

SURVEY OF THE LAW

PART I **GOD'S LAW**

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Preface

This is a Survey of the Laws that the Lord God Gave to Israel through Moses, as Recorded in the Hebrew Torah (i.e. “Books of Moses”, the first 5 Books of the Christian Bible Referred to as the “Pentateuch”), using Summaries, Examples and Excerpts of Biblical Text.

This Study Sequentially Goes through the Books of Moses as the Lord Reveals Himself and His Laws to Israel. Some of these Laws and Related Events are Repeated as this Study Progresses through these Books, each Account Giving a Unique Perspective of that Law and/or Event, Confirming, Emphasizing, Enforcing or Expanding upon Previous Account(s).

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PART I – GOD’S LAW

Introduction

The Lord God is Omniscient and Omnipresent; He Does Nothing by Happenstance. There is Always a Purpose Behind How, When and to the Extent He Chooses to Reveal Himself, His Will and His Ways to His Creation. This is a Study of How the Lord God Progressively Reveals Himself and His Laws to His Chosen People as He Delivers them from Bondage in Egypt, Forms them as a People and Leads them to the Promise Land to Become His Holy Nation.

The Lord God Establishes Israel as His Chosen People/Nation, Giving them a Divine Constitution that Defines their Relationship with Him, and Legislates Acceptable Conduct Before Him and Among Themselves. These Laws are Applicable to Israel as a Nation as well as Each Individual Person, and Consist of the Following Categories:

1. Moral Laws. Regulations Regarding Israel’s Conduct Before the Lord their God.
2. Civil Laws. Regulations Regarding Israel’s Conduct in Society, and the Governance of the Lord’s Nation.
3. Sacred/Religious Laws. Regulations Regarding Israel’s Relationship with the Lord their God. The Sacred/Religious Laws Consist of 4 Major Elements:
 - a. The Tabernacle – The Lord God’s Dwelling Place Among His People on Earth & Israel’s Central Place of Worship.
 - b. The Priesthood – The Lord’s Chosen Priesthood to Make Constant Intercession for God’s Chosen People (Israel) with Continual Blood Sacrifices.
 - c. Sacrifices & Offerings – Prescribed Means to Make Atonement for Sins Before a Holy God, Seek His Forgiveness, Absolution & Reconciliation, and to Offer Thanksgiving.
 - d. Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Divine Appointments Prescribed by the Lord for His People to Celebrate Him and Commemorate His Intervention in the Affairs of Man.

While this Study Presents All Categories of the Law, it Concentrates on the Moral & Civil Laws, Since More In-depth Studies of the Sacred/Religious Laws are Presented in Separate Studies on the Tabernacle, the Priesthood, Sacrifices & Offerings, and Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts.

A. God Chooses a People

The Lord God Chooses Abram (Abraham) to be the Father of His Chosen People. A People Consecrated to the Lord to: 1) Reveal Him (Lord Creator God) to Other Peoples/Nations of the World, and 2) Bring His Salvation to Mankind. The Lord Reveals Certain Attributes of Himself and the Law He Will Impose Upon His Chosen People, to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

1. The Lord God Calls Abram Gen 12:1-3
 - a. Lord Instructs Abram. “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”
(Abram Lived in the City of Ur of Chaldea [Southern Iraq] Where they Worshipped a Moon God. The Lord Calls Abram to Leave His Hometown & His Family, and Travel to an Unknown Land [Lord’s Promise Land].)
 - b. Lord Establishes His Covenant with Abram
 - 1) Calls Abram to Father a New Nation. “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”
 - 2) Promises His Favor. “I will bless those who bless you and curse those who

- curse you.”
- 3) Promises that All Mankind Will be Blessed Through Abram. “All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.”
2. Abram Migrates to Promised Land (Canaan) Gen. 12:4-9
 - a. Claiming the Land for the Lord & His People
 - 1) The Lord Declares. “To your descendants I will give this land.” (*Gen. 12:7b*)
(*A Land for His Chosen Nation*)
 - b. Covenant Confirmed in Promise Land Gen. 13:14-18
 3. Revelation of the Offices of King & Priest Gen. 14:17-20
 - a. Melchizedek - King of Salem & Priest of God Most High
 - 1) Greets Abram (*Abraham*) Returning from Victory
 - 2) Offers Abram Bread & Wine
 - 3) Blesses Abram: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand” (*Gen. 14:19-20a*)
(*Confirming God’s Covenant Blessing on Abram. See Gen. 12:1-3 Above*)
 - b. Abram (*Lord’s Chosen*) Pays Tithes to Melchizedek
 - 1) “Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.” (*Gen. 14:20b*)
 - a) Acknowledging Melchizedek’s Supremacy
 4. The Lord Seals His Covenant with Abram Gen. 15
 - a. Abram Waited Many Years Without an Heir to Fulfill the Lord’s Promise
 - 1) Both Abram & His Wife Beyond Child Bearing Years
 - b. The Lord Reassures Abram
 - 1) Lord Shows Abram the Night Sky. “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, shall your descendants be.”
 - 2) Abram’s Faith. “Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.” (*Gen. 15:5-6*)
(*Revealing that Faith is Essential to Receive the Lord’s Favor & Promises.*)
 - c. Lord Prescribes a Sacrifice Executing His Covenant
(*Lord Reveals that His Covenants are to be Put into Effect by Blood Sacrifice.*)
 - 1) Abram Prepares Sacrifice Prescribed by the Lord
 - d. Lord’s Prophecy. “Know for certain that your descendants shall be aliens in a land not their own, where they shall be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation they must serve, and in the end they will depart with great wealth. You, however, shall join your forefathers in peace; you shall be buried at a contented old age. In the fourth time-span the others shall come back here (*The Promise Land*);” (*Gen. 15:13-16*)
 - 1) Sacrifice Consumed by the Lord
 5. The Lord Gives Abram the Law of Circumcision Gen. 17
(*Sign of the Lord’s Covenant Applied to Man’s Means of Procreation.*)
 - a. Changing His Name to Abraham (*Meaning: “Father is Exalted”*)
 - 1) “No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations” (*Gen. 17:5*)
(*A New Beginning, a New Life Dependant Upon the Lord*)

- b. Instituting the Law of Circumcision
 - 1) “This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised. Circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and that shall be the mark of the covenant between you and me. Throughout the ages, every male among you, when he is eight days old, shall be circumcised,..... Thus my covenant shall be in your flesh as an everlasting pact” (*Gen. 17:9-13*)
(*God’s Chosen People Shall be Born Under the Law of Circumcision*)
 - c. Promising a Chosen Son (*Heir to Lord’s Covenant*)
 - 1) “.... your wife Sarah is to bear you a son, and you shall call him Isaac. I will maintain my covenant with him as an everlasting pact, to be his God and the God of his descendants after him.” (*Gen. 17:19*)
6. Covenant Confirmed with Abraham’s Son Isaac Gen. 26:1-6 & 23-25
- a. Lord Appears to Isaac:
 - 1) “Stay in this land (*i.e. Promise Land*), and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I will give all these lands, in fulfillment of the oath that I swore to your father Abraham.”
 - 2) “I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and give them all these lands, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing”
 - 3) “this because Abraham obeyed me, keeping my mandate (my commandments, my ordinances, and my instructions [*i.e. His Unwritten Law*]).” (*Gen. 26:3-5*)
7. Covenant Confirmed with Isaac’s Son Jacob Gen. 28:1-5 & 10-15
- a. Jacob’s Vow to the Lord Gen. 28:20-22
 - 1) “If God remains with me, to protect me on this journey I am making (*To Obtain a Wife*) and to give me enough bread to eat and clothing to wear, and I come back safe to my father’s house, the LORD shall be my God.
 - 2) “This stone that I have set up as a memorial stone shall be God’s abode. (*Concept of a Tabernacle – God’s Dwelling Place on Earth.*)
 - 3) “Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you.”
 - b. The Lord Appears to Jacob, When He Returns to Promise Land Gen. 35:9-13
 - 1) Changing His Name to Israel. “You whose name is Jacob shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.”
 - 2) Confirming Israel as His Chosen Nation. “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation, indeed an assembly of nations, shall stem from you, and kings shall issue from your loins.”
 - 3) Confirming Israel’s Promise Land. “The land I once gave to Abraham and Isaac I now give to you; And to your descendants after you will I give this land.” (*Gen. 35:10-12*)
 - c. Jacob (Israel) & His Family Migrate to Egypt to Survive Famine Gen. 46 - 47
(*Fulfilling the First Part of the Lord’s Prophecy to Abraham. Gen. 15:13-16*)
 - 1) Jacob & His Family Settle in Egypt
 - d. Jacob’s (Israel’s) 12 Sons Inherit the Lord’s Covenant with Abraham, Becoming the 12 Tribes of Israel Gen. 48 - 49
 - 1) Israel’s Sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph (*Heritage Split Between Joseph’s Sons Ephraim &*

Manasseh), and Benjamin.

B. Law Revealed in Book of Exodus

The Lord God Delivers Israel from Bondage to Become His Holy People/Nation, Leading them to Mount Sinai (Horeb) to Give them His Laws.

1. Lord Delivers Israel from Bondage in Egypt Ex. 1 - 13
 - a. Israel Enslaved by the Egyptians Ex. 1
 - b. Lord Sets Apart a Deliverer & Law Giver Ex. 2
 - 1) Moses, an Israelite from Tribe of Levi, Escapes Pharaoh's Infanticide Order
 - a) Adopted by the Royal Family
 - 2) Moses Flees Egypt After Killing an Abusive Taskmaster
 - c. Lord Calls & Commissions Moses Ex. 3 - 4
 - 1) Moses Tending Sheep at Mount Horeb
 - a) Sees & Approaches a Flaming Bush that's Not Consumed
 - 2) Lord God Speaks to Moses from Flaming Bush
 - a) "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." (*Ex. 3:5*) (Revealing Himself as a Holy God)
 - b) "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." (*Ex. 3:6*) (Revealing Himself as the Covenant Making God of Israel)
 - c) "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey (*Promise Land*), the country of the Canaanites....." (*Ex. 3:7-9*) (Revealing Himself as a Compassionate & Faithful God)
 - d) "Come, now! I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." (*Ex. 3:10*) (Revealing Himself as Deliverer & Savior)
 - e) "..... when you bring my people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this very mountain." (*Ex. 3:12*) (Lord Will Give Israel His Laws at Mount Horeb)
 - 3) Moses Asks Lord God His Name (*Egyptians had Many Gods, All had Names*)
 - 4) Lord Replies:
 - a) "I am who am. This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM (*"Yahweh"*) sent me to you." (Revealing Himself as the Ever Present, Ever Living, No Beginning, No Ending God!)
 - b) "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD (*Yahweh*), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. (Revealing Himself as the Lord God of Israel)
 - c) "This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations." (*Ex. 3:14-15*) (Revealing Himself as the Eternally Living God)
 - 5) Lord Instructs & Anoints Moses, Confirming His Commission
 - 6) Moses Returns to Egypt as Instructed by Lord
 - a) Lord's Warning & Promise
 - (1) Pharaoh Will be Obstinate Refusing to Release Israel
 - (2) "So you shall say to Pharaoh: Thus says the LORD: Israel is my son,

my first-born. Hence I tell you: Let my son go, that he may serve me. If you refuse to let him go, I warn you, I will kill your son, your first-born.” (Ex. 4:22-23) (Lord Reveals Himself as a Father to Israel)

- d. The Lord Delivers Israel from Bondage Ex. 5:1 – 12:36
- 1) Moses & His Brother Aaron Confront Pharaoh Ex. 5:1 – 7:13
 - a) Declare the Word of the Lord, God of Israel, to Pharaoh
 - (1) Allow Israelites to Go 3 Days into Desert to Sacrifice to Lord
(*To Acknowledge & Worship the Lord as their God*)
 - b) Pharaoh Refuses
 - (1) Doesn't Know the Lord & Won't Let People Go
 - (2) Increases Hardships on Israelite Slaves
 - c) Moses Consults the Lord
 - d) Lord Instructs Moses & Aaron to Perform a Sign Before Pharaoh
 - (1) Turn Staff into Serpent
 - e) Moses & Aaron Obey Lord Returning to Pharaoh
 - (1) Aaron Throws His Staff to Ground which Turns into a Serpent
 - (2) Pharaoh Summons His Wise Men, Sorcerers & Magicians
 - (a) Each One Throws His Staff to Ground that Turn into Serpents
(*Counterfeiting Lord's Sign by Black Arts*)
 - (b) Aaron's Staff Swallows Egyptian Staffs (*Showing Superiority*)
 - (3) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate, Refusing to Listen to Them
 - 2) Lord God Sends Plagues on Egypt Ex. 7:14 - 12:30
(Lord God of Israel Reveals His Sovereignty & Supremacy Over Egyptian [Human] Authorities & their Gods [Spiritual Authorities].)
 - a) Turns Egypt's Water into Blood Ex. 7:14-24
 - (1) Moses & Aaron Turn Water to Blood, as Lord Instructed
 - (2) Egyptian Magicians Turn Water to Blood by their Black Arts
 - (3) Pharaoh Refuses to Listen to Moses & Aaron
 - b) Infestation of Frogs Ex. 7:25 - 8:11
 - (1) Moses & Aaron Release Plague of Frogs, as Lord Instructed
 - (2) Egyptian Magicians Replicate Plague by their Black Arts
 - (3) Pharaoh Agrees to Allow Israel to Worship in Desert, if Plague Ends
 - (4) Plague Ends & Pharaoh Reneges on His Word
 - c) Infestation of Gnats Ex. 8:12-15
 - (1) Moses & Aaron Unleash a Plague of Gnats, as Lord Instructed
 - (2) Egyptian Magicians Unable to Replicate Plague
 - (a) Tell Pharaoh: “This is the finger of God” (Ex. 8:15a)
 - (3) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate & Does Not Listen to Them
 - d) Swarms of Flies Ex. 8:16-28
 - (1) Lord Protects Israelite People from Plague. “that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. I will make this distinction between my people (*Israelites*) and your people (*Egyptians*)” (Ex. 8:18b-19)
(Revealing Himself as Supreme Lord & Israel's Protector)
 - (2) Lord Sends Thick Swarms of Flies on Egyptians
 - (3) Pharaoh Agrees to Allow Israel to Sacrifice to Lord in Desert, if Plague Ends

- (4) Plague Ends & Pharaoh Reneges on His Word
- e) Death of Egyptian Livestock Ex. 9:1-7
- (1) Egypt's Livestock Stricken by Pestilence & Die, as Lord Threatened
 - (2) Lord Spares Israel's Livestock
 - (3) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate & Does Not Release Israel
- f) Egyptians Afflicted with Boils Ex. 9:8-12
- (1) Moses & Aaron Initiate Plague of Boils, as Lord Instructed
 - (2) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate, Refusing to Listen to Moses & Aaron
- g) Devastating Hail Storm on Egypt Ex. 9:13-35
- (1) Moses Stretched His Staff Toward Sky, as Lord Commanded
 - (a) Lord Sends Severe Hail Storm with Fierce Lightning & Thunder
 - (2) No Hail Falls on Land of Goshen, Where Israelites Live
 - (3) Pharaoh Agrees to Allow Israel to Worship the Lord, if Plague Ends
 - (4) Plague Ends & Pharaoh Reneges on His Word
- h) Plague of Locusts Ex. 10:1-20
- (1) Lord Instructs Moses: "Go to Pharaoh, for I have made him and his servants obdurate in order that I may perform these signs of mine among them and that you may recount to your son and grandson how ruthlessly I dealt with the Egyptians and what signs I wrought among them, so that you may know that I am the LORD" (*Ex. 10:1-2*)
(*Jews Recall these Plagues at Passover throughout the Generations*)
 - (2) Pharaoh's Servants Beg Him to Let Israelites Go & Worship their Lord. "Do you not yet realize that Egypt is being destroyed?" (*Ex. 10:7*)
 - (3) Pharaoh Attempts to Negotiate a Compromise with Moses & Aaron
 - (a) Moses Refuses
 - (4) Moses Stretches His Staff Over Egypt, as Lord Commanded
 - (a) Lord Sends a Plague of Locusts on Egypt
 - (5) Pharaoh Agrees to Allow Israel to Worship the Lord, if Plague Ends
 - (6) Plague Ends & Pharaoh Remains Obstinate, Not Releasing Israelites
- i) Intense Darkness on Land of Egypt Ex. 10:21-2
- (1) Moses Stretches His Hand Toward the Sky, as Lord Commanded
 - (a) Dense Darkness Covers Egypt for 3 Days
 - (b) Israelite Communities Have Light
 - (2) Pharaoh Attempts to Negotiate a Compromise with Moses & Aaron
 - (a) Moses Refuses
 - (3) Pharaoh Dismisses Moses: "Leave my presence, and see to it that you do not appear before me again! The day you appear before me you shall die!" (*Ex. 10:28*)
 - (4) Moses Answers: "Well said! I will never appear before you again." (*Ex. 10:29*)
- j) The Last Plague – Death of First Born Ex. 11:1 – 12:30
- (1) Pronouncement of Last Plague Ex. 11
 - (a) Lord Announces Last Plague to Moses
 - Pharaoh Will Expel Israelites Out of Egypt
 - Israel Will Despoil Wealth of Egyptians

(b) Moses Pronounces Last Plague to Pharaoh

- Death of All First Born of Egypt
(*Fulfilling Lord's Promise When Commissioning Moses. "So you shall say to Pharaoh: Thus says the LORD: Israel is my son, my first-born. Hence I tell you: Let my son go, that he may serve me. If you refuse to let him go, I warn you, I will kill your son, your first-born." Ex. 4:22-23*)
- Israel Will be Protected from Plague

(2) Preparation for Last Plague

(*Lord Reveals His Way of Salvation through the Passover*)

(a) Lord Prescribes Passover Ritual to Moses Ex. 12:1-20

- Set this Month as Head of Calendar (1st Month)
- Instruct Each & Every Israelite Household
 - "On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household...."
 - "The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish...."
 - "You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month (*Inspecting their Lamb to Ensure it's Suitable for Sacrifice, i.e. Without Blemish*), and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight."
 - They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb."
 - "That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs...."
 - "None of it must be kept beyond the next morning; whatever is left over in the morning shall be burned up." (*Ex. 12:2-10*)
- The "Passover of the Lord"
 - "For on this same night I (*Lord God*) will go through Egypt, striking down every first—born of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt - I, the LORD!"
 - "But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you." (*Ex. 12:12-13*)
- Lord Establishes Passover as a Perpetual Memorial Feast (*First Law/Rite the Lord Gives to Israel is to Celebrate & Commemorate His Deliverance of Them from Bondage*)
 - "This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution."
 - "For seven days you must eat unleavened bread. From

the very first day you shall have your houses clear of all leaven”

- On the first day you shall hold a sacred assembly, and likewise on the seventh. On these days you shall not do any sort of work, except to prepare the food that everyone needs.” (Ex. 12:14-16)

- Regulations Regarding Unleavened Bread

- “Keep, then, this custom of the unleavened bread. Since it was on this very day that I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt, you must celebrate this day throughout your generations as a perpetual institution.”
- “From the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month until the evening of the twenty-first day of this month you shall eat unleavened bread”
- “For seven days no leaven may be found in your houses. Nothing leavened may you eat; wherever you dwell you may eat only unleavened bread.” (Ex. 12:17-20)

(b) Israel Prepares for Passover Ex. 12:21-28

- Moses Calls Elders of Israel & Instructs Them on Passover Ritual Prescribed by Lord
- Tells Them that the Lord Will Execute His Final Plague
 - Killing All First Born of Egypt
 - Passing Over Israelite Homes with Blood on Doorposts & Lintels
- Instructs Them to Observe Passover as Perpetual Ordinance throughout the Generations
 - Recalling Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage (*Jews Continue to Annually Celebrate Passover, Recalling Lord’s Deliverance from Bondage*)
- Israelites Prepare for Passover, as Lord Commanded Moses

(3) Execution of the Last Plague Ex. 12:29-36

(a) Lord Kills All First Born of Egypt at Midnight

- Pharaoh’s First Born Son Among Dead
- Death Passes Over Israelite Homes Covered by the Blood (*Sparing the First Born of Israel*)

(b) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron During the Night

- Sets Israel Free. “Leave my people at once, you and the Israelites with you! Go and worship the LORD as you said. Take your flocks, too, and your herds, as you demanded, and be gone; and you will be doing me a favor.” (Ex. 12:31-32)

(c) Egyptians Urge Israelites to Leave Immediately

- Give Israelites All the Valuables they Requested

(d) Israelites Prepare to Leave Egypt

- Gather the Spoils of Egypt

e. Israel’s Exodus from Egypt Ex. 12:37 – 13:22

1) Israelites Leave Egypt Ex. 12:37-42

a) About 600,000 Men plus Women & Children

- (1) Taking Spoils of Egypt (*Materials that Will be Used to Construct Lord's Tabernacle, its Furnishings. Utensils & Priest's Vestments*)
 - (2) Taking Large Flocks & Herds of Livestock
(*For Sustenance & Blood Sacrifices to Lord*)
 - (3) Hurriedly Baking Unleavened Dough into Loaves
(*For Sustenance & Cereal Offerings to Lord*)
 - b) Israelites in Egypt 430 Years
 - c) *Fulfilling Lord's Prophecy to Abraham. "...your descendants shall be aliens in a land not their own, where they shall be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation they must serve, and in the end they will depart with great wealth."* Gen. 15:13-14
 - 2) Lord Gives Moses & Aaron Regulations for Celebrating Passover Ex. 12:43-49
 - a) "These are the regulations for the Passover. No foreigner may partake of it...."
 - b) "It (*Passover Lamb*) must be eaten in one and the same house; you may not take any of its flesh outside the house. You shall not break any of its bones."
 - c) "The whole community of Israel must keep this feast. If any aliens (*Gentiles*) living among you wish to celebrate the Passover of the LORD, all the males among them must first be circumcised (*Bringing Them Under Lord's Covenant*), and then they may join in its observance just like the natives. But no man who is uncircumcised may partake of it...."
 - 3) Lord Commands Israel to Consecrate their First Born to Him Ex. 13:1-16
(*Israel's First-Born Belong to the Lord, Since He Spared their First-Born During the 10th Plague*)
 - a) "Consecrate to me (Lord) every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me." (Ex. 13:2)
 - b) Reminds Israel to Celebrate Passover Annually in Promise Land
 - c) "When the LORD, your God, has brought you into the land of the Canaanites (*i.e. Promise Land*), which he swore to you and your fathers he would give you, you shall dedicate to the LORD every son that opens the womb; and all the male firstlings of your animals shall belong to the LORD.... Every first-born son you must redeem (By Offering a Prescribed Sacrifice)."
 - (1) If Your Son Asks: "What does this mean?"
 - (2) You Shall Answer: "With a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, that place of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every first-born in the land of Egypt, every first-born of man and of beast. That is why I sacrifice to the LORD everything of the male sex that opens the womb, and why I redeem every first-born of my sons." (Ex. 13:11-15)
 - 4) Lord Leads Israel Toward Red Sea Ex. 13:17-22
 - a) Column of Cloud Preceding Them by Day
 - b) Column of Fire Preceding Them by Night
2. Lord Leads Israel through the Red Sea onto Mount Horeb (Sinai) to Receive His Law Ex. 14 - 18
(*The Lord Prepares His People by Revealing Certain of His Attributes & Building Up*)

Their Faith as He Leads Them to the Place [Mt. Horeb] Where They Will Encounter the Lord their God and Receive His Laws.

- a. The Lord Leads Israel Through the Red (“Red”) Sea Ex. 14
- 1) The Lord Informs Moses: “..... Thus will I make Pharaoh so obstinate that he will pursue them (*i.e. Israel*). Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” (*Ex. 14:4*)
(Revealing & Confirming His Supremacy Over Egypt’s Authority & Strength)
 - 2) Pharaoh Leads Egyptian Army in Pursuit of Israelites
 - a) Pharaoh Regrets Releasing Israel
 - b) Army Pursues Israel to their Encampment by Red Sea
 - 3) Israelites See Egyptian Army & Become Fearful
 - a) People Cry Out to Lord & Complain to Moses
 - b) Moses Charges the People to Trust the Lord: “Fear not! Stand your ground, and you will see the victory the LORD will win for you today. These Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again. The LORD himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still.” (*Ex. 14:13-14*)
 - 4) Israel Crosses the Red Sea
 - a) Lord Commands Moses to Move Israelites Forward to Sea
 - b) God’s Angel & Column of Cloud Move Between Israel & Egyptians
 - c) Moses Stretches His Hand Over Sea, as Lord Commanded
 - (1) Lord Sends a Strong East Wind Dividing the Waters
(Lord Reveals His Authority Over Natural Forces)
 - d) Israel Marches Through the Sea on Dry Ground
(Lord Reveals Himself as Israel’s Protector)
 - e) Egyptians Pursue Israel into Midst of Sea
 - (1) Lord Sends Fiery Cloud Upon Egyptians
 - (2) Wheels of Chariots Bog Down
 - (3) Egyptians Panic & Attempt to Retreat
 - f) Moses Stretches His Hand Over Sea, as Lord Commanded
 - (1) Sea Flows Back to its Normal Depth, Drowning Egyptian Army
(Lord Reveals Himself as Israel’s Commander & Defender)
 - g) Moses & Israelites Rejoice Ex. 15:1-21
 - (1) Singing & Dancing Before the Lord
- b. The Lord Leads Israel Through a Desert to Mount Horeb Ex. 15:22 – 18:27
(Mount Horeb is the Place where Lord God Originally Revealed Himself to Moses & Commissioned Him to Deliver Israel from Bondage [Ex. 3]. The Lord Instructed Moses: “.....when you bring my people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this very mountain” [Ex. 3:12].)
(Lord Will Meet with Israel at Mount Horeb and Give them His Laws.)
- 1) Lord Sweetens Bitter Water in Desert Ex. 15:22-27
 - a) Israel Travels 3 Days in Desert Without Finding Water
 - (1) People Thirsty & Dehydrating
 - (2) Arrive at Marah, Where Waters are Bitter
 - (3) People Grumble Against Moses
 - b) Lord Points Out a Certain Piece of Wood to Moses
 - (1) Moses Throws Wood into Bitter Water, as Lord Instructed
 - (2) Waters Became Fresh & Suitable to Drink *(Lord Reveals Himself as*

Purifier/Sanctifier – Source of Life & Refreshment

- c) Lord Charges Israel. “If you really listen to the voice of the LORD, your God, and do what is right in his eyes: if you heed his commandments and keep all his precepts, I will not afflict you with any of the diseases with which I afflicted the Egyptians (Revealing Himself as Righteous Judge); for I, the LORD, am your healer.” (Ex. 15:26)
 (Lord Reveals Himself as Divine Healer – Physically & Spiritually)
 (Lord’s Charge: Forget & Forsake the Ways & Gods of Egypt [World]; Trust & Obey the Lord Your God, and be Blessed!)
- d) Lord Then Leads Israel to Oasis of Elim
 (1) Camp Among 12 Springs of Water & 70 Palm Trees
- 2) Lord Provides Food in Desert Ex. 16
- a) Israel Travels to Desert of Sin
- (1) People Hungry & Grumble Against Moses & Aaron
 (a) Prefer to have Died in Egypt Where there was Food
- (2) Lord Informs & Instructs Moses
 (a) Lord Will Send Bread from Heaven (Manna)
 (b) Lord’s Law Concerning His Heavenly Food
 (Teaching His People to Acknowledge Him & Observe His Laws)
- Israelites to Gather Daily Portion. “...thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Ex. 16:4c)
 - Gather Double Portion on 6th Day of Every Week
 (Prepare for 7th Day of Week which will be a Day of Rest)
- (3) Moses Gathers Whole Israelite Community
 (a) Moses Rebukes People for Grumbling
 (b) Aaron Orders Israel: “..... Present yourselves before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.” (Ex. 16:9)
- Israelites Turn Toward Desert
 - Glory of Lord Appears in a Cloud
- (c) Lord Speaks to Moses from Cloud: “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God.” (Ex. 16:12)
 (Lord Reveals Himself as Israel’s Provider & Sustainer)
- (4) Lord Feeds His People in Desert
 (a) Provides Quail in Evening & Manna in Morning
 (b) Moses Instructs Israelites on Gathering the Manna
- People Gather their Daily Portion
 - Some Disobey & Keep Leftovers for the Next Day, which Spoils
 - People Gather Double Portion on 6th Day
 - Lord Introduces the Sabbath (7th Day) as Sacred. “That is what the LORD prescribed. Tomorrow is a day of complete rest, the sabbath, sacred to the LORD.” (Ex. 16:23a)
 - Manna Remains Fresh for the Sabbath
 - Some Disobey Going Out to Gather Manna on 7th Day

& Find None

- Lord Rebukes Disobedient Israelites. “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and laws?” (*Ex. 16:28*)
- (c) Lord Gives Israel the Sabbath Day to Rest
 - “.... The LORD has given you the sabbath. That is why on the sixth day he gives you food for two days. On the seventh day everyone is to stay home and no one is to go out.”
 - “After that the people rested on the seventh day.” (*Ex. 16:29-30*)
- (5) Moses Keeps a Portion of Manna as Evidence of Lord’s Provision to Future Generations (*Archived Manna Remains Fresh*)
- (6) Lord Continues to Provide Manna Entire Time Israel is in Wilderness. (*Laws Regarding Manna Remain in Effect to Nourish the People of God as Long as they are Living in the Wilderness, were there are Insufficient Natural Resources. Once they Enter the Promise Land, they Inherit its Bounty.*)
- 3) Lord Provides Water from Rock Ex. 17:1-7
 - a) Israel Travels to Rephidim & Camps
 - (1) No Water for People to Drink at Campsite
 - (2) People Quarrel with Moses
 - (a) Complaining He Made them Leave Egypt
 - b) Moses, Afraid that the People will Stone Him, Cries Out to Lord
 - c) Lord Instructs Moses to Strike Rock at Horeb with His Staff
 - (1) Lord Will Stand in Front of Moses at Rock (*Protecting Him*)
 - (2) Moses Obeys & Water Gushes Out of Rock
 - (a) Sufficient Water Supply for Entire Israelite Community (*Lord Confirms His Revelation as Israel’s Provider*)
 - (3) Place Named “Meribah” (Meaning: “Place of the Test/Quarrel”)
 - (a) Because People Quarreled with Moses & Tested the Lord
- 4) Lord Gives Israel Victory Over Amalek Ex. 17:8-16
 - a) Amalek Wages War with Israel at Rephidim
 - (1) Moses Orders Joshua to Select Troops & Engage Amalek
 - (2) Moses Stands on Hill Raising His Staff (*Symbol of Authority*) with Aaron & Hur at His Sides (*Attitude of Praise & Surrender to Lord*)
 - (a) Israel Prevails when Moses’ Hands are Raised
 - (b) Amalek Prevails when Moses Tires & Lowers His Hands
 - (3) Moses Sits on Rock While Aaron & Hur Hold Up His Hands
 - (a) Joshua Defeats Amalek (*Lord Confirms that He is Israel’s Commander*)
 - b) Lord Pronounces Judgment Against Amalek (*Confirming His Revelation as Righteous Judge & Defender of Israel*)
 - c) Moses Builds an Altar to Lord
 - (1) Calls It “Yahweh-Nissi” (Meaning: “The Lord My Victor/Banner”) (*Revealing the Lord as Israel’s Standard/Banner/Flag Who Leads them to Victory.*)
- 5) Moses’ Reunion with Wife’s Family Ex. 18:1-12
 - a) Moses’ Father-in-law Jethro (Priest of Midian) Meets Moses at Horeb

- b) Moses Relates to Jethro How the Lord Delivered Israel from Egypt & Sustained Them in Desert
- c) Jethro Confesses: “Blessed be the LORD, who has rescued his people from the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is a deity great beyond any other.....” (Ex. 18:10-11)
(Acknowledging & Confirming Supremacy of the Lord God of Israel)
(1) Honors the Lord by Offering Sacrifice
- 6) Moses Appoints Judges in Israel Ex. 18:13-27
(Moses Institutes Israel’s First Governmental Organizations)
 - a) Organizes & Appoints Men Over Groups of 1000s, 100s, 50s & 10s to Govern & Judge Ordinary Cases
(1) More Difficult Cases Referred to Moses
- 3. Israel at Mt. Sinai (Horeb) Ex. 19 – 40
 - a. The Lord Delivers His Covenant of Laws to Israel Ex. 19 – 20
 - 1) Israel Camps at Mount Sinai (Horeb)
(Horeb & Sinai are the Same Mountain. Ex. 19:11 & Deut. 4:10)
 - a) Arriving on 1st Day of 3rd Month After Leaving Egypt
 - 2) Lord’s Intention for His Nation Ex. 19:1-15
(The Lord’s Intention for Israel is to be His Kingdom of Priests on Earth, Revealing Him to Other Nations)
 - a) Moses Ascends Mount Sinai
 - (1) Lord Speaks to Moses: “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob;
 - (a) “.....You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself.
 - (b) “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.
 - (c) “You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.....” (Ex. 19:3c-6)
 - b) Moses Returns from the Mountain & Summons the Elders
 - (1) Relates the Word of the Lord
 - (2) People Respond: “Everything the LORD has said, we will do.” (Ex. 19:8b)
 - c) Moses Reports Israel’s Answer to the Lord
 - d) Lord Instructs Moses
 - (1) “I am coming to you in a dense cloud, so that when the people hear me speaking with you, they may always have faith in you also.” (Ex. 19:9b)
 - (2) “Go to the people and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow. Make them wash their garments and be ready for the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.....” (Ex. 19:10-13)
 - e) Moses Prepares People as the Lord Instructed
- 3) The Lord’s Visitation (“*The Great Theophany*”) Ex. 19:16 – 20:17
 - a) On 3rd Day, Heavy Cloud Appears Over Mount Sinai with Thunder & Lightning Accompanied by Loud Trumpet Blasts

- (1) Moses Leads People Out of their Camp to Meet the Lord
 - (a) Stations Them at Foot of the Mountain
- b) Mount Sinai Wrapped in Smoke & Trembled as the Lord Descends in Fire
 - (1) Moses Speaks & Lord Answers with Thunder
- c) Lord Audibly Delivers His 10 Commandments Ex. 20:1-17
 - (1) The Lord Reveals Himself to Israel. “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.”
 - (2) Commandments Regarding their Relationship with the Lord their God
 - (a) “You shall not have other gods besides me.”
(Lord God to be the Only God of Israel)
 - (b) “You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation, on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.”
(The Lord Revealed that He is a Living God, Superior to the Many Gods/Idols Created by the Egyptians Who were Seduced & Subjected by Unholy Powers. The Lord Commands His Chosen People to Remain Faithful & True to Him & His Laws, So they and their Posterity will Not Similarly be Seduced Falling Under the Bondage of Devils and the Anger of a Holy God.) (Idolatry Also Infers Putting Anything Material, Intellectual, etc. Before the Lord God Almighty.)
 - (c) “You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished him who takes his name in vain.” *(The Lord God Almighty is Holy, Do Not Profane His Name. Honor, Respect & Revere Him & His Sacred Name.)*
 - (d) “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” *(The Lord Reveals Himself as Creator of Heaven & Earth. He Commands His People to Acknowledge Him as Creator and to Keep Every Sabbath Holy Unto Him, i.e. Set Aside that Day to be With Him, Refreshing Body & Soul.)*
 - (3) Commandments Regarding their Relationship with One Another
(Lord Gives His People Laws to Live in Harmony & Peace with One Another.)
 - (a) “Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you.”

