

UNIT 2

KOSHER FOODS, WEIRD LAWS AND HARSH PUNISHMENTS

I/ The Covenant People

A. By grace

B. In community

C. For the nations

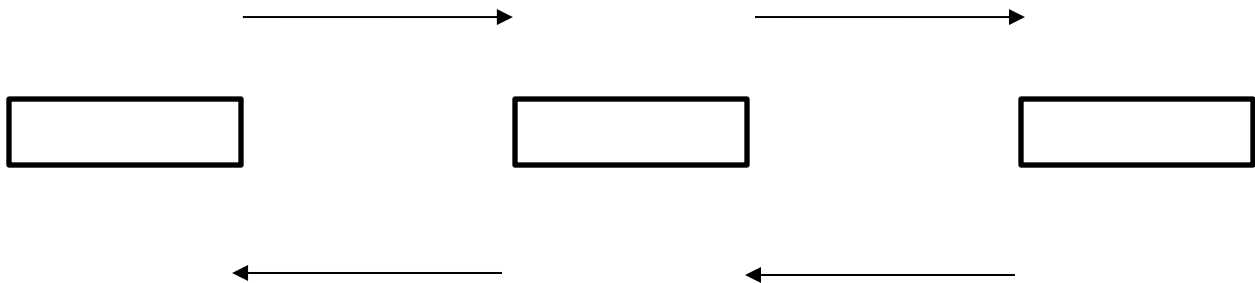
II/ A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation

A. Holiness

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

—Exodus 19:1-6

B. The ritual states



"I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean. You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine."

– Leviticus 20:24–26

C. Clean and unclean animals (Leviticus 11)

Possible rationales:

1. _____
2. The _____ explanation
3. The _____ interpretation
4. The _____ view
5. _____ to the standard

III/ Application To Us Today?

A. The law and the heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. –Psalm 51:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. – Jeremiah 31:33

B. Holiness in all of life



Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. – 1 Corinthians 10:31

C. The cleansing of Christ

You are already **clean** because of the word I have spoken to you.— John 15:3 (NIV)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having **cleansed** her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be **holy** and **blameless**. — Ephesians 5:25–27 (NASB)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to **purify** for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. — Titus 2:11–14 (NASB)

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, **cleanse** your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? — Hebrews 9:13–14 (NASB)

But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son **cleanses** us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:7–9 (NASB)