

**“The Pentateuch”  
Deuteronomy 18-19  
Wednesday August 24, 2011**

**Theme** – Deuteronomy – “Renewed Covenant”; “Second Law”; “Gospel Of Love”

**Laws Concerning Justice:** Deut 16: 18-21:23

**1. Deut 16:18-17:13 Judges –**

**2. Deut 17:14-20 Kings –**

**3. Deut 18:1-14 Priest And Levites –**

**4. Deut 18:15-22 Prophets –**

**Deut 19** – The Cities of Refuge, The Law of Witnesses –

**Deut 18:1-8** – Priests And Levites: Deuteronomy 18:1-5

God is wanting Israel to see the importance of the spiritual leaders; That they were chosen by God; That they are representing God.

1 Corinthians 9:13-14

1 Timothy 5:17-18

During Israel’s history, this provision was violated in 2 ways:

1. 1 Sam 2 – During the time of the judges, when Eli was the priest, they were abusing this provision.
2. Nehemiah’s time – the people were not bringing in their tithes so that the Levites and priests had to leave their ministry work at the temple to provide for themselves.

Nehemiah 13:10-12

Deut 18:6-8 – Moses institutes provisions for a Levite who wanted to minister in Jerusalem at the Temple.

Deut 18:6 – “whenever he desires” – “All the desire of his mind”

Deut 18:7-8

Here Moses is making sure that classes wouldn’t develop within the Levitical ministry.

Deut 18:9-14 – Occult Practices Forbidden: Deut 18:9

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Deut 18:10 – “makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire,” – This was the sacrificing of children to the Moloch (or to Molech) – meaning “king”; a god of the Phoenicians

“divination,” – (Fortune Telling)

Diviners – were looking for the divine will –

“one who practices witchcraft,” – is the alleged use of supernatural or magical powers.

“or a sorcerer,” – A person with so-called magical powers.

Deut 18:11

“or a medium,” – One that stands between two extremes, and communicates and gives information between.

“or a spiritist,” – believe in reincarnation

“or one who calls up the dead.” – This is called “Necromancy”; The communication between the living and the dead.

Deut 18:12-14

Deut 18:15-22 – Prophets: Deut 18:15

Prophet – is defined as “a person who speaks by divine inspiration or as the interpreter through whom the will of a God is expressed; one that is forth-telling and foretelling; a prophet is a mouthpiece for God”

“A prophet stands before the people for God, while a priest stands before God for the people”

Deut 18:16-17

Exodus 20:18-19

From that time on, God spoke to Moses and Moses spoke to the people. Moses became the mediator between God and the people.

Deut 18:15

Deut 18:18-19

This is a reference to Jesus Christ. Acts 3:19-23

Deut 18:20-22

Deut 13

Both Jeremiah & Ezekiel dealt with those types of "lying prophets"

Jeremiah 14:14-16

Ezekiel 13:8-10

Jeremiah 7:25-26

### **Deut 19:1-13 – The Cities of Refuge: Deuteronomy 19:1-2**

Numbers 35, Moses first introduced this concept of cities of refuge:

Verse 2 – There were to be 3 on the East side of the Jordan River, outside the promised land, where Reuben, Gad and ½ the tribe of Manasseh chose to settle.

Deuteronomy 19:3 "You shall prepare the roads for yourself, calls for easy access to these cities

"and divide into three parts the territory of your land," – They were to be equally spaced throughout the land

"so that any manslayer may flee there." – These cities were to be a safe haven for anyone who accidentally and unintentionally kills someone.

Deut 19:4-7

Verses 8-13 – There are to be 3 in the promised land. Deut 19:8-9

Their expansion was based upon their obedience!

Deut 19:10-13

Deut 19:14 – Boundaries: Deut 19:14

Prov 22:28

People would move the boundaries because they weren't satisfied and content with their allotment or out of pure greed for more! 1 Tim 6:6

God does indeed place boundaries in our lives to keep us from sin and harm!

Deut 19: 15-21 – The Law of Witnesses: Deut 19: 15

Deut 17: 6

**Application:**

1. We Need To Appreciate And Honor Our Spiritual Leaders.
2. There Is Only One Source For Direction For The Future, It Is Jesus.
3. We Need To Be Very Careful When We Speak On Behalf Of God.
4. Jesus Is Our City Of Refuge, To Run To Him And Find Safety.