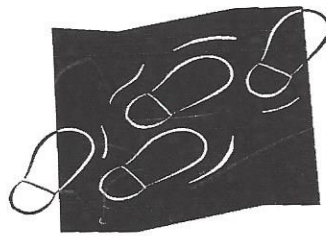


THE EXODUS

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WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS



LEV 26:12-13
AND I WILL WALK AMONG YOU, AND WILL BE YOUR
GOD, AND YE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. I AM THE LORD
YOUR GOD, WHICH BROUGHT YOU FORTH OUT OF
THE LAND OF EGYPT, THAT YE SHOULD NOT BE THEIR
BOND MEN; AND I HAVE BROKEN THE BANDS OF YOUR
YOKE, AND MADE YOU GO UPRIGHT.
(KJV)

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LESSON 1

Introduction:

In the book of Genesis we learned about the promises that God made to Abraham. (Gen. 12: 1-3,7) God told Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation, that they would inherit the land of Canaan, and that through his seed all nations of the earth would be blessed.

None of the promises that God made to Abraham were fulfilled in the book of Genesis. However, God told Abraham that his descendants would live in a land that was not their own and that they would be enslaved there for 400 years. After that period of time, God told Abraham that He would bring His people out of that land to inherit the land of Canaan. The land that God said His people would be enslaved in was the land of Egypt. (Gen. 15)

These same promises were repeated to his son Isaac, and to Isaac's son, Jacob.

Jacob, his sons, and their families moved to the land of Egypt during the time that Jacob's son, Joseph, was an important man in Egypt.

At the end of the book of Genesis, Joseph died and his body was placed in a coffin in the land of Egypt.

As we study Exodus we will begin to see the promises that God made to Abraham begin to be fulfilled.

VOCABULARY

Taskmasters - A head person or ruler who forced the people to work.

Afflict - To deal hard with; to force or hurt.

Multiplied - To increase; to make more.

Bondage - Work or labor of a servant or slave.

Midwife - A woman who helps another woman bring forth children when it is time for her to give birth.

Children of Israel, Israelites - Descendants of Israel.

Hebrew - Stranger or foreigner.

**Note - Children of Israel, Israelites, and Hebrews, are three names that stand for the same group of people.*

Israel is in Bondage Exodus 1: 1 - 2: 10

Joseph and his brothers died and the children of Israel, (or Jacob's family), had multiplied until the land was filled with them.

A new king rose up to reign in Egypt. This new king, or Pharaoh, had not known about Joseph.

One day the king said to his people in Egypt, "The children of Israel are more and more mighty than we are. We are going to have to deal wisely with them, or they may become even more numerous and join our enemies to fight against us."

So the king put taskmasters over the children of Israel and gave them hard jobs to do. They were in hard bondage making mortar and bricks. The king had the Israelites build the cities of Pithom and Raameses for himself.

But it seemed that the more the Egyptians afflicted the children of Israel, the more they grew and multiplied. This made the Egyptians anxious and worried and so they worked the Israelites harder.

The king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah. He told them that when they went in to help a Hebrew woman have a baby, that they were to kill the baby if it was a boy, but they could let the girl babies live.

Shiphrah and Puah feared God more than the king, so they did not do as the king commanded them to do. They let the boy babies live. When the king found out that the boy babies were not being killed, he called the midwives before him and said, "Why have you done this thing and let the boy babies live?"

The midwives said, "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women. They have their babies before we come in to them."

What the midwives did pleased God and He blessed them.

When Pharaoh saw that this was not going to

work, he then commanded all his people to throw all the boy babies in the river, but to save the girl babies alive.

It was at this time that a man from the tribe of Levi, and his wife Jochebed, had a little baby boy. Jochebed saw that he was a good baby and so she hid him for three months. But the time came that she could hide him no longer, so she made an ark, or basket, out of bulrushes and coated it with slime and pitch so that it would not leak. Then she laid her baby boy in the basket and put it in the Nile river among the reeds.

The baby's sister watched the basket to see what would happen to it.

While the baby's sister was watching, Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river along with her maidens to wash herself. As they walked along the river's edge, she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to get it.

When Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket she saw the baby and the baby was crying. She felt sorry for the baby and said, "This is one of the Hebrew's children."

At that time the baby's sister came forward and said, "Shall I get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

"Yes, go," Pharaoh's daughter answered. So the girl went and brought back the baby's own mother.

Pharaoh's daughter said to the mother, "Take this baby and nurse him for me and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him.

When the child grew older his mother took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she called him Moses, because she drew him out of the water.

MEMORY WORK

Exod 6:7

'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

WHO SAID IT?

(Use your Bible and figure out who said the following quotes. All quotes are from the King James version.)

Exod 1:9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: _____

Exod 1:19 "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them."

Exod 1:22 Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive. _____

Exod 2:6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. _____

Exod 2:7 Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? _____

Exod 2:10 And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Period of the Exodus

This quarter we will study the following topics in Exodus. In today's lesson we covered 1 & 2.

1. Israel in Bondage
2. Moses is born
3. Moses is rejected
4. Moses flees to the wilderness
5. Moses and the Burning Bush
6. The Ten Plagues
7. Crossing the Red Sea
8. Journey to Sinai
9. Journey to Kadesh-barnea
10. The 12 Spies

MATCH

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The family or descendants of Jacob | ___ Pithom and Raamses |
| 2. Multiplied and increased | ___ Shiphrah and Puah |
| 3. King of Egypt | ___ The children of Israel |
| 4. Midwives of the Hebrew women | ___ Jochebed |
| 5. Thrown into the river | ___ Taskmasters |
| 6. Hid her baby for 3 months | ___ Pharaoh |
| 7. Found the baby in the river | ___ Israelites |
| 8. Forced the Israelites to do hard jobs | ___ Baby boys |
| 9. Cities the Israelites built | ___ Pharaoh's daughter |

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

In our lesson today there were several people who feared God more than they feared Pharaoh. Name those people: _____

If those people had obeyed Pharaoh, what kind of things would have happened?

Should we fear God more than our government, or what men may do to us?

(Read Acts 5: 29)

Why? _____

(Read Matt. 10: 28)

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LESSON 2

VOCABULARY

Slay or Slew - To kill someone.
Affliction - Trouble
Deliver - To rescue
Hearken - To hear carefully and obey
Leprous - To have the disease of Leprosy
Sign - Evidence of a miracle
Eloquent - To be able to speak well
Gershom - A stranger in a strange land
Elders of Israel - These were older men who were usually the officers or heads of the tribes. They would be men who were recognized by the people for their leadership, wisdom and justice.

Moses wants to rescue his people
Exodus 2: 11 - 4:1-17; Acts 7: 23 - 35

When Moses was 40 years old he decided that he would go out and look for his brethren, the Israelites. He wanted to see what he could do to help them because he had seen them working in hard labor.

As he went to see about his people, he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew man. Moses looked this way and that way to see if anyone was watching. When he saw no one watching he slew the Egyptian and buried his body in the sand to hide it.

The next day, Moses went out again and he saw two Hebrew men fighting each other. To the man that was in the wrong, Moses asked, "Why are you beating this man?"

The man in the wrong then said to Moses, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me just like you killed the Egyptian?"

What this man said made Moses afraid, and he said to himself, "This thing that I did must be known to others."

Moses thought that his brethren would understand that God was going to deliver them through him, but they did not.

Pharaoh heard what Moses had done and he wanted to find Moses and kill him. But Moses ran away to escape Pharaoh.

Moses came to the land of Midian and sat down by a well. While he was there the seven daughters of a priest in Midian came to draw water from the well to fill the water troughs and water their father's flock of animals.

As they were preparing to do this, some shepherds came to the well and drove the daughters away from the well, but Moses stood up and helped the women and watered their flock.

When the seven daughters came home to their father, Reuel, he said to them, "Why have you returned home so early today?"

The daughters said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the shepherds and drew water for us and watered our flock."

Reuel said to his daughters, "Where is the man? Why have you left him? Call him here so that he may eat with us."

Moses was content to stay with Reuel. Reuel gave Moses his daughter Zipporah for a wife. He and Zipporah had a son and he called his son's name Gershom. He named his son Gershom because he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

Years passed and the Pharaoh who wanted to kill Moses died. During this time the Israelites had been under hard bondage in Egypt, and they cried to God about it. God heard them and remembered His covenant that He had made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Forty years passed from the time Moses had first come to live in Midian. He kept the flock for his father-in-law Reuel, (or Jethro). One day Moses led the flock to the backside of the wilderness until he came to the mountain of God, Mount Horeb. There an angel of God appeared

to Moses in a flame of fire out of the middle of the bush. When Moses looked at the bush he saw that it burned with fire, but it did not burn up. Moses decided to see why the bush did not burn up, but when he came close to the bush to see, God called unto him from out of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses."

Moses said, "Here I am."

God told Moses, "Do not come any closer. Pull off your shoes because the place that you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

At this, Moses shook with fear and hid his face because he was afraid to look upon God.

The Lord said, "I have seen the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cries. I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and bring them into a good land — a land flowing with milk and honey. The cry of the children of Israel has come to Me and I have seen how the Egyptians are hard on them. Come, and I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt."

Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring out the children of Israel?"

God said, "I will be with you and you shall be sure that when you have brought out the people, that you will serve Me on this very mountain."

Then Moses said, "When I go to the children of Israel and tell them that the God of their fathers has sent me, they shall say to me, 'What is his name?' What will I say to them?"

God said, "I AM THAT I AM. Say to the children of Israel I AM has sent Me to you. This is my name forever and my memorial to all generations. Go and gather together all the elders of Israel and tell them that I have seen the things done to them in Egypt, and that I will bring them out of their affliction. They will hearken to you, and you and the elders of Israel will go before Pharaoh and tell him that the Lord God of the Hebrews wants you to let us go three days journey into the wilderness to sacrifice unto the Lord God."

Moses answered God and said, "But they

will not believe me or hearken to me. They will say that the Lord did not appear to me."

The Lord said, "What is in your hand?"

Moses said, "A rod."

The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground."

When Moses did, the rod became a snake and Moses ran away from it.

Then God said to Moses, "Put out your hand and take it by the tail."

Moses did and it became a rod again.

"This will help them believe that the God of their fathers appeared unto you." said God.

"Now, put your hand into your coat."

When Moses did this, and pulled out his hand, his hand was leprous. God said, "Put your hand into your coat again."

When Moses did this and pulled out his hand, his hand was just as it had been before he had the leprosy.

The Lord said, "If they will not believe the first sign, they will believe the second sign. If they do not believe these two signs, or hearken to what you say, take some water of the river and pour it upon dry land. The water will become blood upon the dry land."

Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent. I am slow of speech."

The Lord said, "Who made man's mouth? Didn't I, the Lord make it? I will be with your mouth and tell you what to say."

Moses said, "O my Lord, send whoever you will send."

This remark made the Lord angry and He said, "Isn't Aaron the Levite your brother? I know he can speak well. You will speak to him and tell him what to say, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what to do. Aaron will be your spokesman for the people. He will be your mouth and you will be to him as God. Take your rod with you for you will use it to do signs."

FIGURE THIS OUT...

The age of Moses when he fled to Midian (Acts 7: 23) _____

The number of years that Moses lived in Midian (Acts 7: 30) _____

ADD THESE TWO AGES TOGETHER TO FIND OUT THE AGE OF MOSES WHEN GOD APPEARED TO HIM IN THE BURNING BUSH. _____

The Excuses of Moses

MOSES HAD MANY EXCUSES WHY HE COULD NOT DO WHAT GOD WANTED HIM TO DO. FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS TO SEE WHAT HIS EXCUSES WERE. (We have used the King James Version in all the fill-in-the-blanks in this book.)

Exod 3:11 And Moses said unto God, _____, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

Exod 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? _____?

Exod 4:1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, _____ will not _____, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

Exod 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, _____ am not _____, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

LIST HIS FOUR EXCUSES:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

God did not allow Moses to use his excuses. Do you think God will listen to our excuses that we make not to serve Him? _____

MEMORY WORK

Exod 6:7

'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.'



MATCH

Draw a line to match things that belong together.

Seven daughters of Jethro

The land Moses fled to from Egypt.

Midian

God

40

Women who came to the well in Midian.

Jethro

Moses' father-in-law.

Mount Horeb

Where Moses saw the burning bush.

I AM

The number of years Moses stayed in Midian.

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LESSON 3

VOCABULARY

Wilderness - An uninhabited land; a desert place where people do not live.

Journey - A trip. In Bible days people usually walked or rode animals.

Sacrifice - To kill and offer an animal on an altar.

Stubble - The stumps of grain left in the ground after harvest.

Abhorred - To stink or to smell bad.

Pharaoh - A common title for the king of Egypt. Pharaoh meant something like "his honor, or his majesty". The Egyptians believed that Pharaoh was a god, his word was law, and that he owned everything.

Rod - A staff, pole or stick with many uses. The rod that Moses and Aaron used was at times used as a mark of authority.

Taskmaster - A ruler or oppressor who would pressure the people to work.

Moses Goes to Pharaoh

Exodus 4: 18 - 6: 1-9

After God talked to Moses at the burning bush he went back to his father-in-law, Jethro. Moses asked Jethro, "Let me go back to my own people in Egypt to see if they are still alive."

Jethro said, "Go in peace."

While Moses was in Midian the Lord told him to return to Egypt because all the men who were seeking him to kill him were dead. The Lord also told him that when he returned to Egypt he would do the wonders, (or signs) before Pharaoh that He would give him to do. "But," said the Lord, "I will harden Pharaoh's heart and he will not let the people go. When he does this you shall tell Pharaoh that Israel is my firstborn son and if he refuses to let Israel go I will kill his firstborn son."

So Moses took his wife and two sons and put them upon a donkey and started back to Egypt. He took the rod of God in his hand.

Then the Lord told Aaron, Moses' brother, to meet Moses at the mount of God. When Aaron met Moses there he kissed him.

Moses told Aaron all that God had told to him and about all the signs that God had commanded that they do.

So Moses and Aaron gathered all the elders of the children of Israel and Aaron told them what God had said, and they did the signs before them. The elders believed what Moses and Aaron said and they believed that God had heard about their afflictions in Egypt. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped God.

Afterward, Moses and Aaron went to king Pharaoh and said, "The Lord, God of Israel has said, 'Let my people go and worship Me in the wilderness.'"

Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."

Moses and Aaron said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us, and we beg you to let us go three days journey into the wilderness and sacrifice unto our God or He may punish us."

Pharaoh said, "You are just trying to get the people out of doing their work. Get back to work. There are many people and you are stopping them from working."

That same day, Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters who were over the people, "Do not give the people straw to make bricks. Let them go and gather the straw themselves. If they have time to go worship their God, they shall have time to gather their own straw. They are not to make any less brick than before."

So the taskmasters went to the people and told them that Pharaoh had commanded that they were not to give them any straw. They told the people to find the straw wherever they could find it, and that they were not to make any less brick

than before.

The people of Israel scattered all over the land of Egypt, and they had to gather stubble instead of straw. The taskmasters pressured the people to hurry and make the same amount of bricks, but they could not. When they could not the taskmasters beat the Israelite officers who were over the people.

The Israelite officers came to Pharaoh to complain. They said, "Why have you treated us like this? We have no straw given to us, yet the taskmasters are telling us to make bricks. We have been beaten and it is not our fault."

Pharaoh said, "You are idle, you are idle. You say that you have time to go sacrifice to the Lord. Go and work for there will be no straw given to you and you will make the same amount of bricks."

As the officers left Pharaoh they met Moses and Aaron. The officers said, "We hope the Lord looks at what you have done because you have caused us to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants, and you have put a sword in their hand to kill us."

This caused Moses to ask the Lord, "Why have you treated this people so badly? Why have you sent me? Ever since I spake to Pharaoh he has treated the people badly and you have not rescued them at all."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh, for with a mighty hand he will let them go, and he will drive them out of his land. I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and have established a covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan. I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, and I have remembered My covenant with them."

"I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

Moses told these things to the children of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.



MAP WORK
Find **EGYPT, THE NILE RIVER,**
AND **GOSHEN**

MEMORY WORK

Exod 6:7

I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Fill in the blanks:

Ex. 5:2 And Pharaoh said, _____ is the _____, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. (KJV)

What question did Pharaoh ask Moses?

As we study the book of Exodus, Pharaoh and the children of Israel will find out who God is. We will also be learning who God is. He is the same God that we serve today! Pay close attention!

Multiple Choice

(underline the correct answer)

- Moses asked his father-in-law, (Aaron, Jethro, Isaac) to let him go back to his brethren in Egypt.
- Pharaoh told Moses, (" Who is the Lord? , " I know the Lord.")
- Pharaoh told the taskmasters, " Do not give the Hebrews (gravel, clay, straw) to make bricks".
- Pharaoh said that the Israelites were to make (less, more, the same) bricks as before.
- The officers of the children of Israel were (put into prison , beaten) because the people could not make as many bricks as before.
- The children of Israel were (happy, unhappy) because of the way Pharaoh treated them.
- The officers of the children of Israel told Moses and Aaron that they caused them to (stink, look good) in the eyes of Pharaoh. (Look up the word abhorred in your vocabulary words to help you with this answer.)

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LESSON 4

VOCABULARY

Harden - To be stubborn and cruel.
Smote or Smite - To strike, beat, or hit.
Miracle - Something out of the ordinary, unusual, that can only be done by God. Miracles were also called "wonders" and "signs".
Serpent - A snake.
I AM - Jehovah, the existing One, the one true God.

