

Torah portion for January 18<sup>th</sup>: Exodus 22:1 – 23:33

Here are the questions for specific individuals

Dave 23.19: What is the ‘kid in its mother’s milk’ talking about?

Dave 23.20-23: What do we know about this angel?

Lori 23:2: While using the Babylonian Talmud (Mezi’A 59b “it’s not in heaven...” comment), discuss the differences between the plain Hebrew and the Rabbinic understanding of the passage.

Phil 22.25-27: Discuss ‘those in need’ vs ‘those in want’ – those who are a little short and need a loan until the next harvest and those who want to make a business loan so as to build a new barn. Any differences?

LAPI 23.4-5: In dealing with my enemies and those who hate me, what are my boundaries today?

Julie 23.12: In conjunction with Exodus 31.17 and with a focus on the Hebrew word translated ‘refresh’ in the KJV, discuss what this should and should not look like for families on Shabbat.

Greg & Carol 22.28: Examine the following verses and give us an understanding of how we walk this today. Acts 23:5, II Peter 10, Jude 8-9 To what degree are we to have respect for those in authority who make decisions that are in error?

Allison 22.2-3: While also consulting the LXX of these passages, explain our abilities and limits in protecting our property and the items within our gates.

Other items to be discussed: Sorcerers, strangers, why compassion for the poor is not allowed for those in a position of judging, personal responsibility for items I have been entrusted with, and the problem of making covenants with the people of the land that is about to be inherited.

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