- (b) “You shall not kill.”
- (c) “You shall not commit adultery.”
- (d) “You shall not steal.”
- (e) “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
- (f) “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”
- 4) Israel’s Reaction Ex. 20:18-20
- a) People Become Afraid & Ask Moses: “You speak to us, and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we shall die.” (Ex. 20:19)
(Israelite People were Afraid by the Lord’s Revelation at Mount Sinai, Rejecting His Desire to Make them a Kingdom of Priests. They Ask Moses to Intercede to God for them; thus, Setting the Premise for Israel’s Formal Intercessory Priesthood.)
- b) Moses Answers: “Do not be afraid, for God has come to you only to test you and put his fear (Awe) upon you, lest you should sin.” (Ex. 20:20)
- 5) Moses Approaches Cloud Where God Was
- a) Lord Instructs Moses Ex. 20:21-26
- (1) “Thus shall you speak to the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven.
- (2) “Do not make anything to rank with me; neither gods of silver nor gods of gold shall you make for yourselves.”
(Lord Must Remain Preeminent in the Lives of His People)
- (3) “An altar of earth you shall make for me, and upon it you shall sacrifice your holocausts and peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen....” (Ex. 20:22-26) *(Revealing the Requirement of Sacrifice to Approach the Lord God – Role of a Priest)*
- b) Lord Gives Moses Laws for His People/Nation Ex. 21 – 23
- Sampling of Legal Text:
- (1) Civil Laws Ex. 21:1 – 23:9
- (a) Laws Regarding Slaves Ex. 21:1-11
(The First of these Laws Concern Slaves, Since the Lord Delivered them from Slavery in Egypt where they were Exploited)
- “When you purchase a Hebrew slave, he is to serve you for six years, but in the seventh year he shall be given his freedom without cost.” (Ex. 21:2)
- (b) Personal Injury Laws Ex. 21:12-32
- “When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, not mortally, but enough to put him in bed, the one who struck the blow shall be acquitted, provided the other can get up and walk around with the help of his staff. Still, he must compensate him for his enforced idleness and provide for his complete cure.” (Ex. 21:18-19)
 - “When men have a fight and hurt a pregnant woman, so that she suffers a miscarriage, but no further injury, the guilty one shall be fined as much as the woman’s husband demands of him *(Without Limit Since the Value of an Unborn Baby is*

Priceless), and he shall pay in the presence of the judges. But if injury ensues, you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe (*Personal Liability is Otherwise Limited to Direct Damages - Keeping Vengeance from Escalating*)." (Ex. 21:22-25)

- (c) Property Damage Laws Ex. 21:33 – 22:4
- "When a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for the one ox, and four sheep for the one sheep (*Reparations for Taking Another Person's Property*)." (Ex. 21:37)

- (d) Laws Regarding Loans & Trusts Ex. 22:6-14
- "When a man borrows an animal from his neighbor, if it is maimed or dies while the owner is not present, the man must make restitution. But if the owner is present, he need not make restitution. If it was hired, this was covered by the price of its hire." (Ex. 22:13-14)

- (e) Various Social Laws Ex. 22:15 – 23:9
- "You shall not let a sorceress live." (Ex. 22:17)
 - "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex. 22:21-23)
 - "You shall not repeat a false report. Do not join the wicked in putting your hand, as an unjust witness, upon anyone." (Ex. 23:1)
 - "You shall keep away from anything dishonest. The innocent and the just you shall not put to death, nor shall you acquit the guilty. Never take a bribe, for a bribe blinds even the most clear-sighted and twists the words even of the just." (Ex. 23:7-8)

- (2) Religious / Spiritual Laws Ex. 23:10-19

(a) Sabbatical Year

- "For six years you may sow your land and gather in its produce. But the seventh year you shall let the land lie untilled and unharvested, that the poor among you may eat of it and the beasts of the field may eat what the poor leave. So also shall you do in regard to your vineyard and your olive grove." (Ex. 23:10-11)

(b) The Sabbath

- "For six days you may do your work, but on the seventh day you must rest, that your ox and your ass may also have rest, and that the son of your maidservant and the alien may be refreshed." (Ex. 23:12)

(c) Obedience & Loyalty to the Lord

- "Give heed to all that I have told you. Never mention the

name of any other god; it shall not be heard from your lips.”
(*Ex. 23:13*)

- (d) Three Annual Pilgrim Feasts Prescribed (*Divine Appointments*)
- “Three times a year you shall celebrate a pilgrim feast to me. You shall keep the feast of Unleavened Bread. As I have commanded you, you must eat unleavened bread for seven days at the prescribed time in the month of Abib, for it was then that you came out of Egypt. No one shall appear before me empty-handed. You shall also keep the feast of the grain harvest with the first of the crop that you have sown in the field; and finally, the feast at the fruit harvest at the end of the year, when you gather in the produce from the fields. Thrice a year shall all your men appear before the Lord GOD.”
(*Ex. 23:14-17*)
- (e) Purity of Sacrifices
- “You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; nor shall the fat of my feast be kept overnight till the next day. The choicest first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the LORD, your God.....” (*Ex. 23:18-19*)
- c) Lord Will Send His Angel to Protect Israel & Lead them to Promise Land
Ex. 23:20-33
- (1) Remain Faithful to Lord & Obey His Word
 - (2) Warning Against Idolatry
 - (a) Commands Israel to Purge All Idolatry from Promise Land
 - (3) Warning Against Making Covenants with Pagan Peoples
 - (a) “You shall not make a covenant with them or their gods. They must not abide in your land, lest they make you sin against me by ensnaring you into worshiping their gods.” (*Ex. 23:32-33*)
- 6) Ratification of the Covenant *Ex. 24:1-11*
- a) Moses Relates the Word & Ordinances of Lord to People
 - (1) People Respond: “We will do everything that the LORD has told us.”
(*Ex. 24:3b*)
 - (2) Moses Writes Book of the Covenant, Containing the Law
 - (3) Moses Erects 12 Pillars at Foot of Mountain
(*A Memorial Representing Acceptance of Law by 12 Tribes of Israel*)
 - b) Israelites Build Altar & Offer Sacrifices to Lord
 - (1) Moses Splashes ½ of Blood on Altar (*Sanctifying It*)
 - (2) Moses Reads Book of the Covenant to People
 - (a) People Respond: “All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do.” (*Ex. 24:7b*) (*Confirming their Previous Acceptance*)
 - (3) Moses Sprinkles Remaining Blood on People, Declaring: “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his.” (*Ex. 24:8*)
(*Inaugurating the Lord’s Covenant with Israel*)
 - c) Moses Escorts Aaron & His Sons, and 70 Elders to Meet the Lord
 - (1) “...they beheld the God of Israel. Under his feet there appeared to be sapphire tilework, as clear as the sky itself. Yet he did not smite these

chosen Israelites. After gazing on God, they could still eat and drink.”
(Ex. 24:10-11) (The Lord Reveals His Majesty to Israel's Leadership)

- b. Lord Gives Moses His Sacred Law Ex. 24:12 – 31:18
- 1) Moses Ascends Mount Sinai to Receive the Sacred Law Ex. 24:12-18
 - a) Lord Invites Moses: “Come up to me on the mountain and, while you are there, I will give you the stone tablets on which I have written the commandments.....” *(Ex. 24:12)*
 - (1) Moses Goes Up the Mountain
 - (a) Accompanied by Joshua
 - (b) Elders Instructed to Wait Until He Returns
 - (c) Aaron & Hur Put in Charge During His Absence
 - b) Glory of the Lord Settles Upon Mount Sinai
 - (1) Cloud Covers Mountain 6 Days
 - (2) Glory Appears as Consuming Fire on Mountain Top
 - (3) Lord Calls Moses into Midst of Cloud (*Lord's Presence*) the 7th Day
 - c) Moses Passes into Midst of Cloud
 - (1) Remains 40 Days & 40 Nights
 - 2) Lord Commands Israel to Build Him a Tabernacle Ex. 25 – 27 & 30
The Lord's Dwelling Place Among His People on Earth.
(Tabernacle Configured to Reveal the Way into God's Holy Presence.) (See “Tabernacle & Temple – Part I” for a More In Depth Study of the Tabernacle)
 - a) Materials to be Contributed by People Ex. 25:1-7
(Materials Contributed from Riches Taken from Egypt)
 - (1) “.... Tell the Israelites to take up a collection for me. From every man you shall accept the contribution that his heart prompts him to give me. These are the contributions you shall accept from them: gold, silver and bronze; violet, purple and scarlet yarn; fine linen and goat hair; rams' skins dyed red, and tahash skins; acacia wood; oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; onyx stones and other gems for mounting on the ephod and the breastpiece”
 - b) Command to Build the Tabernacle Ex. 25:8-9
 - (1) “They shall make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst.
 - (2) “This Dwelling and all its furnishings you shall make exactly according to the pattern that I will now show you”
 - c) Lord's Specifications for Tabernacle, its Furnishings & Utensils
 - (1) Outer Court Ex. 27:9-19
(A Court for Israelite People to Gather & Worship their Lord)
 - (a) Open Courtyard Surrounded with Linen Walls
 - Curtain Entrance at Center of Eastern End
 - Altar of Sacrifice Ex. 27:1-8
(Priests Offer Sacrifices to Lord)
 - Laver Basin Ex. 30:17-21
(Priests Cleanse Themselves Before Entering Sanctuary)
 - (2) Covered Tent (“Meeting Tent” / “Sanctuary”) Within Outer Court Ex. 26
 - (a) First Chamber is “Inner Court” or “Holy Place”
(Assigned Priests Minister Daily Before the Lord)

- Curtain Entrance on its East End
 - Table of Showbread on North Side Ex. 25:23-30
 - “Of pure gold you shall make its plates and cups, as well as its pitchers and bowls for pouring libations.” (Ex. 25:29)
 - “On the table you shall always keep showbread (*12 Loaves Unleavened Bread*) set before me.” (Ex. 25:30)
 - Lampstand (Menorah) on South Side Ex. 25:31-40 (*Perpetual Light Burning in Sanctuary*)
 - “You shall then make seven lamps for it and so set up the lamps that they shed their light on the space in front of the lampstand.” (Ex. 25:37)
 - Prescribed Oil for Lamps Ex. 27:20-21
 - Incense Altar at its Far / West End Ex. 30:1-10 (*Priests Intercede for Israel Before Presence of the Lord*)
 - “This altar is most sacred to the LORD.” (Ex. 30:10c)
 - Prescribed Incense Ex. 30:34-38
- (b) Second Chamber is “Holy of Holies” or “Most Holy Place”
 Located Beyond West End of Inner Court
(Holy of Holies is God’s Dwelling Place on Earth)
- Veil Separates Inner Court from Holy of Holies
(High Priest Enters the Presence of God Once a Year on the Day of Atonement. See Lev. 16 Below)
 - Ark of Covenant Ex. 25:10-22
 - A Wooden Box Plated Inside & Outside with Pure Gold
 - Lid (“Propitiation”) of Pure Gold with Cherubim on Each End Facing One Another with Outstretched Wings
 - “In the ark itself you are to put the commandments which I will give you.” (Ex. 25:21b)
 - “There I (Lord) will meet you and there, from above the propitiatory, between the two cherubim on the ark of the commandments, I will tell you all the commands that I wish you to give the Israelites.” (Ex. 25:22)
- (3) Tabernacle to be Built Exactly to God’s Specifications.
- (a) “See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” Ex. 25:40
- 3) Lord Establishes Israel’s Anointed Priesthood Ex. 28 – 29
The Lord Chooses a Priesthood to Make Constant Intercession for His People (Israel) with Continual Blood Sacrifices. (See “Anointed Priest – Part I” for a More In Depth Study of Israel’s Priesthood.)
- a) Lord Designates House of Aaron as His Anointed Priests
- (1) “From among the Israelites have your brother Aaron, together with his sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, brought to you, that they may be my priests.” Ex. 28:1
- (a) Aaron from Tribe of Levi; Hence, the “Levitical Priesthood”
- b) Lord Specifies Priestly Vestments Ex. 28:2-43
- (1) High Priest’s Sacred Vestments

- (a) Command. “For the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron (*High Priest*) you shall have sacred vestments made..... as will set him apart for his sacred service as my priest.” (*Ex. 28:2-3*)
- “These are the vestments they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a brocaded tunic, a miter and a sash.....
 - “In making these sacred vestments use gold, violet, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen.” (*Ex. 28:4-5*)
- (b) The Ephod Ex. 28:6-14
- Apron Like Garment
 - Belt / Sash Around the Waist
 - Memorial Stone on Each Shoulder Strap Engraved with Names of Israel’s Sons
 - “Thus Aaron shall bear their names on his shoulders as a reminder before the LORD.” (*Ex. 28:12b*)
- (c) The Breastplate of Decision Ex. 28:15-30
- Breastplate with 12 Precious Stones for 12 Tribes of Israel
 - “Whenever Aaron enters the sanctuary, he will thus bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastpiece of decision over his heart as a constant reminder before the LORD.” (*Ex. 28:29*)
 - Urim & Thummim (*Sacred Lots*) Over Aaron’s Heart
 - “In this breastpiece of decision you shall put the Urim and Thummim, that they may be over Aaron’s heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus he shall always bear the decisions for the Israelites over his heart in the LORD’S presence.” (*Ex. 28:30*)
- (d) Robe of Violet Material Ex. 28:31-35
- Robe Woven Out of a Single Piece of Cloth
 - Hem with Pomegranates & Bells
 - “Aaron shall wear it when ministering, that its tinkling may be heard as he enters and leaves the LORD’S presence in the sanctuary; else he will die.” (*Ex. 28:35*)
- (e) Miter of Fine Linen Ex. 28:36-38 & 39b
- Golden Seal Worn Over High Priest’s Forehead, Engraved with: ‘Sacred to the LORD’
 - “..... Since Aaron bears whatever guilt the Israelites may incur in consecrating any of their sacred gifts, this plate must always be over his forehead, so that they may find favor with the LORD.” (*Ex. 28:38*)
- (f) Tunic of Fine Linen Ex. 28:39a
- (2) Attire for Priests’ Daily Service Ex. 28:40-43
- (a) Tunics, Sashes, Turbans & Linen Drawers Covering their Flesh
- (b) “Aaron and his sons shall wear them whenever they go into the meeting tent or approach the altar to minister in the sanctuary, lest they incur guilt and die. This shall be a perpetual ordinance for him and for his descendants.” (*Ex. 28:43*)

- c) Lord Prescribes Consecration & Ordination of His Priests Ex. 29
- (1) Consecration of Priests Ex. 29:1-9
(To Consecrate is to Set Apart for / Devote to the Lord)
 - (a) Consecrate Ordination Sacrifices
 - (b) Wash (Cleanse / Purify) Priests
 - (c) Clothe Aaron in High Priest's Vestments
 - (d) Anoint High Priest with Oil
 - (e) Clothe Aaron's Sons in Priestly Attire
 - (f) "Thus shall the priesthood be theirs by perpetual law, and thus shall you ordain Aaron and his sons." (Ex. 29:9b)
 - (2) Ordination Sacrifices Ex. 29:10-25
 - (a) Sacrifice the Bullock as a Sin Offering
(Atonement for Priests' Sins)
 - (b) Sacrifice the First Ram as a Holocaust (Whole Burt Offering)
 - (c) Sacrifice the Second Ram as the Ordination Ram
 - Put Blood on Tip of Right Ears of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying Priests to Hear the Lord)
 - Put Blood on Thumb of Right Hands of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying Priests to Serve the Lord)
 - Put Blood on Great Toe of Right Feet of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying Priests to Walk the Way of the Lord)
 - Take Blood from Altar, Sprinkle with Anointing Oil on the Vestments of Aaron & His Sons
(Sanctifying the Office of Priest)
 - (3) Sanctification of the Priests Ex. 29:26-34
 - (a) Aaron's Portion of Sacrifice
 - Present as a Wave Offering Before the Lord
 - Give the Portion to Aaron & His Sons
 - "Such things are due to Aaron and his sons from the Israelites by a perpetual ordinance as a contribution....."
(Ex. 29:28)
 - (b) High Priest's Sacred Vestments
 - "The sacred vestments of Aaron shall be passed down to his descendants, that in them they may be anointed and ordained." (Ex. 29:29)
 - (c) Aaron & His Sons Shall Eat their Portion of Sacrifice
(Sacred Food)
 - (4) Seven Days to Consecrate & Sanctify the Priests Ex. 29:35-42
 - (a) Offer Prescribed Sacrifices Every Day to Lord
 - (b) "Throughout your generations this established holocaust shall be offered before the LORD at the entrance of the meeting tent, where I will meet you and speak to you." (Ex. 29:42)
 - (5) Israel and the Lord their God Ex. 29:43-46
 - (a) "There, at the altar (*Place of Sacrifice*), I (*Lord God*) will meet the Israelites; hence, it will be made sacred by my glory.
 - (b) "Thus I will consecrate the meeting tent and the altar, just as I also consecrate Aaron and his sons to be my priests.

- (c) “I will dwell in the midst of the Israelites and will be their God.
 (d) “They shall know that I, the LORD, am their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, so that I, the LORD, their God, might dwell among them.”
- 4) Lord Imposes a Census Tax Ex. 30:11-16
 a) “When you take a census of the Israelites who are to be registered, each one, as he is enrolled, shall give the LORD a forfeit (Ransom) for his life, so that no plague may come upon them for being registered.
 (1) “...This payment of a half-shekel is a contribution to the LORD.”
 (Ex. 30:12-13)
 b) “When you receive this forfeit money from the Israelites, you shall donate it to the service of the meeting tent, that there it may be the Israelites’ reminder before the LORD, of the forfeit paid for their lives.” (Ex. 30:16)
- 5) Lord Specifies Sacred Anointing Oil Ex. 30:22-33
 a) Lord Prescribes a Recipe for Anointing Oil
 b) Anoint & Consecrate Tabernacle & Furnishings with Oil
 (1) “When you have consecrated them, they shall be most sacred; whatever touches them shall be sacred.” (Ex. 30:29)
 c) Anoint & Consecrate Priests with Oil
 d) Forbidden to Use Recipe for Ordinary Purposes
- 6) Lord Chooses & Anoints Artisans Ex. 31:1-11
 a) Chief Artisan: Bezalel, Son of Uri, Son of Hur from Tribe of Judah
 (1) ”I have filled him with a divine spirit of skill and understanding and knowledge in every craft” (Ex. 31:3)
 b) Assistant Artisan: Oholiab, Son of Ahisamach from Tribe of Dan
 c) All Artists & Craftsmen: “I have also endowed all the experts with the necessary skill to make all the things I have ordered you to make”
 (Ex. 31:6)
- 7) Lord Reminds Israel to Observe Sabbath Ex. 31:12-17
 a) “Take care to keep my sabbaths, for that is to be the token between you and me throughout the generations, to show that it is I, the LORD, who make you holy. Therefore, you must keep the sabbath as something sacred.
 (1) “Whoever desecrates it shall be put to death. If anyone does work on that day, he must be rooted out of his people.” (Ex. 31:13-14)
 b) “So shall the Israelites observe the sabbath, keeping it throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.” (Ex. 31:16)
- 8) Lord Gives Moses Stone Tablets Containing the Law Ex. 31:18
 a) “When the LORD had finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the commandments, the stone tablets inscribed by God’s own finger.”
- c. Israel’s Rebellion & Idolatry Ex. 32:1 – 33:6
 (Choosing False Gods Over Yahweh, Disobeying His Foremost Commandments.
 Ex. 20:3-6)
 1) Israelites Impatient Waiting for Moses to Return from Mount Sinai Where He is Receiving the Law Ex. 32:1-6
 a) People have Aaron Make a Golden Calf (*One of the Egyptian Idols*)
 (1) Declaring: “This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the

- land of Egypt.” (*Ex. 32:4b*) (*Provoking the Lord their God to Anger*)
- b) Aaron Builds an Altar Before Calf & Declares a Feast
 - (1) People Bring Sacrifices & Offerings
 - (2) People Eat, Drink & Revel
 - 2) The Lord Interrupts His Delivery of Law to Moses Ex. 32:7-10
 - a) Informs Moses of Israel’s Sin: “Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved....”
 - b) Sentences Israel to Destruction, Replacing them with Moses’ Lineage. “Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you (*Moses*) a great nation.” (*Revealing His Strict Righteous Justice*)
 - 3) Moses Intercedes for Israel Ex. 32:11-14
 - a) Pleas for Lord’s Mercy
 - b) Reminds Lord of His Promises: “Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’” (*Ex. 32:13*)
 - c) The Lord Relents (*Revealing His Fidelity & Mercy*)
 - 4) Moses Descends the Mountain Returning to Israel’s Camp Ex. 32:15-29
 - a) Carrying 2 Stone Tablets Engraved by God with His Commandments (*Re: Ex. 31:18*)
 - (1) Becomes Enraged, Seeing Golden Calf & People Reveling
 - (a) Throws Stone Tablets Down, Breaking Them (*Signifies Israel Breaking the Law*)
 - (2) Destroys Golden Calf
 - (a) Fusing it in Fire, then Grinding it to Powder
 - (b) Scatters Powder on Water & Forces People to Drink it (*Turning their Idol into Human Waste*)
 - b) Chastises Aaron
 - (1) Aaron Blames the People
 - c) Confronts the Crowd: “Whoever is for the LORD, let him come to me!” (*Ex. 32:26*)
 - (1) All the Levites Rally to Him
 - d) Commands Levites to Slay the Idolaters
 - (1) Levites Go through Camp & Slay 3,000 Guilty Israelites
 - 5) Moses Makes Atonement for Israel Ex. 32:30 – 33:6
 - a) Addresses the Israelites: “You have committed a grave sin. I will go up to the LORD, then; perhaps I may be able to make atonement for your sin.” (*i.e. Cover Over their Sins*) (*Ex. 32:30*)
 - b) Goes Back Up the Mountain to the Lord
 - (1) Moses Intercedes for Israel, Offering Himself as Atonement: “Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin in making a god of gold for themselves! If you would only forgive their sin! If you will not, then strike me out of the book that you have written.” (*Ex. 32:31-32*)
 - (2) The LORD Answers: “Him only who has sinned against me will I strike out of my book. Now, go and lead the people whither I have

- told you. My angel will go before you. When it is time for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.” (Ex. 32:33-34)
- (3) Lord Confirms His Promise to Give Israelites the Promise Land
 - (4) Lord Will Dispatch His Angel to Lead Israel in His Stead. “I will send an angel before you to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I myself will not go up in your company, because you are a stiff-necked people; otherwise I might exterminate you on the way.” (Ex. 33:2c-3)
 - (5) Lord Calls on Israel to Repent. “.....Take off your ornaments, therefore; I will then see what I am to do with you.” (Ex. 33:5)
- c) Moses Relates Word of Lord to Israel
- (1) Israel Mourns (Repents) Laying Aside their Ornaments
- d. Moses’ Intimacy with the Lord Ex. 33:7-23
- 1) Moses Mediates for God’s People Ex. 33:7-11
 - a) Moses Pitches a “Meeting” Tent Outside Israelite Camp
 - (1) Anyone Wishing to Consult the Lord Would Go to Meeting Tent
 - (2) Moses Periodically Leaves Camp & Goes to Meeting Tent
 - (3) Moses Enters Meeting Tent to Consult the Lord
 - (a) Glory Cloud Descends & Rests at Tent’s Entrance
 - (b) Lord Speaks with Moses
 - (4) Moses Returns to Camp When They are Finished
 - (a) Joshua Remains in the Tent
 - 2) Moses Intercedes for God’s People Ex. 33:12-17
(In Judging Israel for their Rebellion & Idolatry, the Lord Said He Will Dispatch an Angel to Lead Israel in His Place, So He Would Not Exterminate them Should they Provoke Him [Re: Ex. 33:1-3]. Here Moses, the Lord’s Appointed Leader of Israel, Appeals to the Lord to Reverse His Decision and Continue to Lead Israel to the Promise Land.)
 - a) Moses Appeals to the Lord: “You, indeed, are telling me to lead this people on; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘You are my intimate friend,’ and also, ‘You have found favor with me.’ Now, if I have found favor with you, do let me know your ways so that, in knowing you, I may continue to find favor with you. Then, too, this nation is, after all, your own people.”
 - b) Lord Answers: “I myself, will go along, to give you (Moses) rest.” *(The Lord Will Continue to be With Moses.)*
 - c) Moses Pleads: “If you are not going yourself *(As Israel’s Commander / Leader)*, do not make us go up from here. For how can it be known that we, your people and I, have found favor with you, except by your going with us? Then we, your people and I, will be singled out from every other people on the earth.”
 - d) The Lord Relents – Returning as Israel’s Commander: “This request, too, which you have just made, I will carry out, because you have found favor with me and you are my intimate friend.”
(Revealing His Mercy & Grace [Undeserved / Unearned Favor].)
 - 3) Lord’s Intimate Revelation to Moses Ex. 33:18-23
(Revealing His Majesty & Glory)

- a) Moses Asks the Lord: “Do let me see your glory!”
 - b) Lord Answers: “I will make all my beauty pass before you, and in your presence I will pronounce my name, ‘LORD’ (*‘Yahweh’*); I who show favors to whom I will, I who grant mercy to whom I will. But my face you cannot see, for no man sees me and still lives.”
(*Radiance from God’s Face Would Disintegrate Mortal Man*)
 - (1) Lord Stations Moses by a Rock “..... When my glory passes I will set you in the hollow of the rock and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back; but my face is not to be seen.”
- e. The Lord Confirms His Laws Ex. 34
- 1) Lord Calls Moses Back to Mount Sinai Ex. 34:1-3
 - a) Commands Moses to Cut 2 Stone Tablets. “....that I may write on them the commandments which were on the former tablets that you broke.”
(*Ex. 34:1*)
 - b) Commands Moses to Ascend Mountain & Present Himself to Lord
 - (1) Come Alone & Keep Everyone Away from Mountain
 - 2) Moses Obeys, Cuts Stone Tablets & Ascends Mountain Ex. 34:4-9
 - a) Lord Descends in Cloud Announcing His Name: “LORD” (*‘Yahweh’*)
 - b) Lord Passes Before Moses, Proclaiming: “The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity, continuing his kindness for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness and crime and sin; yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but punishing children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation for their fathers’ wickedness!” (*Ex. 34:6-7*)
(*A Father’s Fidelity / Infidelity to the Lord is Usually Passed Onto His Children Who are Influenced by their Family Life.*)
 - (1) Moses Prostrates Himself Worshiping the Lord
 - c) Moses Pleads: “If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own.” (*Ex. 34:9*)
 - 3) Lord Repeats His Relational Laws (Covenant) with Israel Ex. 34:10-26
 - a) Promises & Terms. “Here, then, is the covenant I will make. Before the eyes of all your people I will work such marvels as have never been wrought in any nation anywhere on earth, so that this people among whom you live may see how awe-inspiring are the deeds which I, the LORD, will do at your side.”
 - (1) “But you (*Israel*), on your part, must keep the commandments I am giving you today.” (*Ex. 34:10-11*)
 - (2) Lord Promises to Drive Out Pagan Nations from Promise Land
 - (a) Do Not Enter into Covenants (*Treaties*) with them. “..... else they will become a snare among you.” (*Ex. 34:12*)
 - (b) Purge Idolatry from the Land
 - (c) Do Not Worship their Gods. “....for the LORD is ‘the Jealous One’; a jealous God is he.” (*Ex. 34:14*)
 - (d) Do Not Intermarry with them. “....otherwise, when their (*Pagan*) daughters render their wanton worship to their gods, they will

- make your sons do the same.” (Ex. 34:16)
- b) Sacred/Religious Laws
 - (1) Do Not Make Idols for Yourselves Ex. 34:17
 - (2) Keep Feast of Unleavened Bread (*Passover*) Ex. 34:18
 - (a) First of the 3 Pilgrim Feasts
 - (3) Consecrate Every First Born Male to Lord Ex. 34:19-20c
 - (4) “No one shall appear before me empty-handed.”
(*As One Approaches Royalty on Earth Bearing Gifts; So, God’s People Must Approach the Lord with Sacrifices & Offerings*)
 - (5) Keep the Sabbath Ex. 34:21
 - (6) Keep the Other Pilgrim Feasts Ex. 34:22-24
 - (a) Feast of Weeks at 1st Wheat Harvest (*Pentecost*)
 - (b) Feast at Later Fruit Harvest (*Trumpets / Booths*) at Close of Year
 - (7) Offer Pure Sacrifices to Lord. “You shall not offer me the blood of sacrifice with leavened bread (*Representing Sin*), nor shall the sacrifice of the Passover feast be kept overnight for the next day.”
Ex. 34:25
 - (8) Quality of Offerings to Lord. “The choicest first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the LORD, your God.....” Ex. 34:26
 - 4) Lord Instructs Moses to Write Down His Covenant Laws Ex. 34:27-28
 - a) Moses Obeys the Lord
 - b) Moses Remains on Mountain 40 Days & 40 Nights Without Food or Drink
 - 5) Moses Returns to Israelite Camp Ex. 34:29-35
 - a) His Face Shone from being with the Lord
 - (1) Israelites Afraid to Come Near Him
 - b) He Calls Israel & Commands them to Keep the Law
 - c) He Covers His Face with a Veil After Reciting the Law
 - d) He Removes Veil When Entering the Lord’s Presence
 - (1) Communes with the Lord
 - e) He Delivers Lord’s Commands to Israel with His Face Unveiled
(*Manifesting & Revealing that the Word He Delivered was from the Lord*)
 - (1) Recovers His Face with Veil When Finished
 - f. Construction of the Tabernacle Ex. 35 – 39
 - 1) Preparations for Building the Tabernacle Ex. 35:1 – 36:7
 - a) Observe the Sabbath Rest During Construction Ex. 35:1-3
 - b) Collection of Materials Ex. 35:4-9
 - (1) Moses Asks People for Contributions. “Everyone, as his heart prompts him (*i.e. Freewill Offerings*), shall bring, as a contribution to the LORD, gold, silver and bronze; violet, purple and scarlet yarn; fine linen and goat hair; rams’ skins dyed red, and tahash skins; acacia wood; oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; onyx stones and other gems.....” (Ex. 35:5b-9)
 - c) Call for Artisans Ex. 35:10-19
(*Some Israelites were Skilled Artisans Who did Work for the Aristocracy, and Built Temples & Royal Courts of Egypt. Re: Ex. 31:1-11*)
 - (1) “Let every expert among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded: the Dwelling,” (Ex. 35:10)

- d) Israelite People Contribute Generously to Lord Ex. 35:20-29
 - (1) “..... the whole Israelite community left Moses’ presence, everyone, as his heart suggested and his spirit prompted, brought a contribution to the LORD for the construction of the meeting tent, for all its services, and for the sacred vestments.” (Ex. 35:20-21)
- e) Artisans Appointed, Trained & Given Skills Ex. 35:30 – 36:1
 - (1) Chief Artisan Bezalel. “....the LORD has chosen Bezalel, of the tribe of Judah, and has filled him with a divine spirit of skill and understanding and knowledge in every craft” (Ex. 35:30-31)
 - (2) “He (*Lord*) has also given both him (*Bezalel*) and Oholiab (*His Assistant*), the ability to teach others. He has endowed them with skill to execute all types of work:
 - (3) “Bezalel, therefore, will set to work with Oholiab and with all the experts whom the LORD has endowed with skill and understanding in knowing how to execute all the work for the service of the sanctuary, just as the LORD has commanded.” (Ex. 36:1)
- f) People Give Excessive Contributions Ex. 36:2-7
 - (1) Moses Gives Materials Contributed by People to Artisans
 - (a) People Continue to Bring Contributions After Work Began
 - (2) Artisans Tell Moses: “The people are bringing much more than is needed to carry out the work which the LORD has commanded us to do.” (Ex. 36:5)
 - (3) Moses Orders People to Stop Contributing to Tabernacle
- 2) Construction of the Dwelling Tent Ex. 36:8-38
(*Sanctuary, Meeting Tent Containing the Inner Court & Holy of Holies*)
 - a) Tent Structure & Coverings
 - b) Veil Before the Holy of Holies
 - c) Curtain Entrance into Tent
- 3) Manufacture of Furnishings for Dwelling Tent Ex. 37
 - a) Ark of the Covenant with its Propitiation (Lid)
 - (1) Made by Chief Artisan Bezalel
 - b) Table of Showbread
 - (1) Including its Plates, Cups, Pitcher & Bowls
 - c) Lampstand (Menorah)
 - d) Altar of Incense
 - e) Sacred Anointing Oil & Incense
- 4) Manufacture of Furnishings for Outer Court Ex. 38:1-8
 - a) Altar of Sacrifice
 - (1) Including its Pots, Shovels, Basins, Forks, Fire Pans
 - b) Laver
- 5) Construction of Outer Court Ex. 38:9-20
 - a) Linen Walls & Supports
 - b) Curtain Entrance into Court
- 6) Metals Used to Build the Tabernacle Ex. 38:21-31
 - a) Gold = 29 Talents + 730 Shekels (2,193 Pounds or 1002 Kilograms)
 - b) Silver = 100 Talents + 1775 Shekels (7,543 Pounds or 3447 Kilograms)
 - c) Bronze = 70 Talents + 2400 Shekels (5,309 Pounds or 2426 Kilograms)

- 7) Make Priestly Vestments Ex. 39:1-31
- a) High Priest's Vestments
 - b) Other Priestly Attire
- 8) Finished Work Presented to Moses Ex. 39:32-43
- a) "The Israelites had carried out all the work just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So when Moses saw that all the work was done just as the LORD had commanded, he blessed them." (*Ex. 39:42-43*)
- g. Consecration of the Tabernacle Ex. 40
- 1) Erection of the Tabernacle Ex. 40:1-8
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses: "On the first day of the first month you shall erect the Dwelling of the meeting tent." (*Ex. 40:2*)
 - (1) Place the Ark of the Covenant in Holy of Holies
 - (a) Hang Veil of Separation (Between Inner Court & Holy of Holies)
 - (2) Inner Court & its Furnishings
 - (a) Set Up Table of Showbread
 - (b) Set Up Lampstand & Install Lamps
 - (c) Place Altar of Incense Before Veil of Separation
 - (d) Hang Curtain at Entrance of Tent
 - (3) Outer Court & its Furnishings
 - (a) Install Altar of Sacrifice Inside Entrance of Court
 - (b) Place Laver Between Sacrifice Altar & Meeting Tent
 - Fill With Water
 - (c) Set Up the Court, its Walls & Entrance Curtain
 - 2) Consecration of the Tabernacle Ex. 40:9-11
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses
 - (1) "Take the anointing oil and anoint the Dwelling and everything in it, consecrating it and all its furnishings, so that it will be sacred.
 - (2) "Anoint the altar of holocausts and all its appurtenances, consecrating it, so that it will be most sacred.
 - (3) "Likewise, anoint the laver with its base, and thus consecrate it."
 - 3) Consecration of Priests Ex. 40:12-15
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses
 - (1) "Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the meeting tent, and there wash them with water.
 - (2) "Clothe Aaron with the sacred vestments and anoint him, thus consecrating him as my priest.
 - (3) "Bring forward his sons also, and clothe them with the tunics.
 - (4) "...Thus, by being anointed, shall they receive a perpetual priesthood throughout all future generations."
 - 4) The Tabernacle Completed Ex. 40:16-33
 - a) "Moses did exactly as the LORD had commanded him. On the first day of the first month of the second year the Dwelling was erected." (*Ex. 40:16-17*)
 - b) "Thus Moses finished all the work." (*Ex. 40:33b*)
 - 5) Lord Presence (Shekinah Glory) Fills the Tabernacle Ex. 40:34-38
 - a) "Then the cloud covered the meeting tent, and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling.

