23:16; Leviticus 23:34-36, 39-44.

11. What was the purpose of this feast?

12. What do all the feasts have in common? See verses 16-17.

13. In this chapter we see God regulating life in the Promised Land, which continues from verse 18 on into chapter 17. What are the people to do according to verse 18?

14. What do you learn about the role of justice in the land in verses 18-20?

15. Deuteronomy 16:21-22 and 17:1-13 give examples of when judges or officers will be needed. What are the examples that are given here?

16. From 17:2-13 what do you learn about the role of a witness?

17. What safeguards does God include in the law to protect someone from a malicious witness (17:6, 9-10)?

18. Read Matthew 18:15-20; 2 Corinthians 13:1; and 1 Timothy 5:19. Has the role of righteous justice and being a witness changed in the New Testament? Why do you suppose that is the case?

19. Why is the consequence for not listening to the priest or judge so severe (verses 12-13)? What is at stake here?

20. We see the application of that same principle in the New Testament in Hebrews 13:17; 1 Corinthians 16:15-16; 1 Timothy 5:19-21. What do you learn about the importance of submitting to the leaders God has placed over you in the church? What is at stake if we don't adhere to these principles?

21. Continuing with the theme of righteous judges, God made provision for the rule of a king over Israel. What kind of a king did He desire for them (verse 15)?

22. What is the king *not* supposed to do (verses 16-17)? Why?

23. What was the king to do to ensure that his rule would be righteous and just (verses 18-20)?

24. How would the reading of God's Word throughout his life be a protection for that king and for his people? See verses 19-20.

25. What can you apply to your life from the example of the king who learns to lean on God and His Word? What character qualities will be built into you as you saturate yourself in the Word of God?