Torah Portion – Week 48 (24-25)
Deut 16:18 – 21:9

Welcome brothers and sisters to week 48 – Shofetim, meaning Judges. This portion outlines societal structure for the Israelites; which discusses rules for Judges, Kings, Levites, Prophets, cities of refuge, witnesses, war and murder crimes.

**Ch.16**

16:20 – Truly being the light – [Deut 4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=deut%204%3A6-9&version=KJV)

* + [Christianity](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=zeph+3%3A1-4%2C+&version=RSV)
	+ Can’t judge by the heart or feelings; Torah rules.

21-22 Modern day images?

**Ch.17**

17:1 - Sacrifices. Everything we have - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rom%2012%3A1-2%2C%20heb%2012%3A1&version=KJV)

8-13 – once again, Yahuah is showing structure and order - [Verse](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+cor+14%3A33&version=NASB)

17:19 - Copy of the book – The Word (how much time do we spend?)

17:12 – Sedition (fruits of the flesh) - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=gal%205%3A19-21&version=KJV)

17:20 – Not lifted up above his brethren - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+13%3A5-17%2C+matt+23%3A8-12%2C+eph+4%3A11-15&version=KJV)

* Nevertheless, respect is needed - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts%207%3A51-52%2C%20heb%2013%3A17-18&version=KJV)

**Ch.18**

* + *18:5 –* [*Test. Of levi 1:6-15, 2:1-5*](https://sacred-texts.com/bib/fbe/fbe272.htm)

18:9 – Christmas, Easter etc… are abominations of the nations

18:10-11 – Video games (big open door area for transgression within your home)

18:13 – We should strive for perfection - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke%201%3A5-6%2C%20matt%205%3A48%2C%20deut%2030%3A11-15&version=KJV)

18:19 – Prophet like Moshe – [Comparison chart](https://parableofthevineyard.com/yahusha-the-prophet-like-moshe/)

* In this portion, we have the raising up of a prophet, king and priest
* Last days a prophet, priest and king! - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah%206%3A11-13%2C%20rev%202%3A26-28%2C%20rev%203%3A20-21%2C%20ps%20110&version=KJV)
* Last week we had the test, this week we have the promises of raising up - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=joel%202%3A23-29&version=KJV)

**Ch.19**

19:1-13 – Yahuah is righteous, making sure a fair trial ensued.

19:5 – Must be taken into consideration

19:18 – Inquire diligently ([Book of Susanna](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=susana+1&version=RSV))

19:21 – Eye for eye (but what did Yahusha say) [Natsarim 16:48-49](https://parableofthevineyard.com/wp-content/uploads/The-Books-of-the-Natsarim-2.pdf) (pdf 156)

Ch.20

20:1-10 – Very thoughtful sentiments from a caring Elohim

* Fish now, war later - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jer%2016%3A14-17&version=KJV)

Doesn’t want the fearful with him

20:19: “Tree is a mans life” We are likened to trees (Psalm 1) - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ps+1%3A1-3%2C+matt+21%3A19&version=GNV)

* [Natsarim 8:46-48](https://parableofthevineyard.com/wp-content/uploads/The-Books-of-the-Natsarim-2.pdf) (pdf 84)

Ch.21

* 1-9: The heifer took the place of the murderer.