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NAZIRITE SOBRIETY:
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NUMBERS – CHAPTER 6

ספר במדבר - פרק ו

1 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying:

(א) וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When either man or woman shall clearly utter a vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to consecrate himself unto the LORD,

(ב) דַּבֵּר אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם אִישׁ אוֹ אִשָּׁה כִּי יִפְלֵא לְנַדֵּר נְדָר נְזִיר לְהַזִּיר לַיהוָה:

3 he shall abstain from wine and strong drink: he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried.

(ג) מִיַּיִן וְשִׁכָר וְזֵיִר חֲמוֹץ יַיִן וְחֲמוֹץ שִׁכָר לֹא יִשְׁתֶּה וְכֹל מִשְׁרֵת עֲנָבִים לֹא יִשְׁתֶּה וְעֲנָבִים לְחַיִּים וַיְבָשִׂים לֹא יֵאָכֵל:

4 All the days of his Naziriteship shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the pressed grapes even to the grapestone.

(ד) כָּל יְמֵי נְדָרוֹ מִכֹּל אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה מִגֶּפֶן הַיַּיִן מִחֲרָצֵנִים יַעֲד גַּם לֹא יֵאָכֵל:

5 All the days of his vow of Naziriteship there shall no razor come upon his head; until the days be fulfilled, in which he consecrateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

(ה) כָּל יְמֵי נְדָרוֹ תַעֲרֹר לֹא יַעֲבֹר עַל רֹאשׁוֹ עַד מִלַּת הַיָּמִם אֲשֶׁר יִזְיֵר לַיהוָה קֹדֶשׁ יִהְיֶה גְדֹל פְּרַע שְׁעַר רֹאשׁוֹ:

6 All the days that he consecrateth himself unto the LORD he shall not come near to a dead body.

(ו) כָּל יְמֵי הַזִּירוֹ לַיהוָה עַל נֶפֶשׁ מֵת לֹא יִבֹּא:

7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his consecration unto God is upon his head.

(ז) לְאָבִיו וּלְאִמּוֹ וּלְאָחִיו וּלְאֵחָתוֹ לֹא יִטְמָא לָהֶם בְּמָתָם כִּי נְזִיר אֱלֹהִיו עַל רֹאשׁוֹ:

8 All the days of his Naziriteship he is holy unto the LORD.

(ח) כָּל יְמֵי נְדָרוֹ קֹדֶשׁ הוּא לַיהוָה:

8 And the LORD spoke unto Aaron, saying:

(ח) וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל אַהֲרֹן לֵאמֹר:

9 'Drink no wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tent of meeting, that ye die not; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations.

10 And that ye may put difference between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean;

11 and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.'

(ט) יַיִן וְשִׁכָר אֵל תִּשְׁתֶּה אֶתְּךָ וּבְנֵיךָ אִתְּךָ בְּבֹאֲכֶם אֶל אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְלֹא תִמְתּוּ חֻקַּת עוֹלָם לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם:

(י) וְלֹהֲבַדִּיל בֵּין הַקֹּדֶשׁ וּבֵין הַחֵל וּבֵין הַטָּמֵא וּבֵין הַטָּהוֹר:

(יא) וְלְהוֹרֹת אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵת כָּל הַחֻקִּים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֲלֵיהֶם בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה:

JUDGES – CHAPTER 13

ספר שופטים פרק יג

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her: 'Behold now, thou art barren, and hast not borne; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing.

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head; for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.'

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying: 'A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of the angel of God, very terrible; and I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name;

7 but he said unto me: Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing; for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb to the day of his death.'

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah: 'Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the grapevine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I commanded her let her observe.'

(ג) וַיֵּרָא מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה אֶל הָאִשָּׁה וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֶיהָ הִנֵּה נָא אַתְּ עָקְרָה וְלֹא יִלְדָת וְהָרִית וְיִלְדָת בֶּן:

(ד) וְעַתָּה הִשְׁמְרִי נָא וְאַל תִּשְׁתִּי יַיִן וְשִׁכָר וְאַל תֹּאכְלִי כָל טָמֵא:

(ה) כִּי הִנֵּה הָרָה וְיִלְדָת בֶּן וּמוֹרָה לֹא יַעֲלֶה עַל רֵאשׁוֹ כִּי נָזִיר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי הַנֶּעַר מִן הַבֶּטֶן וְהוּא יַחֲל לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּד פְּלִשְׁתִּים:

(ו) וַתָּבֹא הָאִשָּׁה וַתֹּאמֶר לְאִישָׁהּ לֵאמֹר אִישׁ הָאֱלֹהִים בָּא אֵלַי וּמְרָאֹהוּ כְּמְרָאֵה מַלְאָךְ הָאֱלֹהִים נוֹרָא מְאֹד וְלֹא שְׁאַלְתִּיהוּ אִי מִזֶּה הוּא וְאֵת שְׁמוֹ לֹא הִגִּיד לִי:

(ז) וַיֹּאמֶר לִי הִנֵּה הָרָה וְיִלְדָת בֶּן וְעַתָּה אֵל תִּשְׁתִּי יַיִן וְשִׁכָר וְאַל תֹּאכְלִי כָל טָמֵא כִּי נָזִיר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי הַנֶּעַר מִן הַבֶּטֶן עַד יוֹם מוֹתוֹ:

(יג) וַיֹּאמֶר מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה אֶל מְנוּחַ מְכַל אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי אֶל הָאִשָּׁה תִּשְׁמַר:

(יד) מְכַל אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִגֶּפֶן הַיַּיִן לֹא תֹאכַל וַיַּיִן וְשִׁכָר אֵל תִּשְׁתֶּה וְכָל טָמֵאֵה אֵל תֹּאכַל כָּל אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיהָ תִּשְׁמַר:

1 MACCABEES, CHAPTER 3

46 Then Judas and his men assembled and marched to Mizpah, opposite Jerusalem, because the people of Israel had previously had a place of worship there. 47 In deep mourning, they fasted all that day, put on sackcloth, threw ashes on their heads, and tore their clothes. 48 The Gentiles would have consulted their idols in such a situation, but the Israelites unrolled the book of the Law to search for God's guidance. 49 They brought the priests' robes, the offerings of the first grain, and the tithes, and then they brought in some Nazirites who had completed their vows.

JOSEPHUS, WAR, II. 15. 1

It is usual for those who had been either afflicted with a distemper, or with other distresses, to make vows; and for thirty days before they are to offer their sacrifices, to abstain from wine, and to shave the hair of their head.