Exodus 6: 9 - 13 ; 7: 1 - 25
Pharaoh hardens his heart.

The Lord spake to Moses again and said, "Go and speak to Pharaoh asking him to let the children of Israel go out of his land."

Moses said, "The children of Israel have not hearkened to me. How will Pharaoh listen to what I have to say?"

Then the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. He said, "I AM THE LORD. Speak to Pharaoh and tell him everything that I say unto you."

Moses said, "How shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am unskilled in speech?"

God said, "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron will be your mouthpiece. Speak all that I command you and Aaron will speak to Pharaoh, so that Pharaoh will let the people go out of his land. But, I will **harden** Pharaoh's heart, and will do many **wonders** and **signs** in the land. Pharaoh will not hearken to you. Then I will lay My hand on Egypt and by acts of judgment I will bring the Israelites out of Egypt."

Moses and Aaron went to do just as God commanded, and Moses was 80 years old, and Aaron 83 years old when they went to speak to Pharaoh.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says, 'Show me a **miracle**,' tell Aaron to take his rod and throw it down before Pharaoh,

and it will become a **serpent**."

Moses and Aaron went in before Pharaoh and did as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw down his rod before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a **serpent**.

When Pharaoh saw this, he called in his wise men, sorcerers, and magicians, and they did the same thing with their magical enchantments. Each one threw down his rod and it became a **serpent**, only Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods!

Just as the Lord had said, Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not listen to them.

The Lord told Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened and he refuses to let the people go. In the morning Pharaoh goes out to the water. Wait for him at the bank of the Nile river, taking in your hand the same rod that was changed into a **serpent**. Then tell Pharaoh that the Lord God of the Hebrews has sent you to him. Tell him to let My people go worship Me in the wilderness."

"Tell Pharaoh that this is the way He will know that I AM THE LORD! You are to take the rod that is in your hand and strike the water with it, and the water in the Nile will be changed to blood. The fish will die and the river will stink. The Egyptians will not be able to drink the water."

"You will tell Aaron to take your rod and stretch it out over the waters of Egypt - over the streams, canals, ponds, and all the pools of water. They will be turned to blood. Blood will be everywhere, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars."

Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh and did as the Lord commanded. Aaron lifted up the rod in the presence of Pharaoh and **smote** the waters of the Nile, and all the water turned to blood.

The fish in the river died and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink the water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

The magicians of Egypt did the same thing using their magical arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hardened. He would not listen to Moses

and Aaron, just as God had said. Pharaoh went to his palace, and this plague did not even concern his heart.

All the Egyptians had to dig around the Nile river to find water to drink.

This plague lasted for seven days.

Think About It..

If only Pharaoh had not been so stubborn, and had listened to God, he would have saved himself and his people a lot of trouble.

God knew what kind of man Pharaoh was. He was stubborn and wanted to do things his way. He did not want anyone, even God, telling him what to do. Because God knew what kind of man he was, He knew that Pharaoh would harden his heart.

Can we be the same way sometimes?

Have your parents ever wanted you to do something, but you did not want to do it. So instead of obeying them, you disobeyed. If you have ever done this you "hardened" your heart. Pharaoh will find out, in our next lessons, that because of his hardened heart he and his people would be punished.

When we harden our hearts, aren't we usually punished? Disobedience to our parents usually results in punishment. It is best to obey our parents when we are children because obedience to our parents is also obedience to God. We learn to obey God through obedience to our parents.

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the first 5 plagues

WATER TO BLOOD

FROGS

LICE

FLIES

MURRAIN OF THE CATTLE

True or False

1. ___ Moses said to the Lord, "I can't wait to tell Pharaoh what you want."
2. ___ Aaron was to be Moses' mouthpiece.
3. ___ Aaron's rod became a bear.
4. ___ Aaron's rod swallowed the magician's rods.
5. ___ Moses and Aaron went to see Pharaoh at the river one night.
6. ___ The water in the river, streams, ponds, and pools turned to blood.
7. ___ Pharaoh was happy and decided to let the people go worship God.
8. ___ The magicians were able to turn water to blood too, with their magical enchantments.
9. ___ The people had to dig around the river to find water to drink.
10. ___ This plague lasted for a year.

"I AM"

God wanted Pharaoh and His people the Israelites to realize that He is JEHOVAH, I AM, the existing God. Look up the following verses that tell us about God the "I AM" and fill-in-the-blanks.

Exod 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, _____ the _____, and I will _____ you _____ from under the _____ of the Egyptians, and I will _____ you out of their _____, and I will _____ you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: (KJV)

Exod 6:29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, _____ the _____: speak thou unto _____ king of Egypt all that _____ say unto thee. (KJV)

Exod 7:17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that _____ the _____: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.(KJV)

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LESSON 5

VOCABULARY

Intreat - To ask earnestly.

Division - Something that makes one different or distinct from another.

Abomination - Something disgusting.

Murrain - A disease that would destroy the cattle.

Deceitfully - To cheat; to be dishonest.

Exodus 8 ; 9 : 1-7

God sends plagues of frogs, lice, flies, and murrain of cattle.

In our last lesson God sent a plague that turned the water to blood in Egypt. This did not convince Pharaoh to let the people go worship God, and he hardened his heart again.

God spoke to Moses again. He said, "Go to Pharaoh again and tell him that the Lord says to let My people go, so that they might serve Me. If Pharaoh refuses to let them go, tell him that I will plague the whole country with frogs. They will come forth out of the river and will go into all of their houses, into their rooms, their beds, their ovens and kneading troughs where they prepare food."

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron to stretch out his hand with the rod over the streams, rivers, and ponds, and cause frogs to come upon the land of Egypt."

So, Aaron stretched his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land.

But, Pharaoh's magicians brought forth frogs on the land with their enchantments.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Intreat the Lord to take away the frogs from me and my people, and I will let the people go make sacrifice unto the Lord."

Moses said, "You have the honor of setting

the time that I will intreat the Lord for you and your people to destroy the frogs from you and your houses. The only frogs left will be those in the Nile river."

Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow".

Moses said, "It will be according to your word so you will know that there is no God like the Jehovah God. The frogs will leave you and your houses and shall remain in the river only."

Then Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh. Moses asked the Lord to take away the frogs. The Lord did what Moses asked, and the frogs died in the houses, yards, villages, and fields. The people gathered the dead frogs together into great heaps and the land stank. But when Pharaoh saw that the frogs had been taken away he hardened his heart and did not let the people go worship, just as the Lord had said he would do.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron to stretch out his rod and smite the dust of the land and the dust shall become lice through all the land of Egypt."

Aaron did so, and the lice was on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh's magicians tried to produce lice with their enchantments, but they could not. The magicians went to Pharaoh and said, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not hearken, just as the Lord said he would.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh when he goes to the river. Tell Pharaoh that the Lord has said that he is to let His people go that they may serve Him. If Pharaoh will not let the people go, I will send swarms of flies upon Pharaoh, his officials, and people in Egypt. But, I will make a division between the people of Egypt and My people who are in the land of Goshen. There will be no flies in Goshen where My people live, so you will know that I AM THE LORD in the earth. Tomorrow I will send this plague."

The Lord did just as He said and sent swarms

of flies. They were in Pharaoh's house and all over Egypt. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron saying, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in Egypt."

But Moses said, "We cannot do this because our sacrifice will be an abomination to the Egyptians and they will stone us. Let us go three days journey into the wilderness and sacrifice as the Lord has commanded us."

Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, only you shall not go very far away. Intreat the Lord for me."

Moses said, "I will intreat the Lord that the flies depart, but do not deal deceitfully with us anymore in not letting the people go sacrifice to the Lord."

Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord. The Lord removed the flies so that not one fly remained. But Pharaoh's hardened his heart and would not let the people go worship God.

The Lord came to Moses again and said, "Go into Pharaoh and tell him that the God of the Hebrews has said, 'Let My people go that they may serve Me.' If Pharaoh refuses still, tell him there will be a very serious murrain upon the cattle, horses, donkeys, camels, oxen, and sheep. The animals of the Egyptians will have murrain and die, but the children of Israel's animals will not have the murrain and their animals will not die."

The next day, the Lord did what He said He would do. All the Egyptian's cattle died, but not one of the children of Israel's died. Pharaoh sent his servants to find out if the Israelite's cattle died and when he found out that they did not, he hardened his heart and did not let the people go worship God.

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the first 5 plagues

WATER TO BLOOD

FROGS

LICE

FLIES

MURRAIN OF THE CATTLE

DECEITFULNESS AND LYING

Moses told Pharaoh, "*Do not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go sacrifice to the Lord.*"

Pharaoh was not honest in dealing with Moses and the Lord. God hated lying then and He hates lying now. God does not change — He is the same God that Israel served. How do we know this? God told us so!

Fill-in-the-blanks to see what God has said about lying:

Col 3:9 _____ not _____ to _____, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (KJV)

Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting _____, speak every man _____ with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. (KJV)

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and _____, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (KJV)

TRUE OR FALSE

1. ___ The frogs were everywhere except peoples houses.
2. ___ The magicians could bring forth frogs with their enchantments.
3. ___ The people had to kill the frogs to get rid of them.
4. ___ The plague of lice was on the animals only.
5. ___ The magicians could not bring forth lice with their enchantments.
6. ___ The children of Israel in Goshen had flies in their houses.
7. ___ Pharaoh always told the truth when he said he would let the Israelites go worship God.
8. ___ The animals of the Egyptians did not die with the murrain.
9. ___ God brought the plagues upon Egypt to show the people that, "I AM THE LORD."

THE EXODUS

LESSON 6

VOCABULARY

Boils - An infected eruption of the skin. Boils are usually very painful.

Locusts - Insects that are like grasshoppers. A locust plague is unstoppable. Locust plagues come in swarms. Water does not stop them, for they use their own bodies as a bridge. They have even been known to smother fires that were set to destroy them. They eat all the foliage in their path.

Cease - To stop.

Haste - To hurry.

Exodus 9 : 9 - ; 10

God sends plagues of Boils, Hail, Locusts, and thick Darkness.

In previous lessons we learned that God sent plagues of the water to blood, frogs, lice, flies, and murrain of the cattle. None of these plagues convinced Pharaoh of who God is, and he hardened his heart, not letting the Israelites go worship their God.

After the plague of murrain on the cattle, God said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of ashes from the furnace and let Moses sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. It will become boils upon man and beast through all the land of Egypt."

So Moses and Aaron took the ashes of a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses sprinkled the ashes up toward heaven and boils broke out on man and beast in Egypt. Because the boils were so painful, Pharaoh's magicians could not stand before Moses. But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Tell him that the Lord God of the Hebrews said, 'Let My

people go that they may serve Me. This time I will send all my plagues upon you, your servants, and the people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth. I will stretch out My hand and smite you and your people with plagues that will destroy you on the earth. The reason that I have allowed you to remain is so that I could show you My power and My name would be declared through all the earth.'

'Yet, you have raised yourself up against My people and will not let them go. So, tomorrow at this time I will cause it to rain a very great hail. It will be a storm like nothing you have seen in Egypt.'

'Give an order now that the people gather their cattle and all that they have in the field, because every man or beast left in the fields will die.'

Some of Pharaoh's servants feared the Lord, and they brought their servants and animals inside out of the fields. But those who did not fear God left their servants and animals in the fields.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, and there will be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, beast, and all the plants in the field."

So Moses stretched out his rod toward the sky and the Lord sent thunder, hail, and fire that ran along the ground. The hail was mixed with fire. Never had there been hail like this in Egypt.

The hail killed all the men and beast in the fields, all the plants, and brake every tree of the field.

Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel lived, was there no hail.

Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous and I and my people are wrong. Intreat the Lord because we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go, and you do not have to stay any longer."

Moses replied, "When I have gone out of the city I will spread out my hands in prayer to the Lord. The thunder will stop and there will be no

more hail so that you may know that the earth is the Lord's. But I know that you and your servants still do not fear the Lord God."

Now the flax and barley were killed in the field by the hail, but the wheat and rye were not hurt because they had not grown yet.

So Moses went out of the city and spread out his hands toward the Lord. The thunder, rain, and hail ceased. When Pharaoh saw the rain, hail, and thunder were ceased, he hardened his heart and would not let the children of Israel go, just as the Lord had told Moses.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show them these signs and so that you can tell your sons and your son's sons the things that I have done in Egypt, and that you may know that I AM THE LORD."

So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "The Lord God of the Hebrews has said: How long will you refuse to listen to me? Let My people go that they may serve Me. If you refuse to let My people go, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your land. They will cover the face of the earth so that you cannot see the earth, and they will eat everything that the hail did not destroy. They will fill your houses, and you have never seen, or your fathers seen, locusts like this on the earth."

Then Moses turned and went away from Pharaoh.

Pharaoh's servants said to Pharaoh, "How long will this man be a trap to us? Let the men of Israel go that they may serve the Lord their God. Don't you know that Egypt is destroyed?"

Pharaoh had Moses and Aaron brought back to himself, and he said to them, "Go serve the Lord your God, but who are the ones who will go?"

Moses said, "Our children and our old, our sons and daughters, our flocks and herds, for we must go hold a feast unto the Lord."

Pharaoh said, "The Lord had better be with you if I let you and your little ones go. You are wanting to do what is evil. No! You and the men only may go serve the Lord for that is what you want."

Then Moses and Aaron were driven away from Pharaoh's presence.

The Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt so that the locusts will come upon Egypt and eat every plant that the hail has left."

So Moses stretched out his rod over the land and the Lord brought an east wind that blew all that day and night. The next morning, the locusts came and there had never been a plague of locusts like this. They were all over the land and the land was darkened with them. They ate every plant, all the fruit of the trees, and nothing green remained in Egypt.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste when he saw this plague. He said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. Forgive me this sin and intreat the Lord that he may take away this death."

Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord. The Lord caused a strong west wind to take away all the locusts and cast them into the Red Sea. Not even one locust remained in Egypt. But Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven and there will be darkness over the land of Egypt. It will be so dark that the darkness can be felt."

So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven and there was a thick darkness in Egypt for three days. During the three days the people could not see one another, and they did not get up from where they were sitting. Yet, the children of Israel had light in their homes.

Pharaoh called for Moses and said to him, "Go serve the Lord, only let your flocks and animals stay. You may take your women and children with you."

Moses said, "Our animals must go with us because we will sacrifice them to the Lord. Not a hoof will be left behind, for we must take everything to serve the Lord, and we will not know what the Lord wants us to do until we get there."

The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not let them go. Pharaoh said, "Get away from me, for in the day that I see you again, you will die."

Moses said, "You have spoken well, I will see your face no more."

In our next lesson we will learn what Moses said to Pharaoh before he left him.

THINK ABOUT IT...

God had the power and might to destroy Pharaoh and his people, but He let them live. Why? God used a wicked man like Pharaoh to show others that He is the God of the Universe. He also showed that He is a God to be obeyed. These lessons on the plagues should convince *us* that He is God and that *we* should obey Him also. Hopefully we will not be as stubborn and hardened like Pharaoh. He was so stubborn that he would not do right, even when his whole land had been destroyed by God. The lesson of the plagues was not only for the Egyptians and Israelites, it is for us too!



MEMORY WORK

Memorize the 10 plagues
(*You should know the first 5 already.*)

WATER TO BLOOD
FROGS
LICE
FLIES
MURRAIN OF THE CATTLE
BOILS
HAIL
LOCUSTS
THICK DARKNESS
DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

Thought Question

Why do you think God caused Egypt to suffer the plagues, but He did not cause the children of Israel to suffer them in the land of Goshen? _____

MATCH

MAGICIANS	They had light in their houses.
PHARAOH	They could not stand before Moses because of the boils.
BOILS	This plague lasted for three days.
LOCUSTS	He brought an east wind upon the land with locusts.
HAIL	He stretched out his rod toward heaven.
THICK DARKNESS	This killed men and beasts who were left in the field.
MOSES	He hardened his heart.
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL	This destroyed plants, fruits, and trees left by hail.
THE LORD	This plague was upon man and beast.

THE EXODUS

LESSON 7

VOCABULARY

Favour - To treat carefully or kindly.
Firstborn - The oldest child in a family. (In these lessons the firstborn would refer to the oldest male child.
Difference - To separate or set apart.
Maid servant - A female slave.
Borrow - Request or demand.
Wonders - Miracles.
Memorial - Something to remember; a memento.
Unleavened Bread - Bread that does not have any ingredients in it to make it rise.
Leavened Bread - Bread that has something in it to make it rise.
Hyssop - A plant that grew in a bunch just about anywhere, even in rocky crevices and the desert. It was suitable for sprinkling the blood at Passover.
Urgent - To encourage or help.
Haste - To hurry.
Kneading trough - A shallow bowl of wood, clay, or bronze that was used to knead dough in.
Elders of Israel - These were older men in Israel with age, experience, and wisdom.
Redeem - To rescue by paying a price.

Exodus 11;12;13

The death of the firstborn.

In our last lesson we learned that God sent plagues of boils, hail, locusts, and thick darkness upon the Egyptians. Pharaoh continued to harden his heart and told Moses that the next time he saw him he would die.

Moses told Pharaoh that he would see his face no more, but he was not through speaking to him. There was still one more plague that God was going to bring upon Egypt.

The Lord said to Moses, "I am going to bring

one more plague upon Pharaoh and Egypt, and after this plague he will let you go. Pharaoh will cast you out of Egypt completely after this plague. You need to speak to the people and tell them to borrow of the Egyptians jewels of silver and gold."

