VERTICAL RETRIBUTION



KICK THE CAN ON DOWN THE ROAD



- A way to move the can of worms to the next guy
- Vertical Retribution lets the can get kicked down the road
- Punishment due the sinner is postponed and passed on to the next generation
- Not a superstition
- Principle is woven into the entire Word



WHO SINNED? THE FATHER OR THIS MAN?

- ➢ John 9:1
- Man asked in the context of Vertical Retribution
- Yeshua did NOT cancel the principle of retribution
- He DID transform and fulfill it!
- Everyone who sins, Believer or non-Believer is due punishment
- For the Believer, the punishment is passed on to Jesus to bear!
- The non-Believer bears his OWN punishment



NUMBERS 15: PROMISES AND LAWS

- Chapter 15 well connected to previous 2 chapters
- Necessary so Israel knows that God WILL bring His people into the Land
- Verse 2: ".....WHEN you enter the land....."
- ➢ Not IF!
- Laws of Num 15 take effect AFTER they've entered the Land in 38 more years



GOD DID NOT REJECT HIS PEOPLE

Demonstrates that REPENTANCE plus the offering up of the PROPER SACRIFICE(S) brings restoration with Yehoveh



<u>lsheh</u>

Gift, food, offered on the fire Worshippers or Priests could eat a portion of it

SEVERAL KINDS OF SACRIFICES, EACH FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE



Various sacrifices demonstrated the multi-faceted nature of SIN Some sins are greater than other sins "Pleasing odor to the Lord" A common belief that gods and goddesses liked the smell of the smoke Israelites DID believe that! > Over time, God shows Israel

that this is a metaphor for obedience to His commands

WINE LIBATION

- Libation = liquid offering
- No doubt requirement is attached to the grapes brought back by the 12 scouts
- Go back and study Leviticus lessons to learn more about the specifics of the sacrifices





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two upon a staff:



STRANGERS LIVING AMONG ISRAEL

Biblically, stranger or foreigner more means resident alien

These are "legal immigrants"

In Hebrew, the word is GER

Gerim is the plural of ger

The concept of a ger was common in the Middle East..... Not new to the Israelites

In it's biblical, cultural sense it meant "protected stranger"

No satisfactory English word for ger

GER

W.R.SMITH: ".....a man of another tribe or district who, coming to sojourn in a place where he was not strengthened by the presence of his own kin, put himself under the protection of a clan or powerful tribal chief...."

Many strangers (ger) attached themselves to Israel upon leaving Egypt

Many Canaanites joined up with Israel

Rights and definition of a ger was well understood, so the Bible doesn't bother to explain the nuances

ISRAEL SAW THEMSELVES AS GER

- NAS Leviticus 25:23 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; <u>for you are but aliens</u> and sojourners with Me.
- > In Hebrew: ".....for you are but GER with me...."
- Ger can not OWN land, so they can't SELL land
- God owns the Promised Land, Israel is NOT the owner but the permanent leaseholder, because they are Ger
- > Typical biblical gerim (strangers, foreigners) were craftsmen and laborers
- Gerim were at times considered "wards of the State", so they received a kind of welfare; they were cared for by Israel

LEVITES WERE "GER" TO ISRAEL



Judges 17 and 19 specifically refers to the Levites as ger Ger were NOT on equal legal standing with Israelites > They were 2nd class citizens > Israel's laws: 1) civil, and 2) religious Ger had to obey the civil laws Usually did NOT have to obey the religious laws

POSTIVE AND NEGATIVE COMMANDS

- Negative commands PROHIBIT
- Positive commands demand something to be done
- GER must obey NEGATIVE commands
- Leviticus 17:15
- "There shall be one law for you (Israel) and the ger"
- > ONLY refers to the specific law within it's context
- This is NOT a general, overall principle of Torah



ARE CHRISTIANS "GER" TO ISRAEL?

- Ephesians 2:8 22 NAS Ephesians 2:12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, <u>excluded from the</u> <u>commonwealth of Israel</u>, and <u>strangers</u> to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- NAS Ephesians 2:19 So then you are <u>no</u> <u>longer strangers and aliens</u>, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
- This is to be taken in a spiritual sense!

