



PARSHAH SEASONINGS

BEHAR/BECHUKOTAI -

בהר\בחקתי

Leviticus 25-27

Leviticus 15:13

And when the one with a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall **count for himself seven days** for his cleansing, and wash his clothes. And he shall bathe his body in fresh water and shall be clean. [+28]

Leviticus 23:15

You shall **count seven full weeks** from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering.

Leviticus 25:8

You shall **count seven weeks of years**, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years.

Leviticus 25:20

And if you say, **What shall we eat** in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop?

מה נאכל

(mah nochal)

מן

“manna”

THE BLESSINGS:

Leviticus 26:3-13

Verse 3 – “If you walk in My statutes and observe My commandments and do them ...”

אם בחקתי תלכו...

Verse 13 – “... And I have broken the bars of your yoke **and made you walk erect.**”

...ואולך אתכם קוממיות:

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THE ADMONITION:

Leviticus 26:14-46

Verse 14 – “But if you will not listen to Me and will not do all these commandments...

ואם לא תשמעו לי...

Verse 46 – These are the statutes and rules and laws that Adonai made between Himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai.

... בהר סיני ביד משה:

יהוה

Leviticus 26:9

“I will turn My face to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm My covenant with you.”

Leviticus 26:12

And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

והתהלכתי

(*v'hit'halacti*)

2x in Tanach

Psalm 26:3

For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I will walk in Your truth.

Leviticus 26:21

“Then if you walk casually with Me and will not listen to Me, I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins.”

קרי

(*keri*)

7x in ch.26

Leviticus 26:42

“Then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and even My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember, and I will remember the land.”

יעקוב

[normal spelling: יעקב]

REFERENCES:

James 4:8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you...

Malachi 4:5-6 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of Adonai comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

R' Samson Raphael Hirsch's comments on קרי (*keri*):

קרי (*keri*) – derived from קרה (*karah*) – denotes anything that happens without our intention or beyond our reckoning. Accordingly, it is a purely relative concept. Something in itself can be intentional and premeditated, yet we did not intend it or plan it; it just happened to us and came to us by chance...The meaning of our verse, then, is as follows:

Your going with Me is only קרי. Your acting in accordance with My Will is not your only intention and is not the result of a decision on your part. Your foremost resolve is not to obey Me, not to do only My Will. You no longer are opposed to My Will as a matter of principle, but My Will is not important to you. Other considerations determine your way of life, and you leave it to chance whether this brings you into conflict or accord with Me.

☞ *The Hirsch Chumash* (Feldheim)

R' Aaron Sonnenschein's comments on קרי (*quoting Rambam*):

This is what the Torah writes: “If you relate to Me based on happenstance, then I, too, will relate to you with the fury of ‘happenstance’”, meaning: when I bring troubles upon you so that you should repent and instead you say, “It happens!”, I will add to the fury of that ‘happenstance’.”

☞ *Eternal Fire of Sefer Vayikra* (Artscroll)