

Torah Studies – Statutes #406-409

Statute Summary:

(#406) When YHWH's people plant fruit trees, the fruit of the trees is spiritual unclean and forbidden to be eaten for the first three years. (#407) In the fourth year, the fruit of our trees is holy and is to be given as an offering to YHWH. (#408) In the fifth year, the fruit of our trees is ready for us to eat and enjoy. (Judgment) If YHWH's people will remember to keep these statutes, their fruit trees will produce better quality fruit in greater abundance, for YHWH will bless them. (#409) Obedience to these statutes of the fruit trees demonstrates that we recognize YHWH as our God.

Leviticus 19:23-25 “And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall **count** the **fruit** thereof as **uncircumcised**: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of. But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be **holy** to **praise** the LORD withal. And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, **that it may yield** unto you the **increase** thereof: I am the LORD your God.”

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
COUNT	6188	ʿârêl	to <i>expose</i> , figuratively (to <i>refrain</i> from using), count as uncircumcised
FRUIT	6529	p ^e rîy	<i>fruit</i> (literally or figuratively): - bough, first fruit, fruitful, reward
UNCIRCUMCISED	6189	ʿârêl	properly <i>exposed</i> , <i>uncircumcised person</i>
HOLY	6944	qôdesh	a <i>sacred</i> place or thing, consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing)
PRAISE	1974	hillûl	(in the sense of <i>rejoicing</i>); a <i>celebration</i> of thanksgiving for harvest, praise, (give glory)
THAT IT MAY YIELD	3254	yâsaph	to <i>add</i> or <i>augment</i> , conceive again, continue, exceed, (the, much, yet) more (and more), proceed (further), be stronger
INCREASE	8393	t ^e bû'âh	<i>income</i> , that is, <i>produce</i> (literally or figuratively): - fruit, gain, increase, revenue

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

YHWH has forbidden me to eat the fruit of new trees for the first three years. In the fourth year, the fruit which
grows is not to eaten by me, either. In that year, whatever grows it to be used exclusively for the glory of YAH.
In the fifth year, I am to eat what the new trees produce. YHWH tells me that if I will obey Him in keeping this
Statute, He will abundantly bless my trees and they will produce more heartily from then on. Also, by keeping this
Statute, I demonstrate that I recognize YHWH’s Rulership and Authority in my life. This is certainly the message I
want to send the seen and unseen world: YHWH is My only God – amazingly (as I didn’t know this before), I give
this message in more than words – by obeying Him about the fruit trees!

1st Commandment

Torah Studies – Statutes #410-420

Statute Summary:

The Hand of YHWH is a Mighty, unstoppable Hand. When given against a people, in judgment, no might can withstand it (Exodus 7:5). But when YHWH's Hand (an emblem of His Strength, Power, and Favor) is with someone no situation, no matter how daunting, is too great for YHWH's Deliverance from it (Exodus 13:9). (#410) When YHWH's people forget Him, and turn to idolatry, our Power Source (the Hand of YHWH and His directing Influence) leaves us. Thus, the implied statute is that we are never to hold anything or anyone but YHWH as our "rock," or Source of security, protection, and strength. (#411) We are never to offer our best sacrifices (which can be time, talents, money, devotion, or delight) to anything other than YHWH. (#412) We are never to drink in honor of, or in any way participate in, the worship of false gods (including self). (#413) We are also not to figuratively participate in the idolatrous "wine" of false doctrine (Jeremiah 51:7, Revelation 14:8). (#414) YHWH's people are to know that YAH Alone is God. And He has no peers. (#415) YHWH is the only One Who truly has the power to Kill (for His judgment of Death is eternal). (#416) YHWH is the only One Who can truly make anyone literally or figuratively alive. (#417) YHWH is the only One we should fear. Only He can destroy without remedy. (#418) And only YHWH can heal. (#419) YHWH's people are to recognize that He is so Supreme, that no one can deliver out of His Hand (or protect someone from His judgment). (#420) Failure to recognize these realities is idolatry before YHWH.

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 "For the LORD shall judge His people, and repent Himself for His servants, when He seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. And He shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, Am He, and there is no god with Me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My Hand."

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JUDGE	1777	dīyn	to rule; to judge, also to strive (as at law): - minister judgment, plead (the cause)
HIS PEOPLE	5971	‘am	a people (as a congregated unit), (as those of Israel); figuratively a flock, people

REPENT HIMSELF	5162	nâcham	to <i>sigh</i> , be sorry, to <i>pity</i> , console or (reflexively) <i>rue</i> , or (unfavorably) to <i>avenge</i> (oneself)
POWER	3027	yâd	a <i>hand</i> (the open one (indicating <i>power</i> , <i>means</i> , <i>direction</i> , etc.), fellowship, force
GONE	235	'âzal	to <i>go away</i> , <i>disappear</i> , be gone (spent)
SHUT UP	6113	'âtsar	to <i>inclose</i> ; by analogy to <i>hold back</i> ; also to <i>maintain</i> , <i>rule</i> , <i>assemble</i> , keep self
LEFT	5800	'âzab	to <i>loosen</i> , <i>relinquish</i> , <i>permit</i> , etc.: - commit self, fail, forsake, fortify, help
GODS	430	'êlôhîym	<i>gods</i> in the ordinary sense, <i>magistrates</i> ; angels, (gods) (goddess), great, judges, mighty
ROCK	6697	tsûr	figuratively a <i>refuge</i> ; (mighty) God (one), rock, stone, strength, strong
TRUSTED	2620	châsâh	to <i>flee</i> for protection, figuratively to <i>confide</i> in: - have hope, make refuge, (put) trust
DID EAT	398	'âkal	to <i>eat</i> (literally or figuratively), burn up, consume, devour (-er, up), wise (-deed, plenty)
FAT	2459	cheleb	to <i>be fat</i> ; <i>fat</i> , whether literally or figuratively; hence the <i>richest</i> or <i>choice part</i> : best
SACRIFICES	2077	zebach	by implication a <i>sacrifice</i> (the victim or the act): - offer (-ing), sacrifice
DRANK	8354	shâthâh	to <i>imbibe</i> (literally or figuratively), banquet, drink (-er, -ing), drunk (X -ard)
WINE	3196	yayin	to <i>effervesce</i> ; <i>wine</i> (as fermented); by implication <i>intoxication</i>
DRINK OFFERINGS	5257	n ^e sîyk	something <i>poured</i> out, that is, a <i>libation</i> ; also a molten <i>image</i>

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

By Statute definition, if anything gets more of my time, devotion, talent use, or delight than does YHWH, that thing or person is an idol. And if I turn, in my heart, toward anything or anyone (even self), other than YHWH, for protection and security, it is idolatry. I am fear no death, but the Death which YHWH can give. I am to desire no Life, but the LIFE YHWH gives. I am to seek no Doctrine, but the Doctrine of Truth in YHWH's Word. I am to fear no Destruction, but the Destruction which YHWH can do. And I am to seek no healing, but the Health which YHWH gives. This is what it means to have not idols, or graven images (either of flesh, stone, or any other substance). YHWH, deliver me from Idolatry. May I fear none but You, seek no life but of You, and turn to You for solace, protection and help, first and foremost, at all times! Help me, Father, in this pursuit.
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