The Lord gave the Israelites favour in the Egyptians eyes and Moses was very great in the sight of the Egyptians and Pharaoh's servants.

So before Moses left Pharaoh he said to him, "The Lord has said, "About midnight I will go throughout the land of Egypt and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt will die. Every firstborn, from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the firstborn of the maidservants. Even the firstborn of the animals will die."

"And there will be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt like has never been before, or will be like it again. However, among the children of Israel not even a dog shall bark at man or beast. This is so you will know that the Lord has put a difference between the Egyptian and Israel."

"All of your servants will come down to me and bow themselves down saying, "Get out—and take all the people that follow you!" After that, I will go out."

After saying this to Pharaoh, Moses left him in a great anger.

The Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not hearken unto you so that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This month will be the beginning of months to you. Speak to all of Israel and tell them that the tenth day of this month each family is to take a lamb. If the family is small, they and another family can take a lamb to eat. The lamb is to be perfect, without a spot, and a one year old male. It may be a sheep or a goat."

"On the fourteenth day of this month, all of Israel will kill the lambs in the evening. They are to take the blood from the lamb and put the blood on the doorposts and lintel of the house. They shall eat the lamb that has been roasted with fire

with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They are not to eat it raw or boiled. Nothing of it shall remain until morning, and if any does it is to be burned with fire.”

“They are to eat the lamb while fully dressed and ready to go, with their shoes on their feet and staff in their hand. It is to be eaten in haste for it is the Lord’s Passover.”

“ I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I AM THE LORD. The blood will be a sign for you, and when I see the blood I will pass over you and will not destroy you when I destroy the land of Egypt.”

“This day is to be a memorial, and you are to keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations.”

“You are to eat unleavened bread for seven days and are not to even have leavened bread in your houses for seven days. Whoever eats leavened bread will be destroyed. You will observe the feast of unleavened bread because it is in this day that I brought you out of Egypt.”

After the Lord told Moses and Aaron all about the last plague, and the feast days that they were to remember, Moses called the elders of Israel and told them what to do. He told them that each family should take a lamb and kill it for the Passover. Then they were to take a bunch of hyssop and dip it into the lamb’s blood and strike the lintel and doorposts of the house with it. No one was to leave the house until morning because the Lord would pass through the Egyptians, and when He saw the blood on the lintel and two doorposts He would pass over the door and not let the destroyer come into their houses to destroy them.

Moses told them that they were to remember this event every year with a feast, and tell their children about how the Lord passed over Israel and killed the firstborn of Egypt.

When Moses finished telling the elders of Israel these things, they bowed their heads and worshipped God. Then they went to their homes and did as the Lord commanded them to do.

On the night of the Passover, about midnight, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. There was not a family in Egypt who did not have

a firstborn dead.

Pharaoh rose up in the night, and his servants, and all of Egypt. A great cry was heard in Egypt because every family found a firstborn dead in their houses.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron that night and said, “ Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites, and go worship your Lord as you have asked. Take your flocks and herds and be gone; and bless me also.”

The Egyptians were urgent that the people leave. They wanted them to leave in haste because they were afraid all of them would die.

Israel took their dough before it was leavened; their kneadingtroughs wrapped in their clothes upon their shoulders. They asked for jewels of silver and gold, and for clothes from the Egyptians. The Lord gave them favour in the Egyptian’s eyes, and they gave Israel what they asked for.

Israel had lived in Egypt for 430 years.

Because the Israelites were God’s special people, He wanted them to remember that they were God’s people in a special way.

Since God had killed the firstborn of the Egyptians, and had spared the firstborn of Israel, He wanted the firstborn of Israel to belong to Him in a special way. Each firstborn animal was to be sacrificed to God, and all firstborn male children were to be redeemed. This was done to remind Israel that God had brought them out of Egypt, and they were to tell their children about these things.

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the 10 plagues

WATER TO BLOOD
FROGS
LICE
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BOILS
HAIL
LOCUSTS
THICK DARKNESS
DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

THINK ABOUT IT

If you had been an Israelite, how closely do you think you would have listened to the instructions for the Passover? Do you think you would have wanted to leave out or add anything to what the Lord said to do?

Of course not! Obedience to God's instructions was what saved the Israelite's lives.

The same thing is true today. Obedience to God is what saves us spiritually from a devil's hell. When God speaks He expects His children to obey.

Fill in the blanks:

Exod 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when _____ see the blood, _____ will pass over you, and the _____ shall not be upon you to _____ you, when I smite the land of Egypt. (KJV)

Deut 12:32 What thing soever _____ command you, observe to _____ it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (KJV)

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that _____ him; (KJV)

II Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that _____ the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES

God made some promises to Abraham in Genesis 15:13- 14:

Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.

But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. (NIV)

These verses are talking about the Israelites that we have just studied about. In our lesson, God told Moses to tell the people to borrow jewels of gold and silver from the Egyptians before they left. This is a fulfillment of the prophecy that God made to Abraham many years before, when he said, "they will come out with great possessions."

God has made promises to us today! He will fulfill His promises to us, just as he did for Abraham and Israel, if we are obedient to Him.

II Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto _____ exceeding great and precious _____: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.(KJV)

God has promised us a home in heaven if we are obedient to Him!

MATCH

Silver and gold	The time that the Lord passed through Egypt to kill the firstborn.
Sheep or goat	The Israelites were to ask the Egyptians for this.
Hyssop	The number of years that the Israelites were in Egypt.
Blood	They were to be special to the Lord.
Egyptians	Their firstborn were killed on the night of the Passover.
Midnight	God said to take one of these and kill it and eat it on the Passover.
430	Israel was to put this on the doorposts and lintel of the house.
Israel's firstborn	This was used to put the blood on the doorposts and lintel.

THE EXODUS

LESSON 8

VOCABULARY

Chariot - A vehicle used by the Egyptians in war. It was pulled by a horse and usually carried the fighting man and his shield bearer.

Pursue - To chase, follow, or run after.

Salvation - Something saved; deliverance.

Exodus 12: 37-38; 13: 17 - 22; 14
The children of Israel cross the Red Sea.

When Pharaoh let the people of Israel go, the Lord did not want Israel to go through the land of the Philistines. The people in the land of the Philistines were at war, and the Lord said that if the people saw the Philistines at war they would change their minds and go back to Egypt.

So the Lord led Israel from Rameses to Succoth by the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. There were 600,000 men and many flocks, herds, and cattle. (*This number did not include the women and children with them.*)

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, to keep the promise that the children of Israel had made many years before — to carry his bones out of the land of Egypt.

From Succoth they traveled to Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

The Lord led Israel by a pillar of cloud in the day, and a pillar of fire at night. The pillar of fire at night gave them light.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Tell the children of Israel to camp by the sea near Pihahiroth, and Pharaoh will say that they are wandering in the wilderness in confusion. I will harden Pharaoh's heart and he will follow after them. I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh, and the Egyptians will know that I AM THE LORD.

The children obeyed what the Lord said to do.

When Pharaoh learned where the children of Israel were, he and his servants said to one another, "Why have we done this? We have let Israel go from serving us."

So Pharaoh had his people get his chariot ready. He took 600 of the best chariots and all the rest of the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one.

The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and Pharaoh pursued after the children of Israel who were leaving boldly. The Egyptians pursued them with all the horses and chariots, horsemen, and the army of Pharaoh. They overtook the Israelites as they were camping by the sea.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked up and saw the Egyptians marching after them. The Israelites became very afraid and cried unto the Lord. Then they said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have brought us out here in the wilderness to die? What have you done by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we tell you in Egypt to let us alone to serve the Egyptians? It would have been better to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid! Stand still and you will see the salvation of the Lord that He will show to you this day. You will never see these Egyptians again that you see today. The Lord will fight for you and you only have to be still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Speak to the children of Israel and tell them to go forward. Lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide it, so that the children of Israel can go through the middle of the sea on dry ground."

"I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians and they will follow in the sea after Israel, and I will gain glory through Pharaoh, his army, chariots, and horsemen. The Egyptians shall know that I AM THE LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and horsemen."

Then the angel of the Lord, who had been

traveling before the Israelites, moved behind the Israelites. The pillar of cloud went behind the Israelites, and it was between them and the camp of the Egyptians. It was a cloud of darkness to the Egyptians, but it gave light to the Israelites. And the Egyptians did not come near to the Israelites all night.

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night. This made the sea dry land, and the waters of the sea were divided. The children of Israel went into the middle of the sea upon dry ground and the waters of the sea were a wall on the right and on the left.

During the morning watch, the Lord looked down upon the Egyptian army through the pillar of cloud and fire and caused confusion in the army of the Egyptians. Pharaoh's horses and chariots, and horsemen pursued Israel into the middle of the sea. The Lord took off the chariot's wheels so that they were hard to drive. When this happened, the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites. The Lord is fighting for them against us."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters will cover the Egyptians, their chariots, and their horsemen."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the sea returned to where it had been before. The Egyptians were fleeing, but the Lord swept them into the middle of the sea. The water covered the chariots, horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that had come into the sea after the Israelites. Not one of them survived.

The children of Israel walked on the dry land in the middle of the sea, and the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians.

The Israelites saw the dead Egyptians upon the seashore. They saw the great power of the Lord, and they feared Him and believed Him and his servant Moses.

MEMORY WORK
Say the 10 PLAGUES from memory.

Think About It...

The Israelites had seen all the plagues that God brought upon Egypt. God had led them safely out of the land of Egypt. Wouldn't you think that after all they had seen they would have had more faith in God when they saw the Egyptians pursuing them? They should have remembered all that the Lord had done for them, but they forgot when they became afraid. They began to complain to Moses, and he had to remind them that the Lord would be with them.

Sometimes we can be just like the Israelites. We can become afraid and forget that God will be with us.

We haven't seen the miracles of God, but we have something much better. We have the whole revelation of God—The Bible! He has given us everything we need in His word, and if we believe it and obey it, He will be with us, even when we are afraid like the Israelites. It is by reading God's word, and by hearing it taught, that we are reminded that God is with us too!

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of _____, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be _____, thoroughly furnished unto _____ good works. (KJV)

1 Pet 5:7 Casting _____ your care upon him; for he _____ for _____ . (KJV)

TRUE OR FALSE

1. ____ After leaving Egypt, the Lord wanted Israel to travel through the land of the Philistines.
2. ____ Moses carried out of Egypt the bones of Abraham.
3. ____ The Lord led Israel by a pillar of cloud in the daytime and a pillar of fire at night.
4. ____ Pharaoh hardened his heart after the children of Israel left Egypt.
5. ____ Pharaoh and his servants were glad that they had let the children of Israel go.
6. ____ Pharaoh pursued the children of Israel with all his chariots, horses, and horsemen.
7. ____ When the children of Israel saw the Egyptians coming after them, they started to run.
8. ____ Moses told the Israelites to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
9. ____ That night the angel of the Lord and the pillar of cloud came between the Israelites and the Egyptians.
10. ____ Moses stretched his leg over the Red Sea and it parted for the Israelites to go through.
11. ____ The children of Israel went into the middle of the sea on dry ground.
12. ____ The Lord took off the wheels of the Egyptian's chariots so that they were hard to drive.
13. ____ All the army of Pharaoh that were in the sea drowned.
14. ____ Seeing the great works of the Lord caused Israel to fear and believe the Lord.



MAP WORK

FIND RAMESES, SUCCOTH,
RED SEA, WILDERNESS OF THE RED SEA,
ETHAM, AND PIHAHIROTH

THE EXODUS

LESSON 9

VOCABULARY

Marah - Bitter.

Murmur - To grumble or complain.

Manna - What is it?

Omer - A dry measurement, about 7 1/2 pints.

Sabbath - Saturday; the day that the Lord set aside under the Old Law for His people to worship Him.

Timbrel - A tambourine; a musical instrument.

Quail - A migrating bird that arrives in droves along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. When they migrate they spread their wings and allow the wind to bear them along. Many times when they reach land they are so exhausted they can be caught by hand.

Exodus 15; 16
Israel begins to murmur.

The Israelites were very happy after they saw how the Lord delivered them from the Egyptians as they crossed the Red Sea. They were so happy that they sang a song unto the Lord. In their song they told about how the Lord had delivered them and gave praise to the Lord.

Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang, "Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and his rider has he thrown into the sea."

Moses continued to lead the children of Israel from the Red Sea to the wilderness of Shur. They had been in the wilderness for three days and could not find any water.

They came to a place called Marah. They could not drink the water at Marah because it was bitter. So the people began to murmur against Moses saying, "What shall we drink?"

Moses cried out unto the Lord and the Lord

showed him a tree. When Moses threw the tree into the water, the water was made sweet so that the people could drink it.

It was there at Marah that the Lord made a law for the people to test them. The Lord told them that if they would hearken to Him and keep His commandments that He would bring none of the diseases on them that the Egyptians had.

After the children of Israel left Marah, they came to Elim. At Elim there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees. The people stopped and camped there.

The children of Israel left Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin on the fifteenth day of the second month after leaving Egypt. While they were in the wilderness all the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron. They said, "If only we had died by the hand of God in Egypt. In Egypt we could sit by the pots of meat and eat bread until we were full. You have brought us into this wilderness to kill us with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out and gather a certain amount every day. In this way I will test them to see if they will follow My laws or not. On the sixth day the people shall gather and prepare twice as much as they usually gather."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "In the evening you will know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt. In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, for He has heard your murmuring against Him. Who are we that you should murmur against us?"

Moses said, "You will know that it is the Lord that gives you meat in the evening and bread in the morning to eat. Your murmurings are not against us, but your murmurings are against the Lord."

The Moses spoke to Aaron and told him, "Tell all of the Israelites to come near before the Lord, for he has heard their murmurings."

Aaron began speaking to the people, and while he was speaking the Israelites looked toward the wilderness and the glory of the Lord

appeared to them in a cloud. The Lord spoke unto Moses saying, "I have heard the children of Israel murmur. Tell them that in the evening they will eat flesh, and in the morning they will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD."

That evening, quails came up and covered the camp of the Israelites. The next morning there was a layer of dew on the ground. When the dew was gone, on the ground were small round flakes like frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it they said to one another, "What is it?" (or "manna"), for they did not know what it was.

Moses told them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. The Lord has commanded that each person gather what he needs, an omer for each person according to the number of people living in each tent."

So the children of Israel gathered the manna according to what each person could eat. Moses told them not to leave any of the manna until morning. But some of the people did not listen to Moses. The left-over manna had worms in it the next morning and it stank. Moses became very angry with them for their disobedience.

When the sun came out, any manna left on the ground melted.

On the sixth day of the week the people were to gather twice as much manna. Moses told them, "Tomorrow is a day of rest. It is a holy Sabbath unto the Lord. You are to cook today whatever you need for tomorrow and it will keep until tomorrow."

Everyone who did what Moses said found out that their manna did not stink the next morning, nor have worms in it.

On the Sabbath Moses said to the people, "Eat the manna today, for today is the Sabbath unto the Lord. You will not find any manna on the ground today. You are to gather manna for six days, but on the seventh day there will be no manna."

Even though Moses told the people what to do, there were some who did not listen to Moses. They went out on the Sabbath to gather manna, but they found none.

The Lord said to Moses, "How long are you going to refuse to keep My commandments? The Lord has given you the Sabbath. This is why He

gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Everyone is to stay home and rest on the Sabbath."

So the people rested on the Sabbath.

Israel called the bread "manna" and it was like coriander seed, white, and tasted like wafers made with honey.

The Lord commanded that the Israelites keep an omer of manna throughout their generations, so that they could see how the Lord had fed them in the wilderness after they came out of Egypt. So Moses told Aaron to take a pot and put an omer of manna in it. It was to be kept in the ark of the testimony.

The children of Israel ate manna for forty years until they came to the land of Canaan.

MAP WORK

WILDERNESS OF SHUR
MARAH
ELIM
WILDERNESS OF SIN

MEMORY WORK

Deut 8:3

"So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. (NKJ)

THINK ABOUT IT...

The Lord told Moses that He was going to give the Israelites the water at Marah, and the manna in the wilderness to test them. He wanted to see if they would follow His law. The Lord wanted the children of Israel to realize that they depended on Him for all they had; even their water and food.

Jesus Christ has told us that He will provide what we need too. Like the Israelites, He wants us to follow His laws also. If we do, He will bless us with what we need.

Fill-in-the-blanks to find out what Jesus has said to us:

Matt 6:31-32

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we _____? or, What shall we _____? or, Wherewithal shall we be _____?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father _____ that ye have _____ of all these things. (KJV)

Matt 6:30

30 Wherefore, if _____ so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe _____, O ye of little faith? (KJV)

MATCH

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| 1. Singing | They murmured to Moses and the Lord. |
| 2. Marah | They gathered twice as much manna on this day. |
| 3. Elim | What is it? |
| 4. It bred worms and stank | Left-over manna. |
| 5. Children of Israel | Where the water was bitter. |
| 6. Omer | 12 wells of water and 70 palm trees were there. |
| 7. Manna | Each person was to gather this much for himself. |
| 8. Sixth day | What the children of Israel did after they crossed the Red Sea. |
| 9. Sabbath | God sent this to Israel in the evening. |
| 10. Quail | A holy day of the Lord for rest. |

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LESSON 10

VOCABULARY

Massah - Temptation.

Meribah - To quarrel.

Jehovah-nissi - The Lord is my banner.

