

K'doshim

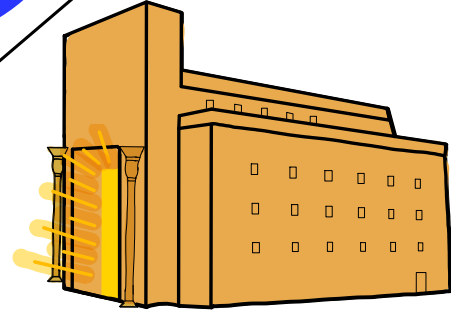
קְדוֹשִׁים

“Holy Ones”



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“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Yisra’el, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’”

Leviticus 19:2

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

The events of this week’s Parasha took place after Moshe (Moses) begged God to go with himself and the people into the Promised Land, making a distinction between them and all the people upon the earth (Exodus 33:16-17). God granted Moshe’s request and cut a new covenant, containing His promises to do great marvels that the entire world would see through this people while in the Land of Promise (Exodus 34:10).

In this week’s Parasha God commanded Moshe to speak to the children of Yisra’el (Israel) who had assembled in the wilderness at Mount Sinai. God commanded Moshe to inform the people that because He is holy, they were to be holy also.

God commanded Moshe to instruct the people how to live in order to demonstrate His presence with them. If the people obeyed His instructions, they would bring honor and glory to His Name. Their obedient behavior would demonstrate to the world that He had redeemed them and that they belonged to Him. If the redeemed people submitted to God’s authority by obeying all His statutes, performing all His judgements and keeping His Sabbaths, then they would reflect His holy character in the Land of Promise and achieve His purposes.

Pray First

Father God,

You are holy and deserve all honor, glory, thanksgiving and praise. Thank You for giving us Your statutes, judgements and Sabbaths. Please give us submissive hearts that desire to honor You. Please help us to submit to Your authority.

We thank You for blessing us with Your presence and protection when we follow Your way.

In Yeshua’s Name we pray. Amen.

Read Next

Leviticus 19:1-20:27

Life with God in the Land

~ Focus Passage of Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-8 ~

Everyone of you shall revere his mother
and his father, and keep My Sabbaths:

- I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:3

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Rest

Sabbath (שַׁבָּת - Shabbat)

In Leviticus 19:1-2 we learn that the LORD spoke to Moshe and commanded him to speak His words to the assembly at Mount Sinai. Moshe was commanded to inform the people that since He - the LORD God - is holy, they (the children or people of God) were to be holy, or set apart for His purposes, and a distinct (קְדוּשָׁה - **kidush**) people.

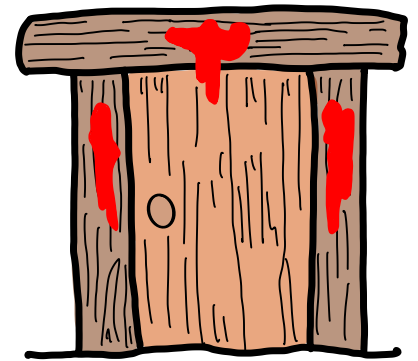
In Leviticus 19:3 God commanded that everyone revere, or respect, their mother and father. Likewise, He commanded that everyone who belonged to Him respect Him as the Father. This respect of Father God was to be demonstrated by keeping His Sabbaths. Obeying this command of God would demonstrate that His children respected His authority over their lives. Father God is eternal, superior and without sin. His Sabbaths would provide and maintain purification for His children who are mortal, inferior and sinful to come into His presence to worship and serve Him. When we honor God by acknowledging His Sabbaths, or His appointed days, we are testifying to the world that God is our Father and we are His children.

In Leviticus 19:4 God commanded that His children not trust in idols or make molded gods for themselves. Remember, God is a jealous God and demands that His children trust and worship Him only. Acknowledging God's Sabbaths protects us from idolatry and all forms of evil.

When you read Leviticus 19:3-4 did you notice that God made this statement at the end of each verse?

"I am the LORD your God."

By this statement God is identifying things that must be done and things that must not be done to maintain an intimate relationship with Him as LORD and God.