- b) “Moses could not enter the meeting tent, because the cloud settled down upon it and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling.” (*Ex. 40:34-35*)
- c) The Lord Will Lead His People to the Promise Land
 - (1) When Cloud Rises from Dwelling, People Continue their Journey
 - (2) When Cloud Remains in Dwelling, People Remain in Camp
- d) Revelation of the Lord’s Presence
 - (1) Cloud Over Dwelling During Day & Column of Fire at Night

C. Law Revealed in Book of Leviticus

The Lord is in His Tabernacle, Dwelling Among His People. How Do They Approach & Please a Holy God? In the Book of Leviticus, the Lord Reveals through His Law, How His People are to Approach Him & Live Before Him.

(The Laws in Leviticus were Given to Israel as they Camped at Mount Sinai.)

1. The Way to God Lev. 1 – 16

a. Sacrifices & Offerings

(See “Sacrifices & Offerings – Part I” for an In Depth Study of Israel’s Sacrifices & Offerings Prescribed by the Lord.)

1) Sacrifices & Offerings Prescribed by the Lord Lev. 1 – 5

The Basic Elements to be Used for Sacrifices are Animals for Blood Sacrifice (Blood is the Essence of Life) and Cereal (Bread is the Sustenance of Life).

Animals Suitable for Sacrifice Must be Clean (as Prescribed by Law) and Without Any Defects. Cereal Offerings Must be of Fine Flour.

(The Rituals Prescribed by the Lord for Blood Sacrifices are Similar with Some Variations for Each Type of Sacrifice and Each Type of Animal.)

a) Holocausts (Whole Burnt Offerings) Lev. 1

(Blood Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin)

- (1) An Israelite Purchases His Sacrifice. “If his holocaust offering is from the herd, it must be a male without blemish.”
- (2) Sacrifice is Presented to Lord. “To find favor with the LORD, he shall bring it to the entrance of the meeting tent and there lay his hand on the head of the holocaust, so that it may be acceptable to make atonement for him.”
- (3) Slaughters His Sacrifice. “He shall then slaughter the bull before the LORD,”
- (4) Priest Prepares & Offers the Sacrifice to the Lord
 - (a) “...Aaron’s sons, the priests, shall offer up its blood by splashing it on the sides of the altar which is at the entrance of the meeting tent.
 - (b) “Then he shall skin the holocaust and cut it up into pieces.
 - (c) “After Aaron’s sons, the priests, have put some burning embers on the altar and laid some wood on them, they shall lay the pieces of meat, together with the head and the suet, on top of the wood and embers on the altar. The inner organs and the shanks, however, the offerer shall first wash with water. The priest shall then burn the whole offering on the altar as a holocaust, a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD.” (*Lev. 1:3-9*)

- b) Cereal Offerings (*Thanksgiving Offerings*) Lev. 2
- (1) “When anyone wishes to bring a cereal offering to the LORD, his offering must consist of fine flour. He shall pour oil on it and put frankincense over it. When he has brought it to Aaron’s sons, the priests, one of them shall take a handful of this fine flour and oil, together with all the frankincense, and this he shall burn on the altar as a token offering, a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD. The rest of the cereal offering belongs to Aaron and his sons (*As Sacred Food*). It is a most sacred oblation to the LORD.” (*Lev. 2:1-3*)
 - (2) “Every cereal offering that you present to the LORD shall be unleavened (*Leavening Symbolizes Sin*),.....” (*Lev. 2:11*)
- c) Peace Offerings (*Blood Sacrifices to Fulfill a Vow*) Lev. 3
- d) Sin Offerings Lev. 4:1 – 5:13
(*Blood Sacrifices for Forgiveness of Sins Against the Lord, and/or Cleansing of Ritual Uncleaness*)
- (1) For Israel’s Priests
 - (2) For the Whole Israelite Community
 - (3) For Israel’s Princes
 - (4) For Private Persons
 - (5) For Special Cases
- e) Guilt Offerings Lev. 5:14-26
(*Blood Sacrifices to Absolve Guilt of Sin Against Another Person and/or Transgression Against the Law.*)
- 2) Lord’s Prescribed Regulations for Offering Sacrifices Lev. 6 – 7
- a) Daily Holocausts Lev. 6:1-6
 - (1) Remains of Holocaust Sacrifices. “The holocaust is to remain on the hearth of the altar all night until the next morning, and the fire is to be kept burning on the altar. The priest, clothed in his linen robe and wearing linen drawers on his body, shall take away the ashes to which the fire has reduced the holocaust on the altar, and lay them at the side of the altar. Then, having taken off these garments and put on other garments, he shall carry the ashes to a clean place outside the camp.”
 - (2) Continuous Fire on Altar. “The fire on the altar is to be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest shall put firewood on it. On this he shall lay out the holocaust The fire is to be kept burning continuously on the altar; it must not go out.”
 - b) Daily Cereal Offerings Lev. 6:7-16
 - (1) “The rest of it Aaron and his sons may eat; but it must be eaten in the form of unleavened cakes and in a sacred place: in the court of the meeting tent they shall eat it.” (*Lev. 6:9*)
 - c) Sin Offerings Lev. 6:17-23
 - (1) “The priest who presents the sin offering may partake of it; but it must be eaten in a sacred place, in the court of the meeting tent” (*Lev. 6:19*)
 - d) Guilt Offerings Lev. 7:1-10
 - (1) “Because the sin offering and the guilt offering are alike, both having the same ritual, the guilt offering likewise belongs to the priest who makes atonement with it.” (*Lev. 7:7*)

- e) Peace Offerings Lev. 7:11-21
 (1) “When anyone makes a peace offering in thanksgiving, together with his thanksgiving sacrifice he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, with the victim (*Sacrificed Animal*) of his peace offering for thanksgiving.” (*Lev. 7:12-13*)
- f) Prohibition Against Eating Fat & Blood Lev. 7:22-27
 (1) “You shall not eat the fat of any ox or sheep or goat..... “
 (2) “If anyone eats the fat of an animal from which an oblation (*i.e. Sacrifice*) is made to the LORD, such a one shall be cut off from his people.”
 (3) “Wherever you dwell, you shall not partake of any blood, be it of bird or of animal. Every person who partakes of any blood shall be cut off from his people.”
- g) Priest’s Portion of the Sacrifices Lev. 7:28-36
 (1) “... from the peace offerings of the Israelites I have taken the breast that is waved and the leg that is raised up, and I have given them to Aaron, the priest, and to his sons (*As Sacred Food*) by a perpetual ordinance as a contribution from the Israelites.” (*Lev. 7:34*)
- h) Sacrificial Laws Given by the Lord at Mount Sinai Lev. 7:37-38
- b. An Intercessory Priesthood Lev. 8 - 10
(See “Anointed Priest – Part I” for an In Depth Study of Israel’s Priesthood.)
The Lord Appoints & Ordains a Perpetual Priesthood to Intercede Between His People & the Lord their God through Sacrifices & Offerings (See Lev. 1 –7 Above)
- 1) Moses Ordains Israel’s Priests (*See Ex. 29 Above*) Lev. 8
- a) Lord Commands Moses to Ordain His Priests Lev. 8:1-5
 (1) “Take Aaron and his sons, together with the vestments, the anointing oil, the bullock for a sin offering, the two rams, and the basket of unleavened food. (*Lev. 8:2*)
 (2) “Then assemble the whole community at the entrance of the meeting tent.” (*Lev. 8:3*)
 (3) Moses Assembles People & Announces Ordination of Priests
- b) Moses Consecrates the Priests as Prescribed by Lord Lev. 8:6-13
(Priests Set Apart for the Lord.)
 (1) Washes Aaron & His Sons
 (2) Clothes Aaron in High Priest’s Vestments
 (3) Anoints & Consecrates the Tabernacle (*See Ex. 40 Above*)
 (4) Anoints & Consecrates Aaron
 (5) Clothes Aaron’s Sons in Priestly Attire
- c) Moses Offers Sacrifices as Prescribed by Lord Lev. 8:14-30
 (1) Bullock as a Sin Offering
 (2) Holocaust Ram
 (3) Ordination Ram & Cereal Offering
 (a) Moses Puts Blood on Priests’ Right Ear, Thumb & Toe
 (b) Priests Wave Specified Offerings Before Lord
 • Retain Designated Portions as Sacred Food
 (c) Moses Anoints Priests & Their Vestments with Blood & Oil

- d) Seven Day Sanctification of Israel's Priests Lev. 8:31-36
(Seven is the Number of Perfect Completion)
(Priests Made Sacred for Lord's Service.)
- (1) Moses Instructs Aaron & His Sons
 - (a) Prepare & Eat their Portion of Ordination & Daily Sacrifices
 - (b) Remain at Entrance of Tabernacle 7 Days
 - (c) "The LORD has commanded that what has been done today be done to make atonement for you. Hence you must remain at the entrance of the meeting tent day and night for seven days, carrying out the prescriptions of the LORD; otherwise, you shall die; for this is the command I have received." *(Lev. 8:34-35)*
 - (2) Aaron & His Sons Obey Moses as Commanded by Lord
- 2) The Lord Reveals Himself to Israel on Eighth Day Lev. 9
(Eight is the Number of New Beginnings)
- a) Moses Announces the Lord's Revelation Lev. 9:1-7
 - (1) Moses Summons Priests & Elders of Israel
 - (a) Instructs Aaron: "Take a calf for a sin offering and a ram for a holocaust, both without blemish, and offer them before the LORD." *(Lev. 9:2)*
 - (b) Instructs the Elders: "Take a he-goat for a sin offering, a calf and a lamb, both unblemished yearlings, for a holocaust, and an ox and a ram for a peace offering, to sacrifice them before the LORD, along with a cereal offering mixed with oil; for today the LORD will reveal himself to you." *(Lev. 9:3-4)*
 - (2) Aaron & Elders Bring Offerings Requested by Moses
 - (3) Whole Israelite Community Assembles Before Lord
 - (a) Moses Says: "This is what the LORD orders you to do, that the glory of the LORD may be revealed to you."
 - (b) Moses Instructs Aaron: "Come up to the altar, and offer your sin offering and your holocaust in atonement for yourself and for your family; then present the offering of the people in atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded."
 - b) Aaron Offers Sacrifices Prescribed by the Lord Lev. 9:8-21
 - (1) Sacrifices for Himself & His Family
 - (2) Sacrifices for the People
 - c) Revelation of Lord's Glory Lev. 9:22-24
(The Lord Reveals His Glory by Fire – Accepting His Priesthood)
 - (1) Aaron Leaves the Altar of Sacrifice & Blesses the People
 - (2) Moses & Aaron Go Into Holy Place of Tabernacle
 - (3) Fire from Lord's Presence Consumes the Sacrifices
(The Lord Ignites Sacrificial Altar with Sacred Fire.)
 - (a) "Then the glory of the LORD was revealed to all the people. Fire came forth from the LORD'S presence and consumed the holocaust and the remnants of the fat on the altar (Sacred Fire)."
(Lord's Sacred Fire Burns Continuously on Altar of Sacrifice [Re: Lev. 6:6] to be Used by the Priests in the Performance of their Services in the Tabernacle.)

- (b) “Seeing this, all the people cried out and fell prostrate.”
- 3) Sanctity of Priests’ Service Lev. 10
- a) Aaron’s Sons Nadab & Abihu Profane Priesthood Lev. 10:1-7
- (1) Put Sacred Incense on Common (*Not Sacred*) Fire in their Censers
- (a) Offering “Profane” / “Strange” Fire to Lord
(Incense Symbolizes Priests’ Role of Intercession. Incense Used in the Tabernacle is Prepared According to the Lord’s Specifications and is Considered Sacred [Re: Ex. 30:34-38]. By Mixing Sacred Incense with Fire that is Not Sacred, Nadab & Abihu Profane their Offices as Priests.)
- (b) Fire Comes from Lord’s Presence & Consumes Nadab & Abihu
(The Lord Reveals His Sacredness – His Purity & Holiness)
- (c) Word of the Lord: “Through those who approach me I will manifest my sacredness; In the sight of all the people I will reveal my glory.” (Lev. 10:3)
- (2) Moses Commands Remains of Nadab & Abihu Taken Outside Camp
- (3) Moses Instructs Aaron & Surviving Sons Eleazar & Ithamar
- (a) Do Not Mourn for Nadab & Abihu
 (1) Other Israelites will Bury their Remains
- (b) Remain in the Tabernacle
(Do Not Compromise Your Sanctity to Attend their Funeral)
 (1) “....for the (*Sacred*) anointing oil of the LORD is upon you.”
(Lev. 10:7)
- b) Lord Instructs Priests on their Sacred Service Lev. 10:9-11
- (1) “When you are to go to the meeting tent, you and your sons are forbidden under pain of death,, to drink any wine or strong drink.
- (2) “You must be able to distinguish between what is sacred and what is profane, between what is clean and what is unclean;
- (3) “you must teach the Israelites all the laws that the LORD has given them through Moses.”
- c) Moses Instructs Priests on Regulations for Eating their Allotted Portions of Sacrifices (*Sacred Food*) Lev. 10:12-20
- (1) Cereal Offering Allotments to be Eaten Beside Altar
- (2) Animal Sacrifice Allotments to be Eaten in Clean Place
- (3) Chastises Eleazar & Ithamar for Not Precisely Following Regulations
- (a) Aaron Intercedes for His Sons
- c. Laws of Purity Lev. 11 – 15
(Revealing Purity is Required to Approach a Holy God)
- 1) Dietary Laws Lev. 11
- a) Moses & Aaron Responsible for Informing Israel of Lord’s Dietary Laws
(Responsibility Delegated to Priests. Lev. 10:10-11)
- (1) Differentiate Between Clean & Unclean Animals
- (a) Clean Animals:
- “.... any animal that has hoofs you may eat, provided it is cloven-footed and chews the cud.” *(e.g. Cattle, Sheep)*
 - “.... whatever in the seas or in river waters has both fins and scales you may eat.” *(i.e. Fish)*

- “.... winged insects that walk on all fours you may eat those that have jointed legs for leaping on the ground....” (e.g. *Locusts, Grasshoppers, Katydid*s)
- (b) Unclean Animals:
- “....you shall not eat any of the following that only chew the cud or only have hoofs” (e.g. *Camel, Badger, Pig*)
 - “....creatures that crawl or swim in the water, whether in the sea or in the rivers, all those that lack either fins or scales are loathsome for you,....” (e.g. *Shell Fish*)
 - Eagles, Vultures, Crows, Ostriches, Gulls, Hawks, Owls, etc.
 - All Insects, Except: “those that have jointed legs for leaping on the ground....” (See Above)
 - “....quadrupeds, all those that walk on paws are unclean for you;....” (e.g. *Cats, Dogs*)
 - “....the creatures that swarm on the ground....” (e.g. *Rodents, Reptiles*)
- (2) Contamination from Unclean Animals & Remedies
- (a) “..... everyone who touches their (*i.e. Unclean Animals*)’ dead bodies shall be unclean until evening, and everyone who picks up any part of their dead bodies shall wash his garments and be unclean until evening.”
- (b) “Everything on which one of them (*Unclean Vermin*) falls when dead becomes unclean.....” (e.g. *Clothing, Pots, etc.*)
- Items Must be Destroyed or Cleansed in Water
- (c) “When one of the animals that you could otherwise eat (*i.e. Clean Animal*), dies of itself, anyone who touches its dead body shall be unclean until evening.....”
- b) Call to Holiness. “For I, the LORD, am your God; and you shall make and keep yourselves holy, because I am holy.” (Lev. 11:44)
- 2) Uncleanness from Childbirth Lev. 12
- a) Women Considered Unclean After Childbirth
- (1) Unclean 7 Days for Birth of Son & 14 Days for Daughter
 - (2) Boy Circumcised on 8th Day
 - (3) Waiting Period for Her Blood to Purify
 - (a) 33 Days for Son & 66 Days for Daughter
- b) After Purification Period
- (1) Mother Brings Holocaust & Sin Offering to Priest
 - (a) “....a yearling lamb for a holocaust and a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering.”
 - (b) “If...she cannot afford a lamb, she may take two turtledoves or two pigeons, the one for a holocaust and the other for a sin offering.”
 - (c) “The priest shall make atonement for her, and thus she will again be clean.” (Lev. 12:6-8)
 - (2) Priest Makes Atonement by Sacrificing Offerings
 - (a) Mother Becomes Clean After Her Blood Flow

- 3) Leprosy Lev. 13 – 14
(Leprosy Symbolizes Sin. It is Highly Contagious & Naturally Incurable.)
- a) Priests Examine & Diagnose Leprosy Lev. 13
- (1) Person Suspected of Leprosy Brought Before Priests
 - (2) Priest Examines Afflicted Person & Diagnoses Disease
 - (a) Declares Person Clean if it's Eczema, etc.
 - (b) Declares Person Unclean if it's Leprosy
 - (3) Lepers are Separated from Community
 - (a) Must Tear their Garments & Cry Out "Unclean, unclean!"
 - (b) Must Live Outside Camp
 - (4) Priests Examine Garments Suspected of Contamination
 - (a) Infected Garments Destroyed by Fire
 - (b) Uninfected Garments Washed & Declared Clean
- b) Purification of Healed Lepers Lev. 14:1-32
- (1) Priest Examines Lepers Claiming to be Healed
 - (a) If Healed, Priest Orders Man to be Purified
 - (2) Priest Performs Purification Rites
 - (a) Healed Leper Waits 7 Days After Rite
 - Bathes & Shaves Off All Hair on 7th Day
 - (3) Priests Offers Purification Sacrifices on 8th Day
- c) Houses Contaminated by Leprosy Lev. 14:33-53
- (1) Priest Examines the House
 - (a) Quarantines House for 7 Days if Walls are Infected
 - (2) Priest Reexamines House After 7th Day
 - (a) If Infection Returns, Priest Orders House Torn Down
 - (b) If Not Infected Priest Declares House Clean
 - (c) Priest Performs Purification Rite – Making Atonement for House
 - (3) "...This is the law for leprosy." Lev. 14:54-57
- 4) Personal Uncleanness Lev. 15
- a) Lord Instructs Moses & Aaron to Inform People of Conditions Causing Uncleanness with Sanitary Practices
(Responsibility Delegated to Priests. Lev. 10:10-11)
 - b) Man Afflicted with a Chronic Blood Flow
 - (1) Once Healed, Man Waits 7 Days to be Purified
 - (a) Washes His Garments & Bathes
 - (2) Purification Sacrifices Offered on 8th Day
 - (3) Priest Makes Atonement for Man's Disease
 - c) Woman Afflicted with Unnatural Blood Flow
 - (1) Once Healed, Woman Waits 7 Days to be Purified
 - (2) Purification Sacrifices Offered on 8th Day
 - (3) Priest Makes Atonement for Woman's Disease
 - d) Personal Purity Required to Approach the Lord. "You shall warn the Israelites of their uncleanness, lest by defiling my Dwelling, which is in their midst, their uncleanness be the cause of their death." *(Lev. 15:31)*
- d. Day of Atonement ("Yom Kippur") Lev. 16
The Lord God Knows that His People Will Yield to Sin and Encounter All Kinds of Unclean Situations Living in a Sinful World, and has Provided Remedies for them

Awaiting the Day of Atonement. The Lord Ordains an Annual “Day of Atonement”. On that Day the High Priest Makes Atonement for All the Sins of the People in the Presence of the Lord their God.

- 1) Prohibition Against Entering Holy of Holies (*See Ex. 25 – 27 & 30 Above*)
(*No One is Allowed to Enter the Holy of Holies [Lord’s Presence] in the Tabernacle, Except the High Priest Once a Year on the Day of Atonement to Perform its Prescribed Rituals.*)
 - a) “After the death of Aaron’s two sons, who died when they approached the LORD’S presence, the LORD spoke to Moses and said to him, ‘Tell your brother Aaron (*High Priest*) that he is not to come whenever he pleases into the sanctuary, inside the veil, in front of the propitiatory (*Lord’s ‘Mercy Seat’*) on the ark (*of the Covenant*); otherwise, when I reveal myself in a cloud above the propitiatory, he will die.’” (*Lev. 16:1-2*)
- 2) High Priest’s Preparations to Enter Lord’s Presence on Day of Atonement
 - a) He Must Bathe Himself
 - b) He Must Clothe Himself with High Priest’s Sacred Vestments
 - c) He Must Bring Bullock as Sin Offering & Ram as Holocaust
 - d) He Receives 2 Male Goats as Sin Offering & Ram as Holocaust from Israelite Community
- 3) High Priest Makes Atonement for Himself & His Family
(*Covers the Sins of High Priest & His Family, Including Other Priests*)
 - a) Slaughters Bullock as Sin Offering for Himself & His Household
 - b) Enters into Lord’s Presence within the Holy of Holies
 - (1) Taking Some of the Blood from Bullock Sacrifice
 - (2) Taking Censer of Glowing Embers from Altar of Sacrifice
 - (3) Taking a Double Handful of Fragrant Incense
 - c) Offers Incense on Fire in Incense Altar Before Propitiatory
 - (1) Cloud from Burning Incense Covers Lord’s Presence
 - d) Sprinkles Blood with His Finger 7 Times in Front of Propitiatory
- 4) High Priest Makes Atonement for Israel
(*Covers the Sins of God’s Chosen People & Nation*)
 - a) Casts Lots Over the 2 Male Goats Received from Community
 - b) Slaughters One of the Goats as Sin Offering for Israelites
 - c) Enters into Lord’s Presence within the Holy of Holies with Blood from Sacrificed Goat
 - (1) Sprinkles Blood on Propitiatory (*Lord’s ‘Mercy Seat’*)
 - d) Makes Atonement for Tabernacle by Sprinkling Blood
(*Covering All the Defilements Brought into Tabernacle by Sinful/Impure People as they Approach the Lord to Comply with His Laws.*)
 - (1) “Thus he shall make atonement for the sanctuary because of all the sinful defilements and faults of the Israelites. He shall do the same for the meeting tent, which is set up among them in the midst of their uncleanness.” (*Lev. 16:16*)
 - (2) “No one else may be in the meeting tent from the time he enters the sanctuary to make atonement until he departs.” (*Lev. 16:17a*)
 - e) Makes Atonement for the Sacrificial Altar by Sprinkling Blood
(*Covering All the Defilements Caused by the Sins/Impurities Applied to*

the Sacrifices Offered on the Altar.)

- (1) “Thus he shall render it clean and holy, purged of the defilements of the Israelites.” (*Lev. 16:19b*)
 - f) Lays Both Hands on Live Goat (“Scapegoat”)
 - (1) Confessing All Sins, Faults & Transgression of Israelites
 - (2) Places Sins on Goat’s Head
 - (3) Goat Led into Desert & Released to Carry Off their Iniquities
 - 5) High Priest Concludes Rite of Atonement
 - a) Changes His Vestments
 - (1) Leaves Sacred Vestments in Sanctuary
 - (2) Bathes & Clothes Himself with His Own Vestments
 - b) Sacrifices His & People’s Holocaust & Sin Offerings
 - (1) Making Atonement for Himself & Community
 - 6) Duties of Man Who Led the Scapegoat into Desert
 - a) Takes Remains of Sin-Offered Bullock & Goat Outside Camp
 - (1) Burns Them Up with Fire
 - b) Washes His Garments & Bathes
 - c) Returns to the Camp
 - 7) Day of Atonement Established as an Everlasting Ordinance
 - a) Lord’s Appointed Day for Atonement. “This shall be an everlasting ordinance for you: on the tenth day of the seventh month every one of you, whether a native or a resident alien, shall mortify himself and shall do no work.” (*Lev. 16:29*)
 - b) People Must Mortify Themselves (*Repent of their Sins*). “Since on this day atonement is made for you to make you clean, so that you may be cleansed of all your sins before the LORD, by everlasting ordinance it shall be a most solemn sabbath for you, on which you must mortify yourselves.” (*Lev. 16:30-31*)
 - c) Officiated by Each Succeeding Generation of Priests
 - d) “This, then, shall be an everlasting ordinance for you: once a year atonement shall be made for all the sins of the Israelites.” (*Lev. 16:34*)
2. Living Before a Holy God Lev. 17 – 27
- a. Laws of Holiness Lev. 17 – 22
*Laws Concerning How the Israelites are to Live Before a Holy God, and Among One Another. “Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” (*Lev. 19:2b*)*
 - 1) Holiness of God’s People Lev. 17 -20
 - a) Sacredness of Blood Lev. 17
(Curse of Sin is Death – Blood is the Essence of Life)
 - (1) Regulations Concerning Blood Sacrifices Lev. 17:1-7
 - (a) All Sacrifices to be Offered at Tabernacle as Prescribed by Law
 - Not in Open Fields as Practiced Prior to the Law
 - (b) Sacrifices to Pagan God’s Forbidden
 - (2) Prohibitions Against Eating Blood Lev. 17:8-14
 - (a) Drinking Blood is Forbidden
 - “And if anyone, whether of the house of Israel or of the aliens residing among them, partakes of any blood, I will set myself against that one who partakes of blood and will cut

him off from among his people.

- “Since the life of a living body is in its blood, I have made you put it on the altar, so that atonement may thereby be made for your own lives, because it is the blood, as the seat of life, that makes atonement. (Lev. 17:10-11)
- (b) Israelites Permitted to Eat Game from Hunting
 - Blood Must be Poured Out & Covered with Earth
 - Since the life of every living body is its blood, I have told the Israelites: You shall not partake of the blood of any meat....” (Lev. 17:14)
- (3) Eating Animals Who Die Naturally Lev. 17:15-16
 - (a) “Everyone, whether a native or an alien, who eats of an animal that died of itself or was killed by a wild beast, shall wash his garments, bathe in water, and be unclean until evening, and then he will be clean.....”
- b) Sexual Immorality Lev. 18
 - (1) The Lord Charges His People Lev. 18:1-5
 - (a) “..... I, the LORD, am your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you once lived, nor shall you do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you; do not conform to their customs.” (*Idolatrous Customs/Rituals Often Involve Wanton Sexual Practices*)
 - (b) “My decrees you shall carry out, and my statutes you shall take care to follow. I, the LORD, am your God. Keep, then, my statutes and decrees, for the man who carries them out will find life through them. I am the LORD.”
 - (2) Forbidden Sexual Practices
 - (a) Incest. “None of you shall approach a close relative to have sexual intercourse with her.....” Lev. 18:6-18 (*It was Common for Egyptian Princes to Marry their Sisters*)
 - (b) Unclean Sex. “You shall not approach a woman to have intercourse with her while she is unclean from menstruation.” Lev. 18:19
 - (c) Adultery. “You shall not have carnal relations with your neighbor’s wife,...” Lev. 18:20
 - (d) Sacrificing Offspring. “You shall not offer any of your offspring to be immolated (*Sacrifice by Fire*) to Molech (*Pagan God*), thus profaning the name of your God. I am the LORD.” Lev. 18:21 (*Sin Same as Abortion – Sacrificing Offspring to Materialism*)
 - (e) Homosexuality. “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; such a thing is an abomination.” Lev. 18:22
 - (f) Bestiality. “You shall not have carnal relations with an animal... such things are abhorrent.” Lev. 18:23
 - (3) Consequences of Sexual Immorality on Society Lev. 18:24-30 (*Perverting God’s Created Order*)
 - (a) Nations Judged Without the Law. “Do not defile yourselves by any of these things by which the nations whom I am driving out

of your way have defiled themselves. Because their land has become defiled, I am punishing it for its wickedness, by making it vomit out its inhabitants.

