

Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 Chiastic Structure

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1A) 14:22-15:18 The tithe and Sabbath year of release are **HOLY TO YHVH**;

1a) 14:22-29b You shall supply the Levite that he may eat and be satisfied;

1a) 14:22-26 You shall eat and rejoice;

1a) 14:22-23a You shall surely tithe all the increase of your seed, that which is brought forth in the field year by year. **23** And you shall eat before YHVH your God;

1b) 14:23b In the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell;

1c) 14:23c The tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock;

central axis) 14:23d That You may learn to fear YHVH your God always;

2c) 14:24-25a And if the way is too far for you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the place is too far from you, where YHVH your God shall choose to set His name, when YHVH your God shall bless you; **25** then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand;

2b) 14:25b And shall go to the place where YHVH your God shall choose;

2a) 14:26 And you shall give the money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul asks of you; and you shall eat there before YHVH your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household;

1b) 14:27 And the Levite that is within your gates, you shall not forsake him; for he has no portion nor inheritance with you; {s}

central axis) 14:28 At the end of every three years, even in the same year, you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase, and shall lay it up within your gates;

2b) 14:29a And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within your gates;

2a) 14:29b Shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied;

1b) 14:29c That YHVH your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do; {s}

2a) 15:1-18c You shall supply the poor + released bondmen;

1a) 15:1 At the end of every seven years you shall make a release;

1b) 15:2-4a And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because YHVH'S release has been proclaimed. **3** Of a foreigner you may exact it; but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. **4** However **there shall be no needy among you**—

1c) 15:4b For **YHVH will surely bless you** in the land which YHVH your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it—

central axis) 15:5 **If only you diligently pay heed to the voice of YHVH your God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you this day;**

2c) 15:6 For **YHVH your God will bless you**, as He promised you; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you; {s}

2b) 15:7-11 For **the poor shall never cease out of the land;**

1a) 15:7-8 If there is among you a needy man, one of your brethren, within any of your gates, in your land which YHVH your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your needy brother; **8** but **you shall surely open your hand to him**, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wants;

1b) 15:9a Beware that **there is not a wicked thought in your heart**, saying: “The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand;”

1c) 15:9b And your eye is evil against your needy brother, and **you give him nothing;**

central axis) 15:9c **And he cries to YHVH against you, and it is sin in you;**

2c) 15:10a **You shall surely give to him;**

2b) 15:10b And **your heart shall not be grieved** when you give to him;

2a) 15:10c-11 Because for this thing YHVH your God will bless you in all your work, and in all that you put your hand to. **11** For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, saying: “**You shall surely open your hand to your poor and needy brother**, in your land;”{s}

2a) 15:12-18c **In the seventh year you shall release him;**

1a) 15:12a If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, **he shall serve you six years;**

1b) 15:12b And in the seventh year **you shall let him go free from you;**

1c.1) 15:13a And when **you let him go free from you;**

1c.2) 15:13b-14 **You shall not let him go empty, but shall give to him;**

1a) 15:13b **You shall not let him go empty;**

1b) 15:14a **You shall furnish him liberally;**

central axis) 15:14b **Out of your flock, and out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress;**

2b) 15:14c Of that with which **YHVH your God has blessed you;**

2a) 15:14d You shall give to him;

central axis) 15:15 And you shall remember that you were a **bondman in the land of Egypt, and YHVH your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today;**

2c.1) 15:16-17 And it shall be, if he says to you: “**I will not go out from you;**” because he loves you and your house, because he fares well with you; **17** then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his ear and into the door, and he shall be your bondman forever. And also to your bondwoman you shall do likewise;

2c.2) 15:18a It shall not seem hard to you;

2b) 15:18b When you let him go free from you;

2a) 15:18c For to the double of the hire of a hireling **he has served you six years;**

2b) 15:18d And **YHVH your God will bless you in all that you do;**
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1B) 15:19A All the firstborn males that are born of your herd and of your flock **YOU SHALL SANCTIFY TO YHVH** your God;

CENTRAL AXIS) 15:19B YOU SHALL DO NO WORK WITH THE FIRSTBORN OF YOUR OX, NOR SHEAR THE FIRSTBORN OF YOUR FLOCK;

2B) 15:20-23 YOU SHALL SACRIFICE IT TO YHVH;

1a) 15:20 You shall eat it before **YHVH your God** year by year **in the place which YHVH shall choose**, you and your household;

central axis) 15:21 And if there is any blemish in it, lameness, or blindness, any ill blemish whatever, **you shall not sacrifice it to YHVH** your God;

2a) 15:22-23 You shall eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean may eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the deer. **23** Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it out on the ground like water;
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2A) 16:1-17 The harvest festivals are **HOLY TO YHVH;**

1a) 16:1-8 Observe **Passover /Unleavened Bread;**

1a) 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the **Passover** to YHVH your God; for in the month of Abib YHVH your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night;

1b) 16:2 And you shall **sacrifice the passover-offering** to YHVH your God, of the flock and the herd, **in the place which YHVH shall choose** to cause His name to dwell;

1c) 16:3a You shall eat **no leavened bread** with it; **seven days** you shall eat unleavened bread, even the bread of affliction; for in haste you did come forth out of the land of Egypt;

central axis) 16:3b **That you may remember the day when you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life;**

2c) 16:4 And there shall be **no leaven seen with you** in all your borders **seven days**; neither shall any of the flesh, which you sacrificed the first day at evening, remain all night until the morning;

2b) 16:5-7 You may not **sacrifice the passover-offering** within any of your gates, which YHVH your God gives you; **6** but **at the place which YHVH your God shall choose** to cause His name to dwell, there you shall sacrifice the passover-offering at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season that you came forth out of Egypt. **7** And you shall roast and eat it in the place which YHVH your God shall choose; and you shall turn in the morning, and go to your tents;

2a) 16:8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to YHVH your God; you shall do no work in it (**Observe Unleavened Bread**); **{s}**

1b) 16:9 **Seven weeks you shall number**; from the time the sickle is first put to the standing barley you shall begin to number seven weeks;

1c) 16:10 And **you shall keep the feast of Weeks** to YHVH your God with a measure of the freewill-offering from your hand, which you shall give, as YHVH your God has blessed you;

central axis) 16:11 **And you shall rejoice before YHVH your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite that is within your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are in your midst, in the place which YHVH your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell;**

2c) 16:12a And **you shall remember** that you were a slave in Egypt;

2b) 16:12b And **you shall observe** and do these statutes; **{p}**

2a) 16:13-17 **Observe Tabernacles**;

1a) 16:13 You shall keep the **feast of Tabernacles** seven days, after you have gathered in from your threshing-floor and from your winepress;

1b) 16:14a And **you shall rejoice** in your feast;

central axis) 16:14b-15a **You, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within your gates. 15 Seven days you shall keep a feast to YHVH your God in the place which YHVH shall choose; because YHVH your God shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands;**

2b) 16:15b And **you shall be altogether joyful;**

2a) 16:16-17 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before YHVH your God in the place which He shall choose; on the **feast of Unleavened Bread**, and on the **feast of Weeks**, and on the **feast of Tabernacles**; and they shall not appear before YHVH empty; **17** every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of YHVH your God which He has given to you. {s}