Passover (פֶּסַח - Pesach)



Feast of Unleavened Bread
(חַג מַצּוֹת - Chag Matzot)

In Leviticus 19:5-8 we learn of God's instructions for giving a peace offering in a manner He would accept. A peace offering was not a mandatory sacrifice but was given by a person's own free will. It was a mature offering that signified a person was submitting his will to the will of God. When a person gave a peace offering to God, he was asking for God's will to be done in his life. Since this was an offering of submission, it could only be eaten when God allowed it to be eaten - on the day it was offered and the following day. Any portion of the sacrifice that remained until the third day had to be burned in the fire. If any part of this offering was eaten on the third day, it was not accepted by God and was considered an abomination. Anyone who ate of the peace offering on the third day bore his own iniquity or willful violation. Instead of them submitting their will to the will of God, they profaned God's perfect will by acting in their own will. This person was to be cut off from his people. Failing to submit to God separates us from Him and His people.



Feast of Firstfruits
(חג ראשית - Chag Reisheet)

~ Focus Passage of Scripture: Leviticus 20:22-27 ~

And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.

Leviticus 20:26

In Leviticus 20:22 God stated that if His children kept all His statutes, performed all His judgements and kept His Sabbaths while living in the Land of Promise, He would not cast them out. God promised Avraham (Abraham) that He would give this land to his descendants. The people God was bringing into the land were descendants of Avraham. God always keeps His promises! This land is a holy land, set apart by God for the purpose of displaying His glory. God's children were to live there, obeying His statutes, performing His judgements and keeping His Sabbaths to demonstrate His righteous character to the rest of the people on the face of the earth. Only when the descendants of Avraham are living in the land, obeying all the statutes of God, performing all the judgements of God and keeping His Sabbaths will the purpose for the Holy Land be fulfilled. When we fulfill God's purposes, we are not separated from Him.



Feast of Weeks
(חג שבועות - Chag Shavuot)



Feast of Trumpets
(יום תרועה - Yom Teruah)

In Leviticus 20:23 God explained to the children of Yisra'el that they should not be like the people He was driving out of the Land of Promise. These six nations were guilty of doing all the things God said not to do, and they had done none of the things He commanded to be done. Because they lived according to their will and refused to submit to God's authority, He was casting them out of His Holy Land. God detests disobedience and always judges it because He is righteous and holy.

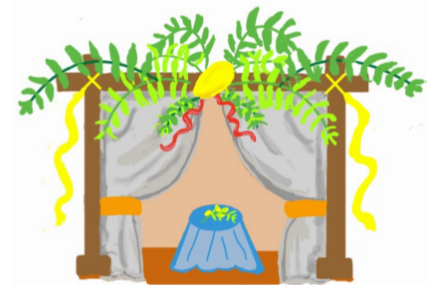
In Leviticus 20:25 we learn that because God made this distinction of the people among all others, they were to make a similar distinction among the animals they consumed for food. God instructed His children not to consume any unclean animals. Because they could only offer sacrifices to Him from among the clean animals, they too were to consume only clean animals. This demonstrated God's desire to be in fellowship with His children, and when the people obeyed this command, it demonstrated their desire to be in fellowship with their God. Anyone who ate an unclean animal contaminated their soul, having a negative effect on their relationship with God. In other words, they were choosing to eat without thanking Him and inviting Him to join them. As a child of God, we give thanks to Him for the provision of food and honor Him by eating the foods He has given us to consume. We should eat in order to serve and worship our LORD and God in the way He commanded.

In Leviticus 20:26 we learn that these instructions from God taught His children how they could enjoy an intimate relationship with Him and how they could be used by Him for His purposes. God had taken this people as His children. They belonged to Him. They were set apart or made distinct from all other people by Him and were commanded to conduct themselves in the manner pleasing to Him. When a child of God worships and obeys Him for all the things He has done to distinguish them as His child, they are drawn closer into His presence and able to serve Him.

In Leviticus 20:27 God commanded that any man or woman found to have anything related to demons - whether a medium or familiar spirit - must be put to death. The entire people of Yisra'el must stone them, showing their agreement with God. The people of God should have no tolerance for evil.



Day of Atonements (יום הכּפּוּרִים - Yom Kippurim)



Feast of Tabernacles (חג סּכּוּת - Chag Sukkot)



Eighth Day Assembly (שְׁמִינִי עֶצְרֵת - Shemini Atzeret)

Recap Review Fun

Directions: Match the Feasts of God with their Hebrew and English pronunciations.