Counsel - Advise.

Exodus 17 ; 18

God is with His people.

As the children of Israel journeyed on from the wilderness of Sin they came to a place called Rephidim. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there.

The people began to quarrel with Moses saying, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

But the people were thirsty for water and they murmured against Moses saying, "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our animals with thirst?"

Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I going to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord answered, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and the rod that you struck the Nile with. Go and I will stand before you upon the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock and water will come out of it so that the people may drink."

So Moses did what the Lord told him to do in front of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

While the children of Israel were at Rephidim, the people of Amalek came and attacked them.

Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men to fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."

So Joshua did what Moses told him to do. He and his men fought with the men of Amalek. While they were fighting, Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands Israel was winning the battle. But when he let down his hands, Amalek was winning.

Moses hands became tired so Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under Moses for him to sit upon. Then Aaron got on one side of Moses and Hur on his other side and they held Moses' hands up until the sun went down.

So Joshua overcame Amalek with the sword.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this down as something to be remembered and be sure to tell Joshua, because I will be sure to blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

Moses built an altar there and called it: Jehovah-nissi, for the Lord has sworn that He will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

Now Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses and priest of Midian, heard about all that the Lord had done for Moses and Israel, and how the Lord had brought them out of Egypt. So Jethro took Zipporah, Moses' wife, and Moses' two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, to meet Moses in the wilderness where he was camped at the mount of God.

Jethro sent word to Moses that he had brought his wife and two sons. So Moses went out to meet him and bowed down and kissed him. They asked each other about their well-being, and then went into the tent.

Moses told his father-in-law about all that the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and the Egyptians for the sake of Israel, and about all the trouble that they had had as they traveled. He told them how the Lord had delivered them.

When Jethro hear about all that the Lord had done for them he rejoiced and said, "Blessed be the Lord who has delivered you out of the hands

of the Egyptians and Pharaoh. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all other gods, and that He did this to those who treated Israel badly.

Then Jethro brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God, and Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat with Jethro.

The next day, Moses sat down to judge the people. There were so many people with problems that they stood waiting for Moses from morning till night.

When Jethro saw all that Moses had to do for the people he said to Moses, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why are you sitting here alone, while all the people wait for you from morning till night?"

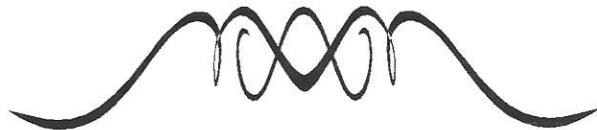
Moses said, "I do this because the people want to know God's will. When they have a problem that needs to be solved, I judge the problem and tell them about God's law."

Jethro said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. You and the people, who come to you, will only wear yourselves out. This is too much for you to do alone. Listen to me and I will give you counsel, and God will be with you."

"Choose from the people some men who fear God, are truthful, and hate dishonest gain. Teach those men the laws of God, the way to live, and the work they must do. Let those men be rulers over smaller groups of people. Let them judge the small problems and bring only the big problems to you to judge. If you do this, you will be able to endure the work that you must do, and the people will go home in peace."

Moses hearkened to his father-in-law and did all that he told him to do. He chose men out of Israel and made them leaders over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. These leaders judged the people at all times, and they brought only the hard matters for Moses to judge.

Then Moses let his father-in-law leave. Jethro went back to his own land.



MEMORY WORK

Deut 8:3

"So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. (NKJ)

THINK ABOUT IT...

It didn't take Israel very long to forget that God was taking care of them, did it? They began to murmur and complain. God was not pleased when they did this.

God is not pleased with us when we murmur and complain either. Read 1 Corinthians 10:10 to find out what the New Testament says about murmuring.

1 Cor 10:10

Neither _____ ye, as some of them also _____, and were _____ of the destroyer.

(KJV)

God will take care of us if we will trust and obey Him.


2 Pet 1:3

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us _____ things that pertain unto _____ and _____


_____, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:(KJV)

Thought Questions

1. Do you think it mattered if Moses held his hands up or not in the battle with Amalek? _____
Why? _____
2. Did Israel win the battle by their own power and might? _____
3. What do you think the Lord was trying to show Israel when He won this battle for them? _____
4. Was Moses wise to take the advise from his Father-in-law about judging Israel? _____
5. Is it wise for us to take advise from older people than we are, so long as their advise is not against God's law? _____



MAP WORK
REPHIDIM
MT. SINAI



MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. There was no water at (the wilderness of Sin , Rephidim) .
2. Moses called the place where he smote the rock, (Rameses and Succoth, Massah and Meribah), because the children of Israel (quarreled , were happy) there.
3. The children of Israel were winning the battle against Amalek as long as Moses (sat on a rock, stood on the hill, held up his hands) .
4. (Aaron and Miriam , Aaron and Hur) held up Moses hands until the sun went down.
5. Jethro brought Moses' wife and two sons (Gideon and Elijah , Gershom and Eliezer) .
6. Jethro told Moses that (he should judge all the matters in Israel , he should judge only the big matters in Israel, he should judge only the small matters in Israel) .

THE EXODUS

LESSON 11

VOCABULARY

Sanctify - To make clean; to be pure morally.

Descended - To come down.

Holy - Pure, sacred, set apart.

Tremble - To shake from fear; to quake.

Quake - To shake; to shudder in terror.

Covenant - An agreement between God and man. In ancient times it involved eating an animal that had been sacrificed to God. Keeping God's covenant involved a person's total being.

Nobles - Chief men who were chosen.

Nadab and Abihu - The sons of Aaron.

Exodus 19 - 24

Israel makes a covenant with God.

In the third month after the children of Israel had left the land of Egypt, they left Rephidim and came to the wilderness of Sinai. There they camped in front of the mountain.

While they were there, Moses went up to God and the Lord called to him from the mountain saying, "This is what I want you to say to the children of Israel: *You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and how I carried you out on eagle's wings and brought you to Myself. Now, if you will obey Me in all that you do, and keep My covenant, then you will be My special treasure to Me above all people, even though all the earth is Mine. You will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.* This is what I want you to say to Israel."

So Moses went back and called for the elders of the people and told them all that the Lord had said. And all the people answered together, "All that the Lord has said, we will do." (*This is the first time the people promise to keep God's covenant.*) So Moses took the people's answer back to the Lord.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a thick cloud, so the people will hear when I speak with you, and they will always believe you. Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow. Tell them to wash their clothes and be ready by the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down from Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people."

"Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them not to touch the mountain, or even the border of the mountain, because whoever touches the mountain will be put to death. If anyone touches the mountain he is to be stoned or shot, whether it be man or beast. The only time they are to come up to the mountain is when they hear the trumpet sound long."

So Moses went down from the mountain unto the people. He sanctified them, and the people washed their clothes. He told them to be ready for the third day.

On the morning of the third day, there was thundering and lightning with a thick cloud on the mountain. The sound of the trumpet was very loud, and everyone in the camp trembled.

Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and the people stood at the foot of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire. The smoke went up from the mountain like a furnace and the mountain quaked. The sound of the trumpet was long and got louder and louder.

Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him. The Lord descended on top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, because if any of them try to break through to see the Lord many of them will perish. Even the priests must sanctify themselves or the Lord will break out against them."

Moses said to the Lord, "The people cannot

come up to Mount Sinai because you gave us warning and told us to set limits around the mount and to sanctify it.”

The Lord replied, “ Away! Go down and bring Aaron up with you, but do not let the priests come or the people may try to break through and come up to the Lord. If they do this, the Lord will break out against them.”

So Moses went down to the people and told them what the Lord had said.

Then the Lord spoke the following words unto the children of Israel:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage.

THOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

THOU SHALL NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.

THOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY.

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.

THOU SHALL NOT KILL.

THOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

THOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

THOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.

THOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBORS.

Now all the people saw the thundering and lightning, the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking. They trembled at this and stood at a distance from the mountain. They said to Moses, “ You speak with us and we will hear you. Do not let God speak with us or we will die.”

Moses said, “ Do not be afraid. God has come to test you so that His fear will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

However, the people would not come any closer, and continued to stand at a distance while Moses went near the thick darkness where God was.

When Moses came near, the Lord said to Moses, “ You are to tell the children of Israel that they have seen for themselves that I have spoken to them from heaven.”

While Moses was in the mount the Lord told

Moses many laws that He wanted His people to obey. He gave them laws that were about their own conduct, about the way they were to live, and about how they were to treat others. He also gave Moses laws about the feasts that God wanted His people to keep.

When the Lord finished giving the laws to Moses, He said, “ Come up unto the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and 70 of the elders of Israel and worship Me at a distance. Moses alone shall come near the Lord. The others must not come near. The people are not to come near with him.”

When Moses went up to the people and told them all that the Lord had said, and all of His laws, they all answered with one voice saying , “Everything that the Lord has said, we will do.” (*This makes the second time the people agree to keep God’s covenant.*)

Then Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord and rose up early the next morning. He built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up 12 stone pillars to represent the 12 tribes of Israel. Then he sent young men of the children of Israel to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord.

The blood of the oxen was drained from the animal when it was killed. Half of the blood was put into bowls and half was sprinkled on the altar by Moses. Moses took the book of the covenant and read it to the people. The children of Israel said, “All that the Lord has said, we will do and be obedient.” (*This makes the third time the Israelites have made this promise to God.*)

Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people saying, “ This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you concerning all these words.”

Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the 70 elders went up as the Lord told them to do. The Lord allowed them to see a scene in which they saw the God of Israel. Under God’s feet was a pavement of Sapphire stone, and it was as clear and blue as the sky. The nobles of Israel, (or those who went up) , ate and drank before God, and He did not raise His hand against them.

The Lord said to Moses, “ Come up to me in the mount and I will give you tables of stone on

which I have written a law and commandments that you are to teach the people.”

Moses rose up and he and his assistant Joshua went up into the mountain of God. Before Moses went up, he told the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back. Aaron and Hur are here, and if any man has a problem he is to go to them.”

Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled upon the mountain and a cloud covered it for six days. To the Israelites, the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

On the seventh day, the Lord called Moses from within the cloud. Moses went into the cloud as he went up the mountain. He was in the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.

THINK ABOUT IT...

The Lord made a covenant, or agreement, with the children of Israel. When an agreement is made between two people, or parties, each one has a responsibility to do what they have promised in their agreement.

The children of Israel told the Lord three times, “*all that the Lord has said, we will do*”. We will watch Israel in the coming lessons to see if they kept their covenant with the Lord.

The Lord has made a covenant with us also if we have been obedient to Him. His new covenant with us is called the New Testament. Read Hebrews 9:15 to find out what God has promised us if we keep His covenant.

Heb 9:15

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the _____ that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of _____
(KJV)

MAP WORK WILDERNESS OF SINAI MT. SINAI

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the first 5 commandments.

1. THOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2. THOU SHALL NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
3. THOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY.
5. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.

QUESTIONS

1. The children of Israel traveled from Rephidim to the wilderness of _____.
2. The Lord told Moses to tell Israel how he had carried them out on _____.
3. The Lord told Israel that if they would obey him that they would be His _____.
4. The people said, “All that the Lord has spoken, _____.”
5. Whoever touched the mountain would _____.
6. On the morning of the third day, there was _____

_____ around the mount.
7. All the people of the camp _____ when they saw the thunder, lightning, the thick cloud, and the voice of the trumpet.
8. _____ spoke unto the people the Lord’s laws.
9. The people told Moses to speak to them, but not to let _____ speak to them, or they would die.
10. God allowed _____ to come near to the Lord.
11. Moses set up _____ stone pillars to represent the tribes of Israel.
12. Moses sprinkled half of the blood upon the _____.
13. God wanted to make a _____ with the children of Israel.
14. When Moses read the law to the people they said, “All that the Lord has said, _____.”
15. Moses was in the mountain for _____ days and nights.

THE EXODUS

LESSON 12

VOCABULARY

Tables of stone - Tablets of stone; also called tables of the testimony. The commandments that God gave Israel were written upon these tables or tablets.

Peace offerings - A sacrifice of thanks.

Play - Laughing, dancing, and singing.

Corrupt - To destroy or make waste.

Stiff-necked - Stubborn, hard-hearted, wanting to have one's own way and disrespectful of authority.

Graven - To engrave or sculpt.

Consecrate - To set apart; to make holy.

Blot - To erase; to wipe away.

Atonement - To make clean; to forgive.

Exodus 31: 18 ; 32

Israel breaks their covenant with God.

When the Lord was through speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him two tables of stone. The laws that the Lord gave to Israel were written on the stones with the finger of God.

Now when the Israelites at the foot of the mountain saw that Moses was a long time coming down from the mountain, they gathered together and came to Aaron. They said to Aaron, "Come, make us gods to go before us. We don't know what has happened to this man Moses that brought us out of Egypt."

Aaron answered the people, "Tear or break off the earrings that are in the ears of your wives, sons, and daughters, and bring them to me."

The people brake off the golden earrings in their ears and brought them to Aaron. When Aaron received all the earrings he melted them and using a graving tool he made a molded calf.

When the people saw the calf they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you

out of the land of Egypt."

When Aaron saw the reaction of the people he built an altar before the golden calf. Then he said to the people, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord."

The people rose up early the next day and they offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. Then the people sat down to eat and drink, then they rose up to play.

The Lord knew what was going on with His people, and He said to Moses, "Go down! For your people that you brought out of the land of Egypt have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I have commanded them, and they have made a molded calf, have worshipped it, and have sacrificed unto it. They have said, "These be your gods, O Israel, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt." I have seen this people and they are a stiff-necked people. Now, leave Me alone so that My anger may be hot against them and I may consume them and make of you a great nation."

Moses began to plead with the Lord. He said, "Lord, why does Your anger burn hot against your people which You brought out of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? If you do this, the Egyptians will say that you brought these people out of Egypt only to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth. Turn away from Your anger and change Your mind about doing evil against Your people. Remember your promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Israel that You did swear by Your own self. You said that you would multiply their seed as the stars of heaven and that all this land You would give to them to inherit it forever."

Then the Lord changed His mind and did not do the harm to Israel that He had thought about doing.

Moses turned and began to go down the mountain with the two tables of testimony in his hand. The tables were written on both their sides, and they were the work of God. The writing on

them was the writing of God graven on the tables.

Joshua had been waiting for Moses, and was with him as they went down the mountain. As they descended, Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting. He said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

Moses said, "It is not the sound of victory or the sound of defeat that I hear. It is the sound of singing."

As soon as Moses came near to the camp he saw the calf and the people dancing. His anger became hot and he threw the tables out of his hands, and they brake at the bottom of the mountain. Then he took the calf that they had made and burned it in the fire and ground it into powder. He scattered the powder in the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you that you led them to do this great sin?"

Aaron replied, "Don't let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people and how they are set to do evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods to go before us. As for Moses, the man that brought us out of Egypt, we don't know what is become of him.' So I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, break it off.' They gave me the gold and I threw it into the fire and out came this calf."

Now Moses was watching the people, and he saw that they were running wild and out of control. Aaron had allowed this to happen, and this would shame them to their enemies. So Moses stood at the entrance of the camp and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Come to me."

All of the sons of Levi gathered together and came to Moses. Moses said to them, "The Lord God of Israel has said that every man is to take his sword by his side and go through the camp killing every man his brother, companion, and neighbor involved in this sin."

The sons of Levi did what Moses told them to do, and 3,000 men were killed that day. Moses said to them, "You have been consecrated this day to the Lord at the cost of your brother and neighbor so that the Lord may give you a blessing on this day."

The next day, Moses said to the children of Israel, "You have sinned a great sin and now I will go up unto the Lord. Perhaps I can make an

atonement for your sin."

Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Oh, what a great sin this people has committed. They have made themselves gods of gold. But now, please forgive their sin — but if not, blot me out of the book you have written."

The Lord said, "Whoever has sinned against Me I will blot out of My book. Now go, lead the people to the place I have told you about. My angel will go before you. However, when the time comes to punish them, I will punish them for their sin."

And the Lord plagued the people because of what they did with the calf that they and Aaron had made.

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the first 5 commandments.

1. THOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2. THOU SHALL NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
3. THOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY.
5. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.

true or false

1. ____ The tables of stone were written by the finger of God.
2. ____ Aaron told the people to bread off their gold necklaces.
3. ____ Moses thought there was a noise of war in the camp.
4. ____ God wanted to consume Israel and make a great nation of Moses.
5. ____ When Moses saw the calf and the people dancing he threw the tables of stone to the bottom of the mountain.
6. ____ When Moses asked, "Who is on the Lord's side?" the sons of Judah came forward.

Think About It...

The children of Israel had made a covenant with God. They told God three times, "All the words that the Lord has said, we will do."

Israel had a responsibility to do what they promised. But when they and Aaron made and worshipped the golden calf, they broke the Lord's covenant. It had only been about six weeks since they had made this covenant, and already it was broken. What commandments did they break when they worshipped this calf? _____

Did you know that breaking a covenant is a sin? We can break covenants today, just as the Israelites did. God has made a covenant with us — it is the New Testament. We are to obey the laws in His New testament, or covenant, to be pleasing to Him. Look up Rom. 1: 31-32 to see what the Lord thinks about covenant breakers:

Rom 1:31-32

31 Without understanding, _____, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that _____ which _____ such things are _____ of _____, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. (KJV)

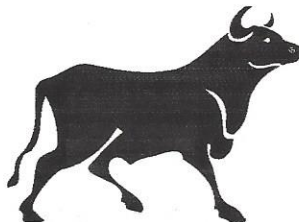
Did you know that another sin Israel committed was the sin of idolatry? Idolatry is the worship of idols. An idol is anything we worship that is not the true God. Idolatry is a sin that we can be guilty of today. Many people today worship false gods — Muslims, Buddhists are two examples. But we can make other things our idols. If we worship anything, or love anything, more than God it is an idol to us. 1 Corinthians 10:7 reminds us of Israel's sin of idolatry, and reminds us that we are not to do this sin.