- (b) Lord Will Judge Israel Under the Law
- “You, however, whether natives or resident aliens, must keep my statutes and decrees forbidding all such abominations by which the previous inhabitants defiled the land; otherwise the land will vomit you out also for having defiled it, just as it vomited out the nations before you.”
 - “Everyone who does any of these abominations shall be cut off from among his people.” (*Less They Contaminate Others*)
- (c) Lord’s Call to Holiness. “Heed my charge, then, not to defile yourselves by observing the abominable customs that have been observed before you. I, the LORD, am your God.”
- c) Various Laws of Conduct Lev. 19
- (1) Lord Instructs Moses: “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Lev. 19:1-2
- (a) “Revere your mother and father, and keep my sabbaths. I, the LORD, am your God.” Lev. 19:3
- (b) “Do not turn aside to idols, nor make molten gods for yourselves. I, the LORD, am your God.” Lev. 19:4
- (c) Acceptable Peace Offerings Lev. 19:5-8
- (d) Provisions for the Poor Lev. 19:9-10
- “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not be so thorough that you reap the field to its very edge,”
 - “...These things you shall leave for the poor and the alien. I, the LORD, am your God.”
- (e) “You shall not steal.” Lev. 19:11a
- (f) “You shall not lie or speak falsely to one another.” Lev. 19:11b
- (g) “You shall not swear falsely by my name, thus profaning the name of your God. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:12
- (h) “You shall not defraud or rob your neighbor. You shall not withhold overnight the wages of your day laborer.” Lev. 19:13
- (i) “You shall not curse the deaf, or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but you shall fear (*Reference*) your God. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:14
- (j) “You shall not act dishonestly in rendering judgment. Show neither partiality to the weak nor deference to the mighty, but judge your fellow men justly.” Lev. 19:15
- (k) “You shall not go about spreading slander among your kinsmen; nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor’s life is at stake. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:16
- (l) “You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow man, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your fellow countrymen. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:17-18

- (m) Inbreeding Forbidden (*Unlawful to Mix Sacred with Profane*)
- “... do not breed any of your domestic animals with others of a different species; do not sow a field of yours with two different kinds of seed; and do not put on a garment woven with two different kinds of thread.” Lev. 19:19
- (n) Carnal Relations with Female Slaves Lev. 19:20-22
- Guilt Offering Required for Forgiveness
- (o) Acknowledge the Lord as Your Source Lev. 19:23-25
- “When you come into the land and plant any fruit tree there, first look upon its fruit as if it were uncircumcised (*Impure*)
 - “For three years, ..., it may not be eaten.
 - “In the fourth year, however, all of its fruit shall be sacred to the LORD as a thanksgiving feast to him.” (*Produce to be Offered First to the Lord*)
 - “Not until the fifth year may you eat its fruit. Thus it will continue its yield for you. I, the LORD, am your God.”
- (p) Occult Practices Forbidden Lev. 19:26-31
- “Do not eat meat with the blood still in it.” (*As the Pagans Who Drink Blood in their Rituals*)
 - Do not practice divination or soothsaying.” (*e.g. Occult, Witchcraft*)
 - “Do not clip your hair at the temples, nor trim the edges of your beard.” (*Common Practice of Pagan Priests*)
 - “Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves” (*Pagan Practices*). I am the LORD.”
 - “You shall not degrade your daughter by making a prostitute of her (*Like the Pagans*); else the land will become corrupt and full of lewdness.”
 - Participate Only in Rituals that Honor the Lord God. “Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the LORD.”
 - “Do not go to mediums (*e.g. Séances*) or consult fortune-tellers (*e.g. Astrologers, Palm Readers*), for you will be defiled by them. I, the LORD, am your God.”
- (q) Respect Elderly. “Stand up in the presence of the aged, and show respect for the old (*Those Blessed by the Lord with Long Life*); thus shall you fear your God. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:32
- (r) Treatment of Aliens. “...You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the LORD, am your God.” Lev. 19:33-34
- (s) Honesty. “Do not act dishonestly in using measures of length or weight or capacity.....” Lev. 19:35-36a
- (2) “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Be careful, then, to observe all my statutes and decrees. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:36b-37
- d) Penalties for Breaking Laws of Conduct Lev. 20
- (1) Penalties for Participating in Occult (*See Lev. 19:26-29 & 31 Above*)

- (a) Sacrificing Offspring to Molech (*Same Sin as Abortion - See Lev. 18:21 Above*). “Anyone,, who gives any of his offspring to Molech shall be put to death. Let his fellow citizens stone him.” Lev. 20:1-5
- (b) Seeking Advice from Occult Practitioners. “.... I will turn against such a one and cut him off from his people” Lev. 20:6
- (c) Becoming an Occult Practitioner. “A man or a woman who acts as a medium or fortune-teller shall be put to death by stoning; they have no one but themselves to blame for their death.” Lev. 20:27
- (d) Call to Sanctity & Obedience. “Sanctify yourselves, then, and be holy; for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. Be careful, therefore, to observe what I, the LORD, who make you holy, have prescribed.” Lev. 20:7-8
- (2) Penalty for Cursing Parents (*See Lev. 19:3 Above*) Lev. 20:9
- (a) “....shall be put to death;, he has forfeited his life.”
- (3) Sexual Immorality (*See Lev. 18 Above*)
- (a) Adultery. “...both the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death.” Lev. 20:10
- (b) Incest - Penalty is Death. “....they have forfeited their lives.” Lev. 20:11-12, 14, 17, 19-21
- (c) Homosexuality. “....both of them shall be put to death for their abominable deed; they have forfeited their lives.” Lev. 20:13
- (d) Bestiality Lev. 20:15-16
- “....man shall be put to death, and the animal shall be slain.”
 - “.... woman and the animal shall be slain;.....”
 - “....; their lives are forfeit.”
- (e) Sex During Woman’s Menstrual Period. “....both of them shall be cut off from their people, because they have laid bare the flowing fountain of her blood.” Lev. 20:18
- (4) Call to Obedience Lev. 20:22-26
- (a) “Be careful to observe all my statutes and all my decrees; otherwise the land where I am bringing you to dwell will vomit you out.” (*Lev. 20:22*)
- (b) “Do not conform,...., to the customs of the nations whom I am driving out of your way, because all these things that they have done have filled me with disgust for them.” (*Lev. 20:23*)
- (c) Separate Clean from Unclean / Sacred from Profane. “To me, therefore, you shall be sacred; for I, the LORD, am sacred, I, who have set you apart from the other nations to be my own.” (*Lev. 20:26*)
- 2) Holiness of Lord’s Chosen Priesthood Lev. 21
- a) Priests to be Kept Sacred Before Lord Lev. 21:1-9
(*Sacred Intercessors Between Lord God & His Chosen People.*)
- (1) Priests to be Clean & undefiled Lev. 21:1-4
- (a) “Speak to Aaron’s sons, the priests, and tell them: None of you shall make himself unclean for any dead person among his

- people, except for his nearest relatives.....”
- (2) Priests to be Holy Before the Lord Lev. 21:5-6
 - (a) “The priests shall not make bare the crown of the head, nor shave the edges of the beard, nor lacerate the body. (*Like Pagan Priests*)
 - (b) “To their God they shall be sacred, and not profane his name; since they offer up the oblations of the LORD, the food of their God, they must be holy.”
 - (3) Priests to be Honorable Lev. 21:7-9
 - (a) Honorable in Marriage. “A priest shall not marry a woman who has been a prostitute or has lost her honor, nor a woman who has been divorced by her husband; for the priest is sacred to his God.
 - (b) Honored & Respected by Community. “Honor him as sacred who offers up the food of your God; treat him as sacred, because I, the LORD, who have consecrated him, am sacred.
 - (c) Honorable Family. “A priest’s daughter who loses her honor by committing fornication and thereby dishonors her father also, shall be burned to death.”
 - b) High Priest Kept to a Higher Standard Lev. 21:10-15
 - (1) Office of High Priest to be Pure & undefiled
 - (a) “The most exalted of the priests, upon whose head the anointing oil has been poured and who has been ordained to wear the special vestments, shall not bare his head or rend his garments,
 - (b) “nor shall he go near any dead person. Not even for his father or mother may he thus become unclean
 - (c) “or leave the sanctuary; otherwise he will profane the sanctuary of his God, for with the anointing oil upon him, he is dedicated to his God, to me, the LORD.”
 - (2) High Priest’s Purebred Marriage & Family
(*The Purity of Aaron’s Blood Line Must be Preserved throughout the Generations to Continue to Serve as the Lord’s Consecrated Priests.*)
 - (a) “The priest shall marry a virgin. Not a widow or a woman who has been divorced or a woman who has lost her honor as a prostitute, but a virgin, taken from his own people (*Tribe of Levi*), shall he marry; otherwise he will have base offspring among his people. I, the LORD, have made him sacred.”
 - c) Priests Must be Without Physical Defect Lev. 21:16-24
 - (1) Disabled Sons Forbidden to Serve as Priests. “Speak to Aaron and tell him: None of your descendants, of whatever generation, who has any defect shall come forward to offer up the food of his God.”
(*Lev. 21:17*)
 - (a) Blind, Lame, Disfigured, Skin Diseases, Hernia, etc.
 - (2) Disabled Sons Allowed to Partake of Sacred Food
(*As Legitimate Offspring, they are Inheritors of the Priestly Heritage.*)
 - 3) Holiness of Sacrifices & Offerings Lev. 22
 - a) Priests Forbidden to Offer Sacrifices While Unclean Lev. 22:1-3
 - (1) “..... Tell Aaron and his sons to respect the sacred offerings which the Israelites consecrate to me; else they will profane my holy name. I am

the LORD.

- (2) “Tell them: If any one of you, or of your descendants in any future generation, dares, while he is in a state of uncleanness, to draw near the sacred offerings which the Israelites consecrate to the LORD, such a one shall be cut off from my presence. I am the LORD.”
- b) Restrictions on Eating Sacred Food Lev. 22:4-16
- (1) Forbidden to Eat Sacred Food When Unclean. “No descendant of Aaron (*Priests & their Offspring*) who is stricken with leprosy, or who suffers from a flow (*Personal Uncleanness*), may eat of these sacred offerings, unless he again becomes clean.” (*Lev. 22:4*)
- (a) Unclean from Touching a Dead Body, Unclean Person or Animal
- (b) “They shall keep my charge and not do wrong in this matter; else they will die for their profanation. I am the LORD who have consecrated them.” (*Lev. 22:9*)
- (2) No Layman Allowed to Eat Sacred Food
- (a) “Neither a lay person nor a priest’s tenant or hired servant may eat of any sacred offering.” (*Lev. 22:10*)
- (b) Except for Priest’s Salves Residing in His Household
- (c) Restitution Prescribed for Inadvertently Eating Sacred Food
- c) Sacrifices Acceptable to Lord Lev. 22:17-30
- (1) Acceptable Sacrifices
- (a) “...When anyone who wishes to offer a sacrifice, brings a holocaust as a votive offering or as a free-will offering to the LORD, if it is to be acceptable, the ox or sheep or goat that he offers must be an unblemished male.” (*Lev. 22:18-19*)
- (b) “When anyone presents a peace offering to the LORD from the herd or the flock in fulfillment of a vow, or as a free-will offering, if it is to find acceptance, it must be unblemished; it shall not have any defect.” (*Lev. 22:21*)
- (2) Unacceptable Sacrifices
- (a) “You shall not offer one that has any defect, for such a one would not be acceptable for you.” (*Lev. 22:20*)
- Blind, Deformed, Crippled, Diseased, Neutered, etc.
- (3) Other Regulations
- (a) “When an ox or a lamb or a goat is born, it shall remain with its mother for seven days; only from the eighth day onward will it be acceptable, to be offered as an oblation to the LORD (*Lev. 22:27*)
- (b) Do Not Sacrifice an Animal & Its Young on Same Day
- (c) Priest’s Portion Must be Eaten on Same Day it is was Sacrificed
- d) Call for Priests’ Obedience. “Be careful to observe the commandments which I, the LORD, give you, and do not profane my holy name; in the midst of the Israelites I, the LORD, must be held as sacred. It is I who made you sacred and led you out of the land of Egypt, that I, the LORD, might be your God.” Lev. 22:31-33
- b. Ordained Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts Lev. 23
 (See “Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I” for an In Depth Study of the Lord’s Ordained Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts.)

- 1) Lord Commands Moses: “Speak to the Israelites and tell them: The following are the festivals of the LORD (*Divine Appointments*), my feast days, which you shall celebrate with a sacred assembly.” Lev. 23:1-2
- 2) The Sabbath (7th Day of Every Week) (“*Shabbat*”) Lev. 23:3
 - a) Holy Day of Rest Ordained by God (*The Sabbath is One of the Lord’s Original 10 Commandments [Ex. 20:8-11], that He Repeatedly Confirms as a Sacred Day of Rest [e.g. Ex. 23:12-13, Ex. 31:12-17, Ex. 34:21].*)
 - (1) “For six days work may be done; but the seventh day is the sabbath rest, a day for sacred assembly, on which you shall do no work. The sabbath shall belong to the LORD wherever you dwell.”
 - (a) Commemorates God’s Rest After Creation Gen. 2:1-3
 - (b) Acknowledges Lord God of Israel as Creator
- 3) Three Pilgrim Feasts (Festivals) Ordained by the Lord Lev. 23:4-44 (*Expanding on His Previous Declarations. Ex. 23:14-17 & Ex. 34:18, 22-24*)
 - a) Moses Announces: “These, then, are the festivals of the LORD which you shall celebrate at their proper time with a sacred assembly.” (Lev. 23:4) *The Lord God Institutes 3 Annual Festivals (Appointments) for His People to Gather Before Him at His Tabernacle to Celebrate & Worship Him.*
 - b) First is the Passover Festival Lev. 23:5-14 (*The Lord’s Institution of the First Passover with its Prescribed Ritual is Described Above in Ex. 12:1-30 & 43-49; When He Established it as a Perpetual Memorial Feast to be Celebrated throughout the Generations.*)
 - (1) Three Feasts Celebrated in 1st Month of Jewish Calendar
 - (2) Commemorates Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt (*See Ex. 11 – 13 Above*)
 - (3) Feast of Passover Lev. 23:5
 - (a) Passover Supper Celebrated on 14th Day of Month
 - Paschal Lamb Sacrificed at Evening Twilight
 - (4) Feast of Unleavened Bread Lev. 23:6-8
 - (a) Celebrated on 15th Day of Month
 - Unleavened Bread Eaten 7 Days
 - Sacred Assembly Held on 1st & 7th Days
 - Sacrifices Offered on Each of the 7 Days
 - (5) Feast of First Fruits Lev. 23:9-14
 - (a) Celebrated on Day Following Passover Sabbath (*i.e. Sunday*)
 - (b) Commemorates Israel’s 1st Harvest in Promise Land. “.....When you come into the land which I am giving you, and reap your harvest, you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest, who shall wave the sheaf before the LORD that it may be acceptable for you. On the day after the sabbath the priest shall do this.” (Lev. 23:10-11)
 - Sheaf from 1st Fruits of 1st Harvest Waved Before Lord
 - Holocaust of Unblemished Yearling Lamb Offered to Lord
 - Cereal & Wine Offerings to Lord
 - (c) “This shall be a perpetual statute for you and your descendants wherever you dwell.” (Lev. 23:14b)

- c) Second is the Feast of Pentecost (“Feast of Weeks”) (“*Shavuot*”)
Lev. 23:15-22
- (1) Celebrated 7 Weeks + 1 Day (50th Day) from Feast of First Fruits
 - (2) Commemorates Lord Giving Moses the Law on Mount Sinai
(*See Ex. 24:12 – 31:18 Above*)
 - (3) Celebration of Feast of Pentecost
 - (a) New Cereal Offerings Presented to Lord
 - 1st Fruits from Later Spring Harvest
 - (b) Two Loaves of Bread Waved Before Lord
 - Bread of Fine Flour Baked with Leaven
 - (c) Holocausts, Sin & Peace Sacrifices Offered to Lord
 - (d) Sacred Assembly Held
 - (4) “This shall be a perpetual statute for you and your descendants wherever you dwell.” (*Lev. 23:21b*)
 - (5) Reminder to Leave Remnants of Harvest for Poor & Aliens
(*Confirming Lev. 19:9-10 Above*)
- d) Third is the Festival of Booths / Tabernacles Lev. 23:23-43
- (1) Three Feasts Celebrated in the 7th Month of Jewish Calendar
 - (2) Celebrates Israel in the Promise Land as the Lord’s Chosen Nation
 - (3) New Years Day (“Feast of Trumpets”) (“*Rosh Hashanah*”)
Lev. 23:23-25
 - (a) Feast Celebrated on 1st Day of Month
 - (b) Trumpet (*Shofar/Ram’s Horn*) Blasts Usher in a New Season
 - (c) Sacred Assembly Held
 - (d) Sacrifices Offered to Lord
 - (4) Day of Atonement (“*Yom Kippur*”) Lev. 23:26-32
 - (a) Feast Celebrated on 10th Day of Month
 - (b) Sacred Assembly Held
 - Israelites Fast, Mortify Themselves & Repent of their Sins
 - (c) High Priest Performs the Special “Day of Atonement” Rituals Prescribed by the Lord (*See Lev. 16 Above*)
 - (d) “This is a perpetual statute for you and your descendants wherever you dwell: you shall do no work,” (*Lev. 23:31*)
 - (5) Feast of Booths (“Feast of Tabernacles”) (“*Sukkot*”) Lev. 23:33-43
 - (a) Celebration Starts on 15th Day of Month & Continues 7 Days
 - Celebrated at Last (Autumn) Harvest of Year
 - First Day (Opening Day)
 - Sacred Assembly Held
 - People Gather Materials (Foliage from Trees, Palm Branches, etc.) & Build Temporary Shelters (“Booths”)
 - Seven Day (Week) Celebration
 - People Dwell in Booths (“Tabernacles”)
 - Prescribed Sacrifices Offered on Each of the 7 Days
 - People Rejoice & Make Merry Before Lord
 - Eighth Day (Closing Day)
 - Sacred Assembly Held
 - Prescribed Sacrifices Offered on 8th Day

- (b) “By perpetual statute for you and your descendants you shall keep this pilgrim feast of the LORD for one whole week in the seventh month of the year.” (*Lev. 23:41*)
 - (c) Recalls Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt, Where the Lord Provided for His People in Wilderness
 - e) “These, therefore, are the festivals of the LORD on which you shall proclaim a sacred assembly, and offer as an oblation to the LORDin addition to those of the LORD’S sabbaths,” (*Lev. 23:37-38*)
- c. Tabernacle’s Sanctuary (Inner Court) Prepared for Worship Lev. 24:1-9
(*Revealing the Lord as the God of Light & Life*)
 - 1) Lord Instructs Moses
 - a) Light the Lampstand (Menorah) Lev. 24:1-4
(*See Ex. 25:31-40 Above*)
 - (1) Bring Clear Oil of Crushed Olives to Light Lamps
(*Re: Prescribed Oil for Lamps. Ex. 27:20-21*)
 - (2) Have Aaron Set Up Lamps to Burn Before Lord
 - (3) “.....Thus, by a perpetual statute for you and your descendants, the lamps shall be set up on the pure gold lampstand, to burn regularly (*Lighting the Sanctuary*) before the LORD” (*Lev. 24:3-4*)
 - b) Set the Table of Showbread (*See Ex. 25:23-30 Above*) Lev. 24:5-9
 - (1) Bake 12 Loaves of Fine Flour (*Sustenance of Life*)
 - (2) Put 2 Stacks of 6 Loaves Each on Table
 - (a) Put Frankincense on Each Stack as an Oblation to Lord
 - (3) Set Out Fresh Bread Every Sabbath
 - (a) Replaced Bread Contributed to Priests as Sacred Food
- d. Laws of Blasphemy & Life Lev. 24:10-23
 - 1) Man Curses & Blasphemes the Lord’s Name Lev. 24:10-16
(*Breaking the Commandment: “You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished him who takes his name in vain.” Ex. 20:7*)
 - a) Man Curses, Blaspheming Name of the Lord
 - (1) People Apprehend Man & Bring Him to Moses
 - (2) Moses Inquires of the Lord
 - (3) Lord (*As Creator & Sustainer of Life*) Pronounces Sentence
 - (a) Take Man Outside Camp (*So He Won’t Contaminate People*)
 - (b) Witnesses Lay Hands on Man’s Head (*Testifying of His Sin*)
 - (c) Community Stones Him to Death
(*Man Forfeits His Life for Cursing the Source of Life*)
 - b) Law Against Blasphemy. “....Anyone who curses his God shall bear the penalty of his sin; whoever blasphememes the name of the LORD shall be put to death. The whole community shall stone him;....” (*Lev. 24:15-16*)
 - 2) Laws Respecting Life Lev. 24:17-22
 - a) Murder. “Whoever takes the life of any human being shall be put to death”
 - b) Killing Another Person’s Animal. “whoever takes the life of an animal shall make restitution of another animal. A life for a life!”
 - c) Personal Injury. “Anyone who inflicts an injury on his neighbor shall receive the same in return. Limb for limb, eye for eye, tooth for tooth! The

- same injury that a man gives another shall be inflicted on him in return.”
- d) Summary. “Whoever slays an animal shall make restitution, but whoever slays a man shall be put to death.”
- e) Law Applies to All Peoples. “You shall have but one rule, for alien and native alike. I, the LORD, am your God.”
- 3) People Stone Blasphemer to Death, as Lord Commanded Lev. 24:23
(*Man of Mixed Parentage – Israelite Mother & Egyptian Father – Revealing the Laws Against Blasphemy Apply to Both Jew & Gentile.*)
- e. Holy Years Prescribed by the Lord Lev. 25
(*See “Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I” for an In Depth Study of the Lord’s Ordained Holy Years.*)
- 1) The Sabbatical Year (*See Ex. 23:10-11 Above*) Lev. 25:1-7
(*The Land to Observe the Lord’s Sabbath Every 7th Year*)
- a) The Lord Instructs Moses: “Speak to the Israelites and tell them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, let the land, too, keep a sabbath for the LORD.” (*Lev. 25:2*)
- (1) Sow, Prune & Reap Produce from Land for 6 Years
- (2) Observe Every 7th Year. “But during the seventh year the land shall have a complete rest, a sabbath for the LORD,....” (*Lev. 25:4*)
- (a) No Sowing, Pruning or Reaping
- (b) Produce to be Equally Shared
- b) The Lord’s Provision Lev. 25:18-22
- (1) “Observe my precepts and be careful to keep my regulations, for then you will dwell securely in the land.” (*Lev. 25:18*)
- (2) “The land will yield its fruit and you will have food in abundance, so that you may live there without worry.” (*Lev. 25:19*)
- (a) Lord Will Sufficiently Bless Crops Every 6th Year to Last 3 Years
(*Revealing Himself as Provider & Sustainer, Honoring His Law*)
- 2) Year of Jubilee
- a) Year of Jubilee Observed Every 50th Year Lev. 25:8-17
- (1) “Seven weeks of years shall you count—seven times seven years—so that the seven cycles amount to forty-nine years.” (*Lev. 25:8*)
- (2) “Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month let the trumpet resound; on this, the Day of Atonement, the trumpet blast shall re-echo throughout your land.” (*Lev. 25:9*)
(*See Lev. 16 & Lev. 23:26-32 Above for Day of Atonement*)
- (3) This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you....”(*Lev. 25:10*)
- (a) Observe Another Sabbatical Year
- (b) Everyone Shall Return to Their Own Land
- To Family Estate Inherited from Lord
(*As the Lord Apportioned the Land. Joshua 13 - 21*)
 - Land Redeemed & Returned to Original Owners
 - Deal Honestly Pro-Rating for the Coming Year of Jubilee
- b) Redemption of Property Lev. 25:23-55
- (1) The Earth Belongs to Lord its Creator. “The land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine, and you are but aliens who have

become my tenants. Therefore, in every part of the country that you occupy, you must permit the land to be redeemed.” (Lev. 25:23-24)

- (a) Farm Lands Sold by Hereditary Owner Lev. 25:23-28
 - Owner’s Closest Relative has the Right to Purchase Back the Land at Any Time (*As “Kinsmen-Redeemer”*)
 - Owner has the Right to Purchase Back the Land at Any Time
 - Land Must be Returned to Hereditary Owner on Jubilee
- (b) Urban Dwellings Sold by Hereditary Owner Lev. 25:29-34
 - Houses in Walled Towns & Cities
 - Owner has the Right to Purchase Back the Property Within One Year; Otherwise, it Belongs to Purchaser
 - Not Returned to Hereditary Owner at Jubilee
 - Houses in Unwalled Towns
 - Considered Farm Land & Subject to Appropriate Laws of Redemption (*See Lev. 25:23-28 Above*)
 - Levitical Cities
 - Levites have the Right to Purchase Back their Property at Any Time
 - All Property Returned to Levites at Jubilee
 - Pasture Land of Levites Shall Not be Sold
- (2) Laws Concerning Treatment of Poor Countrymen Lev. 25:35-38
 - (a) Allow Poor to Live Among You as Tenants
 - (b) Do Not Charge Interest on Loans to Countrymen
 - (c) Make No Profit from the Poor
- (3) Release of Indebtedness / Servitude Lev. 25:39-55
 - (a) Israelites Indebted to Countrymen
 - Do Not Enslave Those Who Sell Themselves to Creditors
 - Treat Them as Hired Servants or Tenants
 - Release Them from Servitude & Debt on Jubilee
 - (b) Gentile Slaves
 - Remain Property of Israelites & their Heirs
 - (c) Israelites Who Sell Themselves to Gentile Creditors
 - Have the Right of Redemption at Any Time
 - Purchased by Themselves or a Kinsmen-Redeemer
 - Release Them from Servitude & Debt on Jubilee
- f. Blessings & Punishments from the Law Lev. 26
 - 1) The Lord Repeats His Foremost Commandments (*See Ex. 20:2-11 Above*)
 - a) “Do not make false gods for yourselves. You shall not erect an idol or a sacred pillar for yourselves, nor shall you set up a stone figure for worship in your land; for I, the LORD, am your God. Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the LORD.” Lev. 26:1-2
(*The Lord Reveals Himself to His Chosen People through the Law; So that They May Know Him, Walk in His Ways and be a Witness to Other Peoples. Idolatry Allies People with the Forces of Evil – Separating them from the Lord their God.*)
 - 2) Lord Promises to Bless His People for Obeying His Laws Lev. 26:3-13
(*By Being Faithful to the Law – Word of God – His People Demonstrate their*

Faith in Him, Acknowledging Him as Creator God, Lord, Savior, Protector, Provider, etc., Opening Themselves to Receive His Blessings!

- a) “If you live in accordance with my precepts and are careful to observe my commandments, I will give you rain in due season,” (*Lev. 26:3-4*)
- (1) Blesses Them with Abundant Crops to Prosper & Live Securely
 - (2) Establishes Civil Peace in the Land
 - (3) Rids Country of Ravenous Beasts
 - (4) Defends & Protects Them from Marauding Peoples/Nations
 - (a) Strengthening His People. “Five of you will put a hundred of your foes to flight, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand of them, till they are cut down by your sword.” (*Lev. 26:8*)
 - (5) Bestows His Favor Upon Them
 - (a) Blessing Them with Children. “I will look with favor upon you, and make you fruitful and numerous, as I carry out my covenant (*Laws*) with you (*As a Witness to a Sinful World*).” (*Lev. 26:9*)
 - (b) Multiplying their Crops to Overflowing (*Abundantly Providing for an Ever Growing Population*)
 - (6) He, a Holy & Righteous God, Will Dwell Among His People
 - (a) “I will set my Dwelling (*Tabernacle*) among you, and will not disdain you (*i.e. Not Treating Them as Unworthy*).” (*Lev. 26:11*)
 - (b) “Ever present in your midst, I will be your God, and you will be my people” (*Lev. 26:12*)
- 3) Punishment for Disobeying His Laws Lev. 26:14-45
- a) “But if you do not heed me and do not keep all these commandments, if you reject my precepts and spurn my decrees, refusing to obey all my commandments and breaking my covenant, then I, in turn, will give you your deserts.....” (*Lev. 26:14-16*) (*By Israel Rejecting the Lord their God, Disregarding & Disobeying His Word; they Remove Themselves from His Protection & Blessings, Subjecting Themselves to the Influences & Consequences of an Evil & Sinful World.*)
(The Lord Will Intensify their Chastisements, So they Will Repent and Return to Him, His Ways and His Laws.)
- (1) Sickness, Disease & Premature Death
 - (2) Enemies Will Oppress Them & Consume their Crops
 - (3) Fear & Anxiety Will Grip the People
- b) “If even after this you do not obey me, I will increase the chastisement for your sins sevenfold, to break your haughty confidence...” (*Lev. 26:18-19*)
- (1) Famine & Poverty
- c) “If then you become defiant in your unwillingness to obey me, I will multiply my blows another sevenfold, as your sins deserve.” (*Lev. 26:21*)
- (1) Wild Beasts Will Destroy their Children & Livestock
 - (2) Population Will Dwindle Away & Towns Deserted
- d) “If, with all this, you still refuse to be chastened by me and continue to defy me, I, too, will defy you and will smite you for your sins seven times harder than before” (*Lev. 26:23-24*)
- (1) Marauding Armies Will Attack & Destroy. “I will make the sword, the avenger of my covenant (*Laws*), sweep over you.” (*Lev. 26:25a*)

- (2) Pestilence & Starvation Will Force Them to Surrender
- e) “If, despite all this, you still persist in disobeying and defying me, I, also, will meet you with fiery defiance and will chastise you with sevenfold fiercer punishment for your sins” (*Lev. 26:27-28*)
- (1) People Forced into Cannibalism to Survive
- (2) Lord Will Destroy their Idols & Places of Worship. “... In my abhorrence of you” (*Lev. 25:30*)
- (3) Enemies Will Occupy their Land. “So devastated will I leave the land that your very enemies who come to live there will stand aghast at the sight of it.” (*Lev. 26:32*)
- (3) Israelites Will be Scattered Among Gentile Nations
- (a) Land Will Remain Desolate
- (b) Survivors Will be Fearful & Waste Away in Exile
- f) Promise of Restoration & Reconciliation
- (1) “Thus they (*Survivors in Exile*) will have to confess (*i.e. Repent*) that they and their fathers were guilty of having rebelled against me and of having defied me, so that I, too, had to defy them and bring them into their enemies’ land. Then, when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they make amends for their guilt” (*Lev. 26:40-41*)
- (2) “I will remember my covenant with Jacob, my covenant with Isaac, and my covenant with Abraham; and of the land, too, I will be mindful.” (*Lev. 26:42*)
- (a) Land Must Remain Desolate to Recover its Lost Sabbaths
- (b) The Lord Remains Faithful to His Covenant
- Calling His People to Humility & Repentance
- (3) “I will remember them because of the covenant (*Mosaic Laws*) I made with their forefathers, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt under the very eyes of the Gentiles, that I, the LORD, might be their God.” (*Lev. 26:45*)
- 4) “These are the precepts, decrees and laws which the LORD had Moses promulgate on Mount Sinai in the pact between himself and the Israelites.” (*Lev. 26:46*)
- g. Law of Redeeming Vows Lev. 27
(Principle of Redeeming Vows: If a Person Voluntarily Vows/Dedicates Anything to the Lord, it Belongs to the Lord. If He/She Wishes to Take it Back, it Must be Purchased [i.e. ‘Ransomed’ or ‘Redeemed’] for the Specified Price.)
- 1) Redemption of Vows
- a) People Vowed/Dedicated to the Lord Lev. 27:1-8
(A Person May Dedicated Himself or a Child as a Nazirite [See Num. 6:1-21 Below], a Sanctuary Servant, etc.)
- (1) “When anyone fulfills a vow of offering one or more persons to the LORD, who are to be ransomed at a fixed sum of money” (*Lev. 27:1*)
- (a) Price for Persons Between Ages of 20 & 60 Years
- Man is 50 Silver Shekels
 - Woman is 30 Silver Shekels
- (b) Price for Persons Between Ages of 5 & 20 Years
- Youth is 20 Silver Shekels

- Maiden is 10 Silver Shekels
 - (c) Price for Persons Between 1 Month & 5 Years
 - Boy is 5 Silver Shekels
 - Girl is 3 Silver Shekels
 - (d) Price for Persons Over 60 Years
 - Man is 15 Silver Shekels
 - Woman is 10 Silver Shekels
 - (e) Priest Sets Price if Offeror is too Poor to Pay Fixed Price
 - b) Animals Vowed to the Lord Lev. 27:9-13
 - (1) “If the offering vowed to the LORD is an animal that may be sacrificed, every such animal, when vowed to the LORD, becomes sacred.” (*Lev. 27:9*)
 - (a) Offeror Shall Not Present a Substitute in Exchange for Animal
 - Both Vowed Animal & Substitute Treated as Sacred
 - (b) If Vowed Animal is Unclean & Unfit for Sacrifice
 - Priest Determines Value of Animal
 - Offeror Pays Value + 20% if He Wants to Redeem Animal
 - c) Houses Dedicated to the Lord Lev. 27:14-15
 - (1) “When someone dedicates his house as sacred to the LORD” (*Lev. 27:14*)
 - (a) Priest Determines Value of House
 - (b) Offeror Pays Value + 20% if He Wants to Redeem House
 - d) Lands Dedicated to the Lord Lev. 27:16-24
 - (1) Hereditary Lands. “If the object which someone dedicates to the LORD is a piece of his hereditary land” (*Lev. 27:16*) (*i.e. Inherited Lands Apportioned by the Lord. Joshua 13 - 21*)
 - (a) Acreage Sufficient to Sow a Homer (*12½ Bushels or 450 Liters*) of Barley is Valued at 50 Silver Shekels
 - (b) Priest Determines Pro-Rated Value of Land to Next Jubilee (*See Lev. 25:8-34 Above*)
 - (c) Offeror Pays Value + 20% if He Wants to Reclaim Land
 - If Offeror Sells Land to Someone Else, it Can No Longer be Redeemed & Becomes Priestly Property at Jubilee
 - (2) Purchased Lands. “If the field that some man dedicates to the LORD is one he had purchased and not a part of his hereditary property” (*Lev. 27:22*)
 - (a) Priest Determines Pro-Rated Value of Land to Next Jubilee
 - (b) Land Reverts to Hereditary Owner at Jubilee
 - e) Authorized Currency. “Every valuation shall be made according to the standard of the sanctuary shekel...” Lev. 27:25
 (*Shekel = 0.39 oz or 11.4 grams*) (*Example: 50 Shekels to Redeem a Mature Man Dedicated to Lord = 19½ Ounces or 570 Grams of Silver*)
- 2) Restrictions on Making & Redeeming Vows Lev. 27:26-33
 - a) First-Born Animals Lev. 27:26-27
 - (1) “... a first-born animal, which as such already belongs to the LORD, may not be dedicated by vow to him...” (*Lev. 27:26*)
 - (a) 1st Born Animals are Consecrated to Lord & Belong to Him

(See Ex. 13:1-16 Above)

- (b) If 1st Born Animal is Unclean it Can Not be Vowed to Lord
 - Must be Redeemed by Paying its Value + 20%, or Sold at Fixed Price (*Money Apparently Goes into Priests' Treasury*)
- b) "Doomed" Objects / Persons Lev. 27:28-29
(Apparently "Doomed" Objects are Peoples or Things Under the Ban, Doomed to Destruction. e.g. Ex. 22:19)
 - (1) "..... any one of his possessions which a man vows as doomed to the LORD,....., shall be neither sold nor ransomed; everything that is thus doomed becomes most sacred to the LORD."
 - (2) "All human beings that are doomed (e.g. *Gentile/Pagan Slaves*) lose the right to be redeemed; they must be put to death."
- c) Tithes (10%) of Property Lev. 27:30-33
(*Israelites Owe the Lord 10% of All Income for the Support of Priests, Upkeep of Tabernacle, etc. [See Num. 18:21-32 Below].*)
 - (1) Tithes from Produce of Land. "All tithes of the land, , belong to the LORD, as sacred to him" (Lev. 27:30)
 - (a) May Buy Back a Portion of a Tithe by Paying its Value + 20% (*Replacing Property with Money*)
 - (2) Tithes from Livestock. "The tithes of the herd and the flock shall be determined by ceding to the LORD as sacred every tenth animal" (Lev. 27:32)
 - (a) No Exchange or Substitutions Allowed
 - If an Exchange is Attempted, Both the Vowed Animal & its Substitute Belong to the Lord Without Redemption
- 3) "These are the commandments which the LORD gave Moses on Mount Sinai for the Israelites Mount Sinai for the Israelites." Lev. 27:34

D. Law Revealed in Book of Numbers

The Lord Continues to Reveal Himself & His Law to Israel as They Journey Toward the Promise Land.

