Exodus and the Law Quarter **2**

**Lesson 1**

**Introduction**

The Book of Genesis was a fast pace history of the beginning of the world as we know it. Moses was responsible for recording the stories of creation, the fall, the flood, the scattering of the people and establishing a relationship with the patriarchs.

At the end the three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are gone. They were all buried in the Cave of Machpelah.

At the end of Genesis, Joseph, son of Jacob, carried his father back to Canaan to bury him with his father. And at the very end Joseph says to the Israelites, “When they return to Canaan, take my body and bury me with my fathers.”

Joseph knew more about the future. He promised the people at his death that God would remember His people and visit them one day. Joseph at the time had been 2nd ruler in Egypt through the time of plenty and the time of famine. He preserves the land of Egypt and provided a place for them to come during that time.

This gave God’s people a place and the opportunity to grow into the great nation that was promised. They were settled in the rich land of Goshen. Joseph being the great man that he was during the famine, at some point waned in his position and favor. When he died he was put in a coffin to wait out the days of slavery for the Israelites.

By the time that the book of Exodus opens, conditions are so totally different than when Joseph was alive. At the beginning, the Pharaohs of Egypt did not even remember Joseph. Even though the people still lived in Goshen, they were slaves and had to do hard labor, which we will learn more about. Yet God caused them to increase in numbers. All of this was told back in Genesis 15:13-14, that the people would live in a land not their own and would be there for many years. However, God would rescue them.

Even though the people had lived in this land for many years it was not their home. Early in their history they became known as Hebrews; meaning a stranger or foreigner. They were called Israelites; meaning sons of Israel (remember Jacob’s name was changed to Israel). They were many. They were considered a “nation”.

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**Joseph is gone.**

**1. What is Genesis about?**

**2. What promises were made to the three patriarchs?**

**3. Where did Joseph want to be buried?**

**4. God saved the land of Egypt through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**5. Why did Jacob come to Egypt?**

**6. The land of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was separate from Egypt, which made it perfect for the nation of Israel to grow.**

**7. When Joseph was alive, was he important?**

**8. Now the Pharaohs did not even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph.**

**9. Now the people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**10. Did they grow in number anyway? How?**

**11. Did God foretell their life in Egypt?**

***VOCABULARY:***

***Exodus:***

***Slave:***

***Hebrews:***

***Israelites*:**

**Lesson 2**

**Moses’ Early Years**

**Exodus 1:1-2:25**

The children of Israel came to Egypt while Joseph was there. The family consisted of all the twelve sons of Jacob and their families. They were only seventy-five people in a strange land. God was with them and they prospered, multiplied and grew very strong. They filled the land of Goshen.

The Pharaoh did not acknowledge Joseph and what he did for Egypt. It was obvious to the king of Egypt that these people could be a threat. With their number and strength, they could always join with someone of their enemies against them.

They took measures to burden the people. They made slaves of them, took away their freedom. They assigned tasks along with hard taskmasters to make life hard. They helped in the building in Egypt. This did not seem to stop the Israelites. They grew all the more. So the Egyptians afflicted them even more making their lives bitter and very hard. Yet the Israelites continued to grow.

Pharaoh came up with a way to put a stop to this. He called for the midwives to the Israelites, Shiphrah and Puah. He instructed them that when they went to aid the Hebrew women in giving birth, if it was a boy child kill it, if it was a girl child let it live. The girls cold continue to serve, but the boy child could grow strong and add to the threat.

Because the midwives feared God, they could not do this thing. They said the Hebrew women were so strong that they delivered before they could get there. God was very good to the midwives.

The Pharaoh then commanded that all sons born to the Hebrews be thrown in the river and drowned. There was no way to know just how many sons were lost or just how long this ruling remained.

As this rule continued, a couple, Amram and Jochebed, of the tribe of Levi had their third child. We will learn more about their first two children, Aaron and Miriam, as we continue. This child was beautiful and healthy and they feared for his life. The family hid him for three months. When Jochebed saw she could hide him no longer, she devised a plan. She made a basket of reeds and waterproofed it with asphalt and pitch. Carefully she put the child in the basket and placed him in at the river’s edge to drift. She left Miriam, his sister, to watch and see what happened.

After a time Pharaoh’s daughter came to the river to bathe while her maidens watched. The Pharaoh’s daughter saw the basket and had her maidens fetch it. When she opened the basket she saw the child crying. She was touched with compassion. She recognized that this was a Hebrew child.

All along Miriam was watching. When she saw the favorable reaction of the Pharaoh’s daughter, she came out of hiding and asked the princess if she would like for her to fetch a Hebrew woman to nurse the child.

Jochebed was brought to the princess. The princess hired her to nurse the child. She called the child “Moses” because she drew him out of the water. So Moses was reared by his own mother until he was old enough to be brought back to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. Now Moses was the son of the daughter of the Pharaoh that ordered that all such children were to be put to death.

There is no way to know, but it is for certain that Moses grew up with all the advantage of a Pharaoh’s grandson. He would have had wealth, fame, education and everything that was available in that day. In spite of his Egyptian education and life style, he never forgot that he was a Hebrew.

Moses’ life continued in the fashion for years. When he was forty years old, he went out among the Hebrews to find out what he could do about their plight. He found a Hebrew who was being beat severely by an Egyptian. He looked around and saw that no one was watching. He struck the man and killed him. Moses buried the man in the sand.

The next morning he saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong why he was hitting his brother. The one asked, “Who appointed you ruler and judge. Are you going to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?”

Moses knew what he had done was known. When Pharaoh heard what had happened, he sent men to find Moses and kill him. Moses feared for his life. Moses fled to Midian. He found a well and sat down.

The priest of Midian had seven daughters who came to the well daily to draw water to fill the troughs for their flocks to drink. The other shepherds made a habit of allowing the daughters to draw water and then driving them away and watering their own flocks. Moses saw what happened on this day. He ran the other shepherds away and helped the daughters water their flocks.

The daughters returned home early on that day. Their father Reuel asked how they had returned so early. The daughter told how an Egyptian man at the well had rescued them from the other shepherds and even helped them water their flocks.

Reuel inquired where this man was. The girls had left him at the well. Reuel sent them back to get him to come and eat with them. Moses came for dinner, but found a home. In time Reuel gave one of his daughters, Zipporah, to Moses to marry. They had a son named Gershom, meaning sojourner. Moses stayed in Midian as a shepherd for forty years.

Do we ever know why some things happen?

God always knows the plan.

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**Lesson 2**

**Moses’ Early Years**

**Exodus 1:1-2:15**

**A child is saved for a purpose.**

1. Just how many in Jacob’s family were in Egypt?

2. In the beginning and for many years, how was their life?

3. What changed?

4. Why could Pharaoh not stop the Israelites?

5. What new plan did he come up with? Did it work?

What was his final plan?

6. We do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ just how many were lost, or how long the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lasted.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was from the tribe of Levi. He and his wife \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had a third child.

8. Tell of the plan to save the child.

9. Who found the child and what happened?

10. The Pharaoh’s daughter called the child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he became her own son.

11. What things did he have growing up in the Egyptian Palace?

12. How long did Moses grow up in Egypt?

13. At forty years old, what happened to cause Moses to leave Egypt a wanted man?

14. Where did he go?

15. Who had seven daughters?

16. Do you remember someone else who met a priest in his travels?

17. What was the priest’s name?

18. This is to remind us that there were people who served \_\_\_\_\_.

19. What happened at the well when the daughters went to water their flocks?

20. How did Ruel react when he heard of the story?

21. Do you remember others who showed hospitality?

***VOCABULARY:***

*Prospered:*

*Acknowledge:*

*Taskmaster:*

*Compassion:*

*Plight:*

*Sojourner:*

**Lesson 3**

**Moses Sent to Deliver Israel**

**Exodus 3:1-4:31**

As time went by, back in Egypt, the Pharaoh died. The children of Israel groaned because of their life of bondage. God heard their cry. He remembered the covenant He had made with their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The time for deliverance was near.

Moses kept the flock for his father-in-law Jethro (called Reuel earlier). He would take them through the wilderness to Mt. Horeb (later to be known as the Mountain of God-Mt. Sinai).

As Moses kept his flock, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flaming fire that burned in a bush. Moses looked, and the bush was not consumed. Moses was curious about the bush and turned aside to see. When the Lord saw Moses turn, He called Moses’ name and Moses answered, “Here I am.”

The voice called out, “Do not come closer. Take your shoes off your feet because you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." At these words, Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look upon the face of God.

Jehovah explained, "I know of the affliction of my people in Egypt, and have heard their cries. I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them to a good land flowing with milk and honey. It is the place now inhabited by the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Having seen the oppression of my people by the Egyptians, I am sending you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, up out of Egypt."

Moses replied, "Who am I that I should go before Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel from Egypt?"

God said, "Certainly I will be with you, and you can count on this: you will bring these people out of Egypt, and you will serve God upon this very mountain."

Moses replied, "Well look, when I come to the children of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me,' they will ask, 'what is His name?' What shall I tell them?"

God answered, "I AM THAT I AM. Thus shall you tell the children of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.' Tell them, 'Jehovah, the God of your fathers has sent me to you. “This is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations."

God instructed Moses to go to the elders of Israel and tell them that the God of their fathers has sent you to them. Moses was to tell them that God had sent Moses to bring them up out of Egypt into Canaan, to the land promised to them so many years before. God told Moses, “They will listen to you; then you and the elders will go in before the king of Egypt and say, 'Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. He wants you to let us go three days journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to Jehovah our God.' Now I know that he will not agree to let you go, not by any means. Then I will put forth my hand, and I will strike Egypt with all my wonders, and after that he will let you go. And when you go, I will give you favor with the Egyptians so that you will not leave empty."

Moses did not feel that the Israelites would believe or trust him. Moses had a rod in his hand. The Lord told Moses to cast it upon the ground. He did and it became a snake and when Moses took it by the tail it became a rod again. God told Moses that this would be a sign that “I AM” sent you.

Then God told Moses to up his hand inside his coat. When Moses put in his hand and pulled it out it was as white as snow with leprosy. When he put it in again and pulled it out it was clean again.

Then God said, “If they will not believe the first sign, they will believe the second. If they will not pay attention to either of these signs, then you will take water from the river and pour it upon dry ground, and the water will become blood upon the dry ground."

Moses answered Jehovah saying, "I am not eloquent, neither before nor since you have begun speaking to me. I find it difficult to speak, because my tongue is slow."

The Lord replied, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes one mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Do as I say and I will be with your mouth and will tell you what to say."

Moses answered, "Well, Lord, you can send whomsoever you want to send." Moses' language was curt and disrespectful. His meaning was, "You can send anybody you want, and there is nothing I can do about it, so if I have to go, I will, but I don’t want to." In spite of God's assurances and the signs He had given Moses, the main problem was that Moses did not want to do it.

God was very angry with Moses and said, "I know one thing, your brother Aaron the Levite speaks well, and he is even now on his way to meet you, and when he meets you, he will be glad in his heart. You will speak to him and tell him what to say, and I will speak with you and tell you what to say to him. He will be your spokesman to the people, your mouth, as it were, and you will be to him as God. Take this rod with you, for by it you will do the signs I will give you."

Moses returns to Jethro’s home. He asked to return to Egypt to my brethren. Jethro tells him to go in peace.

So God assured Moses that all who wished to take his life were dead and it was safe for him to go. So Moses took his wife and his two sons and started toward Egypt.

God warned Moses again, saying, "When you get to Egypt, see that you do for Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you, but I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will not let the people go. You will tell Pharaoh, 'this is what Jehovah says: Israel is my son, my firstborn, and I have told you to let my son go, that he may serve me, but you have refused. Therefore, be aware; I will slay your son, your first born."'

On their way, at camp, God met him (the only "him" in the context is Moses) and sought to slay him. Quickly Zipporah took a flint and cut off the foreskin of her son and threw it at his feet, and she said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood as far as this circumcising business is concerned." God was demanding that the task be done before Moses continued on his mission.

The Lord had spoken also to Aaron, the brother of Moses, in Egypt and had said, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." So Aaron got up and went out and met him in the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron everything that had happened and about the signs God had given him.

When they arrived in Egypt, Moses and Aaron gathered the elders of Israel together and told them what the Lord had said, and showed them the signs the Lord had given them. The people believed, and when they heard that the Lord had decided to deliver them from their afflictions, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

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**Lesson 3**

**Moses Sent to**

**Deliver Israel**

**Exodus 2:16-4:31**

**The trip back to**

**Egypt.**

1. How long did Moses live in Midiam? What was he doing while he was there?

2. What happened while he was tending the flock near Mt. Horeb?

3. Tell of the conversation between God and Moses.

4. What two special things do we learn about God here during this conversation?

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. God’s name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What did God call Moses to do?

6. How did Moses fell the Israelites would react?

7. What proof was he to show them that he was from God?

8. What are God’s answers, when God has told Moses to go bring the people out of Egypt and Moses has offered these objections or excuses:

1. Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the people out of Egypt? Or, as we would say, Why me?
2. When I come to the Israelites and say God has appeared to me, they will want to know what is His name?
3. They will not believe me. They will deny that God has spoken to me.
4. I am not eloquent.
5. Send whoever you will. I cannot stop you.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allows Moses to leave Midian.

10. Moses, his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sons leave for Egypt.

11. God calls Israel His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ born.

What does God tell Moses to warn Pharaoh about his first born?

12. Moses had not followed the decree about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that had been made with Abraham.

13. God choose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Moses’ older \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be the mouthpiece for Moses.

14. What did the people do when they heard of God’s plan to deliver them?

***VOCABULARY:***

*Deliverance:*

*Holy:*

*I AM:*

*Eloquent:*

**Lesson 4**

**Why the Plagues?**

**Exodus 5:1-10:27**

After telling the people about God's plan, Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “Let my people go so that they can hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’

Pharaoh replied, "Who is Jehovah that I should pay any attention to Him? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go."

Moses and Aaron said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God, lest He send pestilence upon us, or the sword."

"Moses and Aaron," Pharaoh said, 'why do you try to take the people away from their tasks? Get back to work. The people in the land are many, and you are making them idle."

Beginning at that day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters to make their task more difficult. They were building bricks. Now they were commanded to gather straw as well. Their brick quota would be the same. When they could not, the Hebrews who acted as foremen were beaten.

The taskmasters said, "Why haven't you met your quotas of bricks both yesterday and today?" The people answered, “We were given no straw, and yet were told to make brick. Now we have been beaten because we did not make as many bricks as before. It is the fault of your own people, not ours."

The Hebrews blames Moses for their troubles. Moses had put a sword in Pharaoh’s hand to kill us they said. Moses turned to the Lord and said, “Lord, why have you done this people so badly? Why did you send me? Since I came to speak to Pharaoh in your name, he has treated them very badly. You have not delivered this people at all."

God was not angry with Moses. He told Moses, ”I am

Jehovah and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as God Almighty (El Shaddai), but by my name Jehovah I was not known by them. I made a firm covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they stayed. Also, I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel under the hands of the Egyptians, and I have remembered my covenant. Therefore, tell the children of Israel "I am Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will get rid of their bondage, and I will purchase you by great deeds and judgments that I will bring upon the Egyptians. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you for an inheritance. I am Jehovah."

Moses told these words to the children of Israel. They paid

no attention because of their hopelessness and because of the backbreaking oppression they suffered.

Yet God commands Moses to present His demands to Pharaoh again. Moses told God that the people would not listen to him and he wondered why Pharaoh would listen. None the less God sent him to say this, “See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron will be your prophet. You will speak everything I have told you, and Aaron your brother will speak to Pharaoh so that he will let Israel go from his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and will multiply my signs and wonders in the land. Pharaoh will not listen, so I will lay my hand heavily upon Egypt and will bring my people forth with great judgments. Then the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah, when I do these things."

Moses and Aaron went to do as God had told them. Moses was 80 years old at this time, and Aaron was 83. They appeared before Pharaoh.

God sent Moses and Aaron in to show the power of God. He had not agreed to let the people go. Pharaoh asked to see a

Wonder. God instructed them to throw down the rod given to Moses in front of Pharaoh and it would turn into a serpent.

