Torah Studies – Statutes #301-305

Statute Summary:

(#301) YHWH's people may choose not to make a promise about something. It is not a sin to refrain from saying we'll do something. (#302) But, once we give our word that we will do something, YHWH expects us to do all we have promised to do. (#303) If we promise to give a freewill offering, we are to pay it in entirety, because we have promised to give it. (#304) We are to take great care not to forget our promises. Forgetting is not an excuse before Heaven. (#305) All verbal promises or agreements are made unto YHWH. And before Him, it is stealing time, talents, or money, to not give or render all that we have promised to give.

<u>Deuteronomy 23:22-23</u> "But if thou shalt <u>forbear</u> to <u>vow</u>, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt <u>keep</u> and <u>perform</u>; even a <u>freewill offering</u>, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth."

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
FORBEAR			
vow			
KEEP			
PERFORM			
FREEWILL OFFERING			

Synthesis:

Torah Studies – Statutes #306-309

Statute Summary:

(#306) YHWH is merciful and has provided for travelers to enjoy what sustenance they find in fields along the journey. When we pass through another person's garden or vineyard, by Torah, it is okay to satisfy our hunger by eating the produce or grapes. (#307) But, we may not harvest, store, nor take grapes from the vineyard beyond what we rightly eat at the time. (#308) When we come by a field of grain, we may pluck some to eat and satisfy our hunger. (#309) But, we are never to harvest any of another person's grain for eating or selling later. Clearly, it is not stealing to satisfy our immediate needs for hunger. But, it is stealing to take anything beyond what is needed to fill the empty stomach.

Deuteronomy 23:24-25 "When thou comest into thy neighbour's **vineyard**, then thou mayest eat grapes thy **fill** at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel. When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn."

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
VINEYARD			
FILL			

Synthesis:

Torah Studies – Statutes #310-314

Statute Summary:

(#310) YHWH wants His children to take great care to restore lost property to the original owner. (#311) If we find an animal that has escaped its enclosure, or an object which does not belong to us, we are never to keep it secret that we have found this item, in order to keep another's lost property as our own. (#312) If the owner of the lost property is far away, or if we are not sure who owns the lost item, we are to keep it in our home until it can be restored. (#313) But, in keeping it, we aren't to conceal that we have it. This implies that we are to advertise the lost items in our possession in hopes of alerting the owner. (#314) When the original owner is available to restore the lost items to, we are to give back all his lost property, concealing nothing of it to keep for ourselves.

Deuteronomy 22:1-3 "Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and <u>hide thyself</u> from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother. And if thy brother be not <u>nigh</u> unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt <u>restore</u> it to him again. In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself."

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
HIDE THYSELF			
NIGH			
RESTORE			

Synthesis:

Torah Studies – Statutes #315-319

Statute Summary:

(#315) YHWH's children are never to speak untrue words. (#316) We are not to give a false testimony, nor help the Torah-breakers by becoming a false witness to support their unjust cause. (#317) YHWH's children are never to "follow the crowd," when the majority is doing evil. (#318) YHWH's people are not give testimony in court or otherwise which causes judgment to be twisted and moral depravity to gain ground. (#319) YHWH's children are never to align themselves against a poor or weak man out of pride or prejudice.

Exodus 23:1-3 "Thou shalt not <u>raise</u> a <u>false report</u>: <u>put</u> not <u>thine hand</u> with the <u>wicked</u> to be an <u>unrighteous witness</u>. Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither <u>shalt thou speak</u> in a <u>cause</u> to decline after many to <u>wrest</u> judgment: Neither shalt thou <u>countenance</u> a <u>poor man</u> in his cause."

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
RAISE			
FALSE REPORT			
PUT			
THINE HAND			
WICKED			
UNRIGHTEOUS			
WITNESS			
SHALT THOU SPEAK			
CAUSE			

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WREST		
COUNTENANCE		
POOR MAN		

Synthesis:



Torah Studies – Statutes #320-321

Statute Summary:

(#320) YHWH wants His children to help others, even people who choose to hate us and consider themselves a foe. (#321) If the animals or property of an enemy is lost or is being damaged, we are to intervene and help to restore the property to our enemy with all diligence. (Luke 6:27).

Exodus 23:4-5 "If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee **lying** under his burden, and wouldest **forbear** to help him, thou shalt surely help with him."

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
LYING			
FORBEAR			

Synthesis: