

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 18

¹ "The priests, the Levites, even the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel; the burnt offerings of the Lord *are* their inheritance, they shall eat them. ² And they shall have no inheritance among their brothers; the Lord Himself *is* his portion, as He said to him.

³ "And this *is* the due of the priests in the things coming from the people from those who offer sacrifices, whether it be a calf or a sheep; and you shall give the shoulder to the priest, and the cheeks, and the stomach; ⁴ and the firstfruits of your grain, and of your wine, and of your oil; and you shall give to him the firstfruits of the fleeces of your sheep: ⁵ because the Lord has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand before the Lord your God, to minister and bless in His name, himself and his sons among the children of Israel.

⁶ "And if a Levite should come from one of the cities of all the children of Israel, where he himself dwells, accordingly as his mind desires, to the place which he shall have chosen, ⁷ he shall minister to the name of the Lord his God, as all his brothers the Levites, who stand there before the Lord your God. ⁸ He shall eat an allotted portion, besides the sale of his inheritance.

⁹ "And when you shall have entered into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found in you one who purges his son or his daughter with fire, or one who uses divination, or *one* who deals with omens, or a sorcerer ¹¹ employing an incantation, or one who has in him a divining spirit, or an observer of signs who questions the dead. ¹² For everyone that does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God; for because of these abominations the Lord shall destroy them from before your face. ¹³ You shall be perfect before the Lord your God. ¹⁴ For all these nations whose *land* you shall inherit, they will listen to omens and divinations; but the Lord your God has not permitted you *to do* so.

¹⁵ "The Lord your God shall raise up to you a Prophet from among your brothers, like me; Him shall you hear, ¹⁶ according to all the things which you desired from the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'We will not again hear the voice of the Lord your God,' and 'we will not anymore see this great fire, lest we die.' ¹⁷ And the Lord said to me, 'They have spoken rightly, all that they have said to you. ¹⁸ I will raise up to them a Prophet from among their brethren, like you; and I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them as I shall command Him. ¹⁹ And whoever shall not hearken to all the words that *the* Prophet shall speak in My name, I will take vengeance on him. ²⁰ But whichever prophet that shall impiously speak in My name a word which I have not commanded him to speak, and whosoever shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. ²¹ But if you shall say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?' ²² Whatever words that prophet shall speak in the name of the Lord, and they shall not come true, and not come to pass, this *is* the thing which the Lord has not spoken; that prophet has spoken wickedly: you shall not spare him.'