Then Pharaoh called for his magicians, and they did a similar thing with their secret arts, because they cast down their rods, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. Still, Pharaoh's heart was hardened so that he did not believe Moses and Aaron had any power beyond his magicians, and he refused to do what the Lord had said. God showed that the Pharaoh’s magicians, real or fake, were not as strong as the power of the Lord God Jehovah. God want the people of Egypt to see that He was God. He also wanted the Hebrews to see that He was the God of their fathers.

We all know what happened after this. Pharaoh’s heart was stubborn. God was going to show Pharaoh that He was the God of all heaven and earth. He would perform things that no magicians could do. God’s answer to Pharaoh would be:

**The Plagues**

#1-Water to blood (Exod. 7:14-25)

#2-Frogs (Exod.8:1-15)

#3-Lice (Exod. 8:16-19)

#4-Flies (Exod. 8:20-32)

#5-Murrain of Cattle (Exod. 9:1-7)

#6-Boils (Exod. 9:8-12)

#7-Hail (Exod.9:13-35)

#8-Locusts (Exod. 10:1-20)

#9-Darkness (10:21-27)

**Notice what promises and compromises Pharaoh made during the first nine plagues:**

1. Frogs - He said pray to God to take away the frogs and I will let the people go to offer their sacrifices. The frogs left - and Pharaoh broke his promise (8:815).

2. Flies - He told them to sacrifice to their God right there in the land, but that would not work because the Israelites would be offering sacrifices that would have been an abomination to the Egyptians (8:26-27).

3. Flies - After Moses rejected the compromise that they offer in the land, Pharaoh said he would let them go, but "not very far." But when the flies were gone, he broke his promise again (8:28-32).

4. Hail - Pharaoh was frightened. He said, "I have sinned. Pray to the Lord...and I will let you go; you do not have to stay any longer" When the plague was over, he broke his promise (9:27, 34-35).

5. Locusts - After being warned that locusts would come, the king’s officials insisted that the let the people go, so he made this compromise: Let only the men go, leaving the wives and children behind. Pharaoh could be assured that the men would return.

Moses refused to leave anyone or anything behind. Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh's presence in anger (10:7-11).

6. Locusts - After the locusts came, Pharaoh said again, "I have sinned, please pray for me..."But when the locusts were gone he refused to let the people go (10:16-20).

7. Darkness - Pharaoh said, "Go, take all your people with you, but leave all your animals behind.” Moses refused because they could not know specifically what Jehovah would require in their sacrifices until they were ready to offer them. Moses stated again that they would leave nothing behind - "not a hoof will be left behind." Pharaoh ordered them from his presence and threatened to kill them if he saw them again (10:24-29).



**Lesson 4**

**Why the Plagues?**

**Exodus 5:1-10:27**

**God answers Pharaoh with His own answer.**

1. Who went to talk to Pharaoh?

2. What reaction did Pharaoh have to the Lord God of Israel?

3. What warning did Moses and Aaron give to Pharaoh from God?

4. What did Pharaoh do in response?

5. God warned Moses earlier,” Pharaoh will not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to let you go.” (Moses may have lost sight of that.)

6. As things got worse for the Israelites, why did God say He had not delivered them yet?

7. Then you will know that ­­\_\_\_\_ am the Lord your God who brought you out from under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Egyptians.

8. Then next time Moses appeared before Pharaoh, what did they do to show God’s power?

9. Did this convince Pharaoh? What happened to his heart?

10. Pick 2 plagues and tell what happened.

***VOCABULARY:***

*Wonders:*

*El Shaddai:*

*Inheritance:*

*Stubborn:*

**Lesson 5**

**Death of the Firstborn**

**Exodus 10:28-13:16**

Pharaoh’s reaction to ever plague was different, but the results were the same.

1. He did not show respect for Moses’ God.
2. He did not show respect for the power that was given to Moses by his God.
3. He did not recognize that the gods of Egypt did not have any power over the Lord God Jehovah.
4. He did not let the people go.
5. He did not recognize all of this brought more misery to Egypt.
6. He did not recognize for the most part the Israelites were spared and protected by God.

God sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh one final time. They had the same demand, “Let the people go.” His answer was they could go but they would have to leave the livestock. Moses said no to that. Pharaoh became angry and ordered them to be removed from his sight. He did not want to see them again.

Now God had told Moses, "I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. After that he will let you go, he will thrust you out of the country. Tell all the people to go to their neighbors, both men and women, and let them ask for jewels of silver, and jewels of gold." Jehovah caused the Egyptians to look favorably upon the Israelites, and Moses had gained great respect and stature among the Egyptians.

Moses answered Pharaoh: "You have said it welt I will not see your face again. This is what Jehovah says: 'about midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt, and all the first-born sons in Egypt will die, from the first-born of Pharaoh to the first-born of the maid-servant behind the mill, and all the first-born of your livestock will die. There will be a great cry throughout the land of Egypt. But against the children of Israel, a dog will not even bark, so that you may see how Jehovah makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.' Then all these servants of yours will come to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all your people with you,' and after that I will go out." Then in hot anger, Moses left Pharaoh.

God had given his warning to Pharaoh. Now it was time to prepare the Israelites for the final plague. They would have to prove their faith and trust in the Lord God. The instructions they were about to receive would be for a remembrance of how God spared their first-born when He destroyed the firstborns of Egypt.

The instructions:

1. From now on this will be regarded as the first month of your year. So the event will be on the 10th day of this month.
2. On this day take a lamb and up it up until the 14th day. One lamb per household. If the household is too small let them joint with another household.
3. The lamb should be without blemish, a one year old male, either a lamb or a kid of a goat.
4. Everyone is to kill his animal at sunset on the 14th day.
5. Take the blood from the animal and put it on the two side posts and the lintel of the door of the house where the sacrifice will be eaten.
6. The animal is to be broiled over a fire, whole (not cut apart) and eaten (not raw or boiled) that night with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
7. Do not let any of the animal remain to morning. What you do not eat, burn.
8. Eat with your clothes girded up, ready to walk, with shoes on and staff in hand.
9. Eat quickly.

Go tell the people that God said, “This is the Lord’s Passover. I will go through the land and destroy all the firstborn of man and animals. I will execute judgment on the gods of Egypt. I am Jehovah. The blood will be a sign on the house where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike the Egyptians. This day is therefore to be kept as a memorial throughout your generations.”

This remembrance would be known in the future as the Passover Feast. Because of their obedience the Lord would pass over their home.

When the people heard this message, they bowed down and worshiped God. They did exactly as they were told. Not only would Egypt see that Jehovah was God, but through His protection the Israelites would see that He was The Lord God Almighty.

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**Lesson 5**

**Death of the Firstborn**

**Exodus 10:28-13:16**

**God shows Pharaoh who is God.**

1. What were the results of the first nine plagues?

**2.** Moses had gained great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among the Egyptians.

3. Why would the people be glad to give up gold and silver and possessions to the Israelites?

4. When Moses warned Pharaoh, why would there be a great cry throughout Egypt?

5. God had very specific instructions to prepare the Israelites for the last plague. What did they have to do to be protected?

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6. Obedience to the instructions of God was the difference between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. How did the Israelites react to the message of the Lord God?

***VOCABULARY:***

*Misery*

*Lintel:*

*Side posts:*

**Lesson 6**

**The Exodus**

**Exodus 10:28-13:16**

It was not God's fault that Pharaoh was so stubborn. God knew what kind of man Pharaoh was, and God allowed him to come to the throne at this particular moment so that the Egyptians could be punished for the way they had treated the Israelites. God "hardened Pharaoh's heart" by putting demands before him that Pharaoh was too stubborn to obey. God did not take away Pharaoh's ability to choose right or wrong. Pharaoh brought all this suffering upon his kingdom.

With all preparations having been made by the Israelites, about midnight the Lord struck all of the firstborn in Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh to the first-born of the prisoner in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. Pharaoh rose up that night, he and his servants, and all of the Egyptians. A great cry was heard throughout all the land, because there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in the night and told them: "Get your possessions and get out of Egypt serve Jehovah as you have said. Take your flocks and herds, as you have been saying, and be gone and bless me also." -

The other Egyptians were also eager to see the Israelites leave, because they said, ‘Otherwise, we are all dead men." So they were quite willing to give the children of Israel virtually anything they asked for. As Moses had told them, the Israelites asked the Egyptians for jewels of silver and jewels of gold, and clothes. The Lord had made the Egyptians look favorably upon the people of Israel. In a sense, therefore, Israel spoiled Egypt as if they had defeated them in battle and had taken their possessions.

The-people were in such a hurry, they packed the dough which was mixed in their kneading troughs and carried it on their shoulders, wrapped up in their clothes.

After 430 years in Egypt the children of Israel left their bondage behind them. Because God had purchased them unto Himself by His mighty deeds done in Egypt, He viewed them as His people. In particular, since He had destroyed the first-born of Egypt, and had spared the first-born of Israel, the firstborn of Israel belonged to God in a special way. Therefore Moses told the people: “When you arrive in the land which the Lord is giving to you, then you are to give to Him the firstborn males of both animals and man. If it is a clean animal, it is to be sacrificed. If it is an unclean animal, such as a donkey, it may either be redeemed, or slain. It is not to be sacrificed, nor is it to be kept by the owner for his own profit unless it is redeemed. All first-born sons are to be redeemed.

In time to come, when your sons ask you the meaning of this practice, tell them, "Jehovah brought us out from Egypt from our slavery. When Pharaoh resisted His efforts, Jehovah killed all the firstborn males in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. Therefore I sacrifice to Jehovah every first-born male among my livestock and the first-born among my sons I redeem." This practice will thus be an ever-present reminder of the time when Jehovah brought you out of Egypt.”



**Lesson 6**

**The Exodus**

**Exodus 10:28-13:16**

**Israel leaves with the mist of death in every Egyptian household.**

1. God knows the nature of man. Did He know what kind of man that Pharaoh was? What kind was he?

2. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh to come to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at just this time that He could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Egypt for the way they had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel.

3. God did not take away his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to choose between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Who brought all this misery upon Egypt?

5. What happened to the Egyptians at midnight?

6. What happened to the Israelites at midnight?

7. What did Pharaoh tell Moses to do?

8. The last words Pharaoh said to Moses, “…be gone, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me also.”

9. The preparations, that God had the Israelites make, were so they could leave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

10. The Egyptians were eager for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to leave.

11. Just as God had said, the Egyptians were willing to give the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. Israel now belonged to God. They left their bondage in Egypt because God had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for His own people.

13. God took the first-born of Egypt but spare the first-born of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first-born of Israel now belonged to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a special way.

14. God made arrangements that all first-born males could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. All males animal would either be redeemed or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

16. This would be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the time when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brought you out of Egypt.

***VOCABULARY:***

*Stubborn:*

*Redeemed:*

**Lesson 7**

**Crossing of the Red Sea**

**Exodus 12:37-42; 13:17-15:21**

Back when Jacob arrived in Egypt that made 75 members of his family with Joseph and his wife and two children there. Four hundred and thirty years later, some 600,000 Israelite men beside women and children and their servants gathered at Ramesses to travel to Succoth. Moses also took the bones of Joseph as Joseph had instructed.

Jacob, his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham had all been given promises from God. On this day, one of the promises is seen as close to 2,000,000 people left Egypt as a “great nation”. Not only was there a great number of people, but they had great flocks and herds and cattle.

Remember on the night of the Passover, God had the people prepared to leave in a hurry. As they went along their journey, they baked unleavened cakes of bread that they brought from Egypt. The bread would not have time to rise because they had been expelled from Egypt in such haste.

It was not in God’s plan to take Israel the short route to Canaan. That would take them through the coastal area of the Philistines. He did not want to subject them immediately to the heavy fighting that they would incur if they went that way. Instead God lead them by the way of the Red Sea.

The Lord went constantly before the people. By daytime He guided them with a cloud. By nighttime He guided them with a fiery pillar. God was in their constant presence showing them the way.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the children of Israel to turn back and encamp by the sea. Pharaoh will say, ‘They are confused and are trapped by the wilderness.’ I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will come after them, and I will gain honor at the cost of Pharaoh and his army. *Then the Egyptians will know I am Jehovah.”* The Israelites did as the Lord commanded.

When Pharaoh realized what he had done by letting this great working force leave, he made ready his chariot and a force of 600 chariots and their captains. They pursued the Israel at top speed. They overtook them at the Israelites encampment at the Red Sea.

As the Israelites saw the thundering cloud coming toward them, they began to cry to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Did you think there were no graves in Egypt? Is that why you brought us out here to die? We would be better off as slaves in Egypt than to die here in the wilderness.”

Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation which the Lord is going to accomplish for you today. These Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. Jehovah is going to fight for you. Now keep quiet, and do not complain anymore.”

The Lord instructed Moses to move the people forward to the sea. Moses was to lift his rod up over the sea and divide it. Then the children of Israel could cross over the sea on dry land. Afterward, the army of the Egyptians will follow into the sea after them. When the Israelites have crossed, God will close the water down around them. *Then the Egyptians will know I am Jehovah.*

Moses did as the Lord instructed. God caused a strong great wind to part the water. There were walls of water on the right and the left. The wind blew all night as the children crossed over. The angel of the Lord stood between the camp of the Egyptians, where there was darkness, and the camp of the Israelites, where there was light.

In the morning the Egyptians saw what had happened. They rose and pursued after the Israelites. Once they were in the midst of the sea the wheels of the chariots began to break and come off. The horses could not pull the chariots. The army realized that this Jehovah was fighting with the Israelites. They wanted to run, but it was too late. God had Moses close up his hands and the water rushed over them. They all were killed and not a one was left alive. The Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had delivered the Israelites. This was a glorious deed that Jehovah had done. When the Israelites saw this, they feared God and believed in Jehovah and in Moses.

There was great celebration that followed:

**Exodus 15**

**The Song of Moses**

**15**Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: “I will sing to the Lord, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!  
**2**The Lord *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation;  
He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.  
**3**The Lord *is* a man of war; The Lord *is* His name.  
**4**Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;  
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.  
**5**The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.

**6**“Your right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power;  
Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces.  
**7**And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath;  
It consumed them like stubble.  
**8**And with the blast of Your nostrils The waters were gathered together;  
The floods stood upright like a heap; The depths congealed in the heart of the sea.  
**9**The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall destroy them.’  
**10**You blew with Your wind, The sea covered them;  
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

**11**“Who *is* like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who *is* like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?  
**12**You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them.  
**13**You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided *them* in Your strength To Your holy habitation.

**14**“The people will hear *and* be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia.  
**15**Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab,  
Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away.  
**16**Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm  
They will be *as* still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O Lord,  
Till the people pass over Whom You have purchased.  
**17**You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, *In* the place, O Lord, *which* You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, *which* Your hands have established.

**18**“The Lord shall reign forever and ever.”

**19**For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

**The Song of Miriam**

**20**Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. **21**And Miriam answered them: “Sing to the Lord, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!”

This was an outpouring of joy and gratitude to God.

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**Lesson 7**

**Crossing of the Red Sea**

**Exodus 12:37-42; 13:17-15:21**

**Come in a family, leave a**

**NATION.**

1. How many of Joseph’s family came to Egypt? (think)

2. How many men left 430 years later? Whose bones were taken with them on that day?

3. What promise was made to Abraham all those years ago?

4. Do you remember how God prepared the people to go?

5. What did God intent for them to eat?

6. What direction did God take Israel and why did He not take them the short route?

7. How did the Lord guide the people?

8. What strange place did He lead them?

9. What did He want Egypt and the world to see?

10. How did Israel show that they too needed to learn to trust and have faith in God?

11. What did Moses say to the Israelites who were afraid?

12. How did the waters part?

13. How long did it take for the people to cross over?

14. What happened in the morning when the army began to follow after the people?

15. Did the Egyptians recognize the power of the Lord?

16. How did the Israelites feel about God and Moses? (Just a short time ago they wondered why they had been brought out into the desert.)

Included are the “Song of Moses” and the “Song of Miriam”.

What do the songs say about how the people feel about God now?

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**Lesson 8**

**From Egypt to Mt. Sinai**

**Exodus 15:22-18:27**

The children of Israel have made a mass exodus from Egypt. The Lord God has led them across the Red Sea on dry land. Jehovah has defeated Pharaoh and his army by another great expression of love for His people.

Yet God has led them a three days journey into the wilderness of Shur and they find no water. They were in trouble. Finally they came to water and it was bitter and they name it Marah (bitter). They were sure that they were going to die. The people murmured and complained.