Matztot



Sabbath

Reisheet



Passover

Pesach



Unleavened Bread

Shabbat



Firstfruits

Yom Teruah



Seven Weeks

Sukkot



Trumpets

Shavuot



Atonements

Shemini Atzeret



Tabernacles

Yom Kippurim



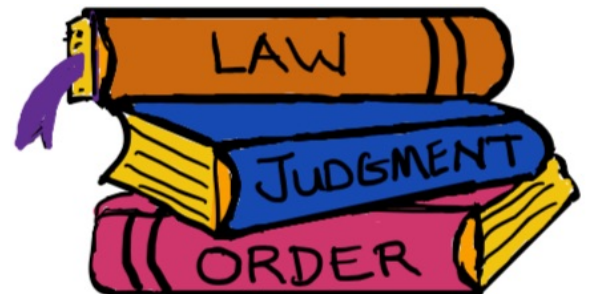
8th Day Assembly

Torah Review Fun

Directions: Read Leviticus 19:4-20:21. Then sort the statements below into the correct category. Write a "C" for the things God commands His people to do, an "S" for the things God commands His people not to do and a "J" for the judgements of God.

- _____ 1. Be holy
- _____ 2. Do not hold a grudge
- _____ 3. Fear God
- _____ 4. Respect God's sanctuary
- _____ 5. Do not show partiality in judgement of others
- _____ 6. Do not eat blood
- _____ 7. Put to death using stones anyone in the Land who gives any of their descendants to Molech
- _____ 8. Do not practice divination or soothsaying
- _____ 9. Keep God's Sabbaths
- _____ 10. Put to death anyone who curses his father or mother
- _____ 11. Do not get tattoos
- _____ 12. Do not mistreat strangers
- _____ 13. Put to death anyone who turns after mediums and familiar spirits
- _____ 14. Respect your parents
- _____ 15. Share with the poor and the stranger
- _____ 16. Do not worship idols

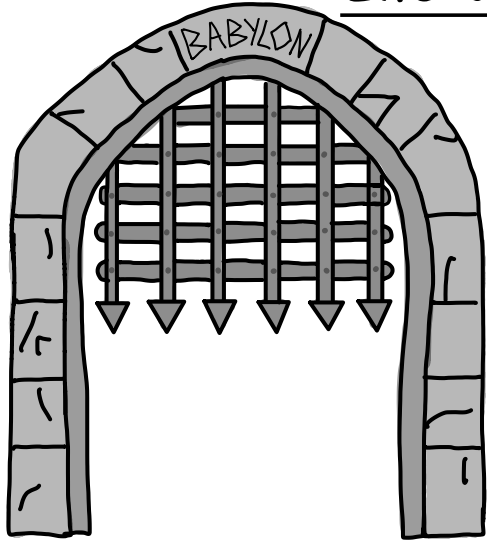
17. Do not be harsh



- _____ 17. Do not be selfish
- _____ 18. Rebuke your neighbor when he sins
- _____ 19. Keep God's statutes
- _____ 20. Do not steal
- _____ 21. Put to death anyone who commites adultery
- _____ 22. Put to death any man who lies with his father's wife, his daughter-in-law or another man
- _____ 23. Love your neighbor as yourself
- _____ 24. Do not take vengeance
- _____ 25. Rise and honor the presence of the elderly
- _____ 26. Do not deal with others falsely
- _____ 27. Do not swear by God's name
- _____ 28. Love the stranger who sojourns in the Land
- _____ 29. Do not profane the name of God
- _____ 30. Put to death any man or woman who mates with a beast and kill the beast
- _____ 31. Do not be a tale bearer
- _____ 32. Do not hate your brother



Life with God Outside the Land



~ Haftarah: Ezekiel 20:2-20 ~

After many years of disobeying God and not performing His judgements nor honoring His Sabbaths while living in the Land of Promise, the children of Yisra'el were cast out of the land. They were conquered by the Babylonians, and all who survived were held captive in the Babylonian Empire. They would remain there for seventy years.