- 1. Israel Encamped at Mount Sinai Num. 1:1 – 10:10
Israel Erects & Consecrates the Tabernacle While Camped at Mount Sinai, where the Glory of the Lord Fills it (See Ex. 40 Above & Num. 7 – 9 Below). Here the Lord Organizes & Prepares His Chosen Nation for their Journey to the Promise Land.
 - a. Israel Prepares to Travel to Promise Land
(1st Day of 2nd Month in Year Following Israel's Departure from Egypt.)
 - 1) Governmental & Military (Civil) Order Num. 1 - 2
(*Lord Reveals Himself as a God of Order & Israel's Royal Commander*)
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses to Take a Census & Enroll All Males 20 Years & Older Fit for Military Service
 - (1) Organize by Tribes, Clans & Ancestral Houses
 - b) Lord Names Tribal Leaders to Assist Moses: ".....councilors of the community, princes of their ancestral tribes, chiefs of the troops of Israel." (Num. 1:16)
 - (1) Tribe of Reuben: Elizur, son of Shedeur
 - (2) Tribe of Simeon: Shelumiel, son of Zurishaddai

- (3) Tribe of Judah: Nahshon, son of Amminadab
- (4) Tribe of Issachar: Nethanel, son of Zuar
- (5) Tribe of Zebulun: Eliab, son of Helon
- (6) ½ Tribe of Ephraim: Elishama, son of Ammihud
- (7) ½ Tribe of Manasseh: Gamaliel, son of Pedahzur
- (8) Tribe of Benjamin: Abidan, son of Gideon
- (9) Tribe of Dan: Ahiezer, son of Ammishaddai
- (10) Tribe of Asher: Pagiel, son of Ochran
- (11) Tribe of Gad: Eliasaph, son of Reuel
- (12) Tribe of Naphtali: Ahira, son of Enan
- c) Moses, Aaron & Tribal Leaders Assemble Whole Community
 - (1) Each Male 20 Years & Older Declares His Name & Lineage
- d) Number of Men Enrolled for Military Service

(1) Tribe of Reuben	46,500
(2) Tribe of Simeon	59,300
(3) Tribe of Gad	45,650
(4) Tribe of Judah	74,600
(5) Tribe of Issachar	54,400
(6) Tribe of Zebulun	57,400
(7) ½ Tribe of Ephraim	40,500
(8) ½ Tribe of Manasseh	32,200
(9) Tribe of Benjamin	35,400
(10) Tribe of Dan	62,700
(11) Tribe of Asher	41,500
(12) Tribe of Naphtali	<u>53,400</u>
Total	603,550
- e) Lord Instructs Moses to Omit Tribe of Levi from Census
 - (1) Levites Responsible for Tabernacle, All its Furnishings, etc.
 - (a) Disassembling & Transporting
 - (b) Re-Erecting & Maintaining
 - (2) Levites Shall Camp Around Tabernacle. “Any layman who comes near it shall be put to death.” (*Num. 1:51c*)
- f) Arrangement of Israel’s Encampments (*Tribes Stationed Outside the Tabernacle with Levites Between Them & its Walls.*)
 - (1) East of Tabernacle - Facing the Sunrise
 - (a) Tribes of Judah, Issachar & Zebulun
 - (b) Moses, Aaron & His Sons Camp Before Eastern Wall with its Entrance into Tabernacle (*Re: Num. 3:38*)
 - (2) South of Tabernacle
 - (a) Tribes of Reuben, Simeon & Gad
 - (b) Levite Clans of Kohath Camp Before Southern Wall (*Re: Num. 3:29*)
 - (3) West of Tabernacle
 - (a) Tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh & Benjamin
 - (b) Levite Clans of Gershon Camp Before Western Wall (*Re: Num. 3:23*)

- (4) North of Tabernacle
- (a) Tribes of Dan, Asher & Naphtali
 - (b) Levite Clans of Merari Camp Before Northern Wall
(*Re: Num. 3:35b*)
- g) Israel's Order of March
- (1) First on the March: Tribes of Judah, Issachar & Zebulun
 - (2) Second on the March: Tribes of Reuben, Simeon & Gad
 - (3) Levites March in Middle of the Procession
 - (a) Carrying Tabernacle Components, Furnishings, etc.
 - (4) Third on the March: Tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh & Benjamin
 - (5) Last on the March: Tribes of Dan, Asher & Naphtali
- h) Israelites Camp & March by Divisions, Clans & Ancestral Houses
- 2) Levitical (Religious) Order Num. 3 –4
(*The Lord Reveals Himself as the Holy & Sacred God of Israel*)
- a) House of Aaron as Priestly Order Num. 3:1-4
- (1) Aaron's Son's Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar & Ithamar. "...the anointed priests who were ordained to exercise the priesthood." (*Num. 3:3*)
 - (a) Nadab & Abihu Killed When they Offered Profane Fire
(*See Lev. 10:1-7 Above*)
 - Left No Sons to Serve as Priests
 - (2) Eleazar & Ithamar Perform Priestly Functions Under Direction of their Father Aaron – High Priest
- b) Levites Designated as Lord's Religious Order Num. 3:5-13
- (1) Assistants & Attendants to Priests. "Now the LORD said to Moses: 'Summon the tribe of Levi and present them to Aaron the priest, as his assistants.'" (*Num. 3:5-6*)
 - (2) Levites Dedicated to Lord
 - (a) "You shall give the Levites to Aaron and his sons; they have been set aside from among the Israelites as dedicated to me."
 - (b) "But only Aaron and his descendants shall you appoint to have charge of the priestly functions....." (*Num. 3:9-10*)
 - (3) Levites Belong to Lord. "The LORD said to Moses, 'It is I who have chosen the Levites from the Israelites in place of every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites. The Levites, therefore, are mine, because every first-born is mine.....'" (*Num 3:11-13*)
- c) Census of Levite Clans Num. 3:14-20 & 39
- (1) Lord Instructs Moses: "Take a census of the Levites by ancestral houses and clans, registering every male of a month or more."
(*Num. 3:15*)
 - (a) Sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath and Merari
 - Fathers of the Levitical Clans
 - (2) Moses Takes Census of Levites by Clan
 - (a) Total Number of Males a Month & Older = 22,000
- d) Assignments of Levitical Clans Num. 3:21-38
- (1) Gershon Clans Num. 3:21-26
 - (a) "At the meeting tent they had charge of whatever pertained to the Dwelling, the tent and its covering, the curtain at the entrance of

- the meeting tent, the hangings of the court, the curtain at the entrance of the court enclosing both the Dwelling and the altar, and the ropes.” (*Num. 3:25-26*)
- (b) Duties More Specifically Defined Num. 4:24-28
- (2) Kohath Clans Num. 3:27-32
- (a) “They had charge of whatever pertained to the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the utensils with which the ministry of the sanctuary was exercised, and the veil.” (*Num. 3:31*)
- Eleazar, Son of Aaron, Chief Prince of Levites
 - Supervisor in Charge of Sanctuary
- (b) Duties More Specifically Defined Num. 4:4-20
- Priests Prepare Sacred Furnishings & Articles When Breaking Camp
 - Give to Kohathites to Carry
- (3) Merari Clans Num. 3:33-38
- (a) “The Merarites were charged with the care of whatever pertained to the boards of the Dwelling, its bars, columns, pedestals, and all its fittings, as well as the columns of the surrounding court with their pedestals, pegs and ropes.” (*Num. 3:36-37*)
- (b) Duties More Specifically Defined Num. 4:31-33
- e) Ransom of Israel’s First-Born Sons Num 3:40-51
- Levites Serve the Lord in Place of Israel’s First-Born Males Who are Consecrated to Lord. (Re: Ex. 13:1-16 & Ex. 34:19-20a)*
- (1) Lord Instructs Moses: “Take a census of all the first-born males of the Israelites a month old or more, and compute their total number. Then assign the Levites to me, the LORD, in place of all the first-born of the Israelites, as well as their cattle in place of all the first-born among the cattle of the Israelites.” (*Num. 3:40-41*)
- (2) Moses Takes the Census of Males a Month or Older
- (a) First-Born Males from Other Tribes of Israel = 22,273
- (b) Males from Tribe of Levi = 22,000
- (c) Ransom Paid to Priests for the Shortfall of 273 Levites
- 5 Silver Shekels for Each Individual = 1,365 Shekels
 - Ransom Given to Priests
- f) Census of Levites for Religious Service Num. 4:34-49
- Num. 4:1-3; Num. 4:21-23; Num. 4:29-30
- (1) Lord Instructs Moses to Count & Register Levite Males from 30 to 50 Years Old
- (a) Total Levites Fit for Religious Service = 8,580
- (b) Each Individual Assigned Tasks for the Service & Transport of the Tabernacle
- 3) Moral Order Num. 5
- (Israel to Reflect Certain Attributes of the Lord their God)*
- a) Purity of the Camp Num. 5:1-4
- (1) Lord Instructs Moses to Expel Anyone Who is Unclean from Camp (*e.g. Leprosy, Touching a Corpse, etc. See Lev. 12 - 15 Above*)
- (a) “...they are not to defile the camp in which I dwell” (*Num. 5:3*)

- (2) All Unclean People Expelled from Camp (*Apparently They Remain at a Distance from the Camp While in an Unclean Condition*)
- b) Justice in the Camp – Restoration of Wrongs Num. 5:5-10
- (1) “....If a man (or a woman) commits a fault against his fellow man and wrongs him, thus breaking faith with the LORD, he shall confess the wrong he has done, restore his ill-gotten goods in full, and in addition give one fifth of their value to the one he has wronged.”
(*Num. 5:6-7*)
- (a) If Unable to Make Restitution to Victim or Next of Kin, it Belongs to the Lord & Given to Priest
- (b) Wrongdoer Must Also Present a Guilt Offering to Priest to Make Amends (*See Lev. 5:14-26 Above*)
- (2) All Sacred Contributions Required by Law Belong to Priests
- c) Fidelity & Trust – Test to Determine Wife’s Fidelity Num. 5:11-31
- (1) Husband Suspects Wife of Adultery Without Proof
(*Proof of Adultery Would Invoke the Death Sentence. Lev. 20:10*)
- (a) Brings Wife Before Priest
- (b) Brings a ‘Cereal Offering of Jealousy’ to Appeal the Charges
- (2) Priest Presents Suspected Wife to Lord
- (a) Priest Puts Holy Water with Dust from Tabernacle Floor (‘Bitter Water’) in an Earthen Vessel
- (b) Woman Holds ‘Cereal Offering of Jealousy’, Appealing to Lord
- (c) Priest Holds ‘Bitter Water’ in Front of Woman, Proclaiming: “If no other man has had intercourse with you, and you have not gone astray by impurity while under the authority of your husband, be immune to the curse brought by this bitter water.”
(*Num. 5:19*)
- Pronounces a Curse if She is Guilty: “....may the LORD make you an example of malediction and imprecation among your people” (*Num. 5:21*)
 - Causing Her Belly to Swell & Making Her Barren
- (d) Woman Accepts the Test: “Amen, amen!”
- (e) Priest Writes Curse & Washes it Off in ‘Bitter Water’
- Takes ‘Cereal Offering of Jealousy’ from Woman’s Hands & Waves Before the Lord, Placing it on the Altar (*Offering Her Appeal to the Lord*)
- (f) Woman Drinks ‘Bitter Water’ Ingesting the Curse
- If She is Guilty, Her Belly Swells & She Becomes Barren
 - An Example to People for Infidelity
 - If She is Innocent the Lord Makes Her Immune to Curse
- (3) “This, then, is the law for jealousy:....” (*Num. 5:29*)
- 4) Order of the Nazirite (*Vow of Dedication to Lord*) Num. 6:1-21
(*Taken from Hebrew “Naziyr Elohim”, Meaning “One Separated to God”*)
- a) Lord Instructs Moses: “....When a man (or a woman) solemnly takes the nazirite vow to dedicate himself to the LORD, he shall....”(Num. 6:2-3a)
- (1) Abstain from Strong Drink, Wine, Vinegar, Grape Juice & Eating Any Fruit from Vine

- (2) Not Cut His Hair, Letting it Grow Freely
 - (a) Dedication to Lord on His Head (*Mind, Will & Emotions*)
 - (3) Keep Away from Dead People, Lest He Become Unclean
 - (a) Even His Parents & Family
 - (4) “As long as he is a nazirite he is sacred to the LORD.” (*Num. 6:8*)
 - b) Nazirite Must Go through Purified Rite if a Person Dies in His Presence (*Example of a Purification Rite. Lev. 14:1-32*)
 - (1) Shaves His Head on 7th Day – Day of Purification
 - (2) Presents Prescribed Sin Offering & Holocaust on 8th Day
 - (a) For Priest to Make Atonement for Him
 - (b) Reconsecrates His Head to Lord
 - (3) Begins a New Period of Dedication
 - (a) Presents the Prescribed Guilt Offering
 - (b) Previous Period Becomes Invalid When He Became Unclean
(*Nazirite Must Fulfill His Period of Dedication Uninterrupted*)
 - c) Ritual at Completion of Nazirite’s Dedication Period
 - (1) Nazirite Goes to Entrance of Meeting Tent
 - (a) Brings Prescribed Holocaust, Sin, Peace & Cereal Offerings
 - Priest Sacrifices Nazirite’s Offerings
 - (b) Nazirite Shaves His Dedicated Head
 - Collects Hair & Puts it on Fire Under Peace Offering
(*Peace Offering Fulfills a Vow. See Lev. 3 Above*)
 - (c) Priest Puts Prescribed Portions of Sacrifices in Nazirite’s Hands
 - Priest then Waves them Before Lord
 - Becoming Sacred & Belonging to Priest
(*Nazirite’s Dedication Apparently Transfers to Priest*)
 - (2) Nazirite Allowed to Drink Wine After Ritual is Concluded
 - d) “This, then, is the law for the nazirite; Thus shall he carry out the law of his dedication in keeping with the vow he has taken.” (*Num. 6:21*)
- 5) The Priestly Blessing Num. 6:22-27
(*Bestowing God’s Blessing on His Chosen People*)
 - a) Lord Gives Moses a Blessing for Priests to Pronounce Over His People:
 - (1) “The LORD bless you and keep you!
 - (2) “The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
 - (3) “The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!”
 - b) “So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”
- b. Dedication of the Tabernacle (*God’s Dwelling Among His People*) Num. 7 – 9
(*Expanding on the Account Recorded in Ex. 40*)
 - 1) Dedication Offerings by Tribal Princes Num. 7
 - a) Moses Completed Erecting & Consecrating the Tabernacle
 - (1) Tribal Princes Bring Offerings for Dedication of Sacrificial Altar
(*Same Princes Who Supervised Census. See Num. 1:4-19 Above*)
 - (a) 6 Baggage Wagons of Offerings Pulled by 12 Oxen
 - b) Lord Instructs Moses to Accept their Offerings
 - (1) Use Offerings in Service of Tabernacle
 - (2) Assign Offerings to Levites Proportional to their Duties
 - (a) 2 Wagons & 4 Oxen to Gershonites

- (b) 4 Wagons & 8 Oxen to Merarites
- (c) None to Kohathites, Since they are Responsible for Carrying Sacred Furnishings, Utensils, etc.
- c) One Prince a Day Brings His Offerings to Altar, as Lord Instructed, Lasting 12 Days
 - (1) Each Prince Brings Identical Offerings on His Assigned Day
 - (a) A Silver Plate & Basin, Each Filled with Fine Flour Mixed with Oil for Cereal Offerings (*As a Thanksgiving Offering*)
 - (b) A Gold Cup, Filled with Incense (*For Intercession*)
 - (c) Animals for Holocaust (*Sacrifices for Atonement of Sins*)
 - A Young Bull
 - A Ram
 - A Yearling Lamb
 - (d) 1 Goat for Sin Offering (*Sacrifice for Forgiveness of Sins*)
 - (e) Animals for Peace Offerings (*Sacrifices to Fulfill a Vow – Promise to Remain Faithful*)
 - 2 Oxen
 - 5 Rams
 - 5 Goats
 - 5 Yearling Lambs
 - d) Moses Enters Meeting Tent (Inner Court)
 - (1) Hears Voice of Lord from Holy of Holies
- 2) Setting Up Lampstands in Tabernacle Num. 8:1-4
(To Illuminate the Meeting Tent) (Expanding on Lev. 24:1-4)
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses to Command Aaron: “When you set up the seven lamps, have them throw their light toward the front of the lampstand.” (*Num. 8:2*)
 - b) Aaron Sets Up Lamps as Lord Commanded Moses
- 3) Levites Consecrated to Serve in the Tabernacle Num. 8:5-26
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses to Purify Levites for His Service
 - (1) Moses Sprinkles Levites with Water of Remission
 - (2) Levites Shave their Whole Bodies
 - (3) Levites Wash their Clothes
 - (4) Levites Present Prescribed Offerings at Tabernacle
 - (a) Bullock as Holocaust (*Atonement for Sins*)
 - (b) Cereal Offering (*Thanksgiving Offering*)
 - (c) Another Bullock as Sin Offerings (*Forgiveness of Sins*)
 - (5) Israelites Assemble at Tabernacle & Lay Hands on Levites
 - (6) Aaron Presents Levites Before Lord as Wave Offering from Israelites. “..... thus devoting them to the service of the LORD.” (*Num. 8:11*)
 - (7) Levites Lay Hands on Heads of Bulls
 - (8) Aaron Sacrifices the Bulls
 - (9) Levites Dedicated to Lord. “..... thus shall you set aside the Levites from the rest of the Israelites, that they may be mine.” (*Num. 8:14*)
 - b) Levites Serve the Lord Only After they are Purified
 - (1) “.... they (*Levites*), among the Israelites, are strictly dedicated to me; I have taken them for myself in place of every first-born that opens the

womb among the Israelites (*Re: Ex. 13:1-16 & Num. 3:40-51*).”
(*Num 8:16*)

- c) Service of Levites
 - (1) Levites Consecrated as Lord Commanded
 - (2) Every Levite Required to Serve in Tabernacle from His 25th Year to His 50th
 - (a) Retires from Service at 50 Years Old, Sharing Responsibilities of Other Levites Without Doing the Work
- 4) Celebration of Passover at the Tabernacle Num. 9:1-14
(*Israelites Celebrate Passover at the Newly Consecrated Tabernacle in the 1st Month of the Year Following their Departure from Egypt, Obeying the Lord to Annually Observe Passover as a Perpetual Ordinance [Passover Established in Ex. 12; Annual Observance Decreed in Ex. 23:14-15 & Ex. 34:18].*)
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses to Celebrate Passover at Prescribed Time
(*14th Day of 1st Month*) (*See Lev. 23:5-8 Above*)
 - (1) Moses Instructs the People
 - b) Israelites Prepare for Passover
 - (1) Some People are Unclean from Touching a Corpse
 - (a) Question Moses: “Although we are unclean because of a corpse, why should we be deprived of presenting the LORD’S offering at its proper time along with the other Israelites?” (*Num. 9:7*)
 - (2) Moses Inquires of Lord
 - (3) Lord Answers Moses:
 - (a) “...If any one of you or of your descendants is unclean because of a corpse, or if he is absent on a journey, he may still keep the LORD’S Passover. But he shall keep it in the second month,” (*Num. 9:10-11*)
 - (b) Anyone Who is Clean or Not on a Journey, and Fails to Keep Passover Shall be Cut Off from the People
 - (c) Aliens Living Among Them Wishing to Celebrate Passover are Allowed
 - c) People Celebrate Passover as Prescribed by Lord
(*Commemorating Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt*)
- 5) Lord’s Presence (Shekinah Glory) Fills the Tabernacle Num. 9:15-23
(*Repeating Ex. 40:34-38 Above*)
 - a) “On the day when the Dwelling was erected, the cloud covered the Dwelling, the tent of the commandments; but from evening until morning it took on the appearance of fire over the Dwelling” (*Num. 9:15*)
(*Lord God Enters His Dwelling Place on Earth – Holy of Holies*)
 - (1) Glory Appears as Cloud During the Day & Column of Fire by Night
 - b) Lord God Leads His Nation on their Journey to Promise Land
 - (1) When Cloud/Fire Remains Above Dwelling
 - (a) Israelites Remain in Camp
 - (2) When Cloud/Fire Lifts from Dwelling
 - (a) Israelites Break Camp & Follow the Lord
- c. Silver Trumpets Num. 10:1-10
 - 1) The Lord Instructs Moses: “Make two trumpets of beaten silver, which you

shall use in assembling the community and in breaking camp.

- a) “When both are blown, the whole community shall gather round you at the entrance of the meeting tent; but when one of them is blown, only the princes, the chiefs of the troops of Israel, shall gather round you.”
(*Num. 10:2-4*)
 - b) Call for Order to March (*See “Israel’s Order of March” in Num. 2 Above*)
 - (1) 1st Alarm, Those Camped at East Side of Tabernacle Start Out
 - (2) 2nd Alarm, Those Camped at South Side of Tabernacle Start Out
 - (3) 3rd Alarm, Those Camped at West Side of Tabernacle Start Out
 - (4) 4th Alarm, Those Camped at North Side of Tabernacle Start Out
 - 2) Priests Responsible for Blowing Trumpets by Perpetual Statute
 - 3) Purposes for Blowing Trumpets After Settling in Promise Land
 - a) When an Enemy Invades. “...you shall sound the alarm on the trumpets, and the LORD, your God, will remember you and save you from your foes
 - b) At Prescribed Festivals/Feasts. “..... you shall blow the trumpets over your holocausts and your peace offerings; this will serve as a reminder of you before your God.....” (*Num. 10:9-10*)
2. Israel’s Journey from Mount Sinai to Plains of Moab Num. 10:11 – 12:16
- a. Israel Breaks Camp & Departs Sinai Num. 10:11-36
(*20th Day in 2nd Month of 2nd Year After Israel Departed Egypt*)
 - 1) Glory Cloud Rises from Dwelling (Tabernacle’s Holy of Holies)
 - a) Israelites Move in Stages Until Cloud Comes to a Rest in Desert of Paran
 - 2) Israel Forms into Ranks Organized by the Lord Num. 10:13-27
(*See “Israel’s Order of March” in Num. 2 & Num. 10:5-6 Above*)
 - a) First Tribe to March is Judah, Led by Nahshon, Son of Amminadab
 - b) Other Tribes Follow in their Assigned Order
 - (1) Each Led by their Appointed Prince
 - c) Levites Carry Dismantled Tabernacle & Sacred Objects, as Lord Assigned
 - 3) Israelites Travel 3 Days into Desert
 - a) Covered by the Glory Cloud by Day
 - b) Ark of Covenant Travels with Them. “...to seek out their resting place...” (*Num. 10:33*)
 - c) Moses Recites Over the Ark of the Covenant
 - (1) When it Starts Out: “Arise, O LORD, that your enemies may be scattered, and those who hate you may flee before you.” (*Num. 10:35*)
 - (2) When it Comes to Rest: “Return, O LORD, you who ride upon the clouds, to the troops of Israel.” (*Num. 10:36*)
 - b. Discontent Among the People Num. 11
 - 1) Lord’s Judgment by Fire Num. 11:1-3
(*Lord Reveals Himself as a Consuming Fire*)
 - a) Lord Hears People Complaining (*Expressing their Ingratitude*)
 - b) Lord’s Wrath Flares Up
 - (1) Fire Consumes Outskirts of Camp
 - c) People Cry Out to Moses
 - d) Moses Intercedes for People & Fire Dies Out
 - e) Place Named “Taberah” – Meaning: “The Burning”

- 2) Lord Provides Meat in Desert Num. 11:4-34
(Lord Reveals Himself as All Sufficient Provider & Righteous Judge)
- a) Greedy People Complain About the Manna
(Bread Provided by the Lord in the Desert. See Ex. 16 Above)
 - (1) Desiring Meats & Rich Foods of Egypt
 - b) Moses Grieves - People Complaining & Lord Becoming Angry
 - (1) Moses Pleads with the Lord:
 - (a) “Where can I get meat to give to all this people? For they are crying to me,”
 - (b) “I cannot carry all this people by myself, for they are too heavy for me.”
 - (c) “If this is the way you will deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once,” *(Num. 11:13-15)*
 - c) Lord Instructs Moses
 - (1) Select 70 Elders to Share His Burden
 - (2) Inform People to Sanctify Themselves to Receive Lord’s Meat
 - (a) Moses Asks How He is to Provide Enough Meat for the People
 - (b) Lord Answers: “Is this beyond the LORD’S reach? You shall see now whether or not what I have promised you takes place.” *(Num. 11:23)*
 - d) Moses Gathers 70 Elders Around Meeting Tent, as the Lord Instructed
 - (1) Lord Descends in Cloud & Speaks to Elders
 - (a) Bestows Some of the Spirit that was on Moses on Elders
 - (b) Elders Begin to Prophecy *(Evidence of the Spirit)*
 - (2) Two Elders Unable to Attend the Gathering
 - (a) Spirit of God Rests Upon Them in the Camp
 - They Begin to Prophecy
 - (b) Joshua Says to Moses: “Stop Them”
 - (c) Moses Replies: “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!” *(Num. 11:29)*
 - e) Lord Sends Wind Driving Quail into Camp & Beyond
 - (1) People Gather Quail All that Day, that Night & Next Day
 - (2) Lord’s Anger Flares Up Against People as they Eat Quail
 - (a) Strikes People with a Plague
 - (3) Place Named “Kibroth-hattaavah” – Meaning: “Graves of Greed”
 - (a) Site Where Greedy People were Buried
- 3) Israel Sets Out for Hazereth Num. 11:35
- c. Jealousy Over the Lord’s Anointing Num. 12
(Lord Reveals His Sovereignty & Authority)
- 1) Miriam & Aaron Speak Out Against their Brother Moses
 - a) Pretext Over Moses’ Cushite *(African)* Wife
 - b) Complaining: “Is it through Moses alone that the LORD speaks? Does he not speak through us also?” *(Num. 12:2)*
 - 2) Lord Summons Moses, Aaron & Miriam to Meeting Tent
 - a) Lord Descends in Cloud & Speaks to Aaron & Miriam:
 - (1) “..... Should there be a prophet among you, in visions will I reveal

- myself to him, in dreams will I speak to him;
- (2) “Not so with my servant Moses! Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him, plainly and not in riddles. The presence of the LORD he beholds.”
- (3) “Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant Moses (*The Lord’s Anointed*)?” (*Num. 12:6-8*)
- 3) Lord Angrily Departs in Cloud
- a) Miriam Immediately Afflicted with Leprosy (*Chronic Unclean Condition*)
- b) Aaron Recognizes Leprosy & Repents (*Priests Responsible for Diagnosing Leprosy. See Lev. 13 Above*)
- 4) Moses Cries to Lord: “Please, not this! Pray, heal her!” (*Num. 12:13*)
- a) Lord Instructs Moses to Confine Miriam Outside Camp for 7 Days (*As Prescribed by Law. See Lev. 14:1-32 & Num. 5:1-4 Above*)
- b) Miriam Confined Outside Camp as Lord Instructs
- c) Miriam Brought Back into Camp After 7 Days (*Healed & Cleansed*) (*The Lord Reveals Himself as Compassionate Healer & Redeemer*)
- 5) Israelites Leave Hazeroth, Travel & Camp in Desert of Paran
3. Israel Camps at Kadesh-barnea in Paran Desert Num. 13 – 19
- a. Israel Prepares to Invade the Promise Land Num. 13 - 14
- After Delivering His People from Slavery in Egypt, Saving Them from Annihilation, Providing for Them in the Desert, and Leading Them to the Promise Land; the Lord Puts His People to the Test. Will His People Trust Him as their Commander to Conquer & Occupy the Land He Promised Them?*
- 1) Lord Instructs Moses to Send Scouts to Reconnoiter Canaan
- a) “Send men to reconnoiter the land of Canaan (*i.e. Promise Land*), which I am giving to the Israelites.” (*Num. 13:2a*)
- b) One Scout from Each Tribe
- 2) Moses Dispatches 12 Scouts, as the Lord Instructed
- a) Scouts Reconnoiter Land 40 Days
- 3) Scouts Return to Israelite Camp
- a) Bring Back Bounty of Grapes, Pomegranates & Figs
- b) Report to Moses & Israelite Community
- (1) Land is Fertile & Plenteous
- (2) Land Inhabited by Fierce People & Fortified Towns
- (a) Saw Descendants of Anakim (Giants)
- c) Dispute Arises Among People
- (1) Caleb (Scout from Tribe of Judah) Advises Israel: “We ought to go up and seize the land, for we can certainly do so.” (*Num. 13:30*) (*Placing His Trust in the Lord!*)
- (2) Other Scouts Discourage People: “We cannot attack these people; they are too strong for us.” (*Num. 13:31*) (*Fearing Men More than Trusting in the Lord*)
- d) People Grumble Against Moses & Aaron
- (1) Believing Scouts with Bad Report
- (2) Regretting Lord Delivered Them from Egypt
- (3) Rebelling Against Lord’s Anointed. “Let us appoint a leader and go back to Egypt (*Back to Slavery*).” (*Num. 14:4*)

- 4) Moses & Aaron Publicly Prostrate Themselves (*In Submission to Lord*)
 - a) Joshua (Scout from Tribe of Ephraim) & Caleb Tear their Garments (*Signifying Blasphemy*)
 - (1) Encourage Israel to Trust the Lord:
 - (a) “The country which we went through and explored is a fine, rich land.
 - (b) “If the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us in and give us that land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
 - (c) “But do not rebel against the LORD! You need not be afraid of the people of that land; Their defense has left them, but the LORD is with us.....do not be afraid of them.” (*Num. 14:7-9*)
 - b) Israelite Community Threatens to Stone Them
- 5) Glory of Lord Appears at Meeting Tent
 - a) Lord Addresses Moses
 - (1) Rebukes Israel’s Unbelief. “How long will this people spurn me? How long will they refuse to believe in me, despite all the signs I have performed among them?” (*Num. 14:11*)
 - (2) Threatens to Destroy Israel & Start Over with Moses
 - b) Moses Intercedes for Israel
 - (1) Begs the Lord to Pardon Israel
 - c) The Lord Answers Moses
 - (1) He Will Pardon Israel from Destruction
 - (2) Judges Israel for their Unbelief
 - (a) All Adults Who Witnessed Lord’s Signs Delivering Israel from Egypt, Will Die in Desert & Not Enter Promise Land
 - Except Caleb & Joshua Who Remained Faithful
 - (b) Lord Will Bring Next Generation (*Children Under Age of 20 at Exodus & Those Born in Wilderness*) into Promise Land
 - (c) Israel Will Wander in Wilderness 40 Years
 - One Year for Every Day They Reconnoitered Promise Land
 - Until Entire Generation Dies Out
 - (d) “Thus you will realize what it means to oppose me” (*Num. 14:34*)
 - (3) Strikes Down Scouts Who Gave a Bad Report
 - (4) Instructs Moses to Lead Israel into Wilderness (*To Raise a New Generation Who will Learn to Trust the Lord*)
 - 6) Moses Repeats Word of Lord to Israelite Community
 - a) People Become Remorseful
 - b) Some Men Gather Troops & Invade Canaan (*Without the Lord*)
 - (1) Disregarding the Lord & Ignoring Moses’ Warning
 - (2) Troops Defeated by Amalekites & Canaanites
- b. Supplemental Laws & Instruction Num. 15
 - 1) Sacrifices to be Offered in Promise Land Num. 15:1-21
 (*After the Lord Banishes His People to the Wilderness, He Confirms His Commitment to Them by Prescribing Sacrifices to be Observed When They are Settled in the Promise Land.*)
 - a) Blood Sacrifices to be Accompanied with Cereal Offerings
 (*See Lev. 1 – 7 Above*)

- b) Same Laws Apply to Aliens Living Among Israelites
- c) First Fruits of Land Must be Contributed to Lord as Cereal Offerings
- 2) Offerings Prescribed for Inadvertently Breaking the Law Num. 15:22-29
 - a) For Community Sins
 - b) For Personal Sins
- 3) Sentence for Defiantly Breaking the Law Num. 15:30-31
 - a) Perpetrator Cut Off from People
- 4) Enforcement of the Law Num. 15:32-36
 - a) Man Caught Working on Sabbath
(See Commandment in Ex. 20:8-11 with Sentence in Ex. 31:12-17)
 - b) Man Brought to Moses & Aaron, Who Keep Him in Custody
 - (1) Uncertain What to do with Him
 - c) Lord Tells Moses to Put Man to Death (*Apply the Law*)
 - d) Man Taken Outside the Camp & Executed (*As Prescribed by Law*)
- 5) Lord Prescribes Tassels Sewn on Garments Num. 15:37-41
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses: “Speak to the Israelites and tell them that they and their descendants must put tassels on the corners of their garments, fastening each corner tassel with a violet cord.” (*Num. 15:38*)
 - (1) Reminder to Keep the Lord’s Commandments
- c) Rebellion Against Lord’s Consecrated Priesthood Num. 16 – 17
(When the Lord Revealed Himself to the Israelites, they were Fearful and Asked for an Intercessor Between them & the Lord God [Re: Ex.19:16-19 & Ex. 20:18-26]. The Lord Honored their Request by Appointing the House of Aaron as a Perpetual Intercessory Priesthood [Re: Ex.28:1 & Ex. 29:1-9]. Here, a Group of Rebellious Israelites Reject the Lord’s Consecrated Priesthood & Attempt to Seize the Anointing for Themselves.)
 - 1) Rebellion Against Moses & Aaron Num. 16:1 – 17:5
 - a) Korah Leads 250 Levites Against Aaronic Priesthood
 - (1) Conspiring with Dathan & Abiram (Laymen) Against Moses
 - b) Rebels Confront Moses: “Enough from you! The whole community, all of them, are holy; the LORD is in their midst. Why then should you set yourselves over the LORD’S congregation?” (*Num. 16:3*)
 - (1) Moses Falls Prostrate Before Lord
 - c) Moses Confronts Korah & Levite Rebels
 - (1) Prove the Lord’s Anointing by Offering Incense Before the Lord
(*Priestly Responsibility of Intercession*)
 - (a) Lord Will Reveal Whom He Chooses
 - (2) Reprimands Levite Rebels for Disrespecting their Appointed Service & Coveting the Priesthood (*Re: Num. 3:1-38*)
 - d) Moses Summons Dathan & Abiram
 - (1) They Refuse to Attend, Complaining Against Moses
 - e) The Lord’s Judgment
 - (1) Moses Sets Up a Contest Between the 250 Levite Rebels & Aaron
 - (a) Each to Offer Incense Before the Lord
 - (2) Korah & Rebellious Levites Fill their Censers with Incense
 - (a) Set Fire to their Incense & Stand at Entrance of Meeting Tent
 - (3) Glory of Lord Appears Before Entire Community

- (a) Lord Says to Moses & Aaron: “Stand apart from this band, that I may consume them at once.”
- (b) Moses & Aaron Cry Out: “..... will one man’s sin make you angry with the whole community?”
- (c) Lord Answers Moses: “Speak to the community and tell them: Withdraw from the space around the Dwelling” (*Num. 16:21-24*)
- (4) Moses & Elders Go to Dathan & Abiram
 - (a) Moses Warns People to Stay Away from Dathan & Abiram
 - (b) Dathan & Abiram Stand in Front of their Tents with Families
 - (c) Moses Pronounces: “This is how you shall know that it was the LORD who sent me to do all I have done, and that it was not I who planned it:” (*Num 16:28-30*)
 - If they Die an Ordinary Death Common to All Men, then the Lord did Not Send Him
 - If Earth Opens Up & Swallows them, they Defied the Lord
 - (d) Earth Splits Open & Swallows Rebels, Families & Possessions
 - People Flee: “The earth might swallow us too! (*Num. 16:34*)
- (5) Lord Sends Fire Consuming 250 Levite Rebels Offering Incense (*Rejecting them as Intercessors*)
- f) Lord Affirms the Sanctity of Priesthood
 - (1) Lord Orders Moses to Have Eleazar, Son of Aaron, Destroy Rebels’ Censers & Scatter Fire Away from the Camp
 - (2) Eleazar Obeys Word of the Lord
 - (3) Lord’s Warning: “..... no one who was not a descendant of Aaron, should approach the altar to offer incense before the LORD, lest he meet the fate of Korah and his band.” (*Num. 17:5*)
- 2) Lord Confirms His Anointed Priesthood Num. 17:6-28
 - a) Next Day, Whole Community Grumble Against Moses & Aaron
 - (1) Blaming Them for Death of Rebels
 - b) Glory of Lord Appears at Tabernacle
 - (1) Lord Says to Moses & Aaron: “Depart from this community, that I may consume them at once.” (*Num. 17:10a*)
 - (2) Moses & Aaron Fall Prostrate Before Lord
 - c) Moses Instructs Aaron to Put Fire from Altar of Incense in His Censer
 - (1) Run through Camp to Stop Lord’s Plague Already Falling
 - d) Aaron Obeys Moses
 - (1) Stands Between Living & Dead, Offering Incense (*Interceding*) & Making Atonement (*Covering their Sin*) (*Exclusive Duties of a Priest*)
 - (2) Plague Stops After 14,700 Israelis had Died
 - e) Lord Instructs Moses to Set Up a Test to Confirm His Priesthood
 - (1) Collect a Staff from Each of 12 Tribal Princes (*Symbol of Authority*)
 - (a) Put Each One’s Name on His Staff
 - (b) Put Aaron’s Name on His Staff
 - (2) Lay Staffs in Meeting Tent in Front of the Commandments (*i.e. Ark of the Covenant*)
 - (3) Staff of Lord’s Chosen Priesthood will Sprout