Moses went to God. God showed Moses a tree to cut down and cast it into the water. When it was done, the water became sweet and the people could drink freely. There God made a rule that if the people would carefully follow the Lord, the Lord would put none of the diseases common to Egypt upon them.

The cloud led them by day and the pillar of fire by night. God’s guidance was ever with them. The people traveled on to Elim where they found an oasis and 70 palm trees. There they encamped for a while.

The Lord led them south of the oasis to the peninsula of Sinai to the wilderness of Sin. It was the 15th day of the second month, exactly one month since they left Egypt.

And still the people murmured and complained. They had no food. They had food back in Egypt. They had rather died back in Egypt with fleshpots and bread instead of coming to the wilderness to die.

The Lord heard their cries. This is what he told Moses, “this is what I will do: I am going to rain bread from heaven, and every day people will go out and gather that day's portion. I will use this opportunity to see whether they will obey me or not. On the sixth day, they will need to gather twice as much as on the other days and go ahead and prepare it.

Tell the children of Israel "In the evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread and you will know that I am Jehovah your God."

Aaron told the people all that God had said. As God had said, at evening, quails flew into the camp and covered the ground so that the people had meat to eat. In the morning the dew lay around the camp, and when it was gone, there were small, round white flakes all over the ground. When the people saw this they asked what it was for they had never seen the like of it.

No matter the worldly explanations, this did not come from something that was. It was a miracle from God. God’s instructions were very specific. Moses told them, "It is the bread which the Lord your God has given you to eat. Now this is what God has commanded: you are to gather an omer (just over two quarts) for each member of your family." The Israelites did as Moses said, and measured the manna out with an omer so that the one who gathered a little too much had no excess and the one who had gathered a little less had no lack.

Every morning the manna (which the Israelites called their new food) was on the ground. The Israelites would gather their portions. As the sun rose and became hot the balance would melt away. Moses told them to eat their daily portions and save none for by morning it would be rotten.

Special instructions were given for the sixth day. The seventh day was to be a day of rest. So on the sixth day they were to gather enough for two days. Eat what they needed of the first day and set aside the portion for the next day and it would be fine on the morrow. Those who did not do as God instructed found no manna on the seventh day.

God instructed Moses to gather an omer and save it away so that the people could see the bread that God fed them with in the wilderness after the Lord brought them out of Egypt.

The people were a large caravan. They moved in stages from the wilderness of Sin toward Rephidim. Once there they camped and soon found themselves without water.

The people demand of Moses that he give them a drink. Moses sees that the people have not learned anything. Moses goes to God and says, “What am I to do? These people are almost ready to kill me.” The Lord told Moses to go before the people. Take the elders of Israel with you. And take your rod (the one that Moses parted the sea with).

The Lord told Moses, “I will stand before you there before the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come forth and the people will drink.” Moses did as the Lord had said and the water gushed forward and all the people had water. Moses called the place Massah and Meribah, which meant contention and testing. The people were contentious and tested God constantly.

While Israel was there in Rephidim, the tribe of Amalek came and attacked. The tribe was a vicious tribe preying on the feeble and weak. Moses commanded Joshua to choose out men to fight Amalek. On the morning Moses stood on the hill and held up the rod of God. While it was up the Israelites prevailed. When the rod would lower, because Moses grew tired, they would wane. Therefore, Aaron and Hur seated Moses on a rock and held his arms up for Moses until sundown. Joshua and the people defeated the Amalek with the sword.

From that day forward, God instructed Moses to tell Joshua that someday God would blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

All this time, Moses wife and two sons were back in Midian. Jethro heard that Moses was coming. He brought Zipporah and his two sons out to meet Moses. Remember his first son was called Gershom because Moses had been a sojourner in a foreign land. His second son was called Eliezer which meant “God of my help” because God came to Moses’ aid and delivered him from the sword of Pharaoh.

Moses heard that Jethro was coming. He went out to meet him. When they met, Moses bowed to Jethro and kissed him. Moses told all that the Lord had done. He told how Egypt had been devastated, how the Israelites had been rescued by God and how God had taken care of them during their journey to here.

Jethro offered sacrifices to the Lord God who is greater than all gods. Aaron and the elders participated in the sacrifices and recognized Jethro as a true priest of God.

While watching Moses, Jethro sees what a heavy load the work is on Moses. He tells Moses that as a leader he needed to call on the elders of the people to help him. He says to divide the people by thousands, hundreds and fifties. Appoint elders to hear the cases of the people, to solve the one that they can. Then they can bring only the hardest matters to Moses.

Moses did as Jethro advised. The important matters were still brought to Moses. After this, Jethro returned to his own home.



**Lesson 8**

**From Egypt to Mt. Sinai**

**Exodus 15:22-18:27**

**God is with them, but where are they.**

1. Who was taking care of the Israelites?

2. With all that the Lord had done, did they trust the Lord Jehovah and His servant Moses?

3. God only rule is for the people to love and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. God was with them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Follow their travels on a map.

6. What did the people run out of next? Were they learning the lesson of trusting God?

7. Tell about God’s answer to this problem.

* God would rain down \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Did the people have to work for it?
* What did they do in the morning?
* How much did they gather?
* How long did the manna last?
* What did they have to eat in the evening?
* What did they gather on the 7th day?
* Why did Moses gather an omer to save throughout the generations?

8. Update your map.

9. Where does water come from this time?

10. Who comes to attack Israel? And how did the battle go?

11. Where had Zipporah been all this time that Moses was back in Egypt?

12. Tell how the names of their sons talk about Moses’ life before God.

13. How was Moses respectful to Jethro?

14. Besides being Moses’ father-in-law, he was also what?

15. Who else do we remember had a similar position and met Abraham?

16. How did Jethro, Aaron and the elders know to make sacrifices? Who else made sacrifices before now?

17. What problem did Jethro see that Moses was having

What did he suggest to Moses?

***VOCABULARY:***

*Bitter:*

*Murmur:*

*Manna:*

*Omer:*

*Contentious:*

**From Egypt to Sinai**

**Rameses – Starting point**

**Succoth**

**Etham**

**Red Sea – People murmured**

**Crosses on dry land**

**Egyptian army drowned**

**Marah – People murmured**

**Water bitter**

**Elim – 12 springs of water**

**Wilderness of Sin – Murmuring**

**Quail in the evening**

**Manna began**

**Test Sabbath**

**Rephidim – People murmured**

**Water from rock**

**Battle with Amalek**

**Jethro visits**

**Mt. Sinai**

**Can you see all the ways that Israel failed?**

**Can you see all the ways that God did not fail them?**

**Lesson 9**

**The Covenant with Jehovah**

**Exodus 19:1-24:18; 32:1-34:35**

In the third month after their departure from Egypt, the children of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai and encamped in front of Mount Sinai. Remember that the Lord had promised Moses that He would bring the people to that spot when He first talked to him from the burning bush (3:12). And now they have arrived in fulfillment of that promise.

After arriving at Mt. Sinai and the Israelites camping in front of the mount, Moses went to God by approaching the mountain, and God called to him, saying: “This is what I want you to tell Israel: "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You also see how I have carried you on eagles' wings, and have brought you to myself.

"This is my offer: If you will truly obey my voice and keep my agreement, then you will be my own special people out of all the earth. All the earth belongs to me, but you will belong to me in a special way: you will be to me a kingdom of priests and a special nation."

This is the message I want you to give to the children of Israel.

Moses returned and called the elders of the people together and presented to them what Jehovah had offered. When the message was conveyed to the people they said, "We will do everything Jehovah commands." [This is the first time that Israel says this.] So Moses reported to the Lord what the people had said.

After all the ways that Israel failed God, God still wanted a relationship with them. This relationship would depend on real actual obedience and not just lip service. God told them that the whole earth belonged to Him, but they would be His special people. God said, “*I will be your God and ye shall be my people*.” And this would mean that under God’s direct rule, they would be a nation which would be characterized by holiness. “Be ye holy as I am Holy.”

God wanted to come in a thick cloud to talk to Moses in front of the people, so that they would believe Moses. God wanted the people wash their cloths, refrain from making love with their wives. Tell the people not to come up into the mountain. Whoever, man or animal, touches the mountain shall surly die. When the people hear a blast from a ram’s horn they are to come close to the mountain, but not too close.

Sure enough, on the third day, when morning came, there was an awesome sight thunder rumbled, lightning flashed, and there was a thick cloud upon the mountain. There was also the sound of a very loud trumpet blast; everyone in camp was terrified.

At the sound of the trumpet blast, the signal God had spoken of, Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They stood before the foot of the mountain. As they watched, the entire mountain smoked because Jehovah descended in fire, and the smoke boiled up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole multitude quaked greatly. The sound of the trumpet grew louder. Moses spoke, and God answered him.

Now that Jehovah had come down upon the mountain, He called Moses up to meet Him. Jehovah said, "Go down and warn the people, lest they charge forward to gaze upon me and perish. Let the priests also that serve me prepare themselves lest I break forth upon them.”

Moses answered, "The people cannot come up, because we have set a boundary that cannot be crossed, just as you commanded us."

Jehovah replied, "Go down and warn them exactly as I say. Then you and Aaron come up here, but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up here, lest I destroy them." So Moses went down and warned the people again, telling them exactly what God had said.

Then the Lord spoke the following words:

1. You are not to have other gods besides me.

2. You are not to make idols, or the likeness of anything in the sky, or on the earth, or in the water. Do not bow down to them or serve them, because I am a jealous God. I will bring the consequences of iniquity of the fathers upon the children as far as the third and fourth generation of them that hate me and show mercy to thousands of generations of them that love me.

3. Do not use the name of Jehovah your God for profane and empty purposes. Jehovah will consider the one who does so guilty.

4. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. You are to work six days, but the seventh day is a sabbath to Jehovah. On that day you are to do no work, no one in your family, your slaves, visitors among you, or even your animals. God has chosen this day because in six days He created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. Then He stopped and rested the seventh day.

5. Honor your father and mother so that you may dwell in the land where you are going for a long time.

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not give false testimony or make false charges against your neighbor.

10. Do not lust after what belongs to your neighbor: his house, his wife, his servants, his ox, or his donkey, or anything he has.

When the people saw the lightning and heard the thunder, when they heard the sound of the trumpet, and saw Mount Sinai smoking, and then heard the powerful voice of Jehovah speaking, they were very afraid and stood way back. They said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but don't let God speak to us anymore, lest we die."

"Don't be afraid," Moses replied, "because God has come to put you to the test so that you may have respect and awe for Him so that you will not sin." But the people were still afraid and continued to stand way back, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. The leaders of the people had come, saying, "The Lord has shown us His glory and majesty, and we have heard His voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live, even if God speaks with him. But now, why should we die? This great fire will destroy us if we hear His voice any longer, for what mortal man can survive what we have heard and seen today? You go near to God and listen to all He has to say; then tell us, and we promise we will listen and obey."(from Deuteronomy)

God heard what the people told Moses. He said, “I have heard everything they have said, and what they have said is good… Oh, that their heart would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commandments always, so that it might go well with their children forever.

Many more laws did God give to the people. But on that day they agreed to obey the preliminary commandments.

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**Lesson 9**

**The Covenant with Jehovah**

**Exodus 19:1-24:18; 32:1-34:35**

**God demanded obedience then,**

**God demands obedience now.**

1. The Israelites arrive at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months since they left \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. This was in fulfillment of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made to Moses at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The people had seen all that God did to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. I have carried you on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What was the offer God made to the people?

6. What was the Israelites’ answer to God?

7. What were some of the problems that the people had?

8. What was going to expect of them NOW?

* Real \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ service
* Be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people
* They would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. God wanted to meet with Moses and Aaron. He wanted the people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

10. What instructions did God give the people about coming to hear Him?

11. What did the people hear God tell Moses? What have we come to know them as? Read and Remember

12. At this point was the relationship between God and the people good or bad?

13. How did God feel about the peoples’ response?

**Lesson 10**

**The Covenant is Ratified**

**The Children of Israel Sin**

**Exodus 24:1-18; 32:1-33:6**

When these ordinances had been given, God said, "Moses, I want you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel to come to me. All of you but Moses will stand and worship me at a distance. Moses alone will come near me."

Moses came back and told the people what the Lord had said and all the commandments He had given. Remember the people said, "We will do everything God has said.”[This is the second time. The first time was back in lesson 9.]

Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar beneath the mountain. Twelve pillars were set up to represent the twelve sons of Israel.

Moses also sent young men of the children of Israel to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. Burnt offerings were burned completely, but peace offerings were partly burned and partly eaten by the offerer. It is portions of the peace offerings that will be eaten by the leaders of the people in verses 9-11.

When the oxen were killed, they were bled, and half of the blood was caught in bowls. The other half was splashed upon the altar. With the burnt offerings consumed, and the peace offerings ready, and half the blood of the oxen in bowls, Moses took the scroll of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. They said, "All the Lord has said we will do, and we will be obedient." [This was their third time to make this promise.]

Upon the basis of this promise by the people, Moses took the blood in the bowls and sprinkled it upon the people and said, "Look, this is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you upon all these conditions."

After Moses had sprinkled the people with the blood of the covenant, he, Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel did as God had commanded (24:l-2) and approached the Lord. God let them see a throne scene in which they saw the God of Israel, and under His feet was a floor paved with bright sapphire clear and blue as the sky. And though the nobles of Israel ate before Him, God did not destroy them, and they looked at God and ate and drank.

The blood of the covenant sealed the agreement between God and Israel. A covenant is not valid without the shedding of blood. In the Law that is given to Moses there are sacrifices and the shedding of blood for many reasons. We will learn more about these as we go. The importance of this will be seen later in the sacrifice of Jesus and the shedding of His blood. In Matt26:28, when Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, the fruit of the vine will represent throughout eternity the blood of Christ and the covenant sealed on the cross. Our taking of His blood is a way of reaffirming the agreement we make with the Lord.

The deal was sealed. The glory of Jehovah appeared to be a roaring fire on top of Mount Sinai, and the glory remained upon the top of the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day Jehovah called to Moses from the mount and said, "Come up to me into the mount, and I will give you the tables of stone and the commandments of the law which I have written so you can teach them."

So Moses went up into the cloud upon the mountain, and remained in the mount forty days and forty nights. No one was with Moses except Joshua, his minister. Joshua did not go all the way to approach God with Moses, but at least he was somewhere on the mountain as Moses' helper.

Moses was gone for a long time. Aaron and Hur were left in charge of the people. The people became restless. They came to Aaron and Hur and demanded, “Make a god for us to go before. We do not know what has happened to this man Moses.”

Aaron told the people to break off all there gold earrings and bring to him. And they did. Aaron fashioned a golden calf and brought it before the people and said, “O Israel, this is your god who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." Aaron made a public proclamation: "Tomorrow will be a feast to the Lord."

Early the next morning, the people got up and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. They sat down to eat and drink, and afterward got up to celebrate with singing and dancing (32:18-19).

Jehovah told Moses, "Go, get back down to the camp, for your people that you brought up from Egypt have corrupted themselves. So quickly they have turned aside from the way I commanded them and have made themselves a molten calf and have worshiped it. They have said, 'This is your god, O Israel, which brought you forth from Egypt."'

Jehovah said further to Moses, "I have observed that these people are very stubborn and hard-headed. Now allow my wrath to grow hot against them so that I may wipe them out. Then I will make of you a great nation."

Moses answered, "Lord, why will you let your wrath grow hot against your people, the ones you brought out of Egypt by such a mighty display of power? Why should the Egyptians be able to say that God brought Israel out of Egypt to slay them in the mountains, and to wipe them off the face of the earth? Please turn from your fierce wrath, and change your mind about what you will do with these people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, your servants. You swore to them by your own self and said, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land I have described I will give to your descendants, and they will inherit it indefinitely."'

God listened to Moses' intercession and changed His mind about the calamity He had threatened to bring upon His people.

Moses came down from the mountain. In his arms he led the tablets which God wrote on with the tips of His own fingers. Joshua was with Moses and said, “It sounds like fighting in the camp.” Moses knew it was not fighting, it was singing and dancing. As soon as Moses saw what was going on he threw the tablets to the ground in anger.

He took the calf and burned it with fire and ground it into powder and cast the dust upon the water and made the people drink it.