In this week's Haftarah the Yisra'elites had been in exile for seven years. On the tenth day of the fifth month some of the elders of Yisra'el came and sat before Ezekiel to inquire of the LORD. Ezekiel was a prophet and servant of God. The day prior to this meeting was a day of fasting and prayer each year because it was the anniversary of the Temple of God in Jerusalem being destroyed by the Babylonians (ninth day of Av). Perhaps these elders were hoping to hear, after fasting and praying for forgiveness, that God would return them back into the Holy Land, the land of Yisra'el.

In this week's Haftarah the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel to repeat to the elders. The LORD God commanded Ezekiel to inform these elders He would not answer their inquiries, but He would pronounce His judgements of the sins their fathers had committed.

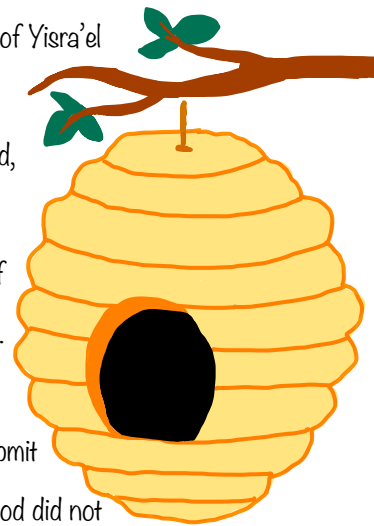
The LORD then gave His testimony of what Ezekiel was to say to the elders. He said He had chosen the people of Yisra'el who were the descendants of Ya'kov (Jacob) when they were in bondage in Egypt. He had lifted His hand in an oath to them, swearing to bring them out of slavery in Egypt. He made Himself known to them by His mighty outstretched hand, demonstrating that He alone is the LORD their God. He redeemed them from death and brought them out of captivity.

God then testified that He had lifted His hand in an oath to the children of Yisra'el to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land He had set apart for His purposes - a Holy Land, a glorious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. He commanded the people to turn away from their abominable behavior and stop defiling themselves with the idols of Egypt so that they might worship the One Who had redeemed them. The people rebelled against God and refused to submit to His authority or obey His commands. The people deserved God's wrath to fall upon them in the land of Egypt, but God did not destroy them in the midst of the Gentiles who had witnessed His demonstration of power. He acted in this manner only for the sake of **His Name**.

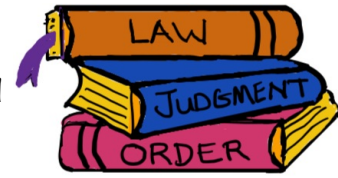
Instead, God brought the Yisra'elites out of Egypt and made them go into the wilderness. He gave them His statutes and showed them His judgements. God's statutes are good and His judgements sustain life to those who perform them.

God also gave the children of Yisra'el His Sabbaths to be a sign between Himself and the people, demonstrating that He is the LORD who purifies them and makes them holy. Even still, the house of Yisra'el rebelled against Him in the wilderness by not walking in His statutes and despising His judgements. They greatly defiled His Sabbaths, and He desired to pour out His fury on them to consume them for their evil deeds. Once again He refrained from destroying them only for the sake of **His Name** so that It would not be profaned in the sight of the Gentiles who had witnessed His great power.

Instead, God lifted His hand in an oath to the Yisra'elites in the wilderness, swearing that He would not bring them into the land which He had given them - a land flowing with milk and honey, the glorious Land of Promise, the Holy Land. He spared them from destruction and did not put an end to them in the wilderness. They would die without entering the Promised Land because they had despised His judgements, refused to walk in His statutes and profaned His Sabbaths as their hearts went after their idols.



God then commanded the people's children not to walk in the statutes of their fathers nor observe their judgements or defile themselves with idols but to walk in His statutes, keep His judgements and do them. God commanded them to honor His Sabbaths as a sign between Him and the children, demonstrating that they revered Him as the One and Only God Who had redeemed their fathers from death and out of bondage in Egypt.



This rebellious behavior on the part of the redeemed people would repeat itself time and time again. When God's statutes are not kept, it directly affects the redeemed individual by separating that one from God. When God's judgements are not performed, it directly affects the land where the redeemed people are living, and life is not sustained there. When God's Sabbaths are not honored, it defiles the redeemed individual, making that one unclean and unable to come into the presence of God. The end result of this type of behavior after redemption was that the land vomited the people out just as it had vomited the previous six nations out before them.



