

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 07 Mar ..... Ex 1-4 ..... Compassionate Action
- 2) 14 Mar ..... Ex 5-10 ..... Divine Purpose
- 3) 21 Mar ..... Ex 11-13 ..... Amazing Deliverance
- 4) 28 Mar ..... Ex 13-15 ..... Persevering Faith
- 5) 04 Apr ..... Luke 24 ..... Easter Sunday
- 6) 11 Apr ..... Ex 15-18 ..... Tested Devotion
- 7) 18 Apr ..... Ex 19-24 ..... **What Are Your Ground Rules**
- 8) 25 Apr ..... Ex 25-31 ..... Why do You Worship?
- 9) 02 May ..... Ex 32-34 ..... What If You Falter?
- 10) 09 May ..... Ex 35-40 ..... How Do You Contribute?
- 11) 16 May ..... Lev 1-16 ..... Do Right When You Do Wrong
- 12) 23 May ..... Lev 17-22 ..... Stay Away from Perverted Practices
- 13) 30 May ..... Lev 23-27 ..... Show Others Godly Grace

**INTRODUCTION**

- It took Moses 3 months to march the Israelites to Mt Sinai
- The use of BLOOD emphasizes the seriousness of the covenant agreement between God and Israel
- AND the covenant would be CONDITIONAL on the Israelite's obedience

Passage	Comments
Exodus 19	<p><b>God Appears on Mt Sinai in Smoke, Fire, Thunder &amp; Quakes (Shock &amp; Awe)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv5-6 – If the Israelites would obey God's commands then God would make them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation .... 1Pet 2:9</li> <li>• vv12, 2-22 – God was very selective who could approach Him. Thanks to Christ, we all have the privilege to access the throne of Grace</li> </ul>
Exodus 20	<p><b>10 Commandments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's commandments address how we should treat Him (I, II, III, IV); how we treat others (V, VI, VII); and how we should behave ourselves (VIII, IX, X)</li> <li>• v20 – "Fear Not" + Godly Testing = Proper Fear that prevents us from sinning ..... Prov 16:6</li> <li>• v26 – The altar shall be a ramp and not steps for modesty purposes. The Priests had to wear special underwear or die..... Ex 28:42,43</li> </ul>
Exodus 21	<p><b>Just Punishment, Restitution &amp; Compensation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v4 – the male slave must leave his wife and kids in possession of their master should the male slave receive his freedom. <b>Marriage did not override prior legal ownership.</b></li> <li>• vv15-17 – He that strikes/curses his parents shall die; and he that kidnaps someone shall die                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ This punishment seems harsher than the crimes committed, but family respect is raised to a higher order/priority</li> <li>♦ TODAY, society is weakening God's design for the family</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v20 – The death of a slave did not incur the death penalty, but did incur sufficient punishment to prevent cruelty by slaveholders</li> <li>• vv22-23 – Society once used this passage to justify harsh treatment for abortionists. Now abortionists are paid big money by society</li> </ul>
Exodus 22	<p><b>Fair Treatment of Virgins, Widows, Orphans, Strangers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v16 – Bed a young lady and you must take responsibility and get Married or pay dowry</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death Penalty for those who are involved with witchcraft, bestiality, idolatry</li> <li>• v24 – God sends the sword on nations (war and economic woe) who afflict their weak members (widows, orphans, foreigners, the poor)</li> </ul>
Exodus 23	<p><b>Lying, Bribery, and False Justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jews ONLY                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 6 years you shall sow the land, and allow the land to rest during the 7<sup>th</sup> year (and God would bless the 6<sup>th</sup> year) ..... Lev 25:20-22</li> <li>♦ 6 days you shall work, and rest on the 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>♦ 3 times you shall keep a feast (unleavened bread, feast of harvest, feast of ingathering)</li> <li>♦ The first fruits of the land shall be brought to God's house</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv20-23 "I send a messenger before you" is often taken to mean "the Angel of the Lord" – which is possibly a Christophany or a physical manifestation of the Holy Spirit who the Israelites constantly provoked</li> <li>• v25 – If the Jews obey, they would not have illnesses in the land</li> </ul>
Exodus 24	<p><b>The Blood of the Covenant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v10-11 – "And they saw the God of Israel... and they did eat and drink"</li> <li>• v18 – Moses was in the mount 40 days/nights</li> </ul>

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- The Law was given to set boundaries for the protection, well being, and prosperity of God's people

**NEXT WEEK:** Exodus 25-31 – The Ark, Priestly Garbs, and Temple Artifacts

**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



So Moses receives the 10 COMMANDMENTS but cries to the Lord, "Your people giveth me a migraine!" So the Lord replies.. "Take 2 tablets and call me in the morning."