Aaron blamed the sin on the people. So Moses stood at the entrance of the camp and said, "Whoever is on Jehovah's side, let him come to me." All the sons of Levi gathered themselves unto Moses.

Moses told them, 'This is what Jehovah says, 'L.et every man put his sword on his side and go through the camp and slay every guilty person, whether they be friends or relatives.' Dedicate yourselves wholly to God. Let your hand be even against your son and your brother so that God may bestow a blessing upon you today."

The Levites obeyed Moses and killed about 3,000 men. Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and He has blessed you this day."

Moses prays to God because the people have sinned greatly. He returns to the mountain. He begs God to take his life. And let the people live.

God tells Moses that whosoever has sinned against him, him will I blot out of his records. God would make an accounting for the sins which they had done. God cause a plague to come upon the people.

Jehovah proceeded to tell Moses what His plan was: "My plan is for you and your people that you brought out of Egypt to leave and go to the land that I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'To your seed I will give it.' I will send one of my angels before you, and I will drive out the inhabitants of the land, a land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go up in your midst because you are a hard-headed people, and if I dwelt among you, I would destroy you on the way."

Now God has withdrawn Himself. They are Moses' people, not God's. God will send an angel, but He will not be among the people. Without God's personal involvement, what else could it be? The covenant is broken! They are no longer God's special people!

God sent word to the Israelites and said, "You are a hard-headed people. You will not do as you are told. If I came into your midst for even a moment, I would wipe you out. Take off your baubles and bracelets till I know what to do to you." The children of Israel were dismayed that God was not to be in their midst, and they mourned. They obeyed God and stripped off their ornaments there at Mount Horeb.

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**Lesson 10**

**The Covenant is Ratified**

**The Children of Israel Sin**

**Exodus 24:1-18; 32:1-33:6**

**Blood was shed, but Israel did not measure up.**

1. When the ordinances had been given who did God call before him?

2. Only one was allowed to come near and it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Who were Nadab and Abihu? (We will want to remember them.)

4. Even now some 400 plus years later, Moses still show respect for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sons of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. How?

5. In Gen., angels came to men in appearance of men. These men are shown a scene in which they saw the God of Israel. It was the appearance of God, because John says in John 1:18 what?

6. In the Old Testament, sharing a meal with someone meant so much more. This sacrificial meal eaten in the presence of God was a way of making a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

7. In the New Testament how do we do something similar?

8. The deal was sealed; tell about God’s presence upon the Mountain.

9. Why did God call Moses up on the mountain? Who was his minister upon the mountain? How long was he there with God?

10. Tell about what was going on with the people while Moses was on the mountain.

11. Tell of the commandments that the children of Israel broke.

12. How did God respond to what the people did? What did Moses do and make the people do?

13. Why did Moses go back upon the mountain? What did Moses say to God?

14. How were the people punished?

15.Why has God withdrawn himself from the people?

**Lesson 11**

**The Covenant is Renewed**

**Tabernacle Built; Consecrated**

**Exodus 33:7-40:38**

Before the foundation of the world God thought of man. He made man that He could have a loving relationship with him. He wished to bless man, to love man and be loved by him. God could not, as a sinless and pure God, tolerate sin. Man would have to learn this lesson.

With God’s approval Moses built a tent where he could meet with God. It was pitched outside the camp, but visible to all. When Moses would go to the tent to speak with God, the cloud would descend and stand at the door. The people would stand at their tent doors watching and worshiping God. Moses meets here with God, but it is clear that Moses will meet with God up on the mountain again. But here Moses talked to God about the future. When Moses was not in the tent Joshua would stand guard.

God lets Moses know:

* that He is with Moses
* His personal presence would go with him
* I will give you rest
* He made his goodness to pass before him
* Not His face, but His back side, for no man can see the face of God

God told Moses to cut two tablets from stone and come back to the top of the mountain. So Moses did as God instructed. He came alone.

God passed before Moses and said:

* Jehovah, Jehovah (His name)
* A God of mercy and grace
* Slow to anger
* Abundant in mercy and truth
* Remaining merciful to thousands
* Forgiving of iniquity and transgressions
* Will not clear the guilty
* Will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations.

Moses bowed to the earth and worshiped God. Seeing that he has found favor with the Lord God Jehovah, he pleads with the Lord to pardon these stiff-necked people of their iniquities and take them for His inheritance.

The Lord said unto Moses:

Look, I am making a covenant with you. I will do amazing things before all your people, things that have not been wrought in all the earth among any nation. All these people whom you lead will see the work of Jehovah because I am going to do awesome things.

Be careful to do what I tell you today. I am going to drive out the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Be careful that you make no covenant with the

inhabitants of the land where you are going, or they will be a snare to you. Instead, break down their altars and smash their obelisks. Cut down their sacred poles (Asherim), because you are to worship no other gods. Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God and will not put up with such a thing. Do as I say lest you make treaties with these people and become unfaithful to me, for if you take their daughters as wives for your sons, and those daughters prostitute themselves with their idols, they will lead your sons to do the same, Do not make molten gods.

You are to keep the feast of unleavened bread. For seven days you will eat unleavened bread, in the month Abib, as I commanded, because that is the month you came out of Egypt

Remember that every male that opens the womb is mine, including all your firstborn livestock that is male. The firstlings of a donkey you will redeem with a lamb, or else, break its neck. You will redeem all the firstborn among your sons. No one is to come before me without an offering.

You are to work six days and rest on the seventh day. Even during plowing and harvest, you will rest.

AIso observe the feast of weeks (called Pentecost in the NT), the first reaping of the wheat harvest, and the feast of final harvest at the year's end. Three times a year all your males will appear before the Lord Jehovah, the God of Israel. As long as you appear before me these three times a year I will drive out the nations before you and enlarge your territory, and no man will make designs on your land.

Bring the first of your harvest unto the house of God as an offering.

Do not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

Write these words, because according to these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

Moses was there in the mount with God forty days and forty nights. During that time Moses did not eat bread or drink water. He wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. As we mentioned in the note above, almost certainly during these two trips into the mountain, Moses received the full law, plus full instructions about building the tabernacle, the worship to be conducted there, and the role and duties of the priests.

When Moses came down from the mount with the tables of stone, the skin of his face shone because God had been speaking to him, but Moses did not realize his face was shining. When Aaron and the Israelites saw him, they were afraid of him because his face was so bright. Nevertheless, Moses called Aaron and the leaders of the congregation to him and spoke with them. Afterwards, he spoke with all the Israelites, telling them all that Jehovah had said to him. When he finished speaking to them, he put a veil upon his face. From that time forward, when Moses went in to speak with the Lord, he would remove the veil. After communing with the Lord, he would come out and speak with the people. Then he would put on the veil again until he went in to speak with the Lord.

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**Lesson 11**

**The Covenant is Renewed**

**Exodus 33:7-34**

**Man gets another chance.**

1. From before the foundation of the world, what did God want with man? What continued to make this difficult for God to have?

2. Do you see any change in the people?

3. Who watched over the tent?

4. What are some of the things God told Moses?

5. Moses’ coming to the top of the mountain shows God is what?

6. Seeing the nature of God, he begs God to do what?

7. God make a new covenant with the people, what does He say to Moses to tell the people?

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8. What happens when Moses comes back down the mountain?

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**Lesson 12**

**Tabernacle Built; Consecrated**

**Exodus 35:1-40:38**

It is very important in studying about the covenant God made with Israel at Mount Sinai that we understand and teach these points:

1. Basically, the covenant was, "I will be your God, and you will be my people."

2. The covenant was based upon the people's obedience of the law, for in this way they would learn how to live as the people of God.

3. Therefore, the law, which centered around the ten commandments, was given to them.

4. As the people lived as God led them, He would dwell among them in their lives, in their words, and in their deeds. The tabernacle was to remind Israel that their God dwelt among them.

5. The priesthood was given to mediate between God and

Israel. Through the sacrifices the law called for when sin occurred, the sins of Israel could be forgiven, and their relationship with God could remain intact.

By noting these five points it is easy to see their relationship and to remember what God did for Israel at Mount Sinai. In order to stress these points, we will follow the lead of the narrative which gives attention to the building of the tabernacle at Sinai next, then to the priesthood and the sacrifices, and some of the law itself.

God gave instructions to Moses on his first trip up the mountain for a tabernacle, a place where God could dwell among the people. The preparation of the tabernacle does not happen until after the second visit. The people’s attitude was more prepared for this task. Moses comes before the people and tells them: This is what the Lord has commanded: Take up from among you an offering for the Lord. Whoever is willing to give freely, let him bring the Lord's offering, whether it be gold, silver, brass, blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, rams' skin dyed red, sealskins, acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense, and onyx stones and other precious stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate.

Every skillful person among you came forward to make the tabernacle and the things which pertain to it. They made the tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern God showed Moses. This work was to be done by the Israelites, led and supervised by Bezalel and Oholiab.

For Moses told them:

See, the Lord has chosen Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and has filled him with the Spirit of God. He has given Bezalel skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts so that he can make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze; so that he can set stones, work in wood, and engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship. And He has given Bezalel and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. They will be filled with the ability to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in yarn and in linen, and as weavers. Also God has given skill and understanding to other craftsmen who will work with them so that they can build the tabernacle, all its furnishings, and the garments for the priests exactly as Cod has commanded.

Thus Bezalel and Oholiab were to be the master craftsmen, the ones who would be able to understand and to build exactly what God had in mind. Other skilled craftsmen and the rest of the people were to work under their guidance.

The people all went away and determined what each one would give. All who were willing, both men and women, came bringing gold jewelry of all kinds as an offering to the Lord. Everyone who possessed any of the other items needed, from rams' skin to bronze, brought what they had to be used in the work. The women willingly spun goat's hair, fine linen, and the blue, purple, and scarlet yarn needed. The leaders of the people brought onyx stones and other precious gems to be used in the priests' garments. Others brought spices, oil, and incense. All the Israelite men and women offered their things freely and willingly.

The people continued to come with their offerings and gave so freely that those who were doing the work finally went to Moses and said, "The people have brought more than enough to make everything." So Moses proclaimed throughout the camp that everyone was to stop bringing their offerings because there was enough.

God had very specific instructions for all concerning the tabernacle and the priest. Here is a list of the thing concerning the tabernacle.

I. The Tabernacle Itself (Exod. 25:13; 2-6: l-37; 31:1-11; 35:4-36:38)

A The Boards for the Walls

B. The Coverings and Curtains for the Tabernacle

II. The Courtyard (Exod. 27:9-19; 38:9-20)

III. The Furniture (Exod. 25:1040; 26:35; 27:1-8, 20-2L; 30:1-10, 17-21; 37:7-38:8; Lev. 24:l-9)

A The Ark of the Covenant

B. The Altar of Incense

C. The Table of Shewbread

D. The Golden Candlestick (or I-amp-stand)

E. The Altar of Burnt Offering

F. The Bronze Laver

IV. Priest-Special garments made for glory and beauty

A. The Linen Undergarments

B. The Coat

C. The Robe

D. The Ephod

E. The Breastplate

F. The Mitre and the Girdle

V. Consecration of Aaron and his sons

A. Bathed

B. Dressed

C. Anointed

D. Special offerings for the priest

God told Moses how to set up the tabernacle and how to use it.

The end of Exodus tells just what Moses did to set it up.

**Exod. 40:18 Thus Moses did**; according to all that the Lord had commanded him, so he did.

**17**And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first *day* of the month that the tabernacle was raised up. **18**So Moses raised up the tabernacle, fastened its sockets, set up its boards, put in its bars, and raised up its pillars. **19**And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. **20**He took the Testimony and put *it* into the ark, inserted the poles through the rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark. **21**And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, hung up the veil of the covering, and partitioned off the ark of the Testimony, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

**22**He put the table in the tabernacle of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil;**23**and he set the bread in order upon it before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses. **24**He put the lampstand in the tabernacle of meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the tabernacle; **25**and he lit the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses. **26**He put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting in front of the veil; **27**and he burned sweet incense on it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. **28**He hung up the screen *at* the door of the tabernacle. **29**And he put the altar of burnt offering *before* the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the Lord had commanded Moses. **30**He set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing; **31**and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would wash their hands and their feet *with water* from it. **32**Whenever they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed, as the Lord had commanded Moses. **33**And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

**The Cloud and the Glory**

**34**Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.**35**And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. **36**Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. **37**But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. **38**For the cloud of the Lord *was* above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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**Lesson 12**

**Tabernacle Built; Consecrated**

**Exodus 35:1-40:38**

**God builds a dwelling**

1. The Lord has reconciled with the people. Continuing from here the people will be led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Their relationship will be determined by their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. God provided the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a mediator between God and Israel.

4. God will be involved in their lives in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What are some of the things that God commands the people to bring for the building of the Tabernacle?

6. What kind of craftsmen were needed for the task?

7. Do you see a difference in the people?

8. Do we take advantage of the second chances that others give us, God particularly, parents, siblings and friends?

9. God had specific instruction. The tabernacle would have to be built in a way that it could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the people as they travel.

10. What special furniture did the tabernacle have?

11. See if you can draw a picture of the temple layout.

12. Who determined how the tabernacle would be set up?

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did exactly what God told him to do.

14. Talk about the cloud and the glory.

**Lesson 13**

**Review**

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**Here are some fun things to jog your mind about what you have been studying.**

**Do you remember these?**

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**Important things that we learn from the covenant made at Mt. Sinai!**

**Mt. Sinai.**

1. Basically, the covenant was, "I will be your \_\_\_\_\_\_, and you will be my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

2. The covenant was based upon the people's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the law, for in this way they would learn how to live as the people of God.

3. Therefore, the law, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_around the Ten Commandments, was given to them.

4. As the people lived as God led them, He would dwell among them in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The tabernacle was to remind Israel that their God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among them.

5. The priesthood was given to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_between God and Israel. Through the sacrifices the law called for when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occurred, the sins of Israel could be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and their relationship with God could remain intact.

**Lesson 14**

**Worship Begins; Blessings & Curses**

**Lev.8-10; 26; Num. 6:22-27**

The tabernacle is set in order by Moses. On the eighth day, Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel, and he told Aaron, "Take a calf of the herd for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, and offer them unto the Lord. Then tell the children of Israel, 'Take a he-goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish for a burnt offering. Take an ox and a ram for peace offerings, and a meal offering mingled with oil, because today Jehovah is going to appear to you."'

Everything which was commanded was brought, and the entire congregation drew near and stood before Jehovah. Then Moses said, "This is what Jehovah commanded you to do, and the glory of Jehovah will appear to you." He told Aaron, "Come to the altar, and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself, and for the people."

When all the ceremonies were completed, Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sacrifices. Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, then came back out and blessed the people. Suddenly the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people and fire came

forth from the Lord and instantly consumed the burnt offering and the fat (sacrifices which were already burning upon the altar). When the people saw this, they shouted and fell on their faces.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons that this is how they are to bless the Israelites:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

The Lord continued, saying, "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The Lord God Almighty had intended from the very beginning for these people to have “faith” that He is the I Am God Almighty. He would love them and take care of them; they in turn would “love” Him. And to show how much they love Him they would “obey” His laws. God wanted the people to get in the “FLO” with Him; Faith, Love and Obedience.

**Get with the “F L O”**

It was not long before the priest themselves disobeyed God’s law. The tabernacle had been set up and consecrated; God's presence had moved in to the place provided; the priests had been consecrated and had offered their first sacrifices; God had sent fire to consume the sacrifice to show He approved of all that had been done. Now it was time to start the normal process of offering all the prescribed sacrifices.

Nadab and Abihu, two of Aaron's sons, each took his censer (a metal bowl) and put coals in it, added incense, and offered strange fire which the Lord had not commanded. Promptly fire came forth from before the Lord and burned them to death.

Moses told Aaron, 'This is what the Lord was talking about when He said, 'I will be held in high regard by those who are intimate in their service to me, and I intend to be respected before all the people."' What could Aaron say? His sons had sinned before the Lord in His presence.

Then Moses said to Mishael and Elzaphan, Aaron's first cousins: "Come and carry these bodies of your kinsmen away from the sanctuary, out of the camp." The two men came and carried the dead men out in their linen tunics as Moses commanded.