1 Cor 10:6-7

6 Now these things were our _____, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Neither be ye _____, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to _____ and _____, and rose up to _____.

(KJV)



THE EXODUS

LESSON 13

VOCABULARY

Consume - To end; to perish; to take away; to destroy.

Midst - To be in the center of; to be near.

Ornament- Rings, bracelets, and chains made of precious metals and jewels.

Tabernacle - A tent. (The tent in this lesson is not the tabernacle that God has them build later.)

Gracious - To show kindness or favor to.

Mercy - To have compassion on; to love.

Hew - To carve.

Long-suffering - To be slow to anger.

Iniquity - Sin.

Inheritance - Possessions.

Terrible - Fearful and reverent; to stand in awe of.

Snare - A trap.

Redeem - To rescue or deliver by paying a price.

Exodus 33; 34

God renews His covenant with Israel.

In our last lesson, Israel broke their covenant with God by making a golden calf. Moses pled with God for the people, to keep God from destroying them.

In this lesson, God continues to give the Israelites instructions.

The Lord said to Moses, "I want you and the people that you brought out of Egypt to leave this place and go to the land that I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will send an angel before you to drive out the other nations, but I will not go in the midst of you because you are a stiff-necked people and I might consume you on the way. Now take off your ornaments and I will decide what to do with you."

The people mourned when they heard this bad news and none of them put on their ornaments. They took off their ornaments at

Mount Horeb.

Moses pitched a tent far off and outside the camp of Israel. He called it the tabernacle of the congregation.

Everyone who wanted to pray or worship the Lord came to the tent that Moses set up outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the tent, everyone would rise up and stand in the entrance of their own tent until he entered the tent.

As Moses would enter the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stay at the entrance of the tent while the Lord talked to Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the tent door, they would rise up and worship, each at the entrance of his own tent.

When the Lord spake to Moses, He spake to him face to face, as a man speaks with a friend.

When Moses would return to the camp, his young servant Joshua would not leave the tent.

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me to lead these people, but You have not told me who You are going to send with me. You have said that you know me by name, and You have found favor with me also. If you are pleased with me, teach me Your ways so that I may know You and continue to find favor in your sight. Remember that this nation of Israel is Your people."

The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest."

Then Moses said, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not let us leave here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and Your people unless You go with us? What else would make us different from all the other people that are on the earth?"

The Lord said, "I will do the thing that you have asked because I have found favor with you and I know you by name."

And Moses said, "Please show me Your glory."

The Lord said, "I will make all My goodness

pass before you and I will proclaim My name, the Lord, before you. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious. And I will show mercy on whom I will have mercy. But, you cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live.”

“ There is a place near Me where you can stand on a rock. When My glory passes by you I will put you in a crack of the rock and I will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will remove My hand and You will see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”

Then the Lord said, “ Hew two tables of stone like the first ones that you brake. I will write on these stones the words that were on the first tables of stones. Be ready in the morning and come to the top of Mount Sinai to present yourself to Me. No man is to come up with you and no man is to be seen on the mountain. No flocks or herds are to feed at the mountain.”

So Moses hewed two tables of stones, like the first ones, and he rose early the next morning and went up Mount Sinai, just as the Lord had told him to do. In his hands were the two tables of stones.

The Lord descended in a cloud and standing there with Moses He proclaimed His name, the Lord. The Lord passed in front of Moses saying, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin. He does not leave the guilty unpunished, for the consequences of their sin will punish their children and their children’s children.”

At once, Moses bowed his head to the ground and worshipped the Lord. Moses said, “ O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes, then please go among us. We are a stiff-necked people, and forgive us our iniquity and take us for Your inheritance.”

The Lord said, “ I am making a covenant with you. I will do wonders before all the people that have never been done or seen on the earth before. The people that you live among will see how terrible the work is that I, the Lord, will do with you. Obey My commands and I will drive out of the land the nations that live there. Do not make any covenants with the people that live in the land because it will become a snare to you. Destroy

their altars, break down their images, and cut down their wooden images. For you are to worship no other god. For the Lord, Whose name is Jealous, is a Jealous God.”

“ Do not make any covenants with the people that live in the land, for when they sin with their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, they will want you to do the same. Don’t take their daughters to marry, for they will lead your sons to worship their gods, and I have told you that you are not to make yourself molten gods.”

“ Keep the feast of unleavened bread in the month of Abib.”

“ All the firstborn males are mine, every firstborn of the cattle, sheep, and oxen. You are to redeem the firstborn of your sons and animals.”

“You are to work six days, but on the seventh day of the week you are to rest, even when it is time to plow the fields or harvest your crops.”

“You are to keep My feast days, and three times a year all your males are to appear before the Lord. If you do this, I will enlarge the borders of your land and will drive out the nations before you.”

When the Lord finished all of His commandments, He told Moses to write them down because it was a covenant that He made with him and Israel. He was there with the Lord for 40 days and nights. During that time he did not eat or drink. He wrote on the tables of stone the words of the Lord’s covenant, the Ten Commandments.

When Moses came down from the mountain with the two tables of testimony in his hands, he did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been speaking with the Lord. Aaron and the children of Israel saw this and were afraid to come close to him.

But, Moses called out to them, and the people came back. Moses told them all the commandments that the Lord had spoken to him in Mount Sinai. When he was through speaking, he put a veil on his face.

After this, whenever Moses went in before the Lord, he would take the veil off until he came out. After he told the Israelites what the Lord commanded, he would put the veil back on his face again, until he went in to speak with the Lord.

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the 10 Commandments. You should already know the first 5.

1. THOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
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 10. THOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBORS.

Think About it...

In this lesson we learned about God renewing His covenant with Israel. To "renew" means to make new again.

God did not have to renew His covenant with Israel, but because He is merciful, long-suffering, and gracious, He did. Israel certainly did not deserve it.

We do not deserve the love that God has for us either. But, because of His love we can be saved. When we repent and obey God, He remembers His promises to us, just as He remembered His promises to His nation Israel. Our God is the same God that Israel had. His promises are true!

2 Pet 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding
and precious _____:
that by these ye might be partakers of the
divine nature, having escaped the corruption
that is in the world through lust.
(KJV)

true or false

1. ____ All who wanted to pray or worship would come to the tent that Moses set up outside the camp.
2. ____ A star descended over the tent entrance whenever Moses talked with God.
3. ____ The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a friend.
4. ____ No man can see God and live.
5. ____ The Lord told Moses to hew four tables of stone.
6. ____ The Lord told Moses that he would make a covenant with Israel.
7. ____ God did not want Israel to marry people from other nations.
8. ____ Israel was to redeem their firstborn daughters.
9. ____ Moses put a veil over his face because it shone after talking with God.
10. ____ The children of Israel came close to Mose to see his face.

Thought Questions

1. Why do you think Moses did not want to go on with the journey without God? _____

2. Should we want to live our lives without God?

Why or why not? _____

THE EXODUS

LESSON 14

VOCABULARY

Tabernacle - A tent or dwelling. The *Tabernacle* in this lesson is the dwelling place for the Lord that He commanded the children of Israel to build for Him.

Offering - A gift or present.

Sanctuary - A sacred place. (The sanctuary in this lesson is the Tabernacle.)

Cherubim - We do not know what the cherubim were. We do know that they were special servants of God and that they had wings. God told the Israelites what they looked like when they wove figures of cherubim into the cloth, but he has not revealed that information to us.

Scarlet - The color red. Scarlet dye was probably extracted from the bodies of insects.

Blue - A fabric dye obtained from a species of shellfish.

Purple - A dye obtained from shellfish (or mollusks) in the Mediterranean Sea. It took about 250,000 mollusks to make one ounce of dye, so it was very valuable.

Pattern - A plan. The pattern for the Tabernacle was the plan of exactly how God wanted it built.

THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 25;26;27;35;36;37;38

This lesson is a compiling of information used in the two accounts that God gives us. The first account is in Ex. 25-31 ; God's instructions to Moses when he went into Mt. Sinai the first time. The second account is in Ex. 35 - 40 ; the account of the actual building of the Tabernacle according to God's instructions after the covenant had been renewed.

After God renewed His covenant with Israel, Moses gathered the children of Israel together and said to them, " God has commanded that you are to rest on the seventh day. You have six days to do your work, and the seventh day is a holy day; it is the Lord's Sabbath. Whoever works on the Lord's Sabbath will be put to death. You are not

to even light a fire in your homes on the Sabbath.

" God has also commanded you to give an offering to the Lord. You are to give to the Lord with a willing heart and bring Him offerings of gold, silver, brass, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen. Bring Him goat's hair, ram's skins dyed red, badgers skins, and acacia wood. Bring oil for light, and spices for anointing oil and incense. Bring onyx stones and other precious stones."

Then Moses told the people that those who were skilled would make the Lord a Tabernacle with it's furniture, and holy garments for the priests.

All the people went home when Moses was through speaking. Those who were willing brought offerings to the Lord. They brought everything that Moses told them to bring. The women who could spin cloth or yarn did so, and brought it to offer to the Lord.

The Lord told Moses that He wanted two men to be over the work of building the Tabernacle. The Lord would give these men knowledge so that they could build it exactly as God wanted it built. The two men were Bazaleel and Aholiab. They would build the Tabernacle exactly by the pattern that God would show them. They also received all the offerings that the people brought for the work on the sanctuary (or tabernacle).

The children of Israel brought so many offerings that Bazaleel and Aholiab told Moses, "The people have brought much more than we need to do the work that God has commanded."

So Moses commanded that the people stop bringing their offerings.

THE TABERNACLE AND COURTYARD

The large boards that formed the walls of the Tabernacle were made of acacia wood. The boards were covered with gold; 20 on the south side, 20 on the north side, and 8 on the west side. The boards were set in silver sockets.

On the inside of the Tabernacle were 4

poles that the veil hung on. The veil (or curtain) separated the Tabernacle into 2 rooms: The Holy Place and The Most Holy Place.

The entrance of the Tabernacle was on the East side. 5 pillars were in the entrance, and a curtain of blue, purple, scarlet, and white hung on these pillars.

A courtyard was around the Tabernacle. The walls of the courtyard were made of curtains of white linen. They were hung on silver rods. The entrance curtain to the courtyard was blue, purple, scarlet and white.

The Tabernacle had 4 coverings: The first covering was of fine linen with cherubim of blue, purple, and scarlet woven into the cloth. The second covering was made of goat's hair. It went over the first covering. The third covering was of ram's skin dyed red. The fourth covering was of badger's skin.

THE FURNITURE

God told Bazaleel how to make the furniture for the Tabernacle.

The Ark of the Covenant:

Bazaleel made the ark of the covenant out of acacia wood. It was covered inside and out with gold. There were 2 rings of gold on each side of the ark to put poles through so that the ark could be carried.

On top of the ark of the covenant was the mercy seat. The mercy seat was made of pure gold with 2 cherubim, one on each end. The cherubim's wings spread over the mercy seat and their faces faced one another. (Above the mercy seat is where God's presence would be when he spoke to Israel.) The ark of the covenant was put into The Most Holy Place.

The ark of the covenant held the tables of stone that Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai with the covenant (or ten commandments) written on them.

The Altar of Incense :

The altar of incense was made of acacia

wood covered with gold. Around the top was a crown of gold with a horn at each corner. It also had 2 rings of gold on each side and two poles of acacia wood covered with gold to carry it by.

Aaron burned incense on this altar morning and afternoon. God wanted a special incense used on this altar. He gave them the recipe for the incense and it was considered holy.

The altar of incense was placed before the veil in The Holy Place.

The Table of Shewbread:

The table of shewbread was made of acacia wood covered with gold. It also had rings of gold and poles to carry it.

Dishes made to use on the table of shewbread were made of gold.

The table of shewbread was placed on the north side of The Holy Place.

The Candlestick:

The candlestick was made of pure gold. It had a base and 7 branches. Cups at the end of the branches held olive oil that was burned. The candlestick gave light to The Holy Place, and it was placed on the south side of the Tabernacle.

The Altar of Burnt Offering:

The altar of burnt offering was made of acacia wood overlaid with brass. It had a horn on each corner. It also had 4 rings and poles so that it could be carried.

The priests offered sacrifices to the Lord on the altar of burnt offerings. It was placed in the courtyard between the court entrance and the tabernacle.

The Bronze Laver:

The bronze laver was made of bronze (or brass). It was made from the women's mirrors. It was placed in the courtyard between the altar of burnt offerings and the tabernacle.

The priests used the laver to wash their hands and feet before going into the tabernacle.

Think About It...

Have you ever watched your mother make a dress, or cross stitch a sampler? She probably used a pattern. A pattern is a form that can be followed. No matter how many times the pattern is used, if it is followed carefully, the same thing will be made each time. If the pattern is changed, a different kind of dress or sampler will be made.

God told the children of Israel to make the Tabernacle by His pattern. When they followed His pattern, the Tabernacle was exactly what God wanted.

Think how differently the Tabernacle might have looked if each man had built it the way he wanted to, instead of how God wanted Him to! Do you think that would have been pleasing to God?

God has a pattern for us to follow today. It is called the New Testament. If we follow His pattern today then we will be doing exactly what God wants us to. If we don't follow His pattern, do you think we will be pleasing to God?

FILL - IN - THE - BLANKS

Exod 25:9 According to _____ that I shew thee, after the _____ of the tabernacle, and the _____ of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. (KJV)

Exod 25:40 And look that thou make them after their _____ which was shewed thee in the mount. (KJV)

Exod 26:30 And thou shalt rear up the _____ according to the _____ thereof which was shewed thee in the mount. (KJV)

Exod 39:32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did _____ to _____ that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they. (KJV)

Num 8:4 And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the _____ which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick. (KJV)

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye _____ in word or deed, _____ all in the _____ of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (KJV)



God also wanted His people to give their offerings with a *willing heart*. God is the same today. He does not change!

FILL - IN - THE - BLANKS

Exod 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that _____ it _____ with his heart ye shall take my offering. (KJV)

Exod 35:5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a _____ heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass, (KJV)

Exod 35:21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made _____, and they brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. (KJV)

2 Cor 9: Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a _____ giver. (KJV)

MEMORY WORK

Memorize the 10 Commandments.

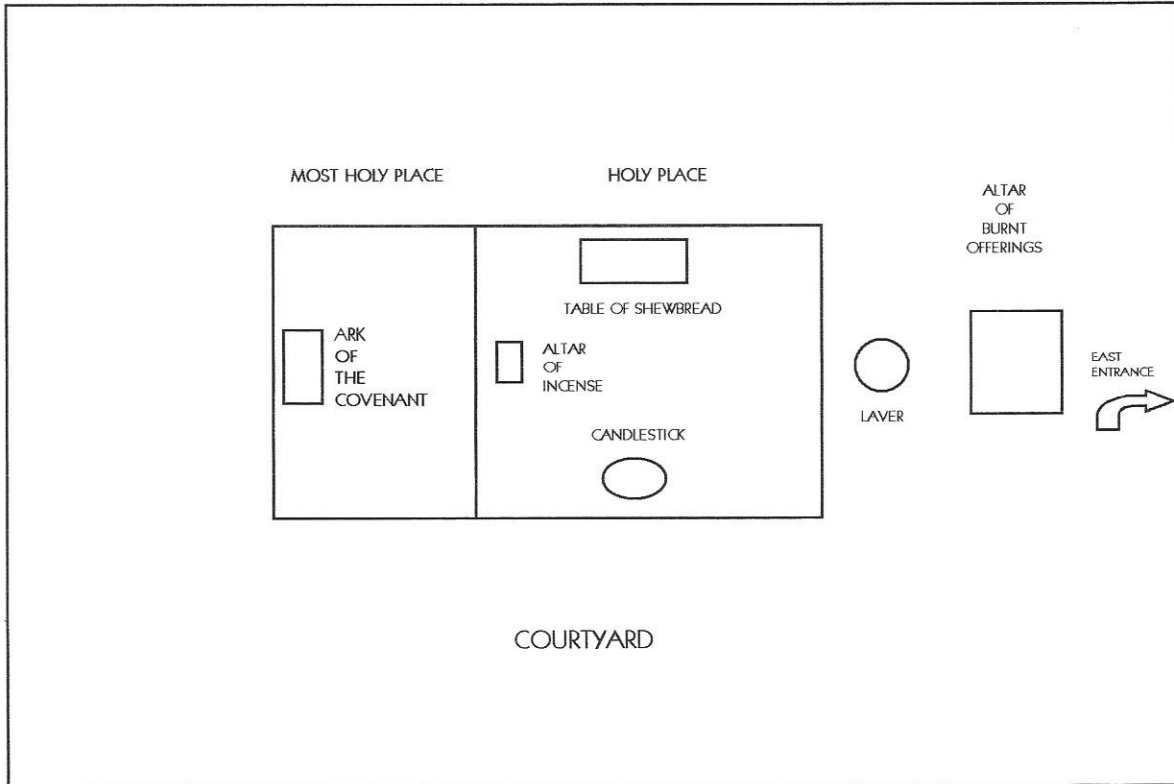
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Questions

1. What is the reason the Lord wanted Israel to build Him a Tabernacle? (Read Exodus 25:8)

2. How did the children of Israel know what to do? (Read Exodus 25:9)

THE TABERNACLE



THE EXODUS

LESSON 15

VOCABULARY

Mediate - To go between; one who goes between two groups or persons to help them work out differences or make an agreement.