- f) Moses Collects the Staff from Tribal Princes & Aaron
 - (1) Lays Staffs Before the Lord
- g) Next Day, Moses Retrieves Staffs
 - (1) Aaron's Staff Sprouted Shoots with Blossoms & Ripe Almonds
 - (2) Other Staffs Remain Unchanged
- h) Lord Commands Moses to Put Aaron's Staff Back in Front of the Commandments. ".....to be kept there as a warning to the rebellious, so that their grumbling may cease before me; if it does not, they will die." (*Num. 17:25*)
 - i) Israel Repents, Accepting the Lord's Chosen Priesthood
- d. Reaffirmation of Priestly Laws Num. 18

(*Re: Ex. 28:1; Ex. 29:9; Lev. 1 – 7; Num. 3 – 4*)

 - 1) Lord Confirms & Enforces His Religious/Sacred Offices Num. 18:1-7

(*The Lord Speaks to Aaron After He Confirmed Aaron as His Chosen High Priest Before the Entire Congregation. i.e. Num. 17:6-28*)

 - a) Office of Priest to be Held Exclusively by Aaron & His Descendants
 - (1) Responsible for Sanctuary, Altar & Sacred Vessels
 - (a) "You shall have charge of the sanctuary and of the altar, that wrath may not fall again upon the Israelites." (*Num. 18:5*)
 - (2) Responsible for Performing All Priestly Functions

(*e.g. Offering Sacrifices on Altar, Performing Rituals in Sanctuary [Inner Court] & Before Holy of Holies*)
 - b) The Levitical Order
 - (1) Lord Gives Aaron His Tribesmen (Levites) as Associates & Assistants
 - (a) ".....they are a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD for the service of the meeting tent." (*Num. 18:6*)
 - c) Penalty for Usurping Priestly Authority
 - (1) ".....I give you the priesthood as a gift. Any layman who draws near shall be put to death." (*Num. 18:7*)
 - 2) Lord Confirms Priests' Portion of Sacrifices (*Sacred Food*) Num. 18:8-20

(*See Appropriate Verses in Lev. 6 – 10 Above*)

 - a) Priests Shall Treat their Allotted Portions as Sacred Num. 18:8-10
 - b) Lord Allots Other Offerings to Priests Num. 18:11-19
 - (1) Designated Portions of Wave Offerings
 - (2) "I have also assigned to you all the best of the new oil and of the new wine and grain that they give to the LORD as their first fruits; and likewise, of whatever grows on their land, the first products that they bring in to the LORD shall be yours;" (*Num. 18:12-13*)
 - (3) Whatever is 'Doomed' (*See Lev. 27:28-29 Above*)
 - (4) Allotments from First-Born Dedicated to Lord (*Re: Ex. 13:1-16*)
 - (a) Men & Unclean Animals Must be Redeemed/Ransomed

(*See Lev. 27:26-27; Num 3:40-51 Above*)
 - (b) Clean Animals Considered Sacred & Must be Sacrificed
 - Meat Given to Priests Like Wave Offering
 - c) The Lord is Aaron's (Priests') Heritage Num. 18:20
 - (1) "You shall not have any heritage (*Property, Vineyards, etc.*) in the land of the Israelites nor hold any portion among them; I will be your

- portion and your heritage among them.”
- 3) Law of Tithing Num. 18:21-32
(Basic Principles of Tithing: The Lesser Pays Tithes to the Greater. Ten Percent [10%] of Everyone’s Gross Income Belongs to the Lord. Both Tithes & Offerings [Gifts Beyond the 10%] Must be of the Best Quality.)
- a) All Israel Pays Tithes to Levites
- (1) “To the Levites, however, I hereby assign all tithes in Israel as their heritage in recompense for the service they perform in the meeting tent.” *(Num. 18:21)*
- (2) “The Levites, therefore, shall not have any heritage among the Israelites, for I have assigned to them as their heritage the tithes which the Israelites give as a contribution to the LORD...” *(Num. 18:23c-24)*
- b) Levites Pay Tithes to Priests
- (1) “Give the Levites these instructions: When you receive from the Israelites the tithes I have assigned you from them as your heritage, you are to make a contribution from them to the LORD, a tithing of the tithes; handing over to Aaron the priest the part to be contributed to the LORD.” *(Num. 18:26-28)*
- c) Levites Portion of Tithes Num. 18:30-32
- (1) “Tell them *(Levites)* also: Once you have made your contribution from the best part, the rest of the tithes will be credited to you Levites..... Your families, as well as you, may eat them anywhere, since they are your recompense for service at the meeting tent....”
- e. Cleansing with Lustral Water (Water of Purification) Num. 19
(Ritualistic Cleansing of People Unclean from Contact with a Dead Person)
- 1) Ashes of a Red Heifer Num. 19:1-10
- a) Israelites Procure Red Heifer
- (1) Heifer Without Blemish or Defect
- (2) No Yoke Ever Laid Upon Her
- b) Heifer Given to Eleazar the Priest
- (1) Priest Takes Heifer Outside Camp to be Slaughtered
- (2) Priest Puts Some of Her Blood on His Finger
- (a) Sprinkles Blood 7 Times Toward Front of Meeting Tent
- (3) Heifer Burned in His Sight – A Sin Offering
- (a) Priest Throws Cedar Wood, Hyssop & Scarlet Yarn into Fire
- c) Priest Cleanses Himself & Remains Outside Camp Until Evening
- d) Man Who Burned Heifer Cleanses Himself & Remains Outside Camp Until Evening
- e) Man, Who is Clean, Gathers Ashes & Deposits them in a Clean Place Outside Camp
- (1) Ashes Kept for Preparing Lustral Water
- (2) Man Cleanses Himself & Remains Outside Camp Until Evening
- f) “This is a perpetual ordinance, both for the Israelites and for the aliens residing among them” *(Num. 19:10b)*
- 2) Conditions Causing Uncleanness Num. 19:11-22
- a) Anyone Who Touches the Body of Dead Person is Unclean for 7 Days
- b) When a Person Dies in a Tent:

- (1) Everyone in the Tent at that Time is Unclean for 7 Days
 - (2) Everyone Entering the Tent is Unclean for 7 Days
 - (3) Every Open Vessel in the Tent is Unclean for 7 Days
 - c) Anyone Touching a Dead Person in Open Country is Unclean for 7 Days
 - (1) Whether they Died Naturally or were Slain
 - (2) Includes Touching a Human Bone or a Grave
 - 3) Cleansing Ritual
 - a) Lustral Water Prepared for Cleansing
 - (1) Ashes Put in a Vessel & Spring Water Poured on them
 - b) Man, Who is Clean, Dips Hyssop into Lustral Water
 - (1) Sprinkles Unclean Person on 3rd & 7th Days of Purification Period
 - (a) Unclean Person Washes His Garments & Bathes on 7th Day
 - Becomes Clean that Evening
 - (2) Sprinkles Unclean Tent, Vessels, etc.
 - c) Whoever Fails to Purify Himself with Lustral Water After Contact with a Dead Person, Remains Unclean & is Cut Off from Israel
 - (1) “....his uncleanness still clings to him.” (*Num. 19:13*)
 - 4) Contamination from Uncleanness
 - a) Anyone Who Comes in Contact with Lustral Water While Cleansing Another Person, Becomes Unclean Until Evening
 - b) Anything an Unclean Person Touches, Becomes Unclean
 - (1) Anyone Who Touches Unclean Object is Unclean Until Evening
4. Israel in the Wilderness Num. 20 – 21
- a. Israel Camps at Kadesh in Desert of Zin Num. 20:1-21
 - 1) Miriam (Moses’ & Aaron’s Sister) Dies Num. 20:1
 - 2) Lord Provides Water from a Rock Num. 20:2-13
(Lord Reveals Himself as Refreshing Provider & Sustainer)
 - a) People Contend with Moses & Aaron
 - (1) Preferred to have been Slain with Rebellious Kinsmen
(See Num. 16 & 17 Above)
 - (2) No Water to Drink in Desert & Livestock Dying
 - (3) Criticize Moses for Leading Them from Egypt where there was Plenty
 - b) Moses & Aaron Prostrate Themselves Before Meeting Tent
 - (1) Glory of Lord Appears
 - (a) Instructs Moses: “Take the staff and assemble the community, you and your brother Aaron, and in their presence order the rock to yield its waters. From the rock you shall bring forth water for the community and their livestock to drink.” (*Num. 20:8*)
 - c) Moses & Aaron Take Staff (*Sign of Authority*) from Before the Lord
(Aaron’s Staff was Kept Before the Commandments. Re: Num. 17:25)
 - (1) People Gather in Front of Rock
 - (a) Moses Confronts People: “Listen to me, you rebels! Are we to bring water for you out of this rock?” (*Num. 20:10*)
 - (2) Moses Strikes Rock Twice with Staff & Water Gushes Out
 - (a) Abundant Supply for All Israel & their Livestock
 - d) Lord Chastises Moses & Aaron: “Because you were not faithful to me in showing forth my sanctity before the Israelites, you shall not lead this

- community into the land I will give them.” (Num. 20:12) (*Moses & Aaron Did Not Honor the Lord in Performing this Miracle, by Not Speaking to the Rock as the Lord Instructed. Instead, Moses, in His Righteous Indignation, Angrily Strikes the Rock Twice Judging the People.*)
- e) “These are the waters of Meribah (*Meaning ‘Contention’*), where the Israelites contended against the LORD, and where he revealed his sanctity (*Holiness*) among them.” (Num. 20:13)
- 3) Moses Sends Envoys to King of Edom Num. 20:14-21
(Edomites are Descendants of Esau, Israel’s Forefather Jacob’s Twin Brother)
- a) Requesting Safe Passage through their Territory
 (1) Promising Not to Enter their Fields or Drink their Well Water
- b) Edom Refuses Israel’s Request, Threatening to Attack Israel
(The Lord Gives the Edomites an Opportunity to Receive His Blessings by Blessing His Chosen People, but they Refuse)
- c) Israel Detours Around Edom (*In Obedience to Lord. Deut. 2:1-7 Below*)
- b. Israel Camps at Mount Hor Num. 20:22-29
- 1) Succession of High Priest
- a) Lord Instructs Moses & Aaron. “Aaron is about to be taken to his people (*i.e. Die*); he shall not enter the land I am giving to the Israelites, because you both rebelled against my commandment at the waters of Meribah.
 (1) “Take Aaron and his son Eleazar and bring them up on Mount Hor.
 (2) “Then strip Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar; for there Aaron shall be taken in death.” (Num. 20:24-26)
- 2) Moses Obeys the Lord
- a) Ascends Mount Hor with Aaron & Eleazar in Front of Entire Community
- b) Removes High Priest Vestments from Aaron
 (1) Puts Vestments on Eleazar (*Ordaining Him as High Priest*)
 (2) Aaron Dies on Mountain Top
(Aaron Died on 1st Day of 5th Month in 40th Year from Israel’s Departure from Egypt. Aaron was 123 Years Old. Num. 33:38-39)
- 3) Moses & High Priest Eleazar Descend the Mountain
- a) Israel Mourns Aaron’s Death 30 Days
- c. Conflicts in the Wilderness Num. 21
(As Israel Travels in the Wilderness they Encounter Native Peoples/Nations, Many of Whom are Hostile toward Israel & Engage them in Armed Conflict. It is through these Conflicts that the Lord Demonstrates His Authority & Supremacy, Leading His People from One Victory to Another. This Bolsters their Faith & Courage, Preparing the Younger Generation to Conquer & Occupy the Promise Land.)
- 1) Israel’s Victory Over Canaanite King Arad Num. 21:1-3
- a) King Arad Lived in Negev Desert
 (1) Engages Israel in Battle & Takes Captives
- b) Israel’s Vow to Lord: “If you deliver this people into my hand, I will doom their cities.” (Num. 21:2)
- c) Lord Leads Israel to Victory Over Arad
 (1) Israelites Destroy their Cities
- 2) Conflict Against the Lord – The Bronze Serpent Num. 21:4-9
(Lord Reveals Himself as Healer & Savior)

- a) Israel Leaves Mount Hor & Travels on Red Sea Road, Bypassing Edom
 - b) People Complain Against God & Moses
 - (1) No Food or Water
 - (2) Disgusted with Lord's Provision (Manna & Quail)
 - c) Lord Sends Serpents Among People
 - (1) Serpents Bite People & Many Die
 - d) People Come to Moses & Repent: "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (*Num. 21:7*)
 - e) Moses Prays for People
 - (1) Lord Instructs Moses: "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover." (*Num. 21:8*)
 - f) Moses Makes a Bronze Serpent & Mounts it on a Pole
 - (1) Everyone Who Looks on Bronze Serpent After being Bitten by a Serpent is Healed
 - 3) Summary of Israel's Travels Around Moab Num. 21:10-20
 - 4) Israel's Victory Over Amorite King Sihon Num. 21:21-32
 - a) Israel Sends Envoys to King Sihon
 - (1) Requesting Safe Passage through their Territory
 - (a) Promising Not to Enter their Fields or Drink their Well Water
 - b) King Sihon Refuses, Mustering Troops
 - (1) Engages Israel in Battle
 - c) Israel Defeats King Sihon & His Forces
 - (1) Take Possession of Land & Settle in their Towns
 - d) Israel Captures Jazer & All its Dependences
 - (1) Dispossessing Amorites Who Live there
 - 5) Israel's Victory Over Bashan King Og Num. 21:33-35
 - a) Israel Travels on Road to Bashan
 - b) King Og Engages Israel in Battle
 - c) Israel Kills King Og & All His People
 - (1) Take Possession of their Land
5. Israel Camps in Plains of Moab, East of Jordan River Num. 22 - 36
(Final Encampment Before Crossing the Jordan River into Canaan – Heart of the Promise Land. Joshua 3 – 4)
- a. Spiritual Warfare Num. 22 - 24
(These Important Events Reveal the Lord as a Faithful Covenant Keeping God, Who Promised Abraham and His Chosen Descendants Israel: "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you" Gen. 12:3a.)
 - 1) Balak, King of Moab, Summons Balaam to Curse Israel Num. 22:1-21
(Balak Sees that He Can Not Defeat Israel in the Natural; So He Summons Balaam, a Soothsayer, to Curse Israel Enabling Him to Defeat Them.)
 - a) Balak Fearful of Israelites
 - (1) Knew of their Victories Over Amorites
 - (2) Saw their Vast Numbers (i.e. Over 600,000 Soldiers)
 - b) Balak Allies with Midian
 - (1) Sends Delegation to Fetch Balaam from Pethor on Euphrates River
(i.e. Modern Day Syria)

- (a) Request that He Return with them & Curse Israel. “We may then be able to defeat them and drive them out of the country.”
(*Num. 22:6b*)
- (b) Offer Balaam a Divination Fee
- c) Delegation Delivers Balak’s Message to Balaam
 - (1) Balaam Consults God (“*Elohim*”)
 - (2) God Responds: “Do not go with them and do not curse this people, for they are blessed.” (*Num. 22:12*)
 - (3) Balaam Refuses to Go with Messengers
 - (4) Messengers Return & Report to Balak

Comment. Balaam was a soothsayer/fortune-teller, doomed under the Law (*Lev. 19:26b & 31; Lev. 20:27*). However, the Law was given by the Lord to His Chosen People Israel, not the Pagan Peoples. When asked to curse Israel, Balaam consulted God, probably not knowing Who would respond. God in His Sovereignty responds to Balaam’s inquiry, revealing that Israel are a blessed people and must not be cursed.

- d) Balak Sends a Second Delegation of More Prestigious Officials
 - (1) Make the Same Request of Balaam, Promising Greater Rewards
 - (a) Balaam Answers: “Even if Balak gave me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, small or great, contrary to the command of the LORD, my God.” (*Num. 22:18*)
 - (2) God Speaks to Balaam that Night: “If these men have come to summon you, you may go with them; yet only on the condition that you do exactly as I tell you.” (*Num. 22:20*)
 - (3) Next Morning Balaam Saddles His Ass & Leaves with Officials
- 2) Balaam’s Journey to King Balak *Num. 22:22-35*
 - a) God’s Anger Flares Up Against Balaam (*Probably Because the Lord Could See that Balaam, in His Heart, was Enticed by the Recognition & Rewards He Would Receive for Cursing Israel.*)
 - b) Lord Sends an Angel to Hinder Balaam
(*God Uses these Extraordinary Measures to Warn Balaam that He Must Uncompromisingly Proclaim the Word He Receives from the Lord.*)
 - (1) Angel of Lord Stands in Balaam’s Path
 - (a) Balaam’s Ass Sees Angel with Drawn Sword & Turns Off Road
 - (b) Balaam Beats Ass to Bring Her Back to Road
 - (2) Angel Stands in Narrow Road Next to a Wall
 - (a) Ass Sees Angel & Moves Toward Wall, Squeezing Balaam’s Leg
 - (b) Balaam Beats Ass Again
 - (3) Angel Stands in Passage too Narrow to Move on Either Side
 - (a) Ass Sees Angel & Stops
 - (b) Balaam Beats Ass to Restart Her
 - (4) Lord Opens Ass’ Mouth to Speak to Balaam
 - (a) Asks Balaam Why He was Beating Her
 - (b) Balaam Answers that She was Willfully Defying Him
 - Would Have Killed Her if He had a Sword
 - (5) Lord Reveals His Angel to Balaam
 - (a) Standing in Road with Drawn Sword
 - (6) Angel Asks Balaam Why He Beat His Ass 3 Times

- (a) “It is I who have come armed to hinder you because this rash journey of yours is directly opposed to me.
- (b) “When the ass saw me, she turned away from me these three times. If she had not turned away from me, I would have killed you (*Preventing Him from Cursing Israel*); her I would have spared.” (*Num. 22:32-33*)
- (7) Balaam’s Reaction: “I have sinned. Yet I did not know that you stood against me to oppose my journey. Since it has displeased you, I will go back home.” (*Num. 22:34*)
- (8) Angel Replies: “Go with the men; but you may say only what I tell you.” (*Num. 22:35*)
- c) Balaam Continues His Journey with Balak’s Officials
- 3) King Balak Greets Balaam Num. 22:36-40
 - a) Balak Asks Balaam Why He Did Not Come When Summoned
 - b) Balaam Answers: “Well, I have come to you after all. But what power have I to say anything? I can speak only what God puts in my mouth.” (*Num. 22:38*)
- 4) Balaam’s First Oracle Num. 22:41 – 23:12
 - a) Balak Takes Balaam to High Places of Baal (*Place of Pagan Worship*)
 - (1) Shows Him Some of Israelite Clans
 - b) Balaam Asks Balak to Build 7 Altars
 - (1) Sacrifice a Bullock & a Ram on Each Altar
 - c) Balaam Goes to an Isolated Spot to Inquire of Lord
 - d) Balaam Returns & Delivers these Words: “... How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How denounce whom the LORD has not denounced? For from the top of the crags I see him, from the heights I behold him Who has ever counted the dust of Jacob, or numbered Israel’s wind-borne particles? May I die the death of the just, may my descendants be as many as theirs!” (*Num. 23:7-10*)
 - e) Balak Rebukes Balaam for Blessing His Foes Instead of Cursing Them
 - f) Balaam Replies: “Is it not what the LORD puts in my mouth that I must repeat with care?” (*Num. 23:12*)
- 5) Balaam’s Second Oracle Num. 23:13-26
 - a) Balak Takes Balaam to Top of Mount Pisgah
 - (1) Shows Him More Israelites
 - (2) He Built 7 Altars & Sacrificed a Bullock & Ram on Each
 - b) Balaam Separates Himself to Inquire of Lord
 - c) Balaam Returns to Balak & Delivers these Words:
 - (1) “..... God is not man that he should speak falsely, nor human, that he should change his mind. Is he one to speak and not act, to decree and not fulfill?
 - (2) “It is a blessing I have been given to pronounce; a blessing which I cannot restrain. Misfortune is not observed in Jacob, nor misery seen in Israel. The LORD, his God, is with him; with him is the triumph of his King.
 - (3) “It is God who brought him out of Egypt,, there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor omen against Israel. It shall yet be said of Jacob,

and of Israel, ‘Behold what God has wrought!’ Here is a people that springs up like a lioness, and stalks forth like a lion; It rests not till it has devoured its prey and has drunk the blood of the slain.”

(Num. 23:18-24)

- d) Balak Says to Balaam: “Even though you cannot curse them, at least do not bless them.” (Num. 23:25)
- e) Balaam Replies: “Did I not warn you that I must do all that the LORD tells me?” (Num. 23:26)
- 6) Balaam’s Third Oracle Num. 23:27 – 24:13
 - a) Balak Takes Balaam to Top of Mount Peor
 - b) Balaam Asks Balak to Build 7 Altars
 - (1) Sacrifice a Bullock & a Ram on Each Altar
 - c) Balaam Stares at Desert Seeing the Whole Israelite Camp
 - d) Balaam Remains & Delivers His Oracle:
 - (1) “... How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel! They are like gardens beside a stream, like the cedars planted by the LORD. His wells shall yield free-flowing waters, he shall have the sea within reach; His king shall rise higher and his royalty shall be exalted.
 - (2) “It is God who brought him out of Egypt, He shall devour the nations like grass, their bones he shall strip bare. He lies crouching like a lion, or like a lioness; who shall arouse him?
 - (3) Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you!” (Num. 24:3-9)
 - e) Balak Becomes Furious & Dismisses Balaam
- 7) Balaam’s Fourth Oracle – Warning Balak Num. 24:14-24
 - a) Balaam Prophesies the Future
 - (1) “I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob, and a staff shall rise from Israel,....” (Num. 24:17)
 - (2) Israel Shall Smite Moab & Other Nations that Oppose Them
- 8) Balaam Returns Home Num. 24:25
(Apparently Balaam Advised Moab/Midian to Seduce the Israelites by Sexual Perversion Leading them into Idolatry, Bringing God’s Judgment Upon Them. See Num. 31:13-18 Below.)
- b. Israel’s Infidelity Num. 25:1-18
(Where the King of Moab Failed to have Israel Cursed, Israel Brought the Lord’s Judgment Upon Themselves by Worshipping Baal – God of Moab)
 - 1) Israel’s Infidelity at Shittim Num. 25:1-5
 - a) Certain Israelites have Illicit Relations with Moabite Women
 - (1) Women Entice Them to Worship Baal
 - b) Lord’s Anger Flares Up Against Israel
 - (1) Commands Moses to have Guilty People Executed Before Him
 - c) Moses Orders Israel’s Judges to Carry Out Executions
 - 2) Zeal of Phinehas, Son of Eleazar, Son of Aaron the Priest Num. 25:6-15
 - a) An Israelite Prince Brings Midianite Woman to Meeting Tent
 - (1) Where People were Gathered Weeping

- b) Phinehas Follows Couple & Thrusts a Lance through them
 - c) Slaughter Stops After 24,000 Israelites Killed
 - (1) Lord's Anger Appeased by Phinehas' Zeal
 - (a) Pledges Everlasting Priesthood through Phinehas
 - 3) Lord Commands Moses to Take Vengeance on Midianites Num. 25:16-18
(See Num. 31 Below for the Execution of that Command)
 - c. Preparations for Promise Land Num. 25:19 – 30:17
 - 1) Second Census Taken at Jordan River Num. 25:19 – 26:65
(Everyone Registered in First Census [i.e. Num. 1 - 2] Died in Desert, Except Caleb & Joshua, as the Lord Decreed [Re: Num. 13 - 14]. Num. 26:63-65)
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses & Priest Eleazar to Take a Census of All Males 20 Years & Older Fit for Military Service Num. 25:19 – 26:51
 - (1) Number of Men Registered for Military Service
 - (a) Tribe of Reuben 43,730
 - (b) Tribe of Simeon 22,200
 - (c) Tribe of Gad 40,500
 - (d) Tribe of Judah 76,500
 - (e) Tribe of Issachar 64,300
 - (f) Tribe of Zebulun 60,500
 - (g) ½ Tribe of Manasseh 52,700
 - (h) ½ Tribe of Ephraim 32,500
 - (i) Tribe of Benjamin 45,600
 - (j) Tribe of Dan 64,400
 - (k) Tribe of Asher 53,400
 - (l) Tribe of Naphtali 45,400
 - Total 601,730
 - b) Appropriation of Property in Promise Land Num. 26:52-56
 - (1) Land to be Divided in Proportion to Population of Each Group
 - (2) Land to be Selected by Lot
 - c) Census of Levites 1 Month & Older = 23,000 Num. 26:57-62
 - (1) Not Registered with Other Tribes
 - (a) Since Levites have No Land Inheritance
- 2) Law of Land Inheritances Num. 27:1-11
 - a) Zelophehad's Daughters Plead Case Before Moses, Eleazar & Community
 - (1) Their Father Died in Desert Without Leaving Sons
 - (2) Request that they Inherit the Land to be Allotted to their Father
 - b) Moses Consults the Lord
 - (1) Lord Says their Plea is Just
 - (a) Their Father's Heritage Should Pass to them
 - (2) Lord Establishes Law of Inheritances
 - (a) "... If a man dies without leaving a son, you shall let his heritage pass on to his daughter;
 - (b) "if he has no daughter, you shall give his heritage to his brothers;
 - (c) "if he has no brothers, you shall give his heritage to his father's brothers;
 - (d) "if his father had no brothers, you shall give his heritage to his nearest relative in his clan, who shall then take possession of it."

(Num. 27:8-11a)

- 3) Joshua Appointed as Moses' Successor Num. 27:12-23
 - a) Lord Tells Moses to Ascend Abarim Mountains
 - (1) To View Promise Land Before He Dies
 - (a) Reminding Him of Sentence Pronounced on Him & Aaron at Meribath (*See Num. 20:2-13 Above*)
 - b) Moses Requests a Successor to Lead Israel. "...that the LORD'S community may not be like sheep without a shepherd." (*Num. 27:17*)
 - c) The Lord Appoints Joshua & Instructs Moses on Commissioning Him
 - (1) Lay Hands on Joshua (*Imparting the Lord's Anointing*)
 - (2) Commission Him Before Priest Eleazar & Whole Community
 - (3) Invest Him with Authority. "...that the whole Israelite community may obey him." (*Num. 27:20*)
 - d) Joshua Shall Seek the Lord's Decisions through Priest Eleazar
 - (1) Who Uses the 'Urim' to Inquire of Lord (*See Ex. 28:15-30 Above*).
 - e) Moses Installs Joshua as Leader of Israel, as Lord Instructed
 - 4) Sacrifices Specified for Lord's Appointed Times Num. 28 – 29
(*See "Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I" and "Sacrifices & Offerings – Part I" Studies.*)
 - a) Daily Sacrifices Num. 28:1-8
 - (1) Priests Offer Daily Holocausts
 - (a) Two Unblemished Yearling Lambs
 - One in Morning
 - One During Evening Twilight
 - (b) Cereal Offering with Each Lamb
 - (c) Libation of Wine Poured Out in Sanctuary for Each Sacrifice
 - b) The Sabbath (7th Day of Week) (*"Shabbat"*) Num. 28:9-10
(*Re: Lev. 23:1-3*)
 - (1) Priests Offer Daily Holocausts
 - (2) Priests Offer an Additional Sabbath Holocaust & Libation
 - c) New Moon Offerings (1st Day of Each Month) Num. 28:11-15
(*Jewish Calendar is Based on Lunar Cycles*)
 - (1) Priests Sacrifice Holocausts Offerings in Addition to Daily Sacrifices
 - (2) Cereal Offering with Each Sacrifice
 - (3) Priests Pour Out Libations of Wine with Each Sacrifice
 - (4) Priests Sacrifice One Goat as Sin Offering
 - d) The Passover Feasts (*Re: Lev. 23:4-14*) Num.28:16-25
 - (1) The Feast of Passover
 - (a) Celebrated on 14th Day of First Month
 - (2) The Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - (a) Celebrated on 15th Day of First Month
 - (3) 7 Days Preceding Feasts
 - (a) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly on 1st Day
 - (b) Israel Eats Unleavened Bread in Preparation for Passover
 - (c) Priests Offer Prescribed Sacrifices for Each of 7 Days
 - (d) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly on 7th Day

- e) Feast of Pentecost (“Feast of Weeks”) (*“Shavuot”*) Num. 28:26-31
(*Re: Lev. 23:15-22*)
- (1) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
 - (2) Israelites Present New Cereal Offerings to Lord
 - (3) Priests Sacrifice Holocaust Offerings in Addition to Daily Sacrifices
 - (4) Priests Sacrifice One Male Goat as Sin Offering
- f) Festival of Booths / Tabernacles
- (1) New Years Day (“Feast of Trumpets”) (*“Rosh Hashanah”*)
(*Re: Lev. 23:23-25*) Num. 29:1-6
 - (a) Celebrated on 1st Day of 7th Month
 - (b) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
 - Trumpets (“Shofar” / Rams’ Horns) are Blown
 - (c) Priests Sacrifice Prescribed Holocaust Offerings
 - (d) Priests Sacrifice One Male Goat as Sin Offering
 - (e) Cereal Offering with Each Sacrifice
 - (f) Priests Also Offer Ordinary New Moon Holocausts
 - (2) Day of Atonement (*“Yom Kippur”*) Num. 29:7-11
(*Re: Lev. 23:26-32*)
 - (a) Celebrated on 10th Day of 7th Month
 - (b) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly
 - (c) Israelites Do Not Work, Fast & Mortify Themselves (*Repent*)
 - (d) Priests Sacrifice Prescribed Holocaust Offerings
 - (e) Priests Sacrifice a Goat as Sin Offering
 - (f) Cereal Offering with Each Sacrifice
 - (g) High Priest Offers Additional Sacrifices in Performance of the Special “Day of Atonement” Ritual Prescribed by the Lord
(*See Lev. 16 Above*)
 - (3) Feast of Booths (“Feast of Tabernacles”) (*“Sukkot”*) Num. 29:12-38
(*Re: Lev. 23:33-43*)
 - (a) Celebration Starts on 15th Day of 7th Month & Continues 7 Days
 - (b) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly on 1st (Opening) Day
 - (c) Priests Offer Holocausts & Sacrifices Prescribed for Each Day
 - (d) Cereal Offering with Each Sacrifice
 - (e) Priests Call a Sacred Assembly on 8th (Closing) Day
- g) “These are the offerings you shall make to the LORD on your festivals, besides whatever holocausts, cereal offerings, libations, and peace offerings you present as your votive or freewill offerings.” Num. 29:39
- 5) Law of Vows & Oaths Num. 30
(*Symbolic Revelation of the Lord as Head of a Family; i.e. Bridegroom of His Beloved & Father to His Children – Israel*)
- a) Vows Made by Men are Binding
 - (1) “When a man makes a vow to the LORD or binds himself under oath to a pledge of abstinence, he shall not violate his word, but must fulfill exactly the promise he has uttered.” (*Num. 30:3*)
 - b) Vows Made by Maidens Living in Father’s House are Subject to Father
 - (1) If He Says Nothing After Learning of Vow, Vow Remains Valid
 - (2) If He Disapproves of Vow the Day He Learns of it, Vow is Nullified

- (a) Lord Releases Her from Vow
- (3) If She Marries While Under a Vow to the Lord
 - (a) If Husband Says Nothing After Learning of Vow, Vow Remains Valid
 - (b) If Husband Disapproves of Vow the Day He Learns of it, Vow is Nullified
 - Lord Releases Her from Vow
- c) Vows Made by Widows & Divorcees are Binding
- d) Vows Made by Married Women are Subject to their Husbands
 - (1) If He Says Nothing After Learning of Vow, Vow Remains Valid
 - (2) If He Disapproves of Vow the Day He Learns of it, Vow is Nullified
 - (a) Lord Releases Her from Vow
 - (3) If the Vow is to Mortify Herself (*i.e. Vow of Repentance*)
 - (a) If Husband Says Nothing Day After Day, Vow Remains Valid
 - (b) If Husband Later Nullifies Vow
 - He Becomes Responsible for Her Guilt
- g. Vengeance on Midian Num. 31
(Previously Commanded by the Lord. See Num. 25:16-18 Above)
 - 1) Extermination of the Midianites Num. 31:1-12
(Lord Reveals His Justice to His Beloved & Vengeance on their Enemies.)
 - a) Lord Orders Moses to Avenge the Israelites on Midianites Before He Dies
 - b) Moses Tells Israelites to Select 1,000 Soldiers from Each Tribe
(Totaling 12,000 Troops)
 - c) Moses Dispatches Troops to Engage Midian
 - (1) Phinehas, Son of Eleazar, Appointed as Campaign Priest
 - (a) Takes Sacred Vessels & War Trumpets
 - d) Israelite Troops Engage & Defeat Midianites
 - (1) Kill All Males, Including 5 Midianite Kings
 - (2) Execute Soothsayer Balaam (*Re: Num. 22 – 24*)
 - (3) Take Women & Children Captive
 - (4) Plunder Midianite Possessions & Treasures
 - (5) Burn Down Midianite Towns & Camps
 - e) Return Victoriously to Israelite Camp
 - (1) Bringing All their Captives & Booty to Moses & Priest Eleazar
 - 2) Treatment of Midianite Captives Num. 31:13-18
 - a) Moses, Priest Eleazar & Princes Meet Troops Outside the Camp
 - b) Moses Becomes Angry Seeing the Women Captives. “.... they are the very ones who on Balaam’s advice prompted the unfaithfulness of the Israelites toward the LORD which began the slaughter of the LORD’S community.” (*Num. 31:16*) (*Re: Num. 25:1-18 Above*)
 - c) Moses Orders Women Captives & Male Children Killed
 - (1) Spare Female Virgins (*Weren’t Involved in the Seduction*)
 - 3) Purification of Israeli Troops Num. 31:19-24
(Law of Purification [Re: Num. 19] Applied to Cleanse Those Who Killed or Otherwise Encountered the Dead on the Battlefield.)
 - a) Troops & Captives Must Remain Outside Camp Until 7 Day Purification Rite is Completed

