

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids

Parashah # 47: Re'eh "See"

Devarim (Deut.) 11:26-16:17

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Have you ever looked at a map when you were on a trail? You did it to see ahead to where you were going. Have you ever looked through a pair of binoculars? If you have it helps you to see more clearly what is ahead of you.

Re'eh, the name of this week's Torah Portion means "See", this Torah Portion is all about "Seeing" what is ahead.

In summary this week's Torah Portion deals with the proclamation of the:

- Blessings of Obeying Torah and the Curses of Disobeying Torah.
- The instructions to establish a Temple after the land is settled where YHWH so chooses, and sacrifice offerings there and nowhere else.
- The command that a false Prophet is to be put to death and idol worshiping cities are to be destroyed.
- The review of what animals are considered food (kosher) and which ones are not considered fit for consumption (Traif) which we will not delve in to this Torah portion.
- A tenth of all produce is to be eaten in Yerushaliyim (Jerusalem), or exchanged for money so food can be purchased and eaten there. Some years this is given to the poor. The first born live stock is to be offered at the Temple and the meat eaten by the Kohenim (Levitical Priests).
- The Mizvah (Commandment) of giving charity, and loans forgiven on the Sabbatical year.
- The three Pilgrimage Festivals where all the men of Israel were to appear before YHWH in Jerusalem at the Temple: Pesach (Passover), Shavu'ot (Feast of Weeks), and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles).

Almost all of these things Israel cannot do until they enter the Promised Land that is up ahead of them.

Moshe, before he dies is giving the Children of Israel a glimpse of what is ahead so they will be better prepared and know what to do when they get into the Land.

It's like someone giving you instructions so you will have a mental picture of what to do when you arrive. Like if you were throwing a party for someone at someone

else's house and you had to go there and prepare a few things before them. They may say:

“Okay, when you walk into my house there will be a door on the left, in it you'll find the vacuum cleaner. Take it out and vacuum the downstairs please. Then go to the kitchen which is on the right as you enter the house and go to the third cabinet from the sink and on the top shelf you will find a bright green plastic bowl, take it out and put the party snack mix I left on the dinning room table in the bowl. I should be home shortly after that to help with So-N-So's surprise party. I appreciate all you help.”

These instructions where to help you to see where everything you needed and needed to do was before you actually got to their house.

Re'eh?

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

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