Priests - One who mediates in religious services; one who serves.

Holy - To be pure and sacred; set apart.

Consecrate - To make clean; to dedicate for God's use.

Pomegranate - A type of fruit.

Anoint - To rub or paint with oil to set a person apart for a particular service or work.

Hallow - To make holy or clean.

Sanctify - To make holy; to set apart from the world for God's service.

Exodus 28; 39; 40

The Priests

The Lord's instructions about the Tabernacle also included instructions about those who would serve Him in the Tabernacle, and the one who would mediate between Himself and the children of Israel. The ones that the Lord wanted to do these jobs were Aaron and his sons. They would be priests. From then on, all the priests of Israel would come from the family of Aaron (who was a descendant of Levi).

The Lord gave instructions to Moses for the special garments that the priests were to wear. He said, "Make holy garments for Aaron your brother for glory and beauty. The skilled men, to whom I have given wisdom in these matters, are to make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, so that he may serve Me as priest. They are to use gold, blue, purple, scarlet yarn, and finely woven linen to make the garments.

Garments for the High Priest.

THE LINEN UNDERGARMENT:

God wanted Aaron to be the High Priest. All of the priests wore underwear that covered them from the waist to the thighs. This underwear was made of linen cloth.

When Aaron and his sons would come into the Tabernacle, or to the altar to serve, they were to wear this underwear, or they would sin and die.

THE COAT:

The Lord wanted the priests to wear a coat over the undergarment. It was made of fine linen woven in some kind of pattern. It covered the top part of the body, and some historians think it reached to the feet.

THE ROBE:

Worn over the coat was "the robe of the ephod". It was made entirely of blue. Around the hem were pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, with bells of gold alternated between the pomegranates.

Only Aaron wore this robe when he served the Lord. The sound of the bells on his robe could be heard when he went before the Lord in the Holy Place so that he would not die.

THE EPHOD:

The ephod was worn over the robe. It had a flap of material in front, over the chest, and a flap in the back. The two flaps were joined at the shoulders. On the shoulders were two onyx stones set in gold, engraved with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel — six on each stone.

The ephod was made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen. It was fastened to the body with a sash. Two chains of gold were attached to the settings of the onyx stones.

THE BREASTPLATE:

Attached to the gold chains of the ephod were two gold rings at the top corners of the breastplate. The breastplate was made of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen. On the breastplate were four rows of precious stones. Engraved on the twelve precious stones were the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

In the pocket of the breastplate were the Urim and Thummim. We do not know what the Urim and Thummim were, except to say that they were some way that God communicated with the High Priest.

Aaron wore the breastplate when he went before the Lord. It was called the "breastplate of judgment".

THE GIRDLE:

The girdle was a belt or sash. It was made of fine linen, blue, purple, and scarlet embroidery.

THE MITRE:

The mitre was a type of turban worn on the head. It was made of fine linen and had a gold plate attached to the front with the words, "Holiness to the Lord", engraved on it.

The Tabernacle is finished and sanctified.

When the children of Israel were through building the Tabernacle and all its furnishings, they brought all of it for Moses to inspect.

The children of Israel had done all that the Lord commanded. Moses inspected their work and blessed them because they had obeyed the commands of the Lord.

The Lord told Moses, "On the first day of the first month set up the Tabernacle. You are to put the ark of the covenant in the tabernacle and partition it off with the veil. Then you are to bring in the table of shewbread, the candlestick, and the altar of incense. Then you are to put up the curtain for the entrance of the Tabernacle. After that you are to put the altar of burnt offerings in front of the entrance of the Tabernacle and put the laver between the entrance and the altar of burnt offerings."

"You are to set up the court around the Tabernacle. Then you are to take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle and all that is in it. You are to hallow it, and all the utensils that you use in it so that it shall be most holy."

"Bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tabernacle and wash them with water. Then put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and sanctify him so that he may serve me as priest."

"Then you shall bring his sons and put the coats upon them and anoint them, just as you anointed their father. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come."

Moses did everything that the Lord commanded. On the first day of the first month, the Tabernacle was raised up. It was put together and the furniture was put inside it just as the Lord commanded. Moses saw to the finishing of the work that day.

When they were finished, a cloud covered the Tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Moses could not go into the Tabernacle because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled it.

From then on, whenever the cloud was lifted up over the Tabernacle, the Israelites would travel on. But if the cloud did not lift up, the Israelites would not travel until the day that it did lift up.

The cloud of the Lord was over the Tabernacle by day, and fire by night. All of Israel could see this.

MEMORY WORK

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Think About It...

Over and over we have learned that God wanted the children of Israel to do things *His way!* The Tabernacle was to remind Israel that God dwelt among them. It was by their obedience to God 's law that they could be more like God and be His special people.

God is the same way today! He does not change! God dwells with *us* and *we* are His chosen people when we do things *His way!* We know what to do by reading and studying His word, the Bible. Everything we do to worship God today is by the authority of Jesus Christ.

1. Do you think that Israel would have been pleasing to God if they had built the Tabernacle their way? _____

2. Do you think we are pleasing to God when we worship Him *our way*, instead of God's way? _____

3. Israel knew how to worship God because God gave them the law and commandments, and told Moses what to do. How do *we* know what to do when *we* worship God? _____

Questions

1. Who gave Moses the instructions on how to make the priest's garments? _____

2. What tribe were the priests to come from? _____

3. Who was the High Priest? _____

4. What colors were used in making the priest's garments? _____

5. What was engraved on the onyx stones of the ephod? _____

6. What was engraved on the 12 stones of the breastplate? _____

7. Why was the breastplate important? Ex. 28:29 _____

Where is it?

Tell what section of the Tabernacle the following furniture belongs in. The answers are: HOLY PLACE, MOST HOLY PLACE, COURTYARD (Some of the answers are used more than once.)

1. Ark of the Covenant _____

2. Table of Shewbread _____

3. Altar of Incense _____

4. Candlestick _____

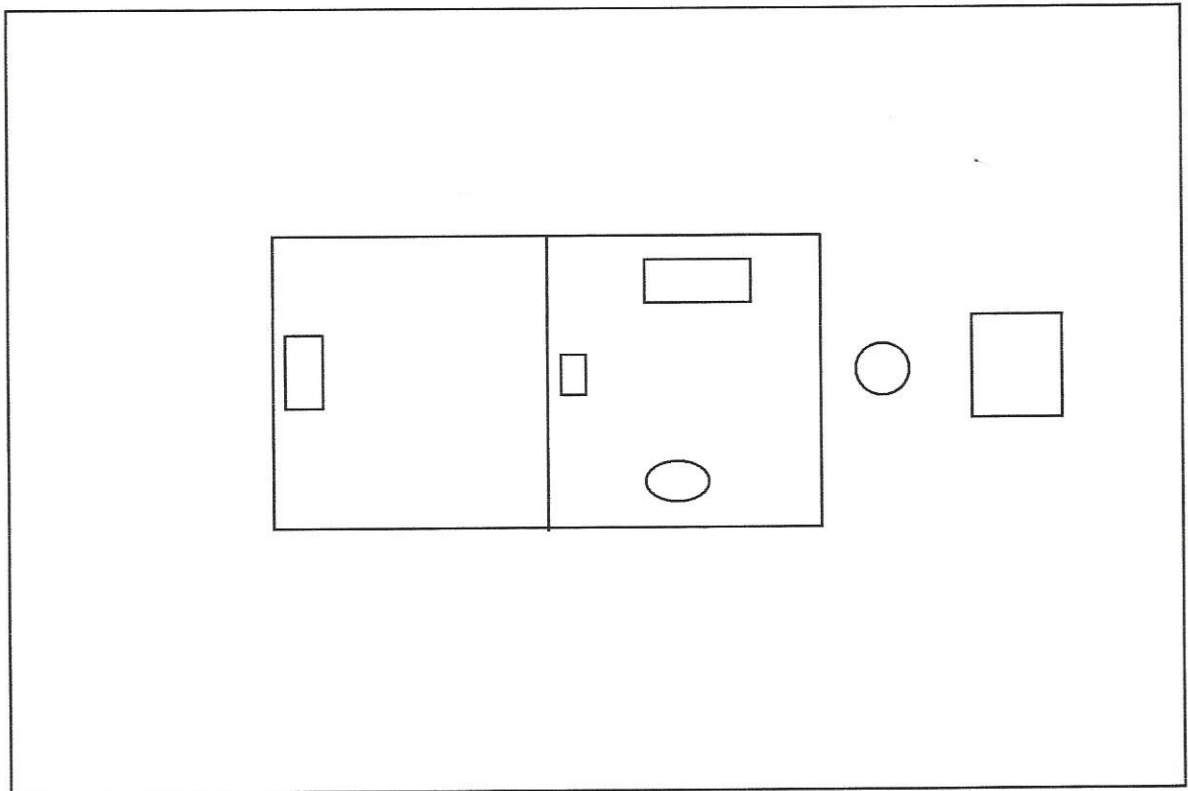
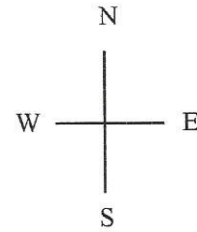
5. Altar of Burnt Offerings _____

6. Laver _____

Can You Label the Tabernacle?

Below is a sketch of the Tabernacle. Label the different parts. Below are the answers:

- Holy Place
- Most Holy Place
- Courtyard
- Ark of the Covenant
- Table of Shewbread
- Altar of Incense
- Candlestick
- Altar of Burnt Offerings
- Laver
- The East entrance to the Courtyard



THE EXODUS

LESSON 16

VOCABULARY

Holy - Different; set apart; sacred; dedicated to God.

Defile - To make unclean or impure.

Sacrifice - To kill or slaughter an animal offered to God; the flesh of animals; a victim.

Savour - A sweet smell, odor, or aroma.

Frankincense - A fragrant incense or perfume.

Without blemish - A healthy animal without a spot. An animal without blemish could not be crippled, lame or sick.

Atonement - To forgive, cleanse, pardon, or reconcile.

Leviticus 1 - 7 ; 11: 1 - 47

SACRIFICES

We can read about the laws that God gave His people in the book of Leviticus. Over and over God told His people, "I AM the Lord." They were to remember that God gave them the laws. The book of Leviticus derives its name from the laws that the Levites and Israelites needed to know, in order to serve God correctly.

Over and over God told His people, "Ye shall be holy; for I am holy." God gave His people laws that told them how to be holy. To be "holy" is to be sacred, or set apart. Obedience to God's laws is how the people could become more holy and be more like God.

God reminded His people over and over to put a difference between the things that were holy (*things acceptable to God*), and things unholy (*things unacceptable to God*). Lev. 10:10 He wanted His laws done in the precise manner that He told them to do them.

You will remember that God told His people to build the tabernacle and its furnishings "according to the pattern", (Ex. 25:9). He wanted things done His way, not someone else's way. Doing things God's way is how they showed their reverence and obedience to God.

Sin was Israel's greatest defilement of God's laws, so God provided sacrifices to forgive them of their sins, and to make them clean again before God. Only the shedding of blood, (by sacrificing an animal), could make a person clean again.

Sometimes a person had not sinned, but was made defiled, or ceremonially unclean, by something he had done, such as touching a dead body or having a baby. When a person was defiled in this manner, God required certain sacrifices to make the person clean again. God wanted a clean camp and the people could not be His people unless they were clean and holy.

There are different kinds of sacrifices:

1. Sin offerings
2. Meal (or meat) offerings
3. Burnt offerings
4. Peace offerings

Whenever these offerings were offered they were always offered in the order of : Sin offering, Burnt offering, and Peace offering. (Lev. 9: 22)

God wanted His people to be holy and clean because they belonged to God and he dwelt in their midst. He gave them laws of cleanness. The "laws of cleanness" were not dealing with things sinful, (there was nothing sinful about having a baby or having a disease like leprosy), but God said that these things defiled a person and they must become clean before they could worship Him again. Being clean set the Israelites apart from the people around them — it made them different and holy.

The Israelites followed God's laws so that they could be like God and be His holy people. There were also other benefits to following God's laws. God told His people that He would not bring diseases upon them if they obeyed Him. (Ex. 15:26)

When a person became unclean, or defiled, he was to wash himself and put on clean clothes. He could not touch anything holy, or take a part in public feast days. Sometimes a person would be unclean only until evening, but if a person had a disease, such as leprosy, he might be unclean the rest of his life.

In this lesson we are going to learn about the different kinds of sacrifices to give you a better idea of how the people worshipped God. We will also learn about the kind of animals God wanted His people to eat and sacrifice. We are not going to be able to go into a great deal of detail. If you want to know more you can find out more in God's word!

BURNT OFFERINGS

"Burnt offering" means a "going up". As the sacrifice burned a sweet savour went up to God. This sacrifice signified complete dedication of oneself to God, and the atonement of one's sins.

A burnt offering was a male cow, sheep, or goat. If the person could not afford one of these animals they could offer a turtle dove or pigeon. The animal was completely burned up and no one ate any of it. (Lev. 1:9,13,17)

The offerer would bring the animal to be offered and lay his hands on the animal's head. Then the offerer killed the animal on the northside of the altar and the priest would catch the blood in a basin and sprinkle it on the altar of burnt offerings. Then the offerer would cut the animal into pieces and the priest would lay the pieces on the altar.

Burnt offerings were offered daily for the whole congregation, and on every special occasion, (such as feast days).

MEAL OFFERINGS

A "meal offering" was an offering of grain. This offering was made of fine flour mixed with oil and frankincense. Part of the meal offering would be put on the altar with the burnt offering, and the rest belonged to the priests.

Meal offerings couldn't contain leavening or honey, but they were to contain salt. Meal offerings were offered anytime an offering by fire was made to God. (Num. 15: 2 - 4)

PEACE OFFERINGS

Thanksgiving, vow, and freewill offerings were

all "peace offerings". With a peace offering the offerer celebrated the peace that he had with God.

A peace offering was to be a male or female cow, sheep, or goat without blemish. The offerer would lay his hands on the head of the animal and kill it beside the altar of burnt offerings. Then the priest would catch the blood and sprinkle it on the altar. Only certain parts of the animal were to be offered. These animal parts would be laid on top of the burnt offering. The rest of the animal was given to the priests to eat that same day or the next day. Anything left over was to be burned on the third day.

SIN OFFERING

A "sin offering" was to remove the guilt of sin. There were different kinds of sin offerings for different people who sinned. A sin offering for the priest was offered differently than a sin offering for a common person.

A sin offering for the priest was to remove the sin of the priest and restore him to God. The priest was to sacrifice a young bull without blemish. The blood from the animal was taken into the Holy Place of the Tabernacle and sprinkled before the veil. Some of the blood was rubbed on the horns of the altar of incense, the rest was poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offerings. Only certain parts of the animal were burned on the altar and the rest of the animal was carried outside the camp and burned.

A sin offering for the congregation was offered in almost the same way as the sin offering for the priest. The elders of the congregation laid their hands on the head of the animal before it was killed.

A sin offering for the congregation was offered each day of their feasts, and any time the congregation was guilty of sinning against God.

Whenever a ruler of the people sinned, he offered a male goat without blemish. The meat of this sin offering could be roasted or boiled and it was to be eaten by the priests.

A sin offering for a common person was a female goat without blemish. If he could not afford a goat, he could bring two turtle doves or

pigeons (one for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering.) The fat of the animal was burned as a sweet savour to God. The rest of the animal was eaten by any male in the priest's family.

CLEAN ANIMALS

The Israelites could eat any animal that had a split hoof and chewed the cud. They could also eat anything in the water that had fins and scales, and winged insects with jointed legs used for hopping, (such as grasshoppers, locusts, crickets, etc.). They could eat most birds.

UNCLEAN ANIMALS

An unclean animal was one that did not have a split hoof and chewed it's cud. They could not eat unclean animals.

Some unclean animals were: Camels, rabbits, hogs, any water creature without fins or scales, birds of prey (such as eagles, hawks, vultures, and owls), all flying insects that swarm and walk on their feet instead of hopping, animals of prey, (such as dogs, cats, bears, etc.), animals that move low on the ground, such as rats, lizards, reptiles, and anything that crept or crawled.

An animal that died on it's own was considered unclean. If anyone touched an unclean animal, they were considered unclean until evening. Failure to cleanse oneself when he was defiled by an unclean animal was considered a sin.

OTHER LAWS OF UNCLEANNES

A woman was considered unclean after she gave birth to a baby. She was to go through a certain number of days to purify herself, then she was to offer a burnt offering and a sin offering to God.

A person suspected of having a skin disease called Leprosy had to go before the priest to be examined. If the priest determined that the person had Leprosy, then the person had to wear torn clothes and his hair was to be unkept. Whenever anyone came near he had to cover his face and cry out, "Unclean! Unclean!". He also had

to live alone outside the camp.

Anyone who touched a dead body was considered unclean for a week. Special waters of purification were to be sprinkled on him by the priest on the 3rd and 7th day. If he did not do this he would be cut off from the people.

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
(NKJ)

Think About It...

