

Shabbat Korach

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TORAH PORTION

Numbers 18:20-32

(20) And Adonai said to Aaron: You shall, however, have no territorial share among them or own any portion in their midst; I am your portion and your share among the Israelites. (21) And to the Levites I hereby give all the tithes in Israel as their share in return for the services that they perform, the services of the Tent of Meeting. (22) Henceforth, Israelites shall not trespass on the Tent of Meeting, and thus incur guilt and die: (23) only Levites shall perform the services of the Tent of Meeting; others would incur guilt. It is the law for all time throughout the ages. But they shall have no territorial share among the Israelites; (24) for it is the tithes set aside by the Israelites as a gift to Adonai that I give to the Levites as their share. Therefore I have said concerning them: They shall have no territorial share among the Israelites. (25) Adonai spoke to Moses, saying:

במדבר י"ח: כ"ו-ל"ב

(כ) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־אַהֲרֹן בְּאַרְצָם
 לֹא תִנְחַל וְחֶלֶק לֹא־יְהִינָה לָּךְ
 בְּתוֹכָם אֲנִי חֶלְקִי וְנִחְלַתְךָ בְּתוֹךְ
 בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: {ס} (כא) וְלִבְנֵי
 לְוֵי הַנֶּהַח נָתַתִּי כָּל־מַעֲשֵׂר בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
 לְנִחְלָה חֶלֶף עֲבֹדְתָם אֲשֶׁר־הֵם
 עֹבְדִים אֶת־עֲבֹדַת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד: (כב)
 וְלֹא־יִקְרְבוּ עוֹד בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־אֹהֶל
 מוֹעֵד לְשָׂאת חֲטָא לָמוֹת: (כג) וְעִבַּד
 הַלְוִי הוּא אֶת־עֲבֹדַת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד
 וְהֵם יִשְׂאוּ עֹנֶם חֲקַת עוֹלָם
 לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם וּבְתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא
 יִנְחָלוּ נִחְלָה: (כד) כִּי אֶת־מַעֲשֵׂר
 בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יָרִימוּ לַיהוָה
 תְּרוּמָה נָתַתִּי לְלוּוִים לְנִחְלָה עַל־כֵּן
 אֲמַרְתִּי לָהֶם בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא
 יִנְחָלוּ נִחְלָה: {פ}
 (כה) וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה

(26) Speak to the Levites and say to them: When you receive from the Israelites their tithes, which I have assigned to you as your share, you shall set aside from them one-tenth of the tithe as a gift to Adonai . (27) This shall be accounted to you as your gift. As with the new grain from the threshing floor or the flow from the vat, (28) so shall you on your part set aside a gift for Adonai from all the tithes that you receive from the Israelites; and from them you shall bring the gift for Adonai to Aaron the priest. (29) You shall set aside all gifts due to Adonai from everything that is donated to you, from each thing its best portion, the part thereof that is to be consecrated. (30) Say to them further: When you have removed the best part from it, you Levites may consider it the same as the yield of threshing floor or vat. (31) You and your households may eat it anywhere, for it is your recompense for your services in the Tent of Meeting. (32) You will incur no guilt through it, once you have removed the best part from it; but you must not profane the sacred donations of the Israelites, lest you die.

לְאָמֹר : (כו) וְאֶל־הַלְוִיִּם תִּדְבֹּר
וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם כִּי־תִקְחוּ מֵאֵת
בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַמַּעֲשֵׂר אֲשֶׁר
נָתַתִּי לָכֶם מֵאֲתָם בְּנַחֲלַתְכֶם
וְהִרְמַתֶם מִמֶּנּוּ תְרוּמַת יְהוָה
מֵעֵשֶׂר מִן־הַמַּעֲשֵׂר : (כז) וְנָחֲשַׁב
לָכֶם תְּרוּמַתְכֶם כַּדָּגוּן מִן־הַגֶּרֶן
וְכַמְלֵאָה מִן־הַיֶּקֶב : (כח) כֵּן
תִּרְיִמוּ גַם־אֲתָם תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה
מִכֹּל מַעֲשֵׂי־רְתִיכֶם אֲשֶׁר תִּקְחוּ
מֵאֵת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְנָתַתֶּם מִמֶּנּוּ
אֶת־תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה לְאַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן :
(כט) מִכֹּל מִתְּנִיתֶיכֶם תִּרְיִמוּ אֵת
כָּל־תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה מִכֹּל־חֶלְבֹּוֹ אֵת־
מִקְדָּשׁוֹ מִמֶּנּוּ : (ל) וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם
בְּהַרְיִמְכֶם אֶת־חֶלְבֹּוֹ מִמֶּנּוּ וְנָחֲשַׁב
לְלוּלָיִם כְּתַבּוּאֵת גֶּרֶן וְכְתַבּוּאֵת
יֶקֶב : (לא) וְאֶכְלַתֶּם אֹתוֹ בְּכֹל־
מְקוֹם אֲתָם וּבֵיתְכֶם כִּי־שָׁכַר
הוּא לָכֶם חֶלֶף עַבְדְּתֶכֶם בְּאֶהֱל
מוֹעֵד : (לב) וְלֹא־תִשְׂאוּ עָלֶיךָ חֶטָּא
בְּהַרְיִמְכֶם אֶת־חֶלְבֹּוֹ מִמֶּנּוּ וְאֵת־
קִדְשֵׁי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא תַחֲלִלוּ וְלֹא
תָמוּתוּ : { פ }

HAFTARAH PORTION – Ezekiel 45:1-9

‘When you allot the land as an inheritance, you are to present to God a portion of the land as a sacred district, 25,000 cubits long and 20,000 cubits wide; the entire area will be holy. Of this, a section 500 cubits square is to be for the sanctuary, with 50 cubits around it for open land. In the sacred district, measure off a section 25,000 cubits long and 10,000 cubits wide. In it will be the sanctuary, the most holy place. It will be the sacred portion of the land for the priests, who minister in the sanctuary and who draw near to minister before God. It will be a place for their houses as well as a holy place for the sanctuary. An area 25,000 cubits long and 10,000 cubits wide will belong to the Levites, who serve in the temple, as their possession for towns to live in.

You are to give the city as its property an area 5,000 cubits wide and 25,000 cubits long, adjoining the sacred portion; it will belong to all Israel.

The head of the tribe will have the land bordering each side of the area formed by the sacred district and the property of the city. It will extend westward from the west side and eastward from the east side, running lengthwise from the western to the eastern border parallel to one of the tribal portions. This land will be his possession in Israel. And my tribal heads will no longer oppress my people but will allow the people of Israel to possess the land according to their tribes.

This is what the Sovereign God says: You have gone far enough, leaders of Israel! Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right. Stop dispossessing my people, declares the Sovereign God.