Moses gave strict instruction about the grief for the death of these men. Aaron and his other sons must stay with the tabernacle and continue their work and not show any outward sign of grief. The rest of Israel could grieve.

From that day forward the priest were not to drink any fermented beverage when they were on duty, lest they die. Priest must be able to distinguish between things holy and unholy, between things clean and unclean and must be able to teach the people the difference.

**Lesson 14**

**Worship Begins; Blessings & Curses**

**Lev.8-10; 26; Num. 6:22-27**

**Moses steps aside.**

**Aaron is High Priest**

Tabernacle

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1. Who set the tabernacle in order?

2. Moses instructed Aaron to make 4 offerings, what were they?

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3. Who was going to appear before the people?

4. Arron was now the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ priest of Israel.

5. The things that God instructed Aaron to do was to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for himself and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. After Moses and Aaron came out and blessed the people. What did God do?

7. From the beginning, God’s laws were to be strictly obeyed. He just want to get with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. How was the blessing that God blessed the people with; by Aaron?

1. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thee and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thee;
2. The Lord make His face \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon thee and be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto thee;
3. The Lord lift up His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon thee and give thee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

9. Explain the relationship that God wanted with these people.

10.

* How long did it take before the priests themselves sinned?
* Who was it that sinned?
* What was their sin?
* What was their punishment?

11. The Lord said, “I intend to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before the people.”

12. What could Aaron say? Why?

13. A dead body was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and had to be removed from the tabernacle immediately.

14. How did Aaron show grief?

15. Could Israel grieve?

16. What was the law from that day forward?

17. Why was that important?

***VOCABULARY:***

*Atonement*

*F L O:*

*Countenance*

**Lesson 15**

**Statues, Judgments and Laws**

**Lev.24 and 26**

The priests and the people soon learned that the Lord demanded careful observance of His rules about sacrifices and worship. God had other laws that He demanded the people to observe. While we talk about some of these remember the original 10 commandments and see how in their time most sins went back to the observance of these basic laws. The first 4 were related to their relationship to God. The last 6 were related to their relationship with other men.

At some point during the months at Sinai (the time is not given), the son of an Israelite woman and an Egyptian man got into a dispute with an Israelite man. In the dispute, the son blasphemed the Name (Jehovah) and cursed. He was confined until the Lord declared what should be done with him.

Jehovah said, "Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let the whole congregation stone him. Tell the children of Israel that whoever curses his God will bear the consequences. Anyone who blasphemes the name of Jehovah will surely be stoned to death by the congregation, whether he is a sojourner or a native Israelite."

Moses relayed these instructions to the children of Israel, and they brought the man out and stoned him to death.

Leviticus is a detailed look at the law and instructions on how God intended for the Israelites to live as His people. Over and over He uses the expression, "Be ye holy for I the Lord am holy," or, "I am the Lord your God who makes you holy." God is saying that if they are to be His special people out of all the world, then they are to be like Him, they are to be different (holy), because He is different (holy). The law not only gave rules for the people to follow, it showed what God is like, so that they could know how to imitate Him in their lives. Most of the people failed to see this underlying message of the law and thought of it as merely a set of rules to be obeyed, rather than a guide for their way of life. If we are not careful, we will make the same mistake about the law of Christ under which we live.

Before the foundation of the world, God knew that men would sin. He made a way for man then and now to be forgiven.

The Lord said, "If you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my laws and so violate my covenant, then you will be punished severely."

If you will not listen to me, then:

I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your health. You will plant seed in vain because your enemies will eat the harvest. I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you will rule over you, and you will live in such terror you will flee even when no one is chasing you.

If after all this, you still will not listen, I will make your punishment seven times worse. Then:

I will break down your stubborn pride by sending severe drought to the land. The sky above you will be like iron and the ground beneath like bronze. Your strength will be spent in vain, because crops will not grow, nor will the trees bear fruit.

If you still remain hostile and refuse to listen, I will multiply your afflictions seven times more:

I will send wild animals against you that will rob you of your children and destroy your cattle. You will be so few in number that your roads will be deserted.

If in spite of all this, you still do not accept my correction, and remain hostile toward me, then:

I will be hostile toward you and I will increase the affliction seven times more. I will bring the sword upon you to avenge the breaking of my covenant. When you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you, and you will be given into the hands of your enemies. There will be so little bread ten women will be able to bake their bread in one oven, and they will dole it out by weight. You will eat, but you will never be satisfied.

If you still remain hostile, then I will punish you in my anger seven times worse:

You will eat the flesh of your sons and daughter. I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and pile your dead bodies on the worthless bodies of your idols. I will abhor you and will turn your cities into ruins and I will destroy your sanctuaries. I will take no pleasure in your sacrifices. I will make your land so wasted, even your enemies will be appalled. I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Then while you are in exile and your cities lie in ruins, the land will enjoy its sabbath years that it did not have while you lived in it. (See 2 Chronicles 36:21and its context.)

As for those who are left in the land at that time:

I will make you so fearful under your enemies that the sound of a wind-blown leaf will put you to flight. You will run as if fleeing from a sword, and will fall, even though there is no one pursuing. So you will not be able to stand before your enemies. You will perish in the land of your enemies because of your sins and because of the sins of your fathers.

But If You Confess Your Sins (Lev. 26240-46):

The Lord continued, "But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their fathers, the things which made me hostile against them, and made me send them into another land, then I will remember my covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For the land will enjoy its sabbaths while they are gone, and they will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and hated my decrees. Yet in spite of all this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them entirely. I will not break my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God. For their sakes I will remember the covenant I made with their ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt in the sight of all the nations to be their God.”

In months to come, we will see that the Lord kept all these promises because of the disobedience of His people.

**These are the laws and regulations which the Lord**

**Established between Himself and the Israelites**

**On Mount Sinai.**

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**Lesson 15**

**Statues, Judgments and Laws**

**Lev.24, 26**

**God makes arrangements for sin.**

1. Do you remember the 10 commandments?

The first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ related to their relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ related to their relationship with each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The son of an Israelite woman was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to death.

Tell of the commandments that were broken.

3. Who carried out the punishment, why was it important?

4. Why was the way they behaved so important?

5. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his people should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that the world might see that they were His people.

6. Many will see God in the way we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. How well did the people see this underlying message from God?

8. How well do we see this underlying message from God?

9. "If you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my laws and so violate my covenant, then you will be punished severely."

In what waysdid God say this would happen?

**Places and Events Since Leaving Egypt:**

**Rameses** – Starting Point

Succoth

**Red Sea** – Crossed on Dry Land

**Marah** – Bitter Waters

**Elim** – Natural Oasis

**Wilderness of Sin** – Quail,

Manna Began

**Rephidim** – Water from rock,

Battle with Amalekites

**Mt. Sinai**- God’s Covenant with Israel

Ten Commandments spoken

Moses gone 40 days

Golden calf made

Israel punished

Moses gone 40 more days

Tabernacle built and set up

Priests consecrated

Gifts from the tribes

Passover observed

Census of Soldiers

Organization of the tribes

Passover for those unclean

Blessings and Curses

Signal to travel again

**Lesson 16**

**From Sinai to Kadesh**

**Num. 10:11-14:45**

It has a little over a year since the Israelites left Egypt. They have complained and murmured. They have been impatient. They have been disobedient. Even with all this, it has been a very important year.

God used this year to give Israel a look at who He is. He made a covenant with these people to be their God. He gave them a law so that they could be His people. He had them put together a tabernacle where He could dwell with them.

The promises God made to the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are coming to light. These people are now a nation, just as God promised. Now it is time for them to move north to claim the land that God promised

In the second month of the second year, the twentieth day of the month, Israel set forth with the tribe of Judah leading. The tabernacle was taken down as God instructed by the different clans of the Levites. It would go forth and be set up at the next place God would direct. They were still lead by the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

The Ark of the Covenant went forward before them. Moses would say: “Rise up, O Lord, and let your enemies be scatted, and let those who hate you run when they see you coming.” Then when the ark stopped its journey, he would say: “Return, O Lord, unto the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel.”

Only three days out from Sinai, the people began to complain. When God heard this His anger burned hot among the people. The fire burned and devoured the people along the borders of the camp. The people cried to Moses, Moses prayed to God and the fire died down.

The people continued to wine and complain. They lusted for things they had in Egypt. They were tired of the manna. The manna was a direct gift from God and they did not appreciate it. They were not thankful.

The burden of the people weighted heavy on Moses. Moses brought this to the attention of God. God heard Moses and made arrangements with Moses to bring 70 elders to the tent of meeting and He would come and talk to them and place the same spirit on them that was on Moses. They could help bear the burden of the people.

God had promised to send meat to these complaining, ungrateful people. He sent quail. A great wind blew in quail all around them three feet deep. The people took barrels and gathered the quail. They once again did not recognize how great the Lord was to provide for them with such bounty. Blessings from God caused the people to lust over the meat. Jehovah’s anger was kindled, and He struck the people with a very great plague. While the meat was in their mouths they begin to die. So great was the plague. Many die and were buried there and the place was called “graves of lust” because of all the graves.

Not long after this Aaron and Miriam criticized Moses. They were jealous of Moses. Moses reacted meekly and did not defend himself. God heard this and called Moses, Aaron and Miriam to the tent of meeting.

Jehovah wasted no time in dealing with Miriam and Aaron. He spoke suddenly to the three and said, "Come out, all three of you, to the tent of meeting." Jehovah came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the door of the tent and called to Aaron and Miriam. They stepped forward, and the Lord told them, "Listen to me. If there be a prophet among you, I, Jehovah, will reveal my will to him in a vision, or I will speak to him in a dream. My servant Moses is different. He is faithful in all his service. With him I speak face to face, openly, not in cryptic speeches, and from time to time he even gazes upon the form of Jehovah. Why, then, were you not afraid to criticize my servant Moses?"

The anger of Jehovah was aroused, and He departed. When the cloud lifted, there stood Miriam – left a leper, white as snow. Horrified, Aaron looked at Miriam, beholding her leprosy. He cried to Moses, "Oh, my lord, please don't hold our sin against us. We have behaved foolishly and have sinned. Please don't let her be like a child born prematurely, with its body only half-formed."

Moses instantly interceded with God for his sister: "Heal her, O God, I beg of you."

Jehovah answered, "If her father had only spit in her face, should she not be ashamed for a week? Let her be shut without the camp for seven days, and then she may be brought in again." So Miriam remained outside the camp for a week, and Israel did not travel until she was brought in again.

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**Lesson 16**

**From Sinai to Kadesh**

**Num. 10:11-14:45**

**God’s history with these people is NOT good.**

1. Since they left Egypt much has happened. Tell of some.

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2. How long have the people been out of Egypt when God called them to leave?

3. What tribe led the way as they left Mt. Sinai?

4. What tribe was in charge of the tabernacle?

5. How many days out did Israel begin to complain?

6. What happened?

7. Why do you think the people continued to complain?

8. The people suffered from the great sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. Moses was so weary because of the responsible for the people. What did God do for Moses?

10. Why can these people not learn their lesson? What happened in Kibroth-hattaavah (graves of lust)?

11. Who criticized Moses?

12. Did God put them in their place?

**Lesson 17**

**Spies Sent into Canaan**

**Num. 10:11-14:45**

After Miriam’s recovery, Israel moved on to the wilderness of Paran. God requested that from there Moses send 12 men, a prince from every tribe, into the land of Canaan to spy out the land.

So Moses chose the twelve men and sent them on their mission. Among the men chosen were Caleb, son of Jephunneh, of the tribe of Judah, and Hoshea, son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim. Moses renamed Hoshea (Help) Joshua (Yah is help). This is the same Joshua who had been his assistant from the first.

Moses instructed the spies saying, "Go up into the South (Negeb) and into the hill-country the spine of mountains which runs all the way through Canaan north to south. Observe the land, what kind of land it is; find out about the people: are they strong or weak? How many are they? Report on the cities they dwell in: are they mere villages or fortresses? We want to know if the land is good or bad, whether it is forested or bare. Be courageous and bring us some of the fruit of the land."

The men went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, in the area of Hamath (from the southern edge of the land to about Mt Hermon in the north). Going up from the Negeb, they came to Hebron where they found Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

The spies also went into the valley of Eshcol There they found grapes growing and cut off a branch with a cluster on it and carried it back, hung from a pole carried by two men. They also brought back pomegranates and figs. The valley was called Eshcol (C1uster) because of the cluster of grapes which the spies cut down and brought back with them. At the end of forty days they returned to camp.

When the spies returned to Moses they make their report. They said, "We came to the land where you sent us, and surely it does flow with milk and honey, and here is the fruit of it (showing the grapes and pomegranates which they had brought). But the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very great. What's more, we saw the children of Anak there. Amalek dwells in the land of the Negeb; the Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banl6 of the Jordan."

The people began to be agitated, and Caleb attempted to calm them by saying, "Let’s go up and take the land right now, because we are well able to overcome it"

But Caleb's fellow spies said, "We are not able to go up against this people because they are stronger than we."

The spies (except for Joshua and Caleb) thus brought back a negative, discouraging report, saying, "The land which we have spied out is a land which devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw are big people, and we even saw the giants, the sons of Anak. We looked like grasshoppers to them, and we felt like grasshoppers, too."

The courage of Israel instantly evaporated upon hearing this news. They wailed and cried all that night. The whole community of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, "We wish we had died in Egypt; why, we would rather just die in the wilderness. Why did Jehovah bring us here to let us die by the sword? Our wives and children will be easy prey for anyone. Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" They even began to say, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt"

Speechless with anguish, Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the people. Joshua and Caleb ripped their clothes and pleaded with their brethren: "This land we passed through is a fantastic land. If The Lord is pleased with us, He will bring us into this land and will give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. Only don't rebel against the lord, and don't be afraid of the people. They are going to be like bread for us to eat. They have no one to defend them, while we have Jehovah."

The people remained unmoved by the passionate pleas of Joshua and Caleb. In fact, the people were ready to stone them. Suddenly all proceedings were interrupted by the appearance of the glory of Jehovah at the tent of meeting before the eyes of all Israel.

Jehovah said to Moses: "How long will these people despise me? How long will they rebuff me and refuse to believe in me in spite of all the miracles I have done among them? I will strike them with the plague, and will disinherit them, and will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

Instantly Moses began to plead:

Then the Egyptians will hear the news, because you took this people by your might from among them, and they will tell it to everyone in this land as well. They know that you, Jehovah, are in the midst of this people. Now if you kill this people to the last man, then the nations which have heard of your fame will start saying, "It was because Jehovah was not able to bring the people into the land

He swore He would give them. That's why He has killed them all in the wilderness."

I pray that you will exercise the power you have spoken about when you said, "Jehovah is slow to anger, and running over with mercy, forgiving iniquity, but He will not clear the guilty, but will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, even to the third and fourth generation." Pardon, I beg of you, the iniquity of your people in keeping with the magnitude of your mercy, as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.

The Lord answered: "I have pardoned as you have asked. Nevertheless, because these men have seen my glory, and the miracles I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have tempted me ten times, and have refused to listen to my voice, therefore, as surely as I live, and as surely as all the earth shall be filled with my glory, these men will not see the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Indeed, these who have despised me will not see the land, but my servant Caleb, because he had a different attitude, and has followed me completely, I will bring him into the land into which he went, and his descendants will possess it. Tomorrow, turn around and go into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea"

Jehovah spoke further to Moses and Aaron, "How long shall I put up with this wicked community that murmurs against me? I have heard their complaints. Tell them this:

I am going to do to you as you have said. You said you would prefer to die in this wilderness (Num. 14:2). Very well, your dead bodies will fall in this wilderness, and all that were numbered of you (Num. 1:45), the total of those twenty and older, you who have murmured against me, you will surely

not come into the land that I had sworn to give you. The only exceptions are Caleb and Joshua. But your children, that you said would be easy prey, I will bring them in, and they will know the land you have turned down.

But as for you, your dead bodies will fall in the wilderness. Your children will be nomads in the wilderness for forty years. They will have to put up with the consequences of your wickedness until all of you are dead. According to the number of days which you took to spy out the land, that is, forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquity, for forty years, and you will suffer the

postponement of the fulfilling of my promise. I, Jehovah, have spoken, and this is what I am going to do to this wicked people.