The Land of Promise is uniquely related to the Kingdom of God. The land has been set apart by God for this purpose. It is only when the redeemed people of God, the descendants of Ya'kov, are living in obedience to God in the land, that God will fulfill all the oaths He has sworn. Why will God do this, you ask? He will do it for the sake of **His Name**. What oaths, you ask?

Let's review a few oaths that we have studied together. God stated that He was a shield or protection for Avram (Abram). He promised to make Avram into a great nation, to bless him and to make his name great. He promised to bless those who bless Avram and curse those who curse him. He promised that the entire world would be blessed by the Seed of Avraham and to give his descendants the Promised Land. All these promises of God were inherited by Avraham's promised son Yitz'chak (Isaac) and then given to Yitz'chak's son, Ya'kov. God promised to protect the descendants of Ya'kov while in the land from all forms of evil and defend the land against all nations who come against it. He promised to redeem the people, bring them back to the land and do marvels through this nation that have never been done through any other nation before on the face of the earth.

Satan knows all these things and does everything in his power to deceive and tempt the people of God to disobey Him and fail to perform His judgements or keep His Sabbaths. For this reason there has never been a redeemed people of the descendants of Ya'kov living in the Land of Promise while consistently keeping the statutes of God, performing His judgements and honoring His Sabbaths.

Thankfully, God always keeps His promises and achieving His will is not dependent upon humanity. In other words, God will achieve all His oaths according to His will in the near future only for the sake of **His Name**. That day is closer now than it has ever been before. Why is that day closer, you ask? It is closer because the redeemed people of God are not following His commandments nor agreeing with His judgements nor acknowledging His Sabbaths. When God's children live in this way, they lose His protection against all forms of evil, and evil increases in the world. Under these conditions evil will rise to a level that the LORD will judge. When the LORD judges the world in the future, He will set up His kingdom on earth. Satan will no longer be available to deceive and tempt people because he will be bound by God for a thousand years in chains.

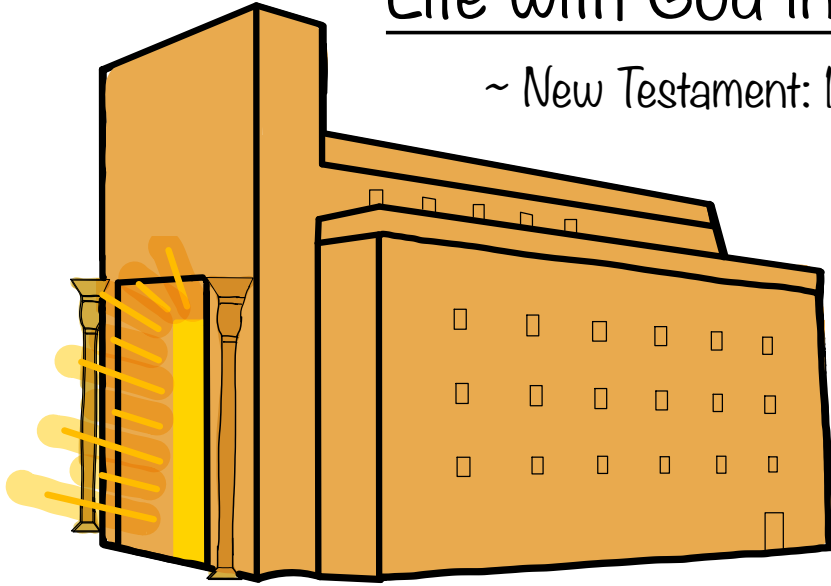
Did you notice in this week's Haftarah that God's instructions for His people never changed? No matter how the people behaved, no matter who the people were, no matter where the people lived or how long they lived there, God's requirements for their lives remained the same.

Did you notice that the response of the people to God's commandments determined whether they would reap the benefits of His presence or enter and live in the land He had given them? The people's behavior or response to God for what He had done for them affected their lives and their future.

Did you notice that the only reason the redeemed people were not destroyed by God when they disobeyed Him was for the sake of **His Name**?