Did you notice all the details that God wanted His people to follow in sacrificing to Him? This alone should tell us that God cares about how we worship Him. He cares about the details.

If God cared about the details in the Old Law, don't you think He will care about them today? We have details of how He wants us to worship Him today. They are found in the New Testament.

Think also about the river of blood that had to flow around the altar of burnt offerings. Have you stopped to think about all the blood that was poured out there? Hebrews 10 : 4 tells us that the blood of bulls and goats couldn't take away sin. A bull or goat was not a perfect sacrifice. It took a perfect sacrifice to take away Israel's sin and our sin. It took the blood of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10: 10 tells us that Jesus Christ offered Himself once for everyone. The Israelites offered thousands of animals, but the sins of Israel and our sins were not forgiven until Jesus died for us. They offered all those animals to be pleasing to God so that He would forgive them, but their sins were not wiped away completely until the perfect sacrifice was made: Jesus Christ!

DO YOU KNOW?...

God has not wanted His people to eat blood in any dispensation of time, including the time that we live in now.

God told Noah in Gen. 9:4 that they were not to eat blood because it contained the life.

God told Israel in Lev. 17: 12 - 14 that they should not eat blood because it is the life.

In Acts 15:20 God said that we are not to eat blood.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Israel's greatest defilement of God's laws? _____
2. What did God provide for Israel to forgive them of their sins and to make them clean again? _____
3. Name the different types of sacrifices:

4. What chapter in Leviticus tell us about the laws of sacrifice? _____
5. Where would the offerer always lay his hands on the animal to be sacrificed, before it was killed?

6. Every animal offered to God had to be without _____.
7. The sin offering was to remove the guilt of _____.
8. The Burnt offering signified complete _____ of oneself to God and atonement of one's sins.
9. The peace offering celebrated the _____ that the offerer had with God.
10. Why did God want His people to be holy and clean? _____
11. Were the laws of cleanness dealing with sinful things? _____
12. What is the main reason that God wanted the Israelites to follow His laws? _____
13. Does God want us to follow His laws today? _____

REVERENCE IN OUR WORSHIP

Just as God wanted reverence to Him in the Israelite's worship, He also wants reverence to Him in our worship. Reverence is a feeling of awe and respect for God because He is Holy. Read the following sentences and write "yes" beside the ones that show reverence to God.

1. ____ Mary whispers to her friend during the worship service on Sunday.
2. ____ Seth is always very quiet and does not disturb his parents while they partake of the Lord's Supper.
3. ____ Joe and Billy like to draw pictures and write notes to each other during worship, instead of taking notes on the preacher's lesson.
4. ____ Harold and Marie are quiet during worship; they listen to the lesson, sing with the Christians, bow their heads during prayer, and look up the scriptures in their Bibles as the preacher preaches.
5. ____ Lisa and Carl never study their Bible lessons and they like to act silly when the Bible teacher is trying to teach God's word.
6. ____ Mike does not like to sing, so he never sings or looks at the songbook while others are singing to God.
7. ____ John wants to go to the restroom in the middle of every worship service, and disturbs those who are worshipping around him.

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LESSON 17

VOCABULARY

Consecration - To dedicate.

Covenant - A pledge or agreement between God and man.

Mediate - To go between. Moses and the priests were to "mediate" or "go between" the people and God when a decision was being made. A person who mediates is called a "mediator". Our "mediator" is Jesus Christ. He mediates between us and God.

Atonement - To Appease, forgive, or pardon.

Meat offering - An offering of grain.

Consume - To be burned up.

Censer - A tray or firepan that would hold live coals of fire.

Sanctuary - A holy or sacred place. The Tabernacle was a sanctuary because God's presence was there.

Statute - A law or commandment.

Bullock - A young bull or steer.

Ex. 29: 30 - 37; 40: 12 - 16; Leviticus 8; 9 ; 10
The Priests are consecrated.

After the Tabernacle was set up, it was time to consecrate the priests. The people all gathered to the Tabernacle to witness this event.

Aaron and his sons were brought to the door of the Tabernacle and washed with water. Then the holy garments were put upon Aaron. Moses anointed the Tabernacle with oil, then he anointed Aaron with oil to sanctify him.

Next the priestly garments were put on Aaron's sons.

Next, Moses brought a bullock for a sin offering, a ram for a burnt offering, and another ram called the ram of consecration to offer before God. He took the blood from the ram of consecration and put some on the tip of Aaron's

right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot. He did the same thing to Aaron's sons. The rest of the blood was sprinkled around the altar. Then he offered the animal. Moses then took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood and sprinkled it on Aaron's garments and his sons garments and sanctified them.

The Lord commanded that Aaron and his sons stay at the door of the Tabernacle for 7 days. These were the days of their consecration. The sacrifices were repeated every one of the seven days.

On the eighth day, Moses called Aaron, his sons and the elders of Israel together. He told them that God was going to appear before them that day, so they were to offer a sin offering, burnt offering, and meat offering before God.

First, Aaron had to offer a sin offering and burnt offering for himself. Then he offered the same sacrifices for the people. When he was finished offering the sacrifices for the people, he lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them. Then Aaron and Moses went into the Tabernacle and came out and blessed the people again. The glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. Fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering that was on the altar.

When the people saw this, they shouted for joy and fell facedown on the ground.

Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their censers and put fire and incense in them, and offered strange fire before God. *This strange fire was fire that the Lord had not commanded.*

Fire went out from the Lord and consumed Nadab and Abihu, and they died before the Lord.

Then Moses said to Aaron, " This is what the Lord spoke of when He said I will be treated as holy by those who come near Me, and I will be glorified."

Aaron remained silent.

Then Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Aaron's uncle, and said, "Come here and carry your cousins outside the camp, away from the front of the sanctuary."

So Mishael and Elzaphan carried Nadab and Abihu, still in their tunics, outside the camp.

Moses told Aaron, Ithamar, and Eleazar, "Do not uncover your heads or tear your clothes, or you will die, and God will be angry with the whole congregation. Your relatives and the rest of Israel may mourn for those whom the Lord has destroyed with fire. Do not leave the door of the Tabernacle, or you will die; for you have the anointing oil of the Lord upon you."

Aaron and his sons, Ithamar and Eleazar, did as Moses said.

The Lord said to Aaron, "This is a statute for generations to come: You and your sons are not to drink wine or fermented drink whenever you go into the Tabernacle, or you will die. You are to put a difference between the holy and unholy, and between the clean and unclean. You are to teach the children of Israel all the statutes that I have spoken to Moses."

Then Moses spoke to Aaron and his sons saying, "Take the meat offering, left over from the offerings made to the Lord, and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is holy. Eat it in a holy place because it is your share, and your son's share, of the offerings made to the Lord. This is what God commands. The breast and thigh of the peace offerings may be eaten by your sons and daughters in a clean place, because they have been given to you as your share of the Israelite's peace offerings."

Then Moses searched carefully for the goat of the sin offering, but found out that it had been burned up! This made him angry and he said to Eleazar and Ithamar, "Why didn't you eat the sin offering in the holy place? It is most holy and God has given it to you to take away the guilt of the children of Israel, and to make atonement for them before God. You should have eaten it, since the blood from it was not taken into the Holy Place."

Aaron said to Moses, "Today they have sacrificed their sin offerings and burnt offerings before God, but such things have happened to me today. Would it have been acceptable in the sight of the Lord for me to have eaten the sin offering today?"

When Moses heard what Aaron had to say, he was satisfied.

Think About It...

On the very first day that the priests were to do their duties, Nadab and Abihu did wrong. We don't know what kind of fire that they offered, but we do know that it was not the kind of fire that the Lord had commanded.

God wants things done in the way and manner he commands. If He commands something done a certain way, we are to respect what he says and do it. He does not want His word added to or taken away from. His silence on a subject is to be respected as much as what He commands.

What do we mean by respecting the silence of God's commands? This means that when God commands something specific we are to do that, and ONLY that. If we do something else, we are changing His command, aren't we?

We know how to do this, because we do it every day with our parents and teachers. For example, if your mother sends you to the store for bread and milk, she does not expect you to return with bread, milk, and a candy bar. She does not have to tell you everything she does not want, because she has stated specifically what she wants. Doing only what she says is respecting her silence.

Certainly what happened to Nadab and Abihu was a lesson for Aaron, his sons, and all of Israel. It is a lesson for us as well. God is pleased when His laws are obeyed, but he is displeased when they are not obeyed.

Although God does not send down fire from heaven if we disobey today, He still feels the same way He did then about disobedience. GOD DOES NOT CHANGE! Look up the verses below that God commanded:

Deut 4:2 Ye shall not _____ unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye _____ ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. (KJV)

Rev 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall _____ unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And if any man shall _____ from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Use Your Bible

1. On what day did Moses call Aaron, his sons, and the elders of Israel together? (Lev. 9:1)

2. Could the animals that they were going to sacrifice have a blemish? (Lev. 9: 2 -3) _____
3. Why did Moses want the people to draw near to the Tabernacle? (Lev. 9:6)

4. Why did God want Aaron to offer sacrifices for himself and the people? (Lev. 9:7)

5. What kind of offering did Aaron sacrifice first? (Lev. 9:8) _____
6. What kind of offering did Aaron sacrifice after the sin offering? (Lev. 9:12) _____
7. What kind of offering did Aaron sacrifice next? (Lev. 9:18) _____
8. What did Aaron do with the blood from the peace offering? (Lev. 9:18) _____
9. To whom did the glory of the Lord appear? (Lev. 9: 23) _____
10. What came out from before the Lord to consume the burnt offering and the fat on the altar? (Lev. 9: 24) _____
11. Could Nadab and Abihu have argued with God that they did not know what kind of fire to offer? (Read Lev. 10: 1 very carefully) _____
12. Why did the Lord kill Nadab and Abihu with fire? (Lev. 10:3) _____
13. What did the Lord say would happen to Aaron and his sons if they mourned for Nadab and Abihu? (Lev. 10 :6) _____
14. What did the Lord want the priests to put a difference between? (Lev. 10: 10) _____
15. What were Aaron and his sons to teach the children of Israel? (Lev. 10: 11) _____

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
(NKJ)

Match

Nadab and Abihu	He was content when Aaron told him why he had not eaten the sin offering.
Mishael and Elzaphan	Moses told him that the Lord would be sanctified by those who came near Him.
Aaron	Moses was angry with them when he could not find the goat of the sin offering.
Moses	He sent fire before Him to consume Nadab and Abihu.
Eleazar and Ithamar	Cousins of Nadab and Abihu, who carried them out of camp.
God	They offered strange fire before the Lord.

THE EXODUS

LESSON 18

VOCABULARY

Sheaf - A dry measure of grain, about 2 liters.
Firstfruits - The first of the fruit and grain that was gathered and offered to God.
Scapegoat - The goat used for the sacrifice of the sins of the people; the goat of departure.
Redeem - To rescue or deliver by paying a price.
Minister - To serve or wait on.
Shekel - A piece of money (probably fragments of gold or silver). We don't know the value of this.
Census - The total sum of something.

HOLY DAYS

THE SABBATH

One of the ten commandments that God gave Israel was to keep the Sabbath. The Sabbath was a day of rest for Israel. God told them that He made the earth in six days and on the seventh day He rested. (Ex. 20: 10 - 11) On the Sabbath the Israelites were to remember the time that they were slaves in Egypt and had no rest. (Deut. 5: 15)

The Sabbath made the Israelites know that the Lord made them holy. (Ex. 31:31) They had a holy assembly on the Sabbath, and were not to do any work on that day, for if they did they were to be put to death. (Lev. 23:3; Ex. 35:3)

THE PASSOVER

Every first month of the year, on the 14th day, the Israelites were to eat the Passover in the place that God chose. (Deut. 16:2)

The Passover was to remind Israel of the night that God struck all the firstborn of Egypt dead, while saving the firstborn of Israel. (Ex. 12)

They celebrated this feast by putting up a 1 year old male lamb without blemish on the 10th

day of the month. On the evening of the 14th day they would kill the lamb and eat it.

THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

This feast began every year on the day after the Passover and lasted for 7 days. During the 7 days they could not eat any unleavened bread, and could have no leaven in their houses.

This feast reminded the Israelites of when they left Egypt and did not have time to leaven their bread. (Ex. 12: 39)

They were to do no work this week and they would bring their firstfruits to God, the best of the barley harvest. A sheaf of the first crop was brought to the priest and waved before the Lord. (Lev. 23: 10 -11) They would also offer a one year old male lamb for a burnt offering, along with other offerings.

FEAST OF WEEKS

This feast was celebrated with the firstfruits of crops sown in their fields. (Ex. 23:16) It was celebrated 50 days after the Sabbath of Passover. It was a time of rejoicing and it reminded them that they had once been slaves in Egypt, but now were free. (Deut. 16: 10 - 12)

They were to do no work during this feast. They also offered firstfruits as a meal offering to God, as well as other offerings of animals.

(The Feast of Weeks is called "Pentecost" in the New Testament.)

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

The Feast of Trumpets was on the first day of the seventh month. They had a holy assembly and blew trumpets. No work was done. They offered sin, burnt, and meal offerings to God. (Num. 29)

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Atonement was made for the sins of the people on the Day of Atonement. It came on the 10th day of the seventh month. (Lev. 16:34)

No work was to be done this day, and it was the only day that the High Priest was allowed to go into the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle. The High Priest would cleanse himself, then he would offer a sin offering for himself. After that he would take a censor of burning coals and incense into the Most Holy Place to offer before the Mercy Seat. (Lev. 16: 12 - 13) He would take some blood from the sin offering and sprinkle it on and in front of the Mercy Seat.

Next the High Priest would take two goats, one was to be offered as a sin offering for the people, the other was a scapegoat. The goat of the sin offering was killed by the High Priest and its blood was taken into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled on the Mercy Seat. Afterward, he would put blood of the two sin offerings on the altar of burnt offering.

Next the High Priest would bring the scapegoat and laying his hands on its head he would confess over the goat the sins of the people. Afterward, an appointed man would take the goat and lead it into the wilderness. Symbolically, the goat carried the sins of the people away from the camp.

The High Priest would bathe after this and put on his priestly garments. Then he would offer a burnt offering for himself and the people.

SIGNALS, BLESSINGS, AND CURSES

Numbers 9: 15 - 23; 10: 1 - 10; Lev. 26

THE CLOUD

God covered the Tabernacle with a cloud the day that the Tabernacle was put up. Each day the cloud was over the Tabernacle, and at night it looked like fire.

Whenever the cloud lifted, it was time for the Israelites to move on. They would stay in one place as long as the cloud was over the Tabernacle.

THE TRUMPETS

God told Moses to make 2 trumpets of

silver. Both of the trumpets were blown whenever the whole congregation was to assemble. If only one trumpet was blown, only the princes of Israel were to assemble.

The trumpets were also used as an alarm for the Israelites to move their camp. It was also used as an alarm for war.

Other times the trumpets were blown were during their feast days.

Only the sons of Aaron could blow the trumpets, and they were to be a memorial between Israel and God, to remind them that He is the Lord God.

BLESSINGS AND CURSINGS

God told Israel that He would give them many blessings if they obeyed Him. But, if they disobeyed Him they would receive many curses. As you study about the children of Israel later in their history, you will learn that the curses God told them about would happen to them because of their disobedience.

Among the many blessing that God gave Israel were promises to bless them with rain and crops, so that they would have plenty to eat.

He also told them that He would protect them from their enemies, and that if they were obedient to Him He would be their God and they would be His people.

As wonderful as the blessings were, the curses were equally terrible. God told them that if they disobeyed Him that they would have diseases that would destroy them. They would have no crops to eat, for their enemies would eat the crops. Their enemies would also rule over them. God told them that if they disobeyed Him they would not have enough to eat, and eventually they would even eat their own children. He said He would not smell the sweet savour of their sacrifices, and would scatter them among other nations.

All of these cursings would happen to them because of their sins.

However, God did give them hope. He told them that when they did sin, if they would turn back to Him and confess their sins, He would remember His covenant with them. If they would truly repent He would not completely destroy them.

ISRAEL IS NUMBERED AND ARRANGED

Numbers 1;2;3;4;6;8

One month after the Tabernacle was set up, The Lord told Moses to number the people. He wanted him to count the men 20 years old and up, who were able to go to war.

In this first count, God did not want the Levites counted. (They were counted later.) God wanted the Levites to serve Him in a special way.

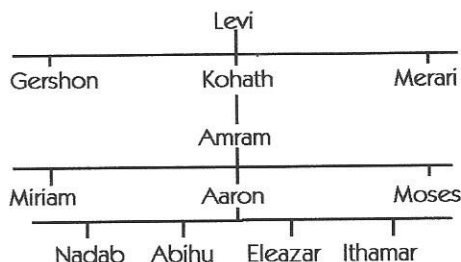
After the people were counted, God wanted the tribes arranged in a specific order. On the East side of the Tabernacle, the tribes of Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun camped. On the South side were Reuben, Simeon, and Gad. On the West side were Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin. And on the North side were Dan, Asher and Naphtali. The different clans of the Levites camped around the Tabernacle.

When God wanted them to leave, the tribes on the East side would leave camp first, then the tribes on the South side. The Tabernacle would leave next with the tribe of Levi. Next the tribes on the West side would leave, then the tribes on the North side were last.

Later, after the first census, the Levites were counted. God wanted all the firstborn males in Israel counted, and all the Levite males counted, who were one month old and up. There were 273 more firstborn in Israel than there were Levite males, so the Lord told Moses to redeem the 273 with 5 shekels of money. The money was to be given to Aaron and his sons.