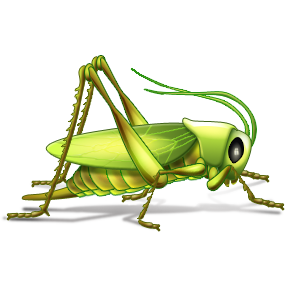
The men whom Moses had sent into the land, who came back with an evil report, died of a plague before the Lord, but Joshua and Caleb were spared.

When Moses told Israel what God had said, they were very, very sad and mourned greatly. They rose up early in the morning and said to Moses, "Look, we are here, and we will go up to the place that Jehovah has promised. We realize that we have sinned."

Moses answered, "Why will you now go against what Jehovah has said? You cannot do any good. Don't go up to battle because Jehovah will not be with you, and you will be badly defeated. You will find the Amalekite and the Canaanite waiting for you, and you will fall by the sword. You would not follow Jehovah, so He will not go with you."

Nevertheless, the Israelites insisted on going to fight. The Ark of the Covenant did not depart from the camp, however. The Amalekites and the Canaanites came down and attacked the Israelites and beat them as far as Hormah.

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**Lesson 17**

**Spies Sent into Canaan**

**Num. 10:11-14:45**

**Trust in the Lord.**

This is a terrible story of a great lesson. You could answer 20 questions about this lesson, but that would only help you know facts. Tell the facts, but explain the lesson that they and we should learn.

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**Our Relationship with the Lord**

**Depends on some Basic Things**

**Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Lesson 18**

**Forty Years of Wandering**

**Num. 15:32-36; 16-21; Duet. 2:26-3:11**

The people are only 50 miles south of the land that the Lord had promised to give these people. Their relationship had gone so badly from the very beginning. God was ready to deliver this land to them. No matter what stories the spies brought back God had promised and He would make it happen. These pour people; they did not have the faith to believe that God would reward them with the promised land.

God would lead them through the wilderness while all but a few that were living on that day would die. There would be births; new Israelites.

But immediately, the Israelites found a man who was gathering sticks on the Sabbath. He was brought before Moses, Aaron and the whole congregation. They asked God what to do and God instructed them to stone the man to death and they did.

The years that followed are full of acts of disobedience. God was serious about his relationship with these people, many of the people were not and many will die.

Moses and Aaron have led the people from Egypt into the middle of the wilderness. Now they are stalled. The people become rebellious. Korah, from the tribe of Levi, and Dathan, Abiram and On, of the tribe of Reuben, gathered 250 men of prominence from the Israelites. They came before Moses and Aaron. They accused them of being the leaders long enough. They had no right to lift themselves up above the Lord’s holy people.

When Moses heard these things, he fell on his face before the Lord. He told the men that in the morning the Lord would show whom He had chosen as His priest, and who is holy.

Moses told them,” Do this, Korah and all your companions: get you some censers and put fire in them, and the man that Jehovah chooses will be the one who is holy. You grasp at too much, you sons of Levi. Did it seem to be a small thing to you that the God of Israel picked you out of all Israel to perform the special work you do in His service in connection with the tabernacle? Must you have the priesthood also? It is Jehovah that you and your crowd have gathered against. Your complaint is not against Aaron because he did not seize the priesthood for himself."

At some point in the proceeding, Dathan and Abiram left, and, when Moses sent for them, they said, "We are not coming. Didn't you do enough when you brought us out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in this wilderness? Do you have to make yourself a king over us as well? Moreover, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. What will you do, put out the eyes of these men? We're not coming.”

Moses was very upset and said to the Lord, "Pay no attention to their offering. I have not taken even one donkey from them, nor have I abused them in any way."

Then Moses commanded Korah and to his company, 'You and all your company be here tomorrow before the Lord, you, and they, and Aaron. Let everyone have his own censer, the 250 princes, you, and Aaron."

The next day they all came and brought their censers with hot coals and incense and stood at the door of the tent of meeting, and the glory of Jehovah appeared to all the congregation of Israel.

Once again the Lord’s anger was against the whole congregation. He wanted to punish them all. Moses and Aaron prayed to God to show mercy.

The Lord tells Moses to have the congregation move away from the tents and possessions of Korah, Dathan and Abriam. Moses told the people that on that day God would prove who He wanted as leader of His people. Then the ground opened up under Korah, Dathan and Abriam and swallowed them and the ground closed over them.

Fire also came forth from the Lord and burned up the 250 men that had offered incense. Jehovah said to Moses, "Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals. The censers of these men whose sins have cost them their lives are holy. Let them be beaten into plates for a covering for the altar. They offered them before the Lord, therefore they are holy. Let them be a reminder to the children of Israel."

So Eleazar took the bronze censers and made them into a covering for the altar. It was to be a memorial to the children of Israel so that no one who was not of Aaron's descendants would come before Jehovah to burn incense, so that they would not suffer the fate of Korah and his companions.

The very next day, the entire congregation came grumbling against Moses and Aaron for killing the people of Jehovah. The glory of God appeared at the door of the tent of meeting. God did not listen to Moses and Aaron and immediately a plague fell upon the whole congregation. God would wipe them out.

Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the Lord, but the plague had begun. Moses told Aaron, "Take your censer, and put fire in it from the altar, and lay incense upon it. Carry it quickly to the congregation because wrath is gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun."

Aaron hurried and did as Moses told him. Taking his censer, he ran into the midst of the people where the plague was sweeping through them. He put the incense upon the coals and stood between the living and the dead. The plague stopped, but 14,700 were already dead, not counting those who had died in connection with Korah the day before.

Jehovah told Moses, "Tell the children of Israel to take a rod, one for the prince of each tribe, twelve rods, and write each man's name on his rod. Write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi. Lay them up in the tent of meeting before the testimony where I meet with you. Then I am going to cause the rod of the man I shall choose to bud. Thus I will put an end to the bickering of the children of Israel over this matter." Moses told the children of Israel what God had said, and he laid the rods before the Lord in the tent where the ark was.

In the morning, when Moses went into the tent, the rod of Aaron, for the house of Levi, had budded and produced blossoms and had borne ripe almonds. Moses brought the rods out and showed them to the children of Israel and every man took the rod which belonged to him. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Put the rod of Aaron before the testimony to be kept for a reminder for these rebellious people, so that you can put an end to their murmurings before they die."

It is interesting that this fear of Israel was not a reverential fear based on love for God and faith in Him, but perhaps it would serve in some measure to preserve the people from God's wrath.



**Lesson 18**

**Forty Years of Wandering**

**Num. 15:32-36; 16-21; Duet. 2:26-3:11**

**When they would not obey God,**

**God turned then back into the wilderness to die.**

1. So close, yet so far away; what kept the people out of the land?

2. Who was going to give them the land?

3. What shows that the people have not learned their lessons?

4. A serious rebellion arose among the camp of the Israelites.

* Who led this rebellion?
* Who else came with them?
* What was their complaint?
* Who begged for mercy?
* What happened?
* What did it prove?
* What happened to the 250 men?
* What happened to the bronze censers?

5. After all this happened, what happened the very next day?

* What was the grumble?
* Who was it from?
* What did God do?
* When?
* What was wrong with these people?
* What took away God’s wrath?
* How many people died from the plague?

6. What did Aaron’s rod budding mean.

***VOCABULARY:***

*Rebellion*

*Bickering:*

*Reverential*

**Lesson 19**

**Forty Years of Wandering**

**Num. 20-21; Duet. 2:26-3:11**

The people wondered through the wilderness, thirty nine years have passed. They came to the Wilderness of Zin. There the people dwelled at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried.

Once again the people found themselves without water. Once again the people came to Moses with the same complaint. “Why have you brought us out here to die in the wilderness?” (Remember many of the people that left Egypt have died already. It was not Moses’ fault. It was the fault of the people’s lack of faith.)

Moses and Aaron went to the door of the meeting and fell on their faces. The Lord told Moses to get his rod and to gather the people and speak to the rock in view of all the people and water would come forth to water the people and the livestock. Moses gathered the people together, called them rebels and told them, “We shall bring forth water.” Then Moses took his rod and struck the rock twice and water came forth.

The Lord, however, was displeased with Moses and Aaron and said, "Because you did not show your reliance upon me and did not honor me in the sight of the children of Israel, you will not be allowed to enter into the promised land." Moses showed his weakness. He paid a severe price for his sin. Yet he was forgiven even though he did not enter.

The waters were called Meribah (strife or quarreling) because the children of Israel fussed and complained

and strove with the Lord. But He upheld His great name and character, because He showed both His mercy in giving the water which was needed so badly, and His righteousness by not allowing even Moses to escape the results of transgression.

It seemed the wandering would never end. The Lord brought the people to the edge of Edom. (The land of Edom was

home of Esau’s people.) Moses went to their king and asked for permission to travel across their country. The king refused. The Israelites promised to stay on the highway and do no harm.

The people of Edom would not hear of it. They brought a large force to guard their border. Though the Israelites wanted to fight them, God said, “Be careful not to fight the Edomites for their land, because I have given Mount Seir to them for their possession”.

The Israelites came toward Arahah to Mount Hor. Moses was called to take Aaron and his son Eleazar up on the Mount. Aaron was told he would not enter the promise land because of his actions at Meribah.

Eleazar was told to take his father’s garments and put them on. Aaron died and was buried on the mountain. Moses and Eleazar came down the mountain. Eleazar would now be the new high priest. The Israelites mourned for Aaron 30 days.

Arad a king of Canaan heard that the Israelites were coming by way of Atharim. He brought men out to fight with Israel and took some of the Israelites captive. Israel vowed to the Lord if He would deliver these people into their hands they would devote their cities to the Lord.

The Lord did as they asked. The cities were utterly destroyed. The place was therefore called Hormah meaning destruction, devotion and banning.

The way the Israelites were lead was around the outer border of the territory of Edom. The way was rough and rugged. The people became depressed and complained and criticized God and Moses. Jehovah responded by sending fiery serpents which bit the people and many died.

The people confessed that they had sinned. They begged Moses to go to God for them to have the serpents taken away.

God told Moses to make a fiery serpent of bronze and put it in the midst of the camp on a pole. Then when one was bitten, he may look to the serpent and live. Moses made the serpent of bronze as God said and Israel was given relief.

As the people travel they run into other people that had relationships with their father Abraham. The land that belonged to the sons of Lot, Moab and Ammon, were not to be taken from them.

When the Israelites arrived at the Arnon River, they asked permission from Sihon, king of the Amorites,to pass through his land peaceably. Just as they had asked Edom, they asked Sihon, "Let us pass through your country. We will not turn aside into any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along

the king's highway until we have passed through your territory."

Sihon, however, would not consider such a thing and came out to fight against Israel. But there was one difference between Edom and the Amorites - they were no kin to the Israelites. Instead, they were the strongest of the Canaanite tribes.

God told Moses that He would deliver Sihon into Israel's hands, so they fought him and defeated him, taking his capital city of Heshbon and all the rest of his territory. Sihon's kingdom reached from the Arnon River north to the Jabbok River and east to the land of the Ammonites.

As Moses describes the battle in the book of Deuteronomy, he says that the Lord delivered the Amorites into their hands. They struck Sihon down, with his sons, and his whole army. They took all his towns and completely destroyed them, leaving no survivors, but they kept the livestock and plunder for themselves. Not one city was too strong for them to take.

Apparently Og the king of Bashan, having heard of the defeat of Sihon, decided to come out and attack the Israelites. He dwelt in Ashtaroth and Edrei (Josh. 13:12; Deut. 1:4). He brought his whole army out to meet Israel at Edrei.

The Lord said to Moses, "Do not be afraid of him because I have delivered him into your hand, and you will defeat him as you did Sihon, king of the Amorites."

So the Israelites defeated Og and his sons and all his people until there was none left. They took all his cities; there was not one among the sixty too strong for them to take even though they were well fortified with high walls and strong gates. In addition to the fortified cities, there were many un-walled villages that they took also. They completely destroyed the cities and the people, just as they had destroyed the cities of Sihon's kingdom. But, again, they kept the plunder and the livestock for themselves.

To add to the victory was the knowledge that Og was a giant who slept in a iron bedstead thirteen and one-half feet long.

When the battles with Sihon and Og were over, the Israelites controlled all the land from the Arnon River north to Mount Hermon, except for a small buffer zone between the two kingdoms called Gilead. Even that section was soon conquered by men from the tribe of Manasseh (Num. 32:39). After the battles, the Israelites moved forward and camped on the plains of Moab, overlooking the Jordan valley.



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**Lesson 19**

**Forty Years of Wandering**

**Num. 20-21;**

**Duet. 2:26-3:11**

**In the wilderness of the shadow of death**

1. Of the 2 brothers and sister, who died first?

2. Who fault was it that the people had been wandering in the wilderness for some 39 years?

3. Thought question-Why did Moses continue to go to God for the people?

4. From the beginning, this event did not go well.

* Who did Moses say would provide water?
* If Moses spoke to the rock the people would see that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provided the water.
* His striking the rock did not show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s command.
* Moses did not give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.
* Whatever we do we should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ glory to God.
* The Lord was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Moses.
* Moses would no longer be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the promised land.
* The Lord showed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The land was called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The Israelites came to the land of Edom, the home of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

people. The Edomites would not let Israel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their land.

6. Did Israel fight with them?

7. Who died and was buried on Mount Hor?

8. Why did Aaron not go into the land that was promised?

9. Who became the next high priest?

10. Who did Israel fight with?

11. What happened to those people?

12. What other nations came out to fight Israel?

13. What happened to all the enemies of Israel?

***VOCABULARY:***

*Meribah*

*Reliance*

*Hormah*

**Lesson 20**

**Israel on the Plains of Moab**

**Num. 22-24; Duet. 4:41-43**

**Cast of Characters: Balak is king of Moab**

**Balaam a soothsayer, used by God**

**This is a long story. You read it. You and the class read it**

**together. There are many lessons to learn about God, man, angels and donkeys. It’s a great story. Thanks to Bob and Sandra Waldron for their telling of this story.**

The children of Israel are encamped in the Plains of Moab, across the Jordan River from Jericho. Label Jericho on your map.

Also notice how near they are to the borders of Moab.

Balak, the king of Moab, saw what Israel had done to the Amorites and was very afraid because of their multitude and their strength. So the Moabites contacted the elders of Midian and said, "This multitude will eat up everything around us like a cow eats the grass of the field." It is important to remember this collaboration between Moab and Midian.

Balak sent messengers to a soothsayer, or diviner named Balaam, who was the son of Beor and who lived at Pethor by the Euphrates River. The elders of Moab and the elders of

Midian took suitable payments for charms and curses to be placed and went to Balaam to tell him what Balak had said. Balak had much confidence in Balaam because, as he said, "I know that

whomever you bless is blessed, and whomever you curse is cursed."

The elders of Moab and of Midian arrived at Balaam's house and gave him the message from Balak "There are these people who have come out of Egypt. They coverd the face of the earth, and they are here next to my country. Therefore I beg of you, come and put a curse upon this people. They are too powerful for me to drive out. Maybe in this way I can get rid of them."

Balaam said, "Spend the night here, and I will let you know something as the Lord speaks to me." So the princes remained with him.

God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men, Balaam?"

Balaam said, "Balak, the king of Moab, has sent these men to ask me to and come place a curse upon the people who have moved in on the borders.”

God replied, "Do not go with these men. You will not curse these people because they are blessed."

The next morning Balaam told the princes of Balak, "Go back to your land because Jehovah refuses to let me go with you."

The princes of Moab went back home and told Balak, "Balaam refused to come."

Balak sent more princes, of greater nobility, and they came to Balaam and said, "Balak, the son of Zippor, has sent us to tell you to let nothing keep you from coming to him. He says, 'I will promote you to great honor, and you can just name your price. Come therefore and curse this people for me."'

Balaam answered Balak;s servants, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Jehovah, my God. Therefore, please spend the night with me again, and I will ask the Lord what I should do."

Once again God came to Balaam at night and said, "If these men have come for you, get up and go with them, but you will do only what I tell you."

Balaam arose the next morning and went with the princes of Balak. Now God was angry at Balaam because he went with the princes, so the angel of God came as an adversary to him. Balaam was riding his donkey, and two servants were with him. Suddenly the donkey saw the angel standing in the way with a drawn sword, and she turned out into the field. Since Balaam could not see the angel, he thought the donkey had gone crazy, so he struck her with his stick to drive her back onto the path.