Life with God in the Kingdom

~ New Testament: 1 Peter 1:13-16 ~



In this week's New Testament portion of Scripture the Apostle Peter is speaking to Jewish believers. These believers were suffering persecution for their faith in Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) while in exile from the Land of Promise. Peter explained to the people that their hope in the Kingdom of God is without limitation and empowers them to remain faithful even while suffering.

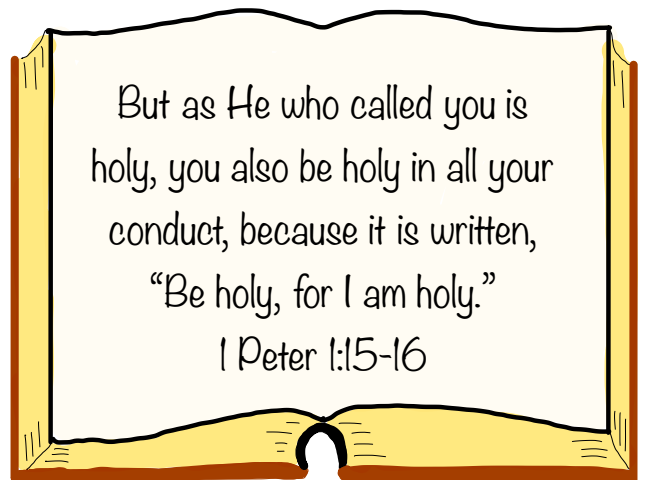
Peter explained that all believers in Messiah Yeshua will have victory over death and persecution in the world. When a person is redeemed by the precious blood of Messiah Yeshua, he is guaranteed resurrection from death to eternal or kingdom life. At the resurrection he will be given a new body and be freed from the captivity of a sinful body.

There is nothing that a person can do nor any work he can perform to deserve this gift of eternal, kingdom life. It is a gift that is given and received by the abundant grace of God. Once a person has received this gift, he becomes a child of God with a great inheritance. He becomes a citizen of the Kingdom of God. Because the believer is a child of God and a citizen of His Kingdom, it is very important that he obeys Him.

Obedying the statutes of God, agreeing with His judgements and acknowledging His Sabbaths are gifts or tools given to us by God's grace to allow the believer to reflect His character. These gifts are the means that God uses to sanctify the believer, or set him apart, to be used for His purposes.

The believer in Yeshua belongs to the Kingdom of God in heaven that will one day come to earth. He is a sojourner in the world, moving closer each day to his permanent residence with God. While he is in the world, the believer cannot keep God's Sabbaths because the Temple of God is currently in heaven. However, it is very important that the believer acknowledge the Sabbaths of God even though he cannot keep them. Acknowledging God's Sabbaths acts to purify the believer as if sprinkled by the precious blood of the Lamb of God, Messiah Yeshua. No one in this world is without sin, and purification is needed to worship and serve God. It is only when the believer is in a state of purity that he can be blessed by God and used for His purposes.

Because the believer belongs to God, he is a foreigner of this world. He must gird up the loins of his mind. This means he must think differently! He must have a sound mind and be focused on the judgement of God that brings His Kingdom from heaven to earth. This makes the believer a peculiar person in the world and often leads to suffering that demonstrates his faith.



It is by God's abundant grace that He has given us all the tools we need to reflect Him as obedient children. Our faith in Him is only demonstrated to the world when we obey Him by keeping His commandments. Anyone who belongs to God but refuses to walk in obedience to His words is acting against Him. That person will not receive God's spiritual blessings or be rewarded by Him in His Kingdom.

Many times a believer sins and dishonors God because he is ignorant or lacks knowledge of God's statutes, judgments and Sabbaths. Unfortunately, this lack of knowledge is because the believer lacks a desire to know God. God has made it perfectly clear in the full counsel of His word what He requires from His children to be sanctified, distinct, holy or set apart to serve Him.

The believer is commanded to be holy by obeying, agreeing with and acknowledging his LORD and God Who is holy and has redeemed him from eternal damnation.

Directions: Put a check mark over the words that describe a believer in Messiah Yeshua.

Peculiar Person

Famous

Child of God

Athletic

Holy

Kingdom Citizen

Intelligent

Successful

Wealthy

Foreigner in the
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1 Peter 1:15-16