- b) All Articles of Clothing, Booty, etc. Must Also be Purified
- 4) Division of the Booty Num. 31:25-47
(Lord Reveals Himself as an Equitable Provider)
- a) Lord Instructs Moses & Priest Eleazar
- (1) Divide the Booty Evenly
 - (a) Give Half to Warriors Who Went into Combat
 - (b) Give Half to Rest of the Community
 - (2) Levy a Tax on Booty as a Contribution to Lord
 - (a) From the Warriors: 1 of Every 500 Captives, Animals, etc.
 - (b) From the Others: 1 of Every 50 Captives, Animals, etc.
- b) Tally of the Living Booty
- (1) 675,000 Sheep
 - (2) 72,000 Oxen
 - (3) 61,000 Asses
 - (4) 32,000 Virgin Girls
- 5) Freewill Offerings by Combat Officers Num. 31:48-54
- a) Company Commanders Report to Moses:
- (1) “Your servants have counted up the soldiers under our command, and not one is missing.
(Lord Reveals Himself as an Effective Commander & Protector)
 - (2) “So, to make atonement for ourselves before the LORD, each of us will bring as an offering to the LORD....” *(Num. 31:49-50)*
 - (a) A Portion of Gold Articles Taken as Booty, Amounting to 16,750 Shekels *(408 Pounds or 191 Kilograms of Gold)*
- b) Moses & Priest Eleazar Accept Offerings
- (1) Put Contributions in Meeting Tent as a Memorial Before the Lord
- c) Common Soldiers Allowed to Keep their Plunder
- e. Possession of Transjordan Num. 32
- 1) Tribes of Reuben & Gad Approach Moses, Priest Eleazar & Tribal Princes
 - a) Ask that Land of Jazer & Gilead be Given to them as their Inheritance *(i.e. Land East of Jordan River in the Transjordan)*
 - b) “.....Do not make us cross the Jordan. *(Into Canaan)*” *(Num. 32:5)*
 - 2) Moses Questions Reubenites & Gadites
 - a) “Are your kinsmen, then, to engage in war *(To Conquer Canaan)*, while you remain here?”
 - b) “Why do you wish to discourage the Israelites from crossing to the land the LORD has given them?” *(Num. 32:6-7)*
 - c) Reminds Them that their Fathers Did the Same When Reconnoitering the Land 40 Years Ago *(Re: Num. 13 – 14)*
 - (1) “If you turn away from following him *(Lord God of Israel)*, he will make them stay still longer in the desert, and so you will bring about the ruin of this whole nation.” *(Num. 32:15)*
 - 3) Reubenites & Gadites Promise to Join Other Tribes to Conquer Canaan
 - a) Will Leave Families in Fortified Towns in Transjordan
 - b) Will Not Return Until Other Tribes Take Possession of Canaan
 - c) Will Not Claim Any Inheritance in Canaan

- 4) Moses Agrees Provided they Keep their Word
 - a) Warns Them: “But if you do not do this, you will sin against the LORD, and you can be sure that you will not escape the consequences of your sin.” (*Num. 32:23*)
 - b) Permits Them to Build Fortified Towns in Transjordan
- 5) Moses Orders Priest Eleazar, His Successor Joshua & Tribal Leaders
 - a) If All of Reuben’s & Gad’s Troops Cross Jordan with Rest of Israel
 - (1) Give Them Gilead as their Inheritance when Canaan is Subdued
 - b) If they Don’t, Make their Families & Livestock Cross Jordan with You
 - (1) Give Them an Inheritance in Canaan
- 6) Moses Grants Reuben, Gad & ½ of Manasseh Land Previously Conquered from Kingdoms of Sihon & Og (*Re: Num. 21:21-35*)
 - a) Reubenites & Gadites Rebuild Fortified Towns
 - b) Manassehites Drive Out Amorites & Settle there
- f. Summary of Israel’s Journey from Egypt to Plains of Moab *Num. 33:1-49*
- g. Preparations for Promise Land Continued *Num. 33:50 – 36:13*
 (*Lord Reveals Himself as Head of His Nation – Its Land & His People*)
 - 1) Lord Commands Israel to Conquer the Promise Land *Num. 33:50-56*
 - a) Purge the Land of Idolatry (*All Other Gods*). “...When you go across the Jordan into the land of Canaan, drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you; destroy all their stone figures and molten images, and demolish all their high places (*Of Worship*).” (*Num. 33:51-52*)
 - b) Possess & Occupy the Land. “You shall take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land as your property.” (*Num. 33:53*)
 - (1) Apportion the Land by Tribes & Clans, Based on their Populations
 - (2) Properties to be Selected by Lots
 - c) Warning. “But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land before you, those whom you allow to remain will become as barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they will harass you in the country where you live, and I will treat you as I had intended to treat them.” (*Num. 33:55-56*)
 - 2) Lord Sets Boundaries of Promise Land (*Land of Canaan*) *Num. 34:1-12*
 - 3) Lord Organizes Administration of Land Distribution *Num. 34:13-29*
 - a) Apportion the Land to 9 ½ Tribes
 - (1) Tribes of Reuben, Gad & ½ of Manasseh Already Received their Inheritance in Transjordan (*See Num. 32 Above*)
 - b) Appoints Administrators to Apportion the Land
 - (1) Eleazar – High Priest
 - (2) Joshua – Commander of Israel
 - (3) One Prince from Each of the 9 ½ Tribes
 - 4) Cities Assigned to Levites *Num. 35:1-15*
 - a) Levitical Cities Scattered Throughout Land of Israel
 - (1) “Tell the Israelites that out of their hereditary property they shall give the Levites cities for homes, as well as pasture lands around the cities.” (*Num. 35:2-3*)
 - (2) 48 Cities of Which 6 to be Cities of Refuge
 - b) Cities of Refuge (Asylum)
 - (1) “..... select for yourselves cities to serve as cities of asylum, where a

homicide who has killed someone unintentionally may take refuge. These cities shall serve you as places of asylum from the avenger of blood, so that a homicide shall not be put to death unless he is first tried before the community.” (*Num. 35:10-12*)

- (a) 3 Cities in Land of Canaan
 - (b) 3 Cities in Transjordan
 - (2) “These six cities of asylum shall serve not only the Israelites but all the resident or transient aliens among them, so that anyone who has killed another unintentionally may take refuge there.” (*Num. 35:15*)
- 5) Laws of Murder & Manslaughter Num. 35:16-34
- a) Anyone Who Intentionally Strikes Another Person Causing their Death, is Guilty of Murder
 - (1) Murderers Put to Death by Law (*Re: Lev. 24:17*)
 - (2) “... The avenger of blood (*Kinsman of Victim*) may execute the murderer on sight.” (*Num. 35:21*)
 - b) Anyone Who Unintentionally or Accidentally Causes the Death of Another Person, is Guilty of Manslaughter
 - (1) Community Decides Case Between Slayer & Avenger of Blood
 - (a) Frees Slayer from Avenger of Blood if Manslaughter
 - (b) Remands Slayer to Asylum in a City of Refuge
 - (2) Slayer Must Stay in that City Until Death of Current High Priest
 - (a) Afterwards He is Free to Go Home, Without Fear of Avenger
 - (b) If He Leaves Before High Priest Dies, Avenger of Blood Allowed to Kill Him Without Incurring Bloodguilt
 - c) Law of Witnesses. “Whenever someone kills another, the evidence of witnesses is required for the execution of the murderer. The evidence of a single witness is not sufficient for putting a person to death.” (*Num. 35:30*)
 - d) Lord Allows No Indemnity for Murder & Manslaughter (*Law Shall Not be Compromised nor Dismissed*)
 - (1) “You shall not accept indemnity in place of the life of a murderer who deserves the death penalty; he must be put to death.
 - (2) “Nor shall you accept indemnity to allow a refugee to leave his city of asylum and again dwell elsewhere in the land before the death of the high priest.
 - (3) “You shall not desecrate the land where you live. Since bloodshed desecrates the land, the land can have no atonement for the blood shed on it except through the blood of him who shed it.” (*Num. 35:31-33*)
 - e) “Do not defile the land in which you live and in the midst of which I dwell; for I am the LORD who dwells in the midst of the Israelites.” (*Num. 35:34*)
- 6) Property of Heiresses Num. 36
- a) Leaders from Manasseh Plea Before Moses, Eleazar & Tribal Princes
 - (1) Lord Commanded that Land Apportioned to their Kinsman Zelophehad be Inherited by His Daughters (*See Num. 27:1-11 Above*)
 - (a) If they Marry a Man from Another Israelite Tribe, their Heritage Will be Transferred to that Tribe
 - Diminishing Manasseh’s Inheritance

- b) Moses Delivers Lord's Regulations
 - (1) Daughters Inheriting Property Shall Only Marry Men from their Tribe
 - (a) "Thus, no heritage can pass from one tribe to another, but all the Israelite tribes will retain their own ancestral heritage."
(Num. 36:9)
 - c) Zelophehad's Daughters Obey & Marry Relatives on their Father's Side

E. Law Revealed in Book of Deuteronomy

The Generation of Israelites Who were Adults when Israel Left Egypt Died in the Wilderness. The Lord Raised Up a New Generation, Who were Children at the time of the Exodus or Born while Israel was in the Wilderness. During their time in the Wilderness, the Lord Revealed Himself as a Loyal, Faithful, Longsuffering and Steadfast God; in Spite of their Repeated Ingratitude and Rebellion.

The Book of Deuteronomy is a Restatement of the Law to that New Generation of Israelites as they are About to Enter the Promise Land. This Study Briefly Looks at those Laws, Emphasizing Supplemental Revelations.

1. Historical Review Deut. 1 – 3
 - a. Israel Passed Through the Wilderness & Camps in the Transjordan (*East of Jordan River*) Adjacent to Canaan (*Heart of Promise Land*)
(*See Num. 22:1 Above for Israel's Arrival at that Campsite.*)
 - b. Moses Addresses New Generation of Israelites on 1st Day of 11th Month of 40th Year After Departing Egypt Deut. 1:1-5
 - 1) Reminding them of Lord's Original Commission at Mount Horeb Deut. 1:6-8
 - a) Ordering Israel to Go to Promise Land. "I have given that land over to you. Go now and occupy the land I swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I would give to them and to their descendants." (*Deut. 1:8*)
 - 2) Recalling Significant Experiences in Wilderness
(*Building their Faith to Conquer & Possess Promise Land*)
 - a) Elders Appointed to Lead & Administer Justice Over Israel Deut. 1:9-18
(*Re: Ex. 18:13-27*)
 - b) First Invasion of Promise Land Failed (*Re: Num. 13 – 14*) Deut. 1:19-46
(*Lack of Faith in Lord as Commander & Disobedience to His Word*)
 - (1) Israel Traveled to Vicinity of Promise Land
 - (a) 12 Scouts Sent to Reconnoiter the Land
 - 10 Scouts Gave a Bad Report – Afraid of its Inhabitants
(*Fearing Man More than Trusting in Lord*)
 - 2 Scouts Gave a Good Report (*Trusting in the Lord*)
 - (b) People Believed Bad Report
 - Threatened to Revolt
 - Defying the Lord's Command
 - (2) Lord Punished Israel for their Lack of Faith
 - (a) Wandered in Wilderness 40 Years
 - Until Unfaithful Generation Died Out
 - (b) Only the 2 Scouts Who Trusted the Lord Survived
 - Caleb (Prince of Judah)
 - Joshua (Who Will Lead the Conquest of Promise Land)

- (3) Israeli Troops Invaded Promise Land (*Without the Lord*)
 - (a) Disregarding Lord's Warning
 - (b) Defeated by the Inhabitants
- c) Israel Wanders in the Wilderness Deut. 2:1-23
(*Revealing the Lord's Protection & Providence*)
 - (1) Edom Already Given to Descendants of Esau (Jacob's Brother)
 - (2) Ammon Already Given to Descendants of Lot (Abraham's Nephew)
- d) Israel Defeated Enemies in the Wilderness Under Lord's Command
(*Revealing the Lord as a Mighty Warrior & Commander of Israel*)
 - (1) Amorite King Sihon Defeated (*Re: Num. 21:21-32*) Deut. 2:24-37
 - (2) Bashan King Og Defeated (*Re: Num. 21:33-35*) Deut. 3:1-11
 - (3) Conquered Territories Given to Israelites (*Re: Num. 32*) Deut. 3:12-20
 - (4) Joshua's Commission. "Your eyes have seen all that the LORD, your God, has done to both these kings; so, too, will the LORD do to all the kingdoms which you will encounter over there. Fear them not, for the LORD, your God, will fight for you." Deut. 3:21-22
- 3) Moses Asks to Cross Jordan River into Promise Land Deut. 3:23-29
 - a) Lord Denies His Request
(*Punishment for Moses' Unfaithfulness at Meribah. Re: Num. 20:2-13*)
 - (1) Allowing Him to See Promise Land from Afar Before He Dies
 - b) Joshua Commissioned to Lead Israel into Promise Land
- 2. Israel & the Lord their God Deut. 4:1-43
 - a. Moses Exhorts the New Generation of Israelites
 - 1) Remain Faithful to the Lord & Obedient to His Laws
 - a) "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
 - b) "In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.
 - c) "You have seen with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal-peor: the LORD, your God, destroyed from your midst everyone that followed the Baal of Peor (*Re: Num. 25:1-18*); but you, who clung to the LORD, your God, are all alive today."
 - d) "Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees as the LORD, my God, has commanded me, that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy.
 - e) "Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,"
(*Israel to be the Lord's Witness to the Nations*)
 - f) "For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?" (*Deut. 4:1-8*)
 - 2) Remember Your Wilderness Experiences. "... teach them to your children and to your children's children." (*Deut. 4:9*)

- 3) Remember Lord's Visitation at Mt. Horeb (Sinai) (*Re: Ex. 19:16 – 20:17*)
 - a) Lord Spoke to Israel from Midst of Fire
 - (1) Audibly Proclaiming His Commandments
 - (2) Writing 10 Commandments on 2 Stone Tablets
 - b) Lord Charged Moses to Teach His Statutes & Decrees to Israel Before they Enter the Promise Land
 - 4) Warns Against Idolatry – Breaking Lord's Foremost Commandments
 - a) Moses Announces He Will Die & Not Cross Jordan with Them
 - (1) Lord Angry with Him at Meribath (*See Num. 20:2-13 Above*)
 - b) Lord Will Punish Infidelity. "For the LORD, your God, is a consuming fire, a jealous God." (*Deut. 4:24*)
 - 5) Lord Will Remain Faithful to His Covenant
 - a) Even if His People are Unfaithful
 - 6) Extols God's Love for His Chosen People
 - a) Evidenced by His Revelation, Signs & Wonders
 - (1) Unprecedented in All Human History
 - b) Accept His Love & Keep His Commandments
- b. Moses Designates 3 Cities of Refuge in Transjordan (*Re: Num. 35:9-15*)
3. Lord God's Covenant of Laws with Israel Deut. 4:44 – 11:32
 "This is the law which Moses set before the Israelites." (*Deut. 4:44*)
 - a. Moses Reintroduces Lord's Covenant to New Generation of Israelites
 - 1) Summons All Israel & Says: Deut. 5:1-5
 - a) "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and decrees which I proclaim in your hearing this day, that you may learn them and take care to observe them.
 - b) "The LORD, our God, made a covenant with us at Horeb; not with our fathers did he make this covenant, but with us (*All of Israel*), all of us who are alive here this day....." (*Deut. 5:1-3*)
 - (1) Law Applies with All Generations of Israelites
 - 2) Reminds Israel of Lord's Visitation at Mount Horeb Deut. 5:6-33
 (*Re: Ex. 19:16 – 20:17*)
 - a) Lord Audibly Spoke to His People from Midst of Fire
 - b) Recites the 10 Commandments Spoken by Lord Deut. 5:6-21
 (*Re: Ex. 20:1-17*)
 - (1) Lord Later Inscribed the 10 Commandments on 2 Stone Tablets
 (*Re: Ex. 31:18 & Ex. 34:1*)
 - c) People Afraid, Requesting Moses be their Mediator (*Re: Ex. 20:18-26*)
 (*Confirming that He is the Lord's Spokesman*)
 - d) Calls for Israel's Continual Obedience to the Law
 - 3) Benefits of the Law Deut. 6:1-3
 - a) "These then are the commandments, the statutes and decrees which the LORD, your God, has ordered that you be taught to observe in the land.
 - b) "...that you and your son and your grandson may fear (*Know & Revere*) the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life
 - c) "... that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey."

- 4) The Greatest Commandment (Essence of the Law) Deut. 6:4-5
 - a) “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”
- 5) Exhorts Israel to Remain Faithful to the Lord & His Law Deut. 6:6-25
 - a) Make the Law a Way of Life
 - (1) “Drill them into your children.
 - (2) “Speak of them at home and abroad, whether you are busy or at rest.
 - (3) “Bind them at your wrist as a sign and let them be as a pendant on your forehead.
 - (4) “Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.”
(Deut. 6:7-9)
 - b) Continue to Honor the Lord & His Law When Settled in Promise Land
 - (1) “The LORD, your God, shall you fear; him shall you serve, and by his name shall you swear (*Oaths*).” (Deut. 6:13)
 - (2) “You shall not put the LORD, your God, to the test, But keep the commandments of the LORD, your God, ...” (Deut. 6:16-17)
 - c) Teach Each Succeeding Generation of the Lord & His Law
 - (1) Remind them How the Lord Delivered Israel from Bondage
 - (2) Remind them to Obey His Laws. “....that we may always have as prosperous and happy a life as we have today” (Deut. 6:24)
- b. Commands Israel to Cleanse the Promise Land of Idolatry Deut. 7
(*Idolatry is an Abomination to the Lord – Separating God from His People*)
 - 1) Destroy All Idols & Doom Pagans in Promise Land Deut. 7:1-5
 - 2) “Make no covenant with them and show them no mercy.” (Deut. 7:2b)
 - 3) “You shall not intermarry with them,....” (Deut. 7:3)
 - 4) Israel is Chosen & Set Apart by Lord God Deut. 7:6-8
 - a) “For you are a people sacred to the LORD, your God; he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly his own.” (Deut. 7:6)
 - b) “.....because the LORD loved you and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn to your fathers (*Abraham, Isaac & Jacob*), that he brought you out with his strong hand from the place of slavery, and ransomed you from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.” (Deut. 7:8)
- 5) The Lord is a Faithful God Deut. 7:9-11
 - a) Keeping His Merciful Covenant to 1000 Generations
 - (1) To Those Who Love Him & Keep His Commandments
 - b) Destroying Those Who Hate Him
 - c) Be Faithful & Keep His Commandments
- 6) Cites the Lord’s Blessings for Obedience Deut. 7:12-15
 - a) Multiply & Bless their Families
 - b) Multiply their Crops & Livestock
 - c) Remove All Sickness
- 7) Lord Will Deliver Pagan Nations into their Hands Deut. 7:16-26
- c. Reminds Israel of the Lord’s Providence in Wilderness Deut. 8
 - 1) Exhorts Israel. “Be careful to observe all the commandments I enjoin on you today, that you may live and increase, and may enter in and possess the land

- which the LORD promised on oath to your fathers.” (*Deut. 8:1*)
- 2) The Lord Directed their Journeys in Wilderness. “...to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments.” (*Deut. 8:2*)
 - 3) The Lord Provided for Them in Wilderness.
 - a) “He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.
 - b) “The clothing did not fall from you in tatters, nor did your feet swell these forty years.” (*Deut. 8:3-4*)
 - 4) Purpose of Discipline. “So you must realize that the LORD, your God, disciplines you even as a man disciplines his son.” (*Deut. 8:5*)
(*The Lord Reveals Himself as a Loving Father*)
 - 5) Lord Will Bring Israel into Bountiful Land & Bless Them
 - a) Remember to Trust & Bless the Lord
 - b) Do Not Become Prideful & Neglect His Laws
- d. Sovereign Conquest & Possession of Promise Land Deut. 9:1 – 10:11
(*Lord Reveals Himself as a Loving & Merciful God*)
- 1) Lord Will Lead Israel to Victory Over Greater & Stronger Nations
 - a) “.....it is the LORD, your God, who will cross over (*Jordan River*) before you as a consuming fire; he it is who will reduce them (*Pagan Nations*) to nothing and subdue them before you, so that you can drive them out and destroy them....”
 - b) “.....it is not because of your merits or the integrity of your heart that you are going in to take possession of their land; but the LORD, your God, is driving these nations out before you on account of their wickedness and in order to keep the promise which he made on oath to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 - c) “.....it is not because of your merits that the LORD, your God, is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.” (*Deut. 9:3-6*)
 - 2) Reminds New Generation of their Fathers’ Failings in Wilderness
 - a) Moses Recounts His Intercessions for Israel
 - b) Lord Consecrated the Levitical Priesthood (*Continual Intercession*)
- e. Extols the Majesty of the Lord God Almighty Deut. 10:12-22
- 1) “And now, Israel, what does the LORD, your God, ask of you but to fear the LORD, your God, and follow his ways exactly, to love and serve the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul, to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD which I enjoin on you today for your own good?” (*Deut. 10:12-13*)
 - 2) “Think! The heavens, even the highest heavens, belong to the LORD, your God, as well as the earth and everything on it.” (*Deut. 10:14*)
 - a) He Chose You Because of His Love for Your Fathers
 - b) Open Your Hearts to the Lord
 - 3) “For the LORD, your God, is the God of gods, the LORD of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome,....” (*Deut. 10:17*)

- a) Revere & Serve the Lord
- f. Exhorts Israel to Love the Lord & Obey His Laws Deut. 11
 - 1) “Love the LORD, your God, therefore, and always heed his charge: his statutes, decrees and commandments.” (*Deut. 11:1*)
 - 2) Reminding Them of Signs & Wonders they Witnessed
 - 3) Promising a Land that’s Fertile & Bountiful
 - 4) Promising to Send Seasonal Rains Upon the Faithful
 - a) Watering their Crops & Refreshing their Livestock
 - (1) Not Like Egypt Who Watered their Crops by Hand
 - 5) Remain Faithful to Lord. “so that, as long as the heavens are above the earth, you and your children may live on in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers he would give them.” (*Deut. 11:21*)
 - 6) Cites Blessings for Obedience & Curses for Disobedience. “I set before you here, this day, a blessing and a curse: a blessing for obeying the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin on you today; a curse if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD, your God,....” (*Deut. 11:26-28*)
- 4. Moses Reviews the Law to New Generation of Israelites Deut. 12 – 26
(*Many of these Laws are Moral & Civil, Describing their Conduct in & Governance of God’s Chosen Nation.*)
 - a. Distinguish Between the Sacred & Profane in Promise Land Deut. 12 – 14
 - 1) Designates His Tabernacle as the Authorized Place of Worship Deut. 12:1-14
(*Lord Reveals that He is the Only True God*)
 - a) Destroy All Pagan/Idolatrous Places of Worship
 - (1) Purge Any Remembrance of them from Land
 - b) Worship the Lord God at His Dwelling (Tabernacle)
 - (1) Bringing Holocausts, Sacrifices & Offerings
 - (2) Bringing Tithes & Contributions
 - (3) Bringing First Born of Herds & Flocks
(*First Born Consecrated to Lord. Re: Ex. 13:1-16 & Lev. 27:26-27*)
 - (4) Celebrate & Rejoice Before the Lord. “.....because the LORD, your God, has blessed you.” (*Deut. 12:7*)
 - c) Holocausts to be Offered Only at Lord’s Dwelling
(*i.e. Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin*)
 - 2) Laws Concerning Eating Meat Deut. 12:15-28
(*Lord Reveals Himself as Provider & Sustainer*)
 - a) Freely Slaughter & Eat Meat throughout the Land
 - (1) Eating Blood Prohibited. “....make sure that you do not partake of the blood; for blood is life, and you shall not consume this seat of life with the flesh. pour it out on the ground like water.”
(*Deut. 12:23-24*)
 - b) Do Not Partake of Tithes & Offerings in Your Communities
 - c) Provide for Levites Living Among You
 - 3) Laws to Keep Israel from Apostasy Deut. 12:29 – 14:2
 - a) Do Not Investigate Pagan Religious Practices or Gods. “....because they offered to their gods every abomination that the LORD detests, even burning (*Sacrificing*) their sons and daughters to their gods.” (*Deut. 12:31*)

- b) Reject False Prophets & Anyone Urging You to Follow Other Gods
 - (1) Put Them to Death
- c) Purge All Idolatry from Your Land
 - (1) Pagan Rituals Forbidden
- 4) Restatement of Dietary Laws (*Clean & Unclean Animals*) Deut. 14:3-21
(*See Lev. 11 Above*)
- 5) Presenting Tithes (10%) to the Lord Deut. 14:22-29
(*Qualifying the Laws in Lev. 27:30-33 & Num. 18:21-32*)
 - a) Every Year - Bring Tithes of Produce (Grain, Wine & Oil) to Lord's Dwelling (Tabernacle) (*Acknowledging & Honoring Lord as Provider*)
(*Probably at One of the Pilgrim Feasts Celebrated at the Tabernacle [See Deut. 16:1-17 Below]; Presumably Feast of Booths at the Conclusion of Harvest Seasons, Where People Rejoice Before the Lord 7 Days.*)
 - (1) Eat Produce & Firstlings of Herds & Flocks in Lord's Presence
(*Tithes Apparently Presented to Lord Who Allows People to Partake with Thanksgiving, Rejoicing in the Bounty the Lord Provided.*)
 - (2) If it's Too Far to Travel with Material Tithes
 - (a) Exchange Tithes for Money & Bring to Tabernacle
 - (b) Purchase & Eat Food in Lord's Presence
 - (3) Provide for Levites Living Among You
 - b) At End of Every Third Year - Deposit Tithes in Community Stores
(*Apparently the Lord Provides Supplies Sufficient for 3 Years.*)
 - (1) For Levites Who Have No Inheritance Among You
 - (2) For Aliens, Orphans & Widows Living Among You
 - (3) "...so that the LORD, your God, may bless you in all that you undertake." (*Deut. 14:29*)
- b. Societal Laws Deut. 15
(*Recalling the Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Poverty & Servitude in Egypt.*)
 - 1) Lending to the Poor & Sabbatical Year Deut. 15:1-11
(*Supplementing Laws in Ex. 23:10-11 & Lev. 25:1-7*)
 - a) "At the end of every seven-year period (*i.e. Sabbatical Year*) you shall have a relaxation of debts" (*Deut. 15:1*) (*Debts of the Poor are to be Suspended When the Land is Left to Rest Every 7th Year.*)
 - (1) Creditors Shall Relax Claims Against Kinsmen
 - (a) Honoring the Lord (*Israel's Deliverer & Provider*)
 - (2) Creditors May Enforce Claims Against Foreigners
 - b) Promise of Prosperity
 - (1) Lord Will Abundantly Bless His People
 - (a) No One Should be in Need
 - (2) "you will lend to many nations, and borrow from none; you will rule over many nations, and none will rule over you,....." (*Deut. 15:6*)
 - (a) Provided You Keep Lord's Commandments
 - c) Generously Lend to Poor Kinsmen Among You
 - (1) There Should be No Lack in Promise Land
 - 2) Laws Concerning Slaves (*Supplementing Law in Ex. 21:1-11*) Deut. 15:12-18
(*Israelites Who Sell Themselves as Slaves to Pay Debts, etc.*)
 - a) Slaves to Serve 6 Years & Set Free on 7th Year

- (1) Generously Give Them Meal, Wine & Animals When They Depart
 - (a) Proportional to the Lord's Provision During Slave's Service
 - (b) Remembering the Lord's Ransom of Israel from Slavery in Egypt
- b) If a Slave Wishes to Remain in Your Service
 - (1) Thrust an Awl through His/Her Ear into Your Door
 - (a) He/She Will Remain Your Slave Forever
 - c) "You must not be reluctant to let your slave go free, since the service he has given you for six years was worth twice a hired man's salary; then also the LORD, your God, will bless you in everything you do." (*Deut. 15:18*)
- 3) First Born from Herds & Flocks Deut. 15:19-23
 (*Supplementing Laws in Ex. 13:1-16 & Lev. 27:26-27*)
 - a) All First Born Animals Consecrated to the Lord (*Recalling Last Plague on Egypt, When Death Passed Over 1st Born of Israel.*)
 - (1) Do Not Work First Born of Cattle
 - (2) Do Not Shear First Born from Flocks
 - (3) Must be Offered to Lord & Eaten in His Presence
 (*See Deut. 14:22-29 Above*)
 - b) If a Firstling is Defective (i.e. Lame, Blind, etc.)
 - (1) Unsuitable for Sacrifice
 - (2) May be Eaten in Your Communities
- c. Restatement of the Three Pilgrim Feasts Deut. 16:1-17
3 Feasts to be Celebrated Every Year Before the Lord at His Dwelling (Tabernacle)
 (*See Ex. 23:14-17, Ex. 34:18, 22-24 & Lev. 23:4-44 Above*)
 - 1) Feast of Passover/Unleavened Bread (*See Lev. 23:5-8 Above*) Deut. 16:1-8
 (*Celebration of the Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt*)
 - a) Anniversary of Israel's Departure from Egypt
 - b) Paschal Lamb to be Sacrificed at Tabernacle
 - 2) Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) (*See Lev. 23:15-22 Above*) Deut. 16:9-12
 (*Celebration of the Lord as Provider at Spring Harvests in Promise Land.*)
 - a) Day Following 7 Weeks from First Harvest (*Re: Lev. 23:9-14*)
 - 3) Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) (*See Lev. 23:33-43 Above*) Deut. 16:13-15
 (*Celebration of the Lord as Sustainer at Fall Harvests in Promise Land.*)
 - a) 7 Day Celebration at Last Harvest
 - 4) Command to Celebrate 3 Pilgrim Feasts at Tabernacle Deut. 16:16-17
 - a) Every Male Required to Appear Before the Lord with Offerings in Proportion to Lord's Blessings
- d. Offices in the Lord's Nation Deut. 16:18 – 18:22
The Lord Establishes Governmental, Religious & Spiritual Offices in His Nation.
 - 1) Office of Judge (*Appointed to Administer Lord's Justice throughout Israel*)
 Deut. 16:18 – 17:13
 - a) Judges Appointed from Among Tribes to Administer Justice
 - (1) Justice to be Administered Impartially. "Justice and justice alone shall be your aim, that you may have life and may possess the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you." (*Deut. 16:20*)
 - (a) Bribery & Favoritism Forbidden
 - (2) Condemn All Forbidden Worship – Abominations to the Lord
 - (a) Erecting Pagan Poles, etc. Beside Lord's Altar

- (*Mingling Pagan & Sacred Worship*)
- (b) Offering Defective Sacrifices to Lord
(*Disrespecting & Insulting the Holy God of Israel*)
 - (c) Other Transgression Against Lord's Covenant (*i.e. Ex. 20:1-11 & Deut. 5:6-15*) (*Worshiping Creation Instead of the Creator*)
 - Serving Other Gods (*i.e. Human Creations, Demons, etc.*)
 - Worshiping Sun, Moon or Stars (*Astrology*)
 - Etc.
- (3) Charged to Carefully Examine Cases
- (a) Corroborating Witnesses Required. "The testimony of two or three witnesses is required for putting a person to death; no one shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness."
(*Deut. 17:6*)
 - (b) Death Sentence Imposed for Idolatry. "...Thus shall you purge the evil from your midst." (*Deut. 17:7*)
- b) Local Judges to Elevate Complicated Cases to the Tabernacle
- (1) To be Judged by Priests or Presiding Judge
(*King to be Supreme Judge When Israel Becomes a Monarchy*)
 - (2) People Must Obey Judgments & Decrees of the Judges
 - (a) Penalty for Disobedience is Death. "...Thus shall you purge the evil from your midst." (*Deut. 17:12*)
- 2) Office of King (*Lord's Anointed Rulers of Israel*) Deut. 17:14-20
(*See "Anointed King – Part I" for an In Depth Study of Office of King*)
- a) Kings to be Chosen by the Lord to Rule Israel
(1) *After Israel Becomes a Monarchy (Re: 1 Sam. 8)*
 - b) Kings Must be Kinsmen (Israelites)
 - c) Kings Rule Under Lord's Authority - Subject to the Law
 - (1) Must Retain Copy of Levite Scrolls (*Torah*) & Read it Daily
 - (2) Must Learn to Fear the Lord, Obey Him & His Law
 - d) Kings Warned Against Excessive Wealth or Too Many Wives
 - (1) "lest his heart be estranged" (*Deut. 17:17b*)
- 3) Office of Priest Deut. 18:1-8
(*Lord's Anointed Priests – Israel's Religious Leaders & Intercessors to Lord*)
(*See "Anointed Priest – Part I" for an In Depth Study of Office of Priest*)
- a) Whole Priestly Tribe of Levi Have No Share in Israel's Inheritance
(*Priests from House of Aaron within Tribe of Levi*)
 - (1) The Lord God is their Heritage
 - (2) Priests Entitled to Portions of Sacrifices & Offerings of People
 - (3) Levites Entitled to Receive Support & Contributions from People
 - (a) Same for those Ministering at Tabernacle, Residence or Traveling
 - b) Lord Chose the Priests: "...to be always in attendance to minister in the name of the LORD." (*Deut. 18:5*)
- 4) Office of Prophet Deut. 18:9-22
(*Lord's Anointed Spokesmen to Israel & Advisor to King*)
(*See "Anointed Prophet – Part I" for an In Depth Study of the Prophets*)
- a) False Prophets & Forbidden Practices
 - (1) "Let there not be found among you anyone who immolates his son or