A little later the angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path between two vineyards, with a wall on either side. This time when the donkey saw the angel, she tried to go around him and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. Balaam hit her again.

The angel moved farther along the road and stood in a place where there was no room to move left or right. This time, when the donkey saw the angel, she lay down under Balaam. By now he was very angry, and he struck his donkey a third time with his stick.

Just then, Jehovah gave the donkey the power of speech, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to deserve being hit these three times?"

Balaam answered, "It's because you are mocking me. I wish I had a sword with me. If I had, I would already have killed you."

The donkey said, "Am I not your donkey that you have ridden all your life until now? Did you ever know me to act this way?"

Balaam answered, "No."

Then the Lord enabled Balaam to see the angel standing in the way with his sword in his hand. Balaam bowed and fell to the ground. The angel asked, "Why have you hit the donkey three times? I have come to be your adversary because your behavior is rebellious before me."

Balaam said, "I have sinned because I did not know you stood in the way before me. If what I am doing displeases you, I will go back."

The angel of Jehovah answered, "Go with the men, but you better speak only what word I give you." After this, Balaam continued his journey with the princes of Balak.

When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at the Amon River. He greeted Balaam, saying, "Didn't I give you an urgent call to come? Why didn't you come to me? Am I unable to reward you suitably?"

Balaam replied, "Look, I have come now. Do I have power to make up what I say? What God puts into my mouth is what I will say."

Balak took Balaam with him to Kiriath-huzoth where he sacrificed cattle and sheep and gave portions to Balaam and to the princes with him.

The next morning, Balak took Balaam to Bamoth-baal, a place of worship sacred to Baal. From there Balaam could see a portion of the camp of Israel. Balaam told Balak, "Build seven altars here for me, and sacrifice seven bullocks and seven rams."

Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps the Lord will meet me, and whatever He shows me, I will tell you," and he went to a bare height.

God did meet Balaam, and He said, "Return to Balak and tell him what I give you to say."

So Balaam returned to Balak, who was still standing with his princes by the burnt offering. Balaam proceeded to give Balak the Lord's message:

From Aram Balak has brought me; the king of Moab has called for me saying, "Come, curse Jacob for me and threaten Israel." But how shall I curse one whom God has not cursed? How shall I threaten one whom Jehovah has not threatened? Here from the top of the rock, I look upon him. It is a people which shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my final end be like his.

No doubt, the amazement on Balak's face grew as he heard these words that were blessing Israel. He said, "What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, and all you have done is blessed them!"

Balaam answered, "Don't I have to say what Jehovah puts into my mouth?"

Balak said, "If you will, come with me to another place from which you can look at Israel, but this time you will not be able to see the whole camp, just part of them. And curse them for me there."

Balak took the soothsayer to the top of Pisgah and built seven altars and offered a bullock and a ram upon each altar. Once again, Balaam told Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet with my enchantments." But once again, Jehovah put a message in Balaam's mouth and told him to go back and tell Balak.

When Balaam returned, Balak was standing by his burnt offering, and the king said, "What has Jehovah said?"

Balaam answered:

Listen carefully, Balak, and hear what the Lord says.

God is not a man that He should lie or change His mind. Has He promised to do something and then not done it? I have been told to bless, and He has blessed, so I cannot reverse it. God does not see iniquity in Jacob and, therefore, sees no misery or woe in Israel. Israel's God is with him, and the shout of the king is among them. God brings them forth out of Egypt Israel has the strength of the buffalo. Surely there can be no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel. Instead, at the proper time, it is told Jacob and Israel what God does. This nation rises up as a lioness; as a lion they get up. He will not lie down until he has eaten his prey.

Balak could scarcely contain himself. "Neither curse them, nor bless them!" He told Balaam, "Come, I will take you to still another place. Perhaps it will please God for you to curse them from that place. He took Balaam to the top of Peor which brought him nearer the Israelite camp, so that he could see the separate tribal encampments of Israel.

Balaam said, "Build seven altars for me here and offer on each one a bullock and a ram." Again Balak did as Balaam said. This time, Balaam, seeing that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, did not go to meet with enchantments as he had done the other times. Instead he faced the wilderness (steppes, plains) of Moab where Israel was encamped, and when he looked, he saw the nation of Israel dwelling according to their tribes, and the spirit of God came upon him. Once again Balaam spoke the message God gave him:

This is what Balaam the son of Beor says. This is the man speaking whose eyes were closed. The one who hears God's word, and sees a vision of the Almighty, he fell down, and his eyes were opened.

He says:

How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob. Like valleys they are spread out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloe trees which the Lord has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters. Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be by many waters (shall be greatly blessed), and his king will be higher than Agag and his kingdom will be exalted. God has brought him out of Egypt. He is as strong as the buffalo. He will devour the nations which are his adversaries. He crouches as a lion seeking his prey. Who will dare rouse him up? Blessed is everyone that blesses you, O Israel, and cursed be everyone who would curse you.

Now Balak was truly incensed at Balaam. He struck a fist into his hand and said, “I called you to curse my enemies, and all you have done is bless them these three times. Just go back to your own place. I had plans to promote you to great honor, but Jehovah has kept you from getting it.”

Balaam said, "Didn't I tell your messengers that you sent that if Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of Jehovah? Whatever the Lord said, that is what I had to say. Now, as you say, I will go to my people, but before I do, let me tell you what this people will be to your people in later times." So Balaam spoke again:

Balaam, the son of Beor, the one whose eye was closed, the one who heard the word of God, and knows what the Most High has revealed, says:

I see him, but not now; I look upon him, but not soon. There will be a star to come out of Jacob, and a scepter will rise out of Israel and will smite through the corners of Moab and break down all the sons of confusion. Edom will become a possession, while Israel gains power. And out of Jacob one will have the rule and will destroy the remnant of Edom in every city.

Then Balaam looked upon Amalek and continued his discourse”

Amalek was the first of the nations to attack Israel, but his later end will be destruction."

Balaam looked on the Kenite and said: "Your place of residence is strong, and your nest is set among the rocks. The Kenite will not be destroyed until Assyria carries him away captive."

Once again Balaam resumed his speech and said: "Alas, who will live when God does this? Ships will comeby Kittim and will afflict the Assyrians and Eber (possibly the Arameans), then this power also will be destroyed."

After this, Balaam arose and went on his way, while Balak returned to his home.

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Lessons learned from the mouth of a donkey and the mouth of God.

**God will have His way.**

**Lesson 21**

**Israel on the Plains of Moab**

**Num. 22-24; Duet. 4:41-43**

Israel was still in the Plains of Moab. The people began to act like the people of the land. The Midianites and the Moabites seduced the Israelites to idolatry. They made sacrifices to the foreign gods and engaged in their evil practices. They joined themselves to the Baal-peor.

God’s anger burned hot against the people. God told Moses to take the leaders of the people and hang them before the Lord to turn away his wrath. So Moses told the judges of Israel to judge those who had joined themselves with Baal-peor and to take care of putting them to death.

While the people were still weeping over the sin of the people and the execution of divine wrath, an Israelite man brought a Midianite woman to his tent. While they were engaged in sin Phinehas, the son of the high priest Eleazar, took a spear and thrust it through them. With this bold act, the wrath of God came to an end. 24,000 had died because of the sin with Baal-peor.

Phinehas won the favor of the Lord. The Lord made a covenant of peace with Phinehas with him and his seed after him. They should be a long line of priest for God, because he was jealous for his God.

Jehovah ordered Moses to treat Midian as enemies and to strike them because of their part in the matter of Peor. They had certainly treated Israel as an enemy by enticing them to do wrong.

When it came time to take revenge against Midian, Moses commanded a force of 12,000 men to go to war against them. Phinehas accompanied to force carrying the trumpets of alarm in his hand. The trumpets were used to call upon the Lord for help.

The army of Israel warred against Midian. They killed the king of Midian, all the men of Midian and brought back the women, livestock and their possessions as spoils of war.

Moses and Eleazar met the warriors outside the camp. They saw all that the warriors brought back as spoils. They were instructed to take every woman that was not a virgin and put them to death. Moses reminded them that these women had lead the people to transgress against the Lord with Baal-Peor. They could keep the women who were innocent and pure.

Moses commanded the men who had killed a man or touched a dead body to go outside the camp for seven days to purify themselves, their captives and the booty that was brought back. It was important to God for to be cleansed.

Then the people were to be counted and the booty divided among the people, the men of war and the Lord. All tribute given to the Lord went to Eleazar and the priest.

When all were counted it was discovered that not one man of war was lost. From the booty that they had taken, they brought a special offering expiation for their souls. The men of war were humbled by the blessing God had given them and did not feel worthy. Moses and Eleazar took this offering as a memorial, placing it into the Lord’s treasury.

A new census was taken. The men of war 20 years and older are counted. The land was to be divided by size of each tribe. And the land would be given by lots. The Levites were counted separately. In this new census only Joshua and Caleb are counted of the census taken 40 years before, just as God had said.

Jehovah tells Moses that the time was near. The Lord said He would take Moses into the mountain to see the promised land so that he might see it. Then he would die there and the Lord would gather him to his people. Moses made arrangements with God to appoint Joshua as his successor.

**Places and Events From:**

**Mt. Sinai to Kadesh:**

**Taberah – Fire in Camp**

**Kibroth-hattaavah – Quail**

**Hazeroth – Mirim and Aaron sin**

**Years of Wandering:**

**Korah, Dathan, Abiram**

**Kadesh to Plains of Moab:**

**Kadesh – Miriam dies**

**Moses and Aaron sin**

**Mt. Hor – Aaron dies**

**King Arad attacks**

**Through the Arabah –**

**Avoiding Edom**

**Fiery serpents**

**To the Arnon River –**

**Avoiding Moab and Ammon**

**Battle with Sihon**

**Battle with Og**

**Plains of Moab**

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**Lesson 21**

**Israel on the Plains of Moab**

**Num. 22-24; Duet. 4:41-43**

**God is a jealous God and will reward those who are jealous for Him.**

1. While on the plains of Moab, the people began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like the people of the land.

2. What nation seduced Israel-to do what?

3. They joined themselves with a false god \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The Israelites joined in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. God had the judges of Israel put to death those involved by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. One son of Eleazar, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, put to death an Israelite man with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a Midianite woman as they continued in sin.

7. God is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.

8. God won \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

9. How was he to be honored?

10. Much happened on the plains of Midian:

* God commanded the people of Midian to be considered as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Israel was to take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men nd go to war with them.
* Who went with them?
* What did he take with him?
* What was it for?
* Who did they kill?
* They were only allowed to keep the women who were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The men were sent outside the camp for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days to cleanse themselves and all that was brought back with them.
* The booty was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the men of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Lord.
* What happened that humbled the men of war?

11. Why does God have Moses count the people?

12. What was the thing that they learned from this?

13. Who would lead the people when Moses was gone?

14. Who lead the people before Moses left?

Think

**Lesson 22 and 23**

**Moses’ Speech to Israel**

**Duet. 1:1-4:40**

It’s the first day of the 11th month of the fortieth year. It is getting very close to the lime to enter the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Israel. They are still camped on the plains of Moab. All those that rebelled have died in the wilderness. Miriam and Aaron have perished in the wilderness. Moses has looked over into the land and knows that he will not be permitted to go into the land.

Moses is very old. He is now close to 120 years old. Yet Moses still has work to do for the Lord and much to say to Israel. Moses will remind Israel of their history. We will plead with the new generation to be faithful to God.

These are the words Moses spoke to Israel:

The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb (Sinai) and said, "You have stayed at this mountain long enough. Get up to the hill-country of the Amorites and take possession of the land which the Lord swore to your ancestors to give to their descendants."

At that time I found that I could not deal with your problems alone, so I took leaders from among you and made them judges over you, and I charged them to judge fairly and honestly without fear or favor. Any cause too hard for them was brought to me.

We journeyed from Horeb through that great and terrible wilderness which you saw to Kadeshbarnea. I said, 'You have come to the hill-country of the Amorites. Go up now and take possession of the land God has promised."

You approached me and said, "Let us send men before us to explore the land and bring back a report" I thought it was a good idea and sent twelve men into the land. They took of the fruit of the land and came back, saying, "It is a good land which the Lord our God gives us."

But you would not go up. You murmured and complained. You said, "The Lord hates us and has brought us here to die. Where will we go?" I told you not to be afraid. I said, "The Lord will fight for you. He will help you just as He has done all along."

But the Lord heard your words and was angry, and He said, "Not one of these men will see the good land I have sworn to give, except Caleb and Joshua." Also the Lord was angry with me because of you and said, "You also will not go in. Instead, Joshua, your assistant, will take the people in. "Moreover, your little ones that you said would be a prey, and your children who do not know good from evil, they will go into the land, but as for you, turn around and journey into the wilderness."

Then you decided to fight. So you confessed you had sinned, and you took up your weapons. I warned you not to go, but you wouldn't listen. Therefore you were badly beaten.

We turned around and traveled in the vicinity of Mount Seir for a long time, until God said, "You have stayed here long enough; turn north. Command the people that as they pass through the possession of Esau, they are to be careful, because I will not give you one square foot of the Edomites' land. I have given that land to the Edomites for an inheritance. You can buy the things you need because the Lord has blessed you through these forty years so that you have lacked nothing." So we passed by our brethren, the children of Esau.

The Lord likewise told us not to take the land of Moab because He had given them their land also. Remember that giants dwelt in their land. The Moabites called them Emim.

Jehovah said, "Now, get up, and cross over the Zered." We did so until all that generation of the men of war were dead. The hand of the Lord had been against them to cause them to be destroyed.

When all the men of war were gone, the Lord said, "You are to pass over the Arnon, and when you come near the children of Ammon, do not fight with them to take their land, because I have given it to them for a place to live."

"Get up now and continue your journey," God said. "Look, I have given you the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites. Fight him and take his land. Today I will begin to put the fear of you upon the nations that are under the sky."

I sent messengers to Sihon, seeking permission to pass through his land. I offered to pay for what we ate and drank and for any damage we did. But he refused and brought his army against us, and the Lord delivered him into our hands. We slew him, and his sons, and all his people. There was not one city that was too high for us to take.

Then we moved on toward Bashan. Og and all his forces came out against us to battle at Edrei. Jehovah told me, "Do not be afraid. I have given him into your hand, and you will do to him as you have done to Sihon." The Lord gave him into our hands, and we destroyed his forces until there was none left. Thus we took all the land from the Arnon River north to Mount Hermon.

Of this land, I gave to the tribes of Reuben and Gad the territory from the Arnon north, including half of Gilead. The other half of Gilead, plus the area of Bashan, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. This land was called the land of Giants.

I told the men of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, "You are to go across the Jordan with your brethren, armed for war. Your wives and your little ones, and your livestock, will remain in the cities I have given you, until the Lord has given rest to your brethren."

I also told Joshua, "You have seen with your own eyes what Jehovah has done to these two kings; so will He do to these nations where you are going. Do not fear them because Jehovah will fight for you."

I begged Jehovah at that time, saying, "O Lord Jehovah, you have begun to show me your greatness and your strong hand. What god is there in heaven or earth who can do the mighty things you have done? Please let me cross the Jordan so that I can see that good land." But Jehovah said, "Do not speak to me any more of this matter. Get up to the top of Pisgah and look up and down the land, but you will not cross this Jordan. Instead, charge Joshua with this responsibility, and encourage him, because he is the one who will lead the people over to inherit their land."

And now, O Israel, pay careful attention to the laws I have given you, so that you can live and possess the land which Jehovah your God is giving you. Do not add to the word I have commanded, neither shall you subtract from it, so that you may do exactly what God has said.

The Lord destroyed those who followed Baal-peor, but those of you who remained faithful to the Lord are alive today. I have taught you all the commandments and statutes so that you can live by them in this land you are going to take for you own.

Therefore be sure and keep these commandments, because they are the source of your wisdom and the means of your understanding in the sight of all other peoples. They will hear of your laws and will say, "Surely this people are a wise and understanding people." Because what other nation has a God as accessible to them as Jehovah is whenever we call upon Him? And what great nation has statutes and laws as righteous as all these commandments which I set before you today?

You must, however, be very careful not to forget the things you have seen, but teach them to your children and to your grandchildren.