In the future, each time a firstborn son was born in Israel, a special sacrifice was offered and the parents would pay 5 shekels to redeem him.

LEVI'S FAMILY TREE



THINK ABOUT IT...

Did you notice the order that God wanted for His people. He did not want them confused and not knowing where they were to go or what to do. God is the same way today under His new law. (1 Cor. 14:33) He wants things done His way!

Although the way that the Israelites worshipped may seem odd to us, this is the way God wanted them to worship Him. All of these things foreshadowed things to come in God's new law, the New Testament.

The Day of Atonement was a day that God wanted His people to remember their sin. (Heb. 10:3) All of the animals sacrificed pointed to the time when there would be only ONE sacrifice for sin — Jesus Christ! Just as the blood of the sin offering was taken into the Most Holy Place, where God's presence was, the blood of Jesus Christ was taken into Heaven, where God is. This was done to make a once-for-all atonement for everyone's sins. (Heb. 9: 26) The sacrifices that Israel made were offered every day, but Jesus' sacrifice was offered only ONCE for all times!

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12-13

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

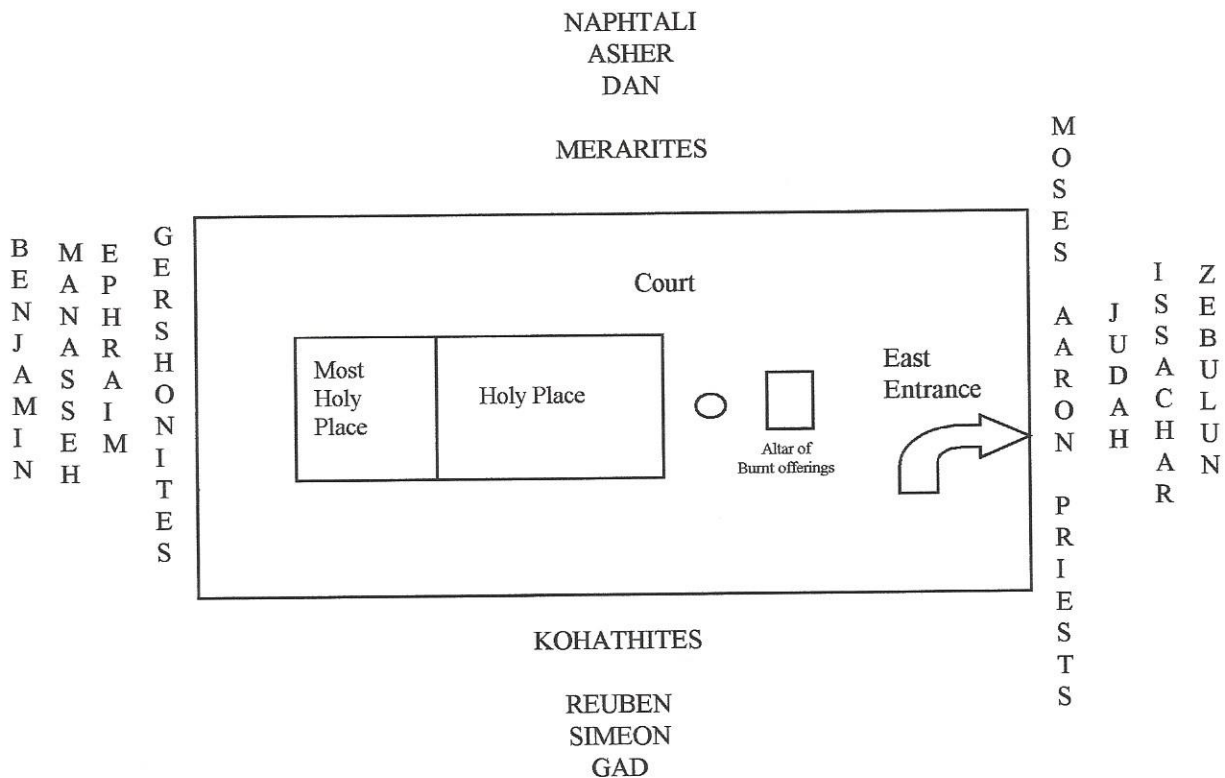
13 "and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

(NKJ)

TRUE OR FALSE

1. ____ The Sabbath was on Sunday.
2. ____ The Israelites ate leavened bread during the Passover.
3. ____ The High Priest could only go into the Most Holy Place on the day of Atonement.
4. ____ Every day a trumpet was over the Tabernacle.
5. ____ When it was time for the Israelites to move, the cloud lifted up.
6. ____ The Israelites could leave their camp in any manner they wanted to.
7. ____ God wanted the tribe of Levi to serve Him in a special way.
8. ____ Men who were 50 years old and up took care of the work of the Tabernacle.
9. ____ The punishment of God is sure if His people do not obey Him.
10. ____ God said that He would destroy the Israelite's land if they did not obey Him.
11. ____ The Israelites did not know what to do to obey God.

GOD'S ORDER OF THE ISRAELITES



THE EXODUS

LESSON 19

VOCABULARY

Taberah - Burning.

Lust - Unlawful desire; to wish or long for, covetousness.

Loathe - Disgusting; nauseating.

Homer - A dry measure of about 65 gallons.

Kibroth-hattaavah - Graves of lust.

Time to leave Mt. Sinai.

Numbers 10: 11 - 35; 11; 12: 1 - 15

On the 20th day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted up from over the Tabernacle. It was time for the children of Israel to journey out of the wilderness of Sinai.

As the Israelites left Mt. Sinai, they moved out in the order that God had commanded them to. Judah left first, then Issachar and Zebulun. Then the Gershonites and Merarites moved out carrying the Tabernacle. They were followed by Reuben, Simeon and Gad. Next came the Kohathites carrying the furniture of the Tabernacle. Then came the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin. At the rear was Dan, Asher, and Naphtali.

As they were leaving, Moses spoke to his brother-in-law, Hobab. He said, "We are going to a place that the Lord has said He will give to us. Go with us and we will do you good, for the Lord has promised us good things."

Hobab said, "No, I will go back to my own land and people."

Moses said, "Please do not leave us for you can be like eyes for us. You know where to camp in the wilderness. If you go with us, whatever good that God does for us, the same we will share with you."

We do not have Hobab's answer to Moses here, but he must have gone with them because his descendants are found later living among the

Israelites. (Judges 1: 16; 4:11)

Israel departed and went three days journey with the ark of the covenant going on before them. The cloud of God led them.

Every day, as the ark set forth on the journey, Moses would say, "Rise up, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered. Let them hate You and flee before You."

At night, when the ark rested, Moses would say, "Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."

The children of Israel had not been traveling very long before they began to murmur. The Lord heard their complaining and He became angry. He sent fire out from Him to burn the people, and consumed those on the outer borders of the camp.

The people cried out to Moses when this happened, and Moses prayed to God. God quenched the fire.

The name of this place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord had burned among them.

As the Israelites traveled on, the mixed multitude traveling with them began to lust after other foods. The people began to weep and wail saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? We remember when we could eat fish in Egypt for free, as well as cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. But now, our appetite is gone, for all we have to look at is this manna!"

Moses could hear the people weeping and wailing in their tents. The Lord was very angry and Moses was also displeased. Moses said to the Lord, "Why have You brought all this trouble on me, your servant? What have I done to displease You so that You have put the burden of the people upon me? Am I their mother or father? Why have you told me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries a baby, to the land that You have promised to their fathers? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep crying to me saying, 'Give us meat to eat'. I cannot carry

the burden of all these people alone. The burden is too heavy for me.”

“So if you are going to deal with me in this way, then please kill me now, if I am pleasing in Your sight. Do not let me see my own ruin.”

The Lord said to Moses, “Bring to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel. These men are to be good leaders. Have them come to the Tabernacle and stand there with you. I will come and speak to you, and I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and put the Spirit on those 70 men. They will help you carry the burden of the people, so that it will not be too much for you.”

“Tell the children of Israel to consecrate themselves for tomorrow. I heard them when they cried, ‘If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt.’ I am going to give you meat to eat, and you will eat it! You’ll eat it, not one, two, five, ten, or twenty days! You will eat it for a whole month until it comes out your nostrils and you loathe it! —Because, you have rejected the Lord and cried saying, ‘Why did we ever leave Egypt?’”

Moses said, “Lord, there are over 600,000 footmen here. If we killed all the flocks and herds, would it be enough for them? Would all the fish in the sea be enough?”

The Lord said, “Is the Lord’s hand too short? You will see whether or not what I have said comes true.”

So Moses brought the 70 men to stand around the Tabernacle. The Lord came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses. Then the Lord took the Spirit that was upon Moses and gave it to the seventy elders. When the Lord did this, the seventy could prophesy.

Two of the elders, Eldad and Medad, remained in the camp and did not go to the Tabernacle. The Spirit came upon them and they began to prophesy also. A young man, who heard them prophesying, ran to Moses to tell him about Eldad and Medad.

Joshua heard what the young man said and told Moses, “Forbid them to do this!”

Moses said, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all of the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put His spirit upon all of them.”

The Lord caused a wind to bring quail from the sea. They fell around the camp about three feet deep, as far as a day’s walk in any direction.

That day and night, and all the next day, the people went out and gathered quail. The one who gathered the least had 10 homers. They spread the quail out all around the camp.

While the meat was still between their teeth, before they even swallowed it, God’s anger was kindled against the people. He struck them with a very severe plague.

The place was called Kibroth-hattaavah because they buried the people there that lusted.

When the people left Kibroth-hattaavah, they came to a place called Hazeroth.

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because he had a Cushite wife. They said, “Hasn’t the Lord spoken through us, as well as Moses?”

Moses was an humble man. More humble than any man on the earth.

The Lord heard what Miriam and Aaron said and told them, and Moses, to come to the Tabernacle. The three of them came to the Tabernacle and the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood in the entrance of the Tabernacle. He called for Miriam and Aaron and said, “Hear My words! When there is a prophet among you I reveal Myself to him through visions, and speak to him in dreams. This is not true of My servant Moses. He is faithful in all My house. I speak to him clearly, mouth to mouth, and he sees the form of God. Why weren’t you afraid to speak against My servant Moses?”

The Lord was angry at Miriam and Aaron as He left them. When the cloud lifted over the Tabernacle, Miriam was white with leprosy. Aaron saw that Miriam had leprosy and said to Moses, “Please do not hold this sin against us, that we have done so foolishly. Do not let Miriam be as one dead.”

Moses cried out to the Lord, “Oh God, please heal her I pray!”

The Lord said, “She would be in disgrace for seven days if her father had spit in her face. Shut her up outside the camp for seven days, and after that you can receive her into the camp.”

So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the children of Israel did not travel on until she was brought back inside the camp.

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12-13

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

13 "and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?
(NKJ)

who said it?...

Num 10:30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. (KJV) _____

Num 11:6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes. _____

Num 12:8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

Num 12: 2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

Match

1. Taberah

He spake to Moses mouth to mouth.

2. Fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, garlic

Graves of lust

3. Manna

They spoke against Moses' Cushite wife and said that God had spoken through them too.

4. Moses

Food in Egypt that the Israelites began to lust after.

5. Quail

God said that Israel would eat this for a month until it came out their nostrils.

6. 10 homers

The Israelites got tired of eating this bread that God sent from heaven.

7. Kibroth-hattaavah

The place where the fire of the Lord burned among Israel.

8. Miriam and Aaron

God struck Miriam with this disease when she spake against Moses.

9. God

The one who gathered the least quail gathered this much.

10. Leprosy

He said, "I cannot carry the burden of all these people alone.

THE EXODUS

AND WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

LESSON 20

VOCABULARY

Flow with milk and honey - This is a way of saying that the land is very bountiful with fruit and a good land to grow food on.

Provoke - To despise, abhor, or blaspheme.

Rebel - One who resists and is disobedient to authority.

Meribah - Strife and contention.

Twelve Spies are sent out to spy out the promised land, and sin at Kadesh-barnea.
Numbers 12;13;14;15;16;17;18;19;20

The children of Israel left Hazeroth and came to the wilderness of Paran. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Send one man from each tribe to spy out the land of Canaan, that I am going to give the Israelites."

Moses chose 12 men and sent them to the land of Canaan. He said, "Go south into the mountain. Look at the land and people who live there. Notice if they are strong or weak, few or many. Look at what kind of cities they live in, at the soil and the trees. Bring back some fruit of the land."

The 12 spies spied the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, the Negeb to Hebron, and the valley of Eshcol. In the valley of Eshcol they cut off a branch with a single cluster of grapes and carried them on a pole between them. They also carried out pomegranates and figs.

After 40 days, the spies returned to camp. They said to Moses, Aaron, and the congregation, "The land flows with milk and honey, but the people there are powerful. The cities have walls around them and giants live there."

What the spies said caused the people to talk among themselves. Caleb quieted the people and said, "Let us go up at once and possess the

land, for we can do it!"

But the other spies said, "We can't attack those people, for they are stronger than we are! The land eats up those who live there, and the people are of great size. Some are giants, and we seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, as well as in their eyes."

That night, Israel cried about the things they had heard. They began to murmur and say, "Why did the Lord bring us here to be killed? It would be better to go back to Egypt. Let's choose a leader to take us back there."

At this, Moses and Aaron became very upset. Joshua and Caleb pleaded with the people saying, "The land is a good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, He will give it to us. Do not rebel or be afraid. The Lord is with us!"

This made the Israelites angry and they wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb.

Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tabernacle. The Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people provoke Me and refuse to believe Me, even though I have shown them many signs? I will kill them and make a great nation of you."

Moses said, "But Lord, when the Egyptians hear what You have done they will say that the Lord was not able to bring this people into the promised land. Please pardon the sins of the people, for you are slow to anger and abound in love, but You will not leave the guilty unpunished."

The Lord forgave Israel, but He said that no one who had seen the miracles in Egypt would see the promised land, except Caleb. Then the Lord told them to go back to the wilderness by way of the Red Sea.

The Lord told Moses and Aaron that everyone 20 years old and up would die in the wilderness — one year for each day that it took to explore the land. The 10 spies who spread a bad report would die of a plague.

However, Israel did not learn a lesson from this. The next day Israel said, "We are going to go

to the place that the Lord promised us.”

Moses said, “You will not succeed. Don’t go, for God is not with you.”

Israel did not listen to God, and the Amalakites and Canaanites came and attacked them, beating them back to Hormah.

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

In Israel were some men named, Korah (from the tribe of Levi), Dathan, Abiram, and On. They gathered 250 leaders of Israel together and came to oppose Moses and Aaron. They said to Moses and Aaron, “You take too much upon yourselves. Why do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the Lord?”

Moses was very upset at this and fell facedown. He said to Korah and those with him, “Tomorrow the Lord will show who belongs to him, and will have that person come near Him. Take your censers tomorrow and put fire and incense in them before God. The man whom the Lord chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far! God has chosen the Levites to work in His Tabernacle and serve Israel, bringing you near to Himself. Are you trying to get the priesthood too? You have gathered against the Lord.”

Moses then asked Dathan and Abiram to come forward, but they said, “We will not come. You have brought us out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the wilderness and are making yourself a lord over us. You have not brought us to the land promised to us. Would you put out the eyes of these men. No! We will not come!”

Moses then spoke to the Lord and said, “Do not accept their offering. I have not harmed any of them.”

Moses said to Korah, “You and the 250 men, be here tomorrow with your censers and incense to present to the Lord. Aaron will be here also to present his censer.

The next day, Korah and each man with his censer stood at the Tabernacle. The glory of the Lord appeared to all of them there.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Get away from these people so that I can consume

them at once!”

Moses and Aaron cried out, “O God, will you be angry with everyone when only one man has sinned?”

The Lord said, “Tell everyone to move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.”

Moses did, and everyone moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.

Moses said, “This is how you will know that this is God’s idea, not mine. If these men die a natural death, then the Lord has not sent me. But, if the Lord causes the earth to open up and swallows them and all that belongs to them, then you will know that they have provoked the Lord.”

As soon as Moses finished what he was saying, the ground split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed Korah, Dathan, Abiram and their families. Then the earth closed back over them.

Israel heard the cries of those who were swallowed and began to run away shouting, “The earth may swallow us up too!”

Fire came from the Lord and consumed the 250 men and their censers.

The next day, the children of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron saying, “You have killed the people of the Lord.”

As the people gathered against Moses and Aaron, the cloud covered the Tabernacle and the glory of the Lord appeared. The Lord said, “Get away from this congregation so that I may consume them at once!”

Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censer and put incense and fire from the altar in it. Hurry to the people to make atonement for them, for the plague of the Lord has begun!”

Aaron ran into the midst of the people and offered incense and made atonement for the people. He stood between the living and dead as the plague was stopped. 14,700 people died in the plague.

So that Israel would know that Aaron and his sons were responsible for the priesthood, the Lord had Aaron and 12 princes of Israel bring their rods to the Tabernacle. The Lord said that the man he chose would be the one whose rod would bloom.

The next day, Aaron’s rod had sprouted,

budded, and blossomed, producing almonds.

Israel could see that Aaron was the one who the Lord had chosen for the priesthood.

While Israel was wandering in the wilderness, Miriam, Moses' sister, died and was buried.

There are not many stories recorded in the Bible about the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. In the following story, Israel is in their 40th year of wandering.

Meribah

While at Kadesh, there was no water for the