- daughter in the fire, nor a fortune-teller, soothsayer, charmer, diviner, or caster of spells, nor one who consults ghosts and spirits or seeks oracles from the dead. Anyone who does such things is an abomination to the LORD....” (*Deut. 18:10-12*)
- (2) False Prophets & Idolaters Condemned to Death
 - b) The Lord’s Anointed Prophet
 - (1) Promise of a Coming Prophet Like Moses. “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen; to him you shall listen.” (*Deut. 18:15*)
 - (a) Response to Peoples’ Request at Mount Horeb (*Re: Ex. 20:18-20*)
 - (b) Israel Required to Listen to Lord’s Prophet
 - (2) Lord Will Speak to Israel Through His Prophet
 - c) Prophets Required to Speak the Words They Receive from Lord
 - (1) “... if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.” (*Deut. 18:20*)
 - d) Test of Prophets
 - (1) Lord’s Prophecies Always Fulfilled & Verified
- e. Various National / Civil Laws Deut. 19 - 25
- 1) Cities of Refuge (*Supplementing Laws in Num. 35*) Deut. 19:1-13
 - a) Divide Land into Regions, Each with Routes to a City of Refuge
 - (1) 3 Initial Cities (*In the Transjordan*)
 - (2) 3 Additional Cities as Israel Possesses Canaan
 - b) Repeating Laws of Murder & Manslaughter
 - 2) Moving Landmarks (*Stealing Another’s Inheritance*) Deut 19:14
 - a) “You shall not move your neighbor’s landmarks erected by your forefathers in the heritage you receive in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you to occupy.”
 - 3) Expanding the Law of Witnesses Deut. 19:15-21
(*Re: Ex. 20:16; Ex. 23:1; Num. 35:30; Deut. 5:20; Deut. 17:6*)
 - a) The Law. “One witness alone shall not take the stand against a man in regard to any crime or any offense of which he may be guilty; a judicial fact shall be established only on the testimony of two or three witnesses.” (*Deut. 19:15*)
 - b) Penalty for False Witnesses
 - (1) Person(s) Suspected of Falsely Testifying Shall Appear Before the Lord (*At the Tabernacle*) with the Accused
 - (a) Priests or Presiding Judge Shall Thoroughly Investigate Case
 - (2) If Witness is Found to have Testified Falsely. “you shall do to him as he planned to do to his kinsman.” (*i.e. False Witness Shall Bear the Same Sentence Intended for the Accused*)
 - (a) “Thus shall you purge the evil from your midst.” (*Deut. 19:19*)
 - (b) “Do not look on such a man with pity. Life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, and foot for foot!” (*Deut. 19:21*)
 - 4) Laws Concerning Warfare (Marching Orders) Deut. 20
 - a) Do Not be Afraid of Enemies with Greater Forces
 - (1) Trust in the Lord for Victory

- b) Priest's Admonition Before Battle: "Hear, O Israel! Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Be not be weakhearted or afraid; be neither alarmed nor frightened by them. For it is the LORD, your God, who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies and give you victory." (*Deut. 20:3-4*)
- c) Soldiers Who are Excused & Sent Home Before Battle
 - (1) Those Who Built a New Home that hadn't been Dedicated
 - (2) Those Who Planted Vineyards but Never Enjoyed its Fruits
 - (3) Those Betrothed to Woman Before Consummating their Marriage
 - (4) Anyone Afraid or Weakhearted. "...lest he make his fellows as fainthearted as himself." (*Deut. 20:8*)
- d) Military Officers Appointed After Excused Soldiers Leave
- e) Besieging Cities Not in Promise Land
 - (1) Offer Peace Terms Before Attacking
 - (a) If they Agree & Open Gates
 - Put People to Forced Labor
 - (b) If they Refuse – Attack the City
 - Kill All Males
 - Capture Women, Children & Livestock
 - Plunder their Possessions
- f) Besieging Cities in Promise Land (*Israel's God Given Heritage*)
 - (1) Attack, Kill People & Purge City of Idolatry
 - (a) "lest they teach you to make any such abominable offerings as they make to their gods, and you thus sin against the LORD, your God." (*Deut. 20:18*)
- g) Trees Around Besieged Cities
 - (1) Preserve Fruit Trees – Eat their Produce
 - (2) Use Trees Without Fruit to Build Siegeworks
- 5) Absolution of Bloodguilt from Unsolved Murder Deut. 21:1-9
 - a) Slain Corpse Found in Open Field
 - (1) Killer Unknown
 - b) Elders & Judges Determine Closest City
 - c) Elders of that City take Heifer into a Flowing Stream
 - (1) Cut Heifer's Throat in Presence of Priests
 - (2) Wash Hands Over Heifer, Declaring: "Our hands did not shed this blood, and our eyes did not see the deed. Absolve, O LORD, your people Israel, whom you have ransomed, and let not the guilt of shedding innocent blood remain in the midst of your people Israel."
 - (3) "Thus they shall be absolved from the guilt of bloodshed" (*Deut. 21:7-8*)
 - (a) Purging Guilt of Innocent Blood from their Midst
- 6) Supplemental Marriage & Family Laws
 - a) If Man Wishes to Marry a Female Captive of War Deut. 21:10-14
 - (1) He May Take Her to His Home
 - (a) She Must First Shave Her Head & Cut Her Nails
 - (b) Allow Her to Mourn for Her Father & Mother for a Month
 - (c) He May then Marry Her

- (2) Later if He is Displeased with Her & they Agree to Separate
 (a) He Must Set Her Free - Not Selling or Enslaving Her
- b) Rights of First Born Son Deut. 21:15-17
 (1) If Man has 2 Wives Who Bear Him Sons
 (a) First Born Inherits Double Share of His Inheritance
 • In Spite of Father's Preference
- c) The Incurrible Son Deut. 21:18-21
 (1) If a Son is Stubborn, Unruly & Disobedient
 (a) Refusing to Accept Discipline
 (2) Father & Mother Shall Charge Him Before Elders
 (a) People to Stone Him to Death. "...Thus shall you purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel, on hearing of it, shall fear."
 (*Deut. 21:21*)
- d) Marriage Violations Deut. 22:13 – 23:1
 (1) If a Man Defames His Wife Deut. 22:13-21
 (a) Claiming She Wasn't a Virgin When they Married
 (b) Woman's Parents Shall Present Evidence of Her Virginity to Elders (*Cloth Upon Which Marriage was Consummated*)
 • If She is Proven to have been Chaste
 - Husband Must Pay Her Father 100 Silver Shekels & Keep Her as His Wife as Long as He Lives
 • If Husband's Charge is Found to be True
 - She Will be Stoned to Death in Front of Her Father's House. "...because she committed a crime against Israel by her unchasteness in her father's house....."
 (*Deut. 22:21*)
- (2) Crime of Adultery. "If a man is discovered having relations with a woman who is married to another, both the man and the woman with whom he has had relations shall die....." Deut. 22:22
 (*Re: Ex. 20:14; Lev. 18:20; Lev. 20:10; Deut. 5:18*)
- (3) Violation of a Betrothed Maiden Deut. 22:23-27

Explanation. An Israelite Betrothal is a Contract between a man and the maiden's father in which the man pays her father an agreed upon price. If the maiden accepts the Contract, she becomes betrothed to her intended husband and remains chaste until their wedding at a later date, when the marriage is consummated.

- (a) If a Man has Relations with a Betrothed Maiden in City
 • Both Man & Woman Shall be Stoned to Death
 - Because She Did Not Cry for Help (*Consensual*)
- (b) If a Man has Relations with a Betrothed Maiden in Open Field
 • Man is Sentenced to Death
 • Woman is Exonerated
 - Since there was No One to Rescue Her
- (4) Fornication with a Maiden Deut. 22:28-29
 (a) If a Man has Relations with a Maiden Who is Not Betrothed
 • He Must Pay Her Father 50 Silver Shekels & Marry Her
 - Keeping Her as Long as He Lives
- (5) Incest. "A man shall not marry his father's wife, nor shall he dishonor

- his father's bed." Deut. 23:1
- e) Rules of Divorcement Deut. 24:1-4
- (1) If a Man Wishes to Divorce His Wife for Indecency
- (a) He Must Write a Bill of Divorcement
- Dismissing Her from His House
- (2) If a Divorced Woman Marries Another Man
- (a) First Husband Can Not Re-Marry Her if Second Husband Divorces Her or Dies
- She has Become Defiled
- f) Newly Wed Man is Exempt from Military & Public Duty for 1 Year
- (1) "...to bring joy to the wife he has married." Deut. 24:5
- g) Levirate Marriage Deut. 25:5-10
- (1) When Brothers Live Together & One Dies Without a Son
- (a) Widow Shall Not Marry Anyone Outside the Family
- (b) Husband's Brother Shall Marry Her
- Their First Born Son Continues His Deceased Brother's Line
- (2) If He Doesn't Want to Marry His Brother's Widow
- (a) Widow Presents Her Case to Elders
- If He Continues to Refuse to Marry Her
 - She Strips Off His Sandal & Spits in His Face, Declaring: "This is how one should be treated who will not build up his brother's family!" (*Deut. 25:9*)
 - His Lineage is Besmirched throughout Israel
- 7) Various Precepts of the Law
- a) Do Not Let Corpse of Criminal Hang on Tree Overnight Deut. 21:22-23
- (1) Must be Taken Down & Buried the Same Day
(*Jewish Day Ends at Sunset*)
- (2) "...since God's curse rests on him who hangs on a tree, you will defile the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you as an inheritance."
- b) Return of Lost Property Deut. 22:1-4
- (1) Care for and Return Lost Livestock & Other Items to Rightful Owner
- c) Cross-Dressing. "A woman shall not wear an article proper to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's dress; for anyone who does such things is an abomination to the LORD, your God." Deut. 22:5
- d) Respect Wildlife Deut. 22:6-7
- (1) "...you shall not take away the mother bird along with her brood"
- (2) "...It is thus that you shall have prosperity and a long life"
- e) Safety Code. "When you build a new house, put a parapet around the roof; otherwise, if someone falls off, you will bring bloodguilt upon your house." Deut. 22:8
- f) Do Not Mix Unlike Things Deut. 22:9-11
- (1) "You shall not sow your vineyard with two different kinds of seed..."
- (2) "You shall not plow with an ox and an ass harnessed together."
- (3) "You shall not wear cloth of two different kinds of thread, wool and linen, woven together"
- g) Garment Tassels. "You shall put twisted cords on the four corners of the cloak that you wrap around you" (*Re: Num. 15:37-41*) Deut. 22:12

- h) Refuge for Slaves. “You shall not hand over to his master a slave who has taken refuge from him with you. Let him live with you wherever he choosesDo not molest him.” Deut. 23:16-17
- i) Religious Abominations Deut. 23:18-19
- (1) “There shall be no temple harlot among the Israelite women, nor a temple prostitute among the Israelite men.
- (2) “You shall not offer a harlot’s fee or a dog’s price as any kind of votive offering in the house of the LORD, your God....”
- j) Vows (*Re: Lev. 27*) Deut. 23:22-24
- (1) “When you make a vow to the LORD, your God, you shall not delay in fulfilling it; otherwise you will be held guilty.....”
- (2) No Requirement to Make Vows
- k) “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out grain.” Deut. 25:4
- l) Violation of One’s Manhood Deut. 25:11-12
- (1) “When two men are fighting and the wife of one intervenes to save her husband if she stretches out her hand and seizes the latter by his private parts, you shall chop off her hand without pity.”
- m) Honesty (*Re: Lev. 19:35-36a*) Deut. 25:13-16
- (1) Use Honest & Consistent Weights & Measures in Dealing with Others
- (2) “Everyone who is dishonest in any of these matters is an abomination to the LORD, your God.” (*Deut. 25:16*)
- 8) Laws Protecting Poor & Debtors (*Supplementing Ex. 22:21-23; Ex. 23:10-11; Lev. 19:9-10; Lev. 25:1-7 & 35-55; Deut. 15:1-11*)
- a) Loans & Pledges
- (1) Restrictions on Charging Interest Deut. 23:20-21
- (a) Do Not Charge Interest to Fellow Israelites. “.....so that the LORD, your God, may bless you in all your undertakings on the land you are to enter and occupy.”
- (b) Interest May be Charged to Foreigners
- (2) Limitations on Taking Pledges Deut. 24:6 & 10-13
(*Security Deposits for Loans*)
- (a) “No one shall take a hand mill or even its upper stone as a pledge for debt, for he would be taking the debtor’s sustenance as a pledge.” (*Deut. 24:6*)
- (b) “When you make a loan of any kind to your neighbor, you shall not enter his house to receive a pledge from him, but shall wait outside until the man to whom you are making the loan brings his pledge outside to you.” (*Deut. 24:10-11*)
- Return Mantle of a Poor Man at Sunset for Him to Sleep In
 - “Then he will bless you, and it will be a good deed of yours before the LORD, your God.” (*Deut. 24:13b*)
- b) Payment of Wages Deut. 24:14-15
- (1) “You shall not defraud a poor and needy hired servant.... You shall pay him each day’s wages before sundown on the day itself....”
- (a) “Otherwise he will cry to the LORD against you, and you will be held guilty.”

- c) Rights of Aliens, Widows & Orphans Deut. 24:17-18
 - (1) “You shall not violate the rights of the alien or of the orphan, nor take the clothing of a widow as a pledge....”
- d) Provisions for the Poor
 - (1) Poor May Eat from Neighbor’s Fields & Vineyards Deut. 23:25-26
 - (a) Not Allowed to Gather Crops into Baskets (*Stealing*)
 - (2) Leave Gleanings from Harvests for Poor Deut. 24:19-22
 - (a) “When you reap the harvest in your field and overlook a sheaf there, you shall not go back to get it; let it be for the alien, the orphan or the widow, that the LORD, your God, may bless you in all your undertakings.” (*Deut. 24:19*)
 - (b) Law Applies for Orchards & Vineyards
- 9) Membership in Lord’s Community Deut. 23:2-9
Citizens of God’s Chosen Nation are Israelites – Descendants of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
 - a) Israelites Who are Excluded from the Community
 - (1) “No one whose testicles have been crushed or whose penis has been cut off may be admitted into the community of the LORD.”
 - (2) “No child of an incestuous union may be admitted into the community of the LORD, nor any descendant of his even to the tenth generation.”
 - b) Qualifications for Non-Israelites
 - (1) “No Ammonite or Moabite may ever be admitted into the community of the LORD, nor any descendants of theirs even to the tenth generation.....”
(Ammon & Moab are Descendants of Lot, Abraham’s Nephew)
 - (a) They Opposed Israel in its Journey to Promise Land
 - (2) Edomites & Egyptians. “Children born to them may in the third generation be admitted into the community of the LORD.”
 - (a) Edomites are Descended from Jacob’s Brother Esau
 - (b) Israelites were Aliens in Land of Egypt
- 10) Cleanliness in Military Camps Deut. 23:10-15
 - a) “When you are in camp during an expedition against your enemies, you shall keep yourselves from everything offensive.” (*Deut. 23:10*)
 - (1) Man Must Leave the Camp When He Becomes Unclean
 - (a) Purify Himself & Return to the Camp When Sun Sets (*New Day*)
 - (2) The Latrine Must be Kept Outside Camp
 - (a) Bury Your Excrement in the Dirt
 - b) “Since the LORD, your God, journeys along within your camp your camp must be holy; otherwise, if he sees anything indecent in your midst, he will leave your company.” (*Deut. 23:15*)
- 11) Laws of Equity & Justice
 - a) Kidnapping. “If any man is caught kidnapping a fellow Israelite in order to enslave him and sell him, the kidnaper shall be put to death....” Deut. 24:7
 - b) Leprosy. “In an attack of leprosy you shall be careful to observe exactly and to carry out all the directions of the levitical priests....” Deut. 24:8-9 (*See Lev. 13 – 14 & Num. 12 Above*)
 - c) Personal Accountability. “Fathers shall not be put to death for their

- children, nor children for their fathers; only for his own guilt shall a man be put to death.” Deut. 24:16
- d) Punishment by Flogging Deut. 25:1-3
- (1) “When men have a dispute and bring it to court, and a decision is handed down to them acquitting the innocent party and condemning the guilty party....”
- (a) If Guilty Man Deserves to be Flogged
- Sentence to Administered in Judge’s Presence
- (b) Number of Stripes Limited to 40. “...if he were beaten with more stripes than these, your kinsman should be looked upon as disgraced because of the severity of the beating.”
- 12) Condemnation of Amalek Deut. 25:17-19
- a) Lord Reminds Israel How Amalek Harassed them After Leaving Egypt
(See Ex. 17:8-16 Above)
- b) Lord Charges Israel to Carry Out His Judgment After They are Settled in Promise Land. “...you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens. Do not forget!” (Deut. 25:19)
- f. Thanksgiving Offerings & Prayers
- 1) Offerings from First Harvest in Promise Land Deut. 26:1-11
- a) Bring Some of First Fruits Offering to Tabernacle
- (1) Present them to Priest, Declaring: “Today I acknowledge to the LORD, my God, that I have indeed come into the land which he swore to our fathers he would give us.” (Deut. 26:3b)
- b) Priest Sets First Fruits in Front of Altar
- c) Offeror Bows Before the Lord, Declaring: “My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien....” (Deut. 26:5b)
- (1) Israel Became Great Nation in Egypt
- (2) Egypt Enslaved Israel
- (3) Lord Brought Israel Out of Egypt
- (a) Hearing the Cries of His People
 - (b) Performing Great Signs & Wonders
- (4) Lord Brought Israel into Promise Land
- (a) Land Flowing with Milk & Honey
- (5) “Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.....” (Deut. 26:10)
- d) Offerors, their Families, Levites & Aliens Living Among them Shall Give Thanks & Celebrate Before the Lord
- 2) Third Year Tithes (See Deut. 14:28-29 Above) Deut. 26:12-15
- a) Give Your Tithes Every 3rd Year to the Levites, Aliens, Orphans & Widows in Your Community
- b) Then Declare to the Lord: “I have purged my house of the sacred portion and I have given it to the Levite, the alien, the orphan and the widow, just as you have commanded me. In this I have not broken or forgotten any of your commandments: (Deut. 26:13)
- (1) I Have Not Eaten or Otherwise Used Any of My Tithes
 - (2) I Have Harkened to the Voice of the Lord

- (3) “Look down, then, from heaven, your holy abode, and bless your people Israel and the soil you have given uswhich you promised on oath to our fathers.” (*Deut. 26:15*)
- g. Israel – The Lord God’s Covenant People Deut. 26:16-19
- 1) Moses Declares: “This day the LORD, your God, commands you to observe these statutes and decrees. Be careful, then, to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.
 - 2) The Covenant (Binding Contract) is Between the Lord & His People
 - a) “Today you (Israel) are making this agreement with the LORD: he is to be your God and you are to walk in his ways and observe his statutes, commandments and decrees, and to hearken to his voice.
 - b) “And today the LORD is making this agreement with you: you are to be a people peculiarly his own, as he promised you; and provided you keep all his commandments, he will then raise you high in praise and renown and glory above all other nations he has made, and you will be a people sacred to the LORD, your God, as he promised.”
5. Moses’ Final Address to Israelite Community Deut. 27 – 33
- a. Moses Prescribes Ceremonies for Israel to Perform When Entering Promise Land (*Instructing Israel to Claim, Possess & Thrive in Promise Land*) Deut. 27
 - 1) Moses with Elders (*Civil Authorities*) Charge People: “Keep all these commandments which I enjoin on you today.” (*Deut. 27:1*)
 - a) Set Up Large Stones Coated with Plaster on Mt. Ebal
 - (1) Write the Law Upon Stones
 - b) Build an Altar of Undressed Stones to the Lord
 - (1) Sacrifice Holocausts & Peace Offerings
 - (2) Celebrate & Rejoice Before Lord
 - 2) Moses with Priests (*Religious Authorities*) Charge People: “Be silent, O Israel, and listen! This day you have become the people of the LORD, your God. You shall therefore hearken to the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes which I enjoin on you today.” (*Deut. 27:9-10*)
 - 3) Blessings & Curses to be Announced Over People
 - a) 6 Tribes Shall Stand on Mt. Gerizim & Pronounce Blessings
 - b) 6 Tribes Shall Stand on Mt. Ebal & Pronounce Curses
 - c) Levites Shall Pronounce 12 Curses for Specific Violations of Law
 - (1) People Shall Answer: “Amen!” to Each Curse
(*Acknowledging & Accepting Penalties for Disobedience*)
 - b. Moses Gives Israel a Choice to Accept or Reject Lord’s Covenant Deut. 28 – 30
 - 1) Cites Blessings for Obeying the Lord & His Law Deut. 28:1-14
(*The Lord Will Bless & Nourish His People as they Trust & Follow Him.*)
(*Restating the Blessings Pronounced to Previous Generation in Lev. 26:3-13.*)
 - a) “.....if you continue to heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and are careful to observe all his commandments the LORD, your God, will raise you high above all the nations of the earth.”
 - (1) “.....all these blessings will come upon you and overwhelm you”
(*Deut. 28:1-2*)
 - b) “May you be blessed in the city, and blessed in the country!” (*Deut. 28:3*)
 - c) Families Will Increase, Grow & Prosper

- d) Livestock & Produce Will Multiply
 - (1) Storehouses Will Overflow
- e) “May you be blessed in your coming in, and blessed in your going out!”
(Deut. 28:6)
- f) Success in All Your Undertakings
- g) Victory Over Your Enemies. “....though they come out against you from but one direction, they will flee before you in seven.” (Deut. 28:7)
- h) Testimony of Lord. “.....when all the nations of the earth see you bearing the name of the LORD, they will stand in awe of you.” (Deut. 28:10)
- i) Seasonal Rains to Water Crops
- j) Financial Prosperity. “....you will lend to many nations and borrow from none.” (Deut. 28:12)
- k) Prominence Among Nations. “The LORD will make you the head, not the tail, and you will always mount higher and not decline,” (Deut. 28:13)
- l) Plus Many More

Comment. *The Lord provides for repentance, forgiveness and atonement of sins within the Law; that are available to His People when they fail to keep His Precepts. However, if they continually reject His Laws, rebelling against Him; then He will remove His Hand of protection and blessing, so they will repent and return to Him as Lord.*

- 2) Cites Curses for Disobedience Deut. 28:15-69
(Curses Increase in Severity as People Continue to Disobey Lord & His Laws.)
(Restating the Curses Pronounced to Previous Generation in Lev. 26:14-39.)
 - a) “But if you do not hearken to the voice of the LORD, your God, and are not careful to observe all his commandments all these curses shall come upon you and overwhelm you.” (Deut. 28:15)
 - b) “May you be cursed in the city, and cursed in the country!” (Deut. 28:16)
 - c) Families Unproductive & Cursed
 - d) Livestock Unproductive & Crops Fail
 - e) “May you be cursed in your coming in, and cursed in your going out!”
(Deut. 28:19)
 - f) Failure & Frustration in Every Undertaking
 - g) Sickness, Disease, Disabilities & Mental Disorders
 - h) Pestilence, Drought & Plagues
 - i) Defeated by Enemies. “.....though you advance against them from one direction, you will flee before them in seven,....” (Deut. 28:25)
 - j) Oppressed & Despoiled by Enemies
 - (1) “You will be oppressed and robbed continually, with no one to come to your aid.
 - (2) “Though you betroth a wife, another man will have her.
 - (3) “Though you build a house, you will not live in it.
 - (4) “Though you plant a vineyard, you will not enjoy its fruits.....”
(Deut. 28:29b-31)
 - k) Poverty & Financial Bondage
 - (1) “The alien residing among you will rise higher and higher above you, while you sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, not you to him. He will become the head, you the tail.” (Deut. 28:43-44)
 - (2) “.....in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and utter poverty, you will

serve the enemies whom the LORD will send against you....”
(Deut. 28:48)

- l) Nation Will be Destroyed & People Driven from Promise Land
 - (1) “They will besiege you in each of your communities, until the great, unscalable walls you trust in come tumbling down all over your land....” *(Deut. 29:52)*
 - (a) Starving People Reduced to Cannibalism
 - (2) “The LORD will scatter you among all the nations from one end of the earth to the other, and there you will serve strange gods of wood and stone, such as you and your fathers have not known.”
(Deut. 28:64)
 - (3) “You will live in constant suspense and stand in dread both day and night, never sure of your existence.” *(Deut. 28:66)*
- m) Plus Many More
- 3) The Lord Chose Israel as His Covenant People Deut. 29
 - a) Moses Reminds Israel of Lord’s Revelations & Favor Deut. 29:1-8
 - (1) Delivering Them from Bondage in Egypt
 - (a) “You have seen all that the LORD did in the land of Egypt before your very eyes to Pharaoh and all his servants and to all his land”
(Witnessed Revelations of the Lord as Mighty Deliverer)
 - (b) “...But not even at the present day has the LORD yet given you a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear.”
(Hearts & Minds Not Open to Receive Spiritual Insight to Understand the Lord’s Revelations)
 - (2) Providing for Them in Wilderness. “....Your clothes did not fall from you in tatters nor your sandals from your feet; bread was not your food, nor wine or beer your drink. Thus you should know that I, the LORD, am your God....”
(Witnessed Revelations of the Lord as Provider & Sustainer)
 - (3) Defeating Hostile Nations in Transjordan, Giving their Land to Israel
(Witnessed Revelations of the Lord as Defender & Protector)
 - (4) “Keep the terms of this covenant, therefore, and fulfill them, that you may succeed in whatever you do.”
 - b) All Israel Bound by the Lord’s Covenant of Laws Deut. 29:9-14
 - (1) “You are all now standing before the LORD, your God that you may enter into the covenant of the LORD, your God, which he concluded with you today under this sanction of a curse; so that he may now establish you as his people and he may be your God, as he promised you and as he swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” *(Deut. 29:9-12)*
 - (2) Covenant is Not Only with that Generation, but All their Descendants
 - (a) All Under the Sanction of a Curse
 - c) Warning Against Idolatry Deut. 29:15-28
(Breaking Lord’s Covenant by Worshiping Other Gods)
 - (1) Do Not Turn Your Hearts Away from Lord
(i.e. Trusting in the Things of this Sinful World; Instead of the Lord their Deliverer, Provider, Sustainer, Defender, Protector & God)

- (2) Do Not Worship or Serve Pagan Gods
(*Opening Themselves to Demonic Influences & Bondages*)
- (3) Punishment for Idolatry. “..... the LORD’S wrath and jealousy will flare up against that man (*Idolater*), and every curse mentioned in this book (Torah) will alight on him.....” (*Deut. 29:19-20*)
- 4) Promises of Mercy & Restoration Deut. 30:1-10
(*Revealing the Lord as a Merciful God*)
(*Restating the Promises Pronounced to Previous Generation in Lev. 26:40-45.*)
 - a) When Israel Repents from Unfaithfulness & Disobedience
 - (1) Lord Will Take Pity on His People
 - (2) Lord Will Gather Them from the Nations
 - (a) Bringing Them Back to Promise Land
 - (b) Making Them More Prosperous & Numerous than their Fathers
 - (3) “The LORD, your God, will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, that you may love the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul, and so may live.” (*Deut. 30:6*)
 - (4) Lord Will Assign the Curses to Nations Who Persecuted His People
 - (5) Lord Will Bless His People, if They: “...heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law (*Torah*), when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.” (*Deut. 30:10*)
- 5) Israel Given a Critical Choice Deut. 30:11-20
 - a) Lord’s Commands are Clear & Understandable
 - (1) The Law. “..... is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.” (*Deut. 30:14*)
 - b) “Here, then, I have today set before you life and prosperity, death and doom.” (*Deut. 30:15*)
 - (1) If You Obey - Lord Will Bless & Multiply You in Promise Land
 - (2) If You Disobey & Serve Other Gods - You Will Perish & the Curses Will Befall You
 - c) Israel’s Choice. “I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. **Choose life**, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land which the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” (*Deut. 30:19-20*)
- c. Moses Prepares Israelites to Conquer & Settle in Promise Land Deut. 31
 - 1) Moses Will Die & Not Cross Jordan River with Israel
 - 2) Lord Will Cross Jordan Before Israel
 - a) Lord Will Destroy Pagan Nations & Give You the Land
 - b) Purge the Pagan Nations from Promise Land
 - c) “Be brave and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the LORD, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.” (*Deut. 31:6*)
 - 3) Moses Summons Joshua & Publicly Charges Him to Lead Israel Deut. 31:7-8
 - 4) Moses Writes Out the Law & Gives it to Priests Deut. 31:9-13
 - a) Charges the Priests to Read Law to People. “On the feast of Booths, at the

prescribed time in the year of relaxation which comes at the end of every seven-year period (*Sabbatical Year*), when all Israel goes to appear before the LORD, your God, in the place which he chooses (*i.e. Tabernacle*), you shall read this law aloud in the presence of all Israel....that they may hear it and learn it, and so fear the LORD, your God, and carefully observe all the words of this law. “ (*Deut. 31:10-12*)

- 5) Lord Commissions Joshua as Israel’s Leader Deut. 31:14-23
 - a) Instructs Moses to Summon Joshua to Meeting Tent
 - b) Lord Appears at Meeting Tent in Column of Cloud
 - c) Tells Moses that Israelites Will Break His Covenant & Serve Other Gods
 - (1) “....They will forsake me and break the covenant which I have made with them. At that time my anger will flare up against them; I will forsake them and hide my face from them, so that they will become a prey to be devoured, and many evils and troubles will befall them....” (*Deut. 31:16-17*)
 - (a) They Will Blame the Lord for Their Troubles
 - (2) Instructs Moses to Write a Song & Teach it to Israelites
 - (a) Song Will be Lord’s Witness Against Unfaithful Israelites
 - (3) Lord Commissions Joshua to Lead Israel: “....Be brave and steadfast, for it is you who must bring the Israelites into the land which I promised them on oath. I myself will be with you.” (*Deut. 31:23*)
 - (4) Moses Writes the Song Ordered by Lord
- 6) Moses Commands Priests Deut. 31:24-29
 - a) Place the Law Beside Ark of the Covenant. “Take this scroll of the law and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD, your God, that there it may be a witness against you.” (*Deut. 31:26*)
 - b) Assemble All Tribal Elders & Officials. “....that I may speak these words for them to hear, and so may call heaven and earth to witness against them.” (*Deut. 31:28*)
- 7) Whole Israelite Community Assembles Before Moses
 - a) Moses & Joshua Recite the Song of Moses Deut. 31:30 – 32:44
 - b) Moses’ Final Appeal Deut. 32:45-47
 - (1) “Take to heart all the warning which I have now given you and which you must impress on your children, that you may carry out carefully every word of this law. For this is no trivial matter for you; rather, it means your very life, since it is by this means that you are to enjoy a long life on the land which you will cross the Jordan to occupy.”
 - c) Lord Allows Moses to View Canaan Before He Dies Deut. 33:48-52
 - d) Moses Blesses the Tribes of Israel Deut. 33:1-25
 - e) Moses Extols the Lord God of Israel Deut. 33:26-29
 - (1) “There is no god like the God of the darling, who rides the heavens in his power, and rides the skies in his majesty; He spread out the primeval tent; he extended the ancient canopy.
 - (2) “He drove the enemy out of your way Israel has dwelt securely, and the fountain of Jacob has been undisturbed. In a land of grain and wine, where the heavens drip with dew.
 - (3) “How fortunate you are, O Israel! Where else is a nation victorious in

the LORD? The LORD is your saving shield, and his sword is your glory. Your enemies fawn upon you, as you stride upon their heights.”

6. Death of Moses Deut. 34
- a. Moses Ascends Mt. Nebo, as the Lord Instructed
 - b. Lord Shows Him the Promise Land
 - (1) Lord Says to Moses: “This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that I would give to their descendants. I have let you feast your eyes upon it, but you shall not cross over.” (*Deut. 34:4*)
 - c. Moses Dies at 120 Years Old
 - (1) Buried at Site Unknown to the Generations
 - d. Israel Mourns 30 Days
 - e. Joshua was Filled with Spirit of Wisdom Since Moses Laid His Hands Upon Him
 - (1) Israelites Obey Him
 - f. Moses’ Epitaph. “Since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He had no equal in all the signs and wonders the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh and all his servants and against all his land, and for the might and the terrifying power that Moses exhibited in the sight of all Israel exhibited in the sight of all Israel.” (*Deut. 34:10-12*)

Postscript

480 years after the Lord delivered Israel from bondage in Egypt, King Solomon began building the Temple in his Capital City of Jerusalem for the Lord to dwell among His People. Solomon built the Temple as instructed by his father King David, using materials accumulated by David and in accordance with the specifications the Lord gave to David. This Temple was an elaborate expansive building, replacing the Tent Tabernacle, that would house the Ark of the Covenant made by Moses. Solomon completed the Temple in 7 years, and consecrated it to the Lord. The Shekinah Glory of God entered the Temple's Holy of Holies to reside among His people. The Temple Site became Israel's central place of worship, where the Priesthood presided performing their duties, Sacrifices and Offerings were made to the Lord, and the Holy Days, Festivals and Feasts were observed; all as prescribed by the Lord and written in the Torah by Moses. The Lord promised to remain among His People, as long as they continued to honor Him and obey His Laws, which included provisions for repentance, atonement and forgiveness when they sin.

King Solomon disobeyed the Law by marrying many pagan women who seduced him into idolatry when he became elderly. As a result, the Lord's Nation was divided into two Kingdoms at his death (Ca. 931 BC). Israel in the north consisting of 10 tribes, and Judah in the south consisting of 2 tribes with Jerusalem as its capital with the Temple, Priesthood, etc.

Israel immediately rebelling against the Lord instituting idolatry as its National Religion. Many Levites and other faithful people migrated to Judah. Israel continued in idolatry despite the many prophets sent by the Lord who called for repentance and return to the Lord. Eventually, Israel was conquered by Assyria in 721 BC and its people taken into captivity.

Judah continued Temple worship but repeatedly rebelled against the Lord, disregarding and disobeying His Laws in spite of the many prophets sent by the Lord to correct them and the occasional King who initiated reforms. The Spirit of the Lord finally left His Temple. The Babylonian Army conquered Judah and destroyed the Temple in 586 BC, taking the people into captivity. The original Ark of the Covenant was lost (or hidden).

Babylon was conquered by Medo-Persians in 539 BC. The King of Persia gave permission for a remnant of Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild the Temple. Zerubbabel, a descendant of King Solomon and the Kings of Judah, was appointed Governor of Judah and rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem. This Second Temple was very modest in comparison to Solomon's Temple. It was dedicated to the Lord in 516 BC, but there is no record in Scripture of the Shekinah Glory of God entering the Second Temple. The Priesthood and Temple worship were reinstated at that time.

In the 1st Century BC, King Herod greatly expanded and enhanced the Second Temple to be a magnificent place of worship for the Jews.

In 70 AD, Roman Troops completely destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem quelling a Jewish Revolt. The Priesthood and Sacrifices prescribed in the Laws of Moses ceased at that time!