Therefore, see to it that you never make any kind of image whatever, man or beast. It was Jehovah who brought you up out of Egypt to give you this land. Be careful lest you forget the agreement you made with God and make yourselves a graven image. Jehovah your God is a consuming fire.

When time has passed, and you have been in the land a long time, and you make a graven image of anything and do evil in the sight of Jehovah, then I call heaven and earth to witness against you that you will soon perish from the land you are about to enter. Jehovah will scatter you among the nations, and you will serve gods that are mere works of men's hands.

Wherever you are, if you seek God, you will find Him, if you seek Him with all your heart and soul. When you are in deep trouble in later times, if you will turn back to God and pay attention to His voice, He is a merciful God. He will not destroy you or forget the covenant which He swore to your ancestors.

Ask of the days that have gone before: has ever such an amazing thing been done? Has any people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire and lived? Has God ever before ventured to take for Himself a nation from within the midst of another nation?

These things were shown to you so that you might believe that Jehovah really is God. There is no one like Him. He has made you hear His voice out of heaven, and upon the earth He made you see His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. And, because He loved your ancestors, He has chosen you and brought you out of Egypt and will drive out nations greater than you to give you their land for an inheritance. Be aware then this day and remember that Jehovah is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath. There is none other. You are to keep His statutes and commandments which I command you so that you can keep the land which Jehovah is giving you for a very long time.

**Boys and girls, I cried at the end of this speech.**

**I hope you will see the message to Israel.**

**I hope you will see the message for us.**

**Prepare to think!!!!!**

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**Lesson 22 and 23**

**Moses’ Speech to Israel**

**Duet. 1:1-4:40**

**Words of God ring through the centuries.**

**These are things from their time in the wilderness.**

* Who lead the people away from Mt. Sinai?
* Who did God make a promise to?
* Who did Moses appoint to help him with the people?
* The first nation they took was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The spies saw that the land they were to concur was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ land.
* Why were they afraid?
* Only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would get to go into the land of promise.
* They took things into their own hands and were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ badly.
* They would be turned into the wilderness until all the men of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were dead.
* They were not to take the land of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because they were kin to Abraham.
* God gave them the land of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the king of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God told them not to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* I will give this land into your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The tribes of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the half tribe of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were given land on the East side of the Jordan.
* But they were to help the other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concur the land on the West side of the Jordan.

**These are things that God wanted Israel and us to know.**

1. They have seen with their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the things that Jehovah has done.
2. Jehovah would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for them.
3. God showed Israel his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hand.
4. No other god has done the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things that God has done.
5. Moses would not get to go into the land because he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Because of his faith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would take the people into the land.
7. If they love and obey the Lord they could keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. They must keep His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The commandments are the source of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. People will see by your obedience that your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is awesome.
11. What other nation has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as righteous as Israel.
12. Teach your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to love the Lord and obey His commandments.
13. Have no other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before you.
14. Jehovah your God is a consuming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. When you do forget, God will take away their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. Israel will then be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among the nations.
17. But if you repent and seek after the Lord you will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him.
18. He will find you and not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the covenant that He made with you.
19. All this, God has done for them so that they might believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is really God.

**All this was done that we might believe that**

**Jehovah is really God.**

**Lesson 22 and 23**

**Moses’ Speech to Israel**

**Duet. 4:44-26:15**

Moses is talking to a new generation. Their ancestors died in the wilderness because they did not trust in God and keep His commandments. Moses wanted to emphasize:

**“*Beware lest you forget to obey the Lord.”***

Moses calls all of Israel together. On this day he wants to talk to them about the agreement that God made with them on Mt. Sinai. He reminds them that he stood between them and Jehovah because of their fear.

### Moses then recites to them the ten commandments. Do you recall them?

### The first four deal with the first commandment,

### Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

They were to love the Lord their God. Never have any other God before them or worship some graven image. They were to revere God and never speak His name in a way that would show disrespect. The Lord set aside a day that the people should rest and show respect for the Lord and His creation.

The fifth through the tenth deal with the second commandment,

### Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the Lord.

All those commandments concern the loving was to treat each other. John says if we love God we will love our brother. If do not love our brother we do not love God.

Moses says:

**“**The Lord wants you to fear Him so that you will obey His commandments all your life, and your sons, and grandsons after you. In this way things will go well for you, and you may increase greatly in the land Jehovah is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Listen, O Israel, Jehovah our God is one Jehovah. You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep His words ever in your heart, and be sure to use every opportunity during the day and night to teach your children.

When the Lord brings you into the land He swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you will move into cities and houses you have not built. You will enjoy cisterns you have not hewn out, and vineyards and olive yards you did not plant. When you are living in the lap of luxury, be careful lest you forget Jehovah who brought you out of the slavery of Egypt. You shall be careful to worship Jehovah your God, and Him only shall you serve. Do not go off after other gods, because Jehovah is a jealous God, and He will not tolerate it.

Do not try to see if the Lord will do as He has said - He will! Diligently keep His commandments. Do that which is right and good in the sight of Jehovah so that you can insure a long stay in the land you are about to receive.

You see, you are a holy people. The Lord has chosen you to be His special people. He did not choose you because you were a great nation, because you were not. He chose you because He loved you, and because of the oath He swore to your ancestors. Remember, therefore, who it is you are dealing with. He is merciful to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments, but He will not hesitate to punish those who disobey.

Be not afraid. Jehovah will cast out the nations. He will consume them until they are no more. Burn their graven images. Do not even desire the gold and silver on their idols, lest you find it a pitfall. Do not bring such an abomination into your home. He will drive out all of your enemies. You are not to pity them, neither serve their gods. That would be a pitfall to you.

Keep the commandments of Jehovah your God. When you have come into this wonderful land - a land of brooks of water, of artesian wells and springs flowing out of its valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, and grape vines, and fig-trees and pomegranates, a land of olive-trees and honey, a land which will abundantly supply all your needs - remember to bless Jehovah your God for all the good He has done you.

Listen, O Israel. Here is all Jehovah wants of you: to fear Him, to walk in His ways, and to serve Him will all your being, and to keep His commandments. Look at Jehovah: He owns heaven and the heaven of heavens and the whole earth. Why should He bother with you at all? It is because He took delight in your ancestors to love them, and He chose their descendants, even you, out of all the peoples.**”**

Moses loved the Lord. Moses loved the people and desired that they would love the Lord and receive the good promises and be grateful to such an awesome God.

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**Lesson 22 and 23**

**Moses’ Speech to Israel**

**Duet. 4:44-26:15**

**God’s Law is for our Learning**

**Deuteronomy had many other laws for the people of Israel. Here are just a few to review.**

**7:1-16 -** destroy the people and their idols that you find in the land.

**12:1-32 –** offer sacrifices in the place specified.

**14:1-21 –** you are a holy people, so do not pollute yourselves.

**15:1-18 –** Special instructions for the seventh year.

(Look at these scriptures and list what this involves.)

**15:19-23 –** set apart the firstborn.

**16:1-17 –** Observe the feast days.

**16:18-20-** appoint judges in every town.

**16:21-17:7 –** stone the one who turns to idols.

**17:8-13 –**bring difficult cases to the priest.

**17:14-20** – instructions for the king.

(What are some of the instructions for a king.)

**18:1-8 –** offerings for the priests and Levites.

**18:14-22 –** God will raise up a prophet.

(Look at these scriptures. This is the fulfillment of the third promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Who is this prophet?)

**19:1-14 –** Cities of refuge.

(What were they for?)

**19:15-21 –** Witnesses.

**20:1-20 –** Rules for going to war.

Being an Israelite was a special blessing. God was their God. Judaism was their religion. Being an Israelite was their nationality. So through the laws, God was in charge of their relationship with Him. He was in charge of their everyday life.

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**Does this sound familiar?**

**Lesson 24**

**The Final Days for Moses**

**Duet. 26:16-34:12**

At the end of Moses’ life, he continues to encourage the people of Israel. Moses said:

Today Jehovah lays upon you the responsibility to keep His commandments. You will therefore keep His commandments with all your heart. Today you have vowed that Jehovah will be your God and that you will walk in His ways and keep His word. Likewise, Jehovah has vowed that you will be His very special people, as He promised you, so that you can keep His commandments, and so that He might raise you above all the nations He has made, in your praise, in name, and in honor. His plan is that you may be a holy people unto the Lord your God.

Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people to keep all the commandments of the Lord. Moses said, "When you pass over the Jordan, you are to set up great stones and cover them with plaster and write upon them all the words of this law. Set these stones up in Mount Ebal. Build an altar of unhewn stones and sacrifice peace offerings and eat them there and rejoice before the Lord."

“You must obey the voice of Jehovah and do His will."

Moses gave these instructions for the ceremonies that would be held at Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim when they set up the great stones:

These are the tribes who will stand upon Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. And these tribes will stand upon Mount Ebal for the curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. With all the people in place, the Levites shall say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice all the curses for the disobedience of God’s law. When the curses are read, the congregation will say “Amen”.

While Israel stood before Moses and the elders, just as they had at Mt. Sinai, he tells them of the potential blessings-if they obeyed and the potential curses if they disobeyed. The truth of these blessings and curses were proved by the wandering of the last forty years

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today the choice of life and good things, or death and calamity. I have told you to obey the lord so that you might live and enjoy blessings. But, on the other hand, if you turn away from God, and you will not listen any longer, and turn after other gods, then you will perish. You will not prolong your stay in this land.

I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life for yourself and for your children after you. Choose to love Jehovah, to obey His voice, and to cling closely to Him - for He is your life and the secret to long life.” This new generation made a covenant with Jehovah.

Moses called Joshua to him and, before all the nation of Israel, said, "Be strong and courageous, because you will go into the land which Jehovah has sworn to our ancestors to give us. You will cause the people to inherit it. Jehovah Himself will go before you. He will be with you, and He will not let you down. Do not be afraid, and do not worry." Joshua will now take over the leadership of God’s people.

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**Lesson 24**

**The Final Days for Moses**

**Duet. 26:16-34:12**

**Moses passes the torch.**

1. The things that Moses tells the people are the same things that he told their ancestors at \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. They were to make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this day to walk in His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and keep His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. They would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above all the other nations.

4. His plan for them was to make them a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

All the nations would know that He was their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What were the people to do when they crossed over the Jordan?

6. Which tribe would stand on Mt. Gerizim for the blessings?

7. Which tribes would stand on Mt. Ebal for the curses?

8. Moses tells the people that they have the option to choose either \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I was up to them.

9. Turning away from God would mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. Moses called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to witness the covenant this generation made with Jehovah.

11. Moses told the people to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Joshua will be the leader of God’s people.

**Lesson 24 and 25**

**The Final Days for Moses**

**Deut. 31-34:12**

Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, "The time of your death is near. Call Joshua and the two of you present yourselves before the tent of meeting so that I may give him a charge."

When Moses and Joshua arrived at the tent of meeting, the Lord appeared in a pillar of cloud that stood over the entrance. To the two of them, God predicts the rebellion of Israel. He instructed Moses to teach a “Song of Jehovah” as a reminded to all their generations:

***Deuteronomy 32:1-47 “The Song of Jehovah”***

**32**“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.**2**Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass. **3**For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God. **4***He is* the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways *are* justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright *is* He. **5**“They have corrupted themselves; *They are* not His children, Because of their blemish:  
A perverse and crooked generation. **6**Do you thus deal with the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? *Is* He not your Father, *who* bought you? Has He not made you and established you? **7**“Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you: **8**When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam,  
He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel. **9**For the Lord’s portion *is* His people;  
Jacob *is* the place of His inheritance. **10**“He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. **11**As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, **12***So* the Lord alone led him, and *there was* no foreign god with him. **13**“He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock; **14**Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes. **15**“But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; you grew fat, you grew thick, you are obese! Then he forsook God *who* made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation. **16**They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign *gods;*  
With abominations they provoked Him to anger. **17**They sacrificed to demons, not to God; *to gods* they did not know, to new *gods,* new arrivals that your fathers did not fear. **18**Of the Rock *who* begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the God who fathered you. **19**“And when the Lord saw *it,* He spurned *them,* Because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters. **20**And He said: ‘I will hide My face from them,  
I will see what their end *will be,* For they *are* a perverse generation, Children in whom *is* no faith. **21**They have provoked me to jealousy by *what* is not God; they have moved me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by *those who are* not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation. **22**For a fire is kindled in my anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.**23**‘I will heap disasters on them; I will spend my arrows on them. **24***They shall be* wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction; I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, with the poison of serpents of the dust. **25**The sword shall destroy outside; *there shall be* terror within for the young man and virgin, the nursing child with the man of gray hairs. **26**I would have said, “I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men,” **27**Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should misunderstand, lest they should say, “Our hand *is* high; and it is not the Lord who has done all this.”’

**28**“For they *are* a nation void of counsel, nor *is there any* understanding in them. **29**Oh that they were wise, *that* they understood this that they would consider their latter end! **30**How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had surrendered them? **31**For their rock *is* not like our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges. **32**For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes *are* grapes of gall,  
Their clusters *are* bitter. **33**Their wine *is* the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of cobras. **34**‘*Is* this not laid up in store with me, sealed up among my treasures? **35**Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; their foot shall slip in *due* time; for the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.’

**36**“For the Lord will judge His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that *their* power is gone,  
and *there is* no one *remaining,* bond or free. **37**He will say: ‘Where *are* their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? **38**Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, *and* be your refuge.

**39**‘Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He, and *there is* no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; nor *is there any* who can deliver from My hand. **40**For I raise My hand to heaven, and say, “*As* I live forever, **41**If I whet My glittering sword,  
and My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me. **42**I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the heads of the leaders of the enemy.”’ **43**“Rejoice, O Gentiles, *with* His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land *and* His people.” **44**So Moses came with Joshuathe son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. **45**Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, **46**and he said to them: “Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. **47**For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.”

The song is a reminder of God’s relationship with man from the beginning. There were cursing and blessing. Read the song and list some of the blessings and curses between God and man.

**Blessings Curses**

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Sometime after the song before Moses goes up on the mountain with God, Moses blesses the tribes just as Jacob did before his death. These blessings are in Deut. 33. With all that had happened God loved His people.

Then God took Moses up into Mount Nebo. Jehovah showed Moses the land which He had showed Abraham and promised to give his ancestors.

So Moses, the servant of Jehovah, died there on the mountain. Jehovah buried Moses near Beth-peor. No man knew where.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. He still had good eyesight and his vigor had not depleted.

The children of Israel wept for 30 days.

Moses was one of the spiritual giants of the Bible. Of Enoch it is said that, "He walked with God, and he was not, for God took him" (Gen. 5:24). Of Elijah it is said that he was taken up in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11). Moses was not taken to heaven without dying as those men were, but he was set apart in his death by a special act of God: God buried Moses' body.

Joshua was filled with the Spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands upon him, and the children of Israel listened to Joshua, and did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

There has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom Jehovah knew face to face. No one has done the signs and wonders which Jehovah sent him to do in the land of Egypt No one since has exercised the mighty hand and done the awesome things which Moses did in the eyes of Israel.

**Lesson 25 and 26**

**The Journey Ends**

**Joshua 1:1-5:12**

Joshua had been appointed and presented to the people as the new leader before Moses died. Now it is time for his work to begin. So after the death of Moses, God spoke to Joshua and said:

“My servant Moses is dead. You are the new leader of my people. Get up, therefore, and cross over the Jordan. Everywhere you walk in the land will be yours, just as I promised through Moses, from the Negev in the south to Lebanon in the north, from the great river Euphrates even to the Great Sea to the west; these will be your borders.

No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. Be courageous and do not be afraid, because you will lead the people to inherit this land. The one requirement is that you must be very careful to do everything which the law says. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left. You must let your words and your actions be continually guided by what is written in the law, because then you will succeed.”

The Lord was ready for the people to prove themselves. Joshua and Caleb are the only two spies, of the original 12, allowed to go into the land. Moses, Aaron and Miriam and the rest of the spies died in the wilderness along with everyone over 20 that refused to go in forty years ago.

**The third promise is about to be fulfilled. Next quarter we will see that happen.**



God leading from the cloud in the sky

West side of the Jordan where they will build a memorial to God.

Transjordan tribes will live on the East side of the Jordan.

Crossing of the Jordan River.

Mt. Nebo where Moses

Saw the land.

**The Journey Ends**