

Tell a story
Parsha Shoftim
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Comments

Moses had been guiding the Jewish people for a long time. He was teaching them how to live their lives and they were grate-ful to him. He was doing a really good job at this, but he was getting older as well. Overtime his father-in-law pointed out that he couldn't do this by himself forever.

This Parsha shows us Jews how G-d told Moses to set up judges and law enforcement officials to judge the other Jews. This way, Moses would no longer be in charge of watching all of the Jews all by himself. G-d reminded Moses not to show favoritism to any group of the Jews, and not bribe any of the twelve tribes of the Jewish people. G-d wanted the people to be judged righteously.

It was stressed again in this week's Parsha for the Jews not to practice idolatry. This week's Parsha focuses on having confidence. The Jewish people should walk through life alongside G-d in simple innocence and stay confident in His plan. The plan that He has for us. The Jewish people should let go of whatever plan they foresee for the future and just accept whatever happens with their hearts and they should be rest assured that they will belong to G-d and then ultimately will receive all the goodness

He has promised them. The Jewish people should let go of whatever plan they foresee for the future and just accept whatever happens with their hearts and they should be rest assured that they will belong to G-d and then ultimately will receive all the goodness He has promised them. In biblical times, Jews were killing each other a lot.

Cities of refuge were created so people had a place to go for safety purposes. The Torah commanded Jews to set up cities of refuge. This meant that the person who accidentally killed could run and be safe from the victim's family. Once the person is in the city of refuge, the victim's family could not hurt them. That person had to stay in that city of refuge for a long time until the high priest meaning the kohen gadol would die. Before the Jews went off to war, the kohen gadol would come telling them that there was no reason to fear their enemies.