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King James Version

- (5) For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.
- (6) And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;
- (7) Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there before the LORD.
- (8) They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.
- (9) When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.
- (10) There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,
- (11) Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.
- (12) For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.
- (13) Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

King James Paraphrase

- (5) Because the LORD {Jehovah} your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, him and his sons forever.
- (6) And if a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he lives, and comes with all the desire of his mind to the place which the LORD {Jehovah} shall choose;
- (7) Then he shall minister in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as all his brothers the Levites *do*, who stand there before the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (8) They shall have the same portions to eat, besides that which comes of the sale of his inheritance from his father.
- (9) When you have come into the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.
- (10) There shall not be found among you *any one* who causes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* who uses divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,
- (11) Or a charmer, or one who consults with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or one who calls to the dead.^a
- (12) Because all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD {Jehovah}: and because of these abominations the LORD {Jehovah} your God drives them out from before you.
- (13) You shall be perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

18:11a – all occult practices are forbidden to God's children

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King James Version

- (14) For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.
- (15) The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;
- (16) According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
- (17) And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.
- (18) I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
- (19) And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.
- (20) But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

King James Paraphrase

- (14) Because these nations, which you shall possess, listened to observers of times, and to diviners: but as for you, the LORD {Jehovah} your God has not allowed you *to do so*.
- (15) The LORD {Jehovah} your God will raise up to you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, like me; to Him you shall listen;^b
- (16) According to all that you desire of the LORD {Jehovah} your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I may not die.
- (17) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.
- (18) I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brothers, like you, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him.
- (19) And it shall come to pass, *that* whoever will not listen to My words which He shall speak in My Name, I will require *it* of him.
- (20) But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

18:15b - Acts 3:22; 7:37

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- (21) And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?
- (22) When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Chapter 19

- (1) When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;
- (2) Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.
- (3) Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.
- (4) And this *is* the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

King James Paraphrase

- (21) And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken?
- (22) When a prophet speaks in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}, if the thing does not happen, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD {Jehovah} has not spoken, *but* the prophet has spoken it presumptuously: you shall not be afraid of him.

Chapter 19

- (1) When the LORD {Jehovah} your God has cut off the nations, whose land the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you, and you succeed them, and live in their cities, and in their houses;
- (2) You shall separate three cities for yourselves in the midst of your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to possess.
- (3) You shall prepare for yourself a road, and divide the coasts of your land, which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you to inherit, into three parts, that every killer may flee there.
- (4) And this *is* the case of the killer, who shall flee there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, whom he did not hate in time past;^a

19:4a – cities of refuge – Ex. 21:13; Deut. 4:42