Shabbat Message

Behar-Bechukotai / On Mount Sinai-In My Statutes

Lev 25:1-26:2

Bechukotai <u>Lev 26:3-27:34</u>

My Way or Yah's Way

Blessing and Cursing

Introduction

This portion of the Torah has to be one of the most diverse chapters in all of the Torah because it deals with so many things from letting your land rest on a Shabbat to the Jubilee year as well.

We also see that the blessings and curses that Yehovah has given to His people Israel. Is there a pattern that Yehovah wants us to live by? Is there blessings and curses? Can we bring ourselves under curses for not being obedient to Yehovah and His commandments? Let's find out.

Blessings for Obedience

Leviticus 26:1-13

- Leviticus 26:1-13 elaborates on the blessings that await the Israelites should they obey Elohim's Laws.
- 2. These include abundant harvests (26:4), peace in the land, (26:6), victory over their enemies (26:7), and an increase in their population (26:9).
- This promise of blessings echoes the promise made earlier in Deut 28:1-14 and Exodus
 20:6 showing Elohim's consistent reward system for obedience.

Curses for Disobedience

Leviticus 26:14-39

- 1. Conversely, the curses that come with disobedience are equally detailed (26:14-39).
- 2. Elohim warns of calamities such as disease (26:16), famine (26:19), defeat (26:17) and exile (26:33).

 These curses mirror Deuteronomy 28:15-68, indicating Elohim's consistency in disciplining disobedience.

Promise of Revelation

Leviticus 26:40-46

- Despite the severity of the curses, Elohim's enduring love and mercy are evident as He promises restoration for repentant hearts (Leviticus 26:40-46).
- 2. This theme of restoration is consistent across both the Old and New Testaments, seen in verses like 2 Chronicles 7:14 and 1 John 1:9.
- 3. Leviticus 26 is a vivid revelation of the Divine promises of blessings and curses based on obedience or disobedience to God's commandments.
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- 5. It is a reminder of God's just nature, His unchanging love, and His consistent discipline.
- Even more, it stands as a testament to His mercy and readiness to restore those with a repentant heart.
- 7. Viewing this chapter from the lens of the Divine promises serves as a roadmap for living in obedience to God's laws to enjoy blessings and avoid curses.
- 8. It is an inspiring call to walk in God's ways and experience His divine promises.
- 9. It is important to know how to live for Elohim to continue to get the Revelation of His Word

revealed to you.

Take Away

- Yehovah has given us the incredible privilege to walk in ways by obeying His commandments.
- 2. Yehovah have given us perimeters to walk and we must learn those perimeters.
- Yehovah will continue to show us how we walk with Him if we only ask Him to show us how.

Application

- 1. I will walk with Yehovah as I obey His commandments
- 2. I will learn the perimeters that I have to walk with Him
- 3. I will praise Him every moment I have as I continue to learn His heart.

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