

# SEVEN THORNY THEMES OF PARASHAH EMOR

Leviticus 21-24 contains one of 3 uninterrupted text blocks of around 100 verses in Leviticus when Yahweh spoke ("emor") with the people of Yisrael about matters of great importance. The 3 blocks are Lev 1-5 (Highlight: Sacrifices); Lev 21-24 (Highlight: Feasts) and Lev 25-26 (Highlight: Blessings and Curses).

## THE PURITY OF THE PRIEST (21:1-22:17)

- ☯ The set-apartness of Yahweh
- ☯ Death, Marriage and Blemishes
- ☯ No appreciation for Messiah as priest (Jews)

## THE STORY OF THE SABBATH (23:1-3)

- ☯ The set-apartness of the 7th day
- ☯ The words "leYahweh" and "mikra"
- ☯ No appreciation for Yahweh's special day (Christians)

## THE CALCULATION OF THE CALENDAR (23:1-44)

- ☯ The set-apartness of Time
- ☯ The calendar and "vayomer Yahweh "
- ☯ The chaos surrounding the calendar today

## THE PROVISION FOR THE POOR (23:22)

- ☯ The unusual interruption - harvest
- ☯ Time, celebration and the poor
- ☯ "Whoever takes care of the poor, is considered as if they built the Temple and offered their sacrifices within it"

## THE MEANING OF THE MENORAH (24:1-4)

- ☯ The set-apartness of space
- ☯ Constant witness – "ner tamid" (vs sun)
- ☯ One piece of gold, 7 branches – unity and diversity

## THE FORGETTING OF FORGIVENESS (24:17-21)

- ☯ Eye for eye – vengeance or restoration?
- ☯ Unlimited tribal justice
- ☯ Finish-line – Teshuvah – Forgiveness – Restitution

## THE BLEMISH OF BLASPHEMY (24:11-23)

- ☯ How Jews understand "naqav"
- ☯ How 24:21 uses "naqav" – curse!
- ☯ How we should understand "naqav" – Blessing!

Y'shua made it clear that whatever he taught, He received from his Father. His teaching was truth – that is why he often used the word "amain", which means "truly". In fact the words, "Amain, I say ("emor") to you ..." (from Y'shua's mouth) are recorded more than 60 times in the Messianic Scriptures. The first and the last being:

Mat 5:18 Amain, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one yod or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.

Joh 16:23 Amain, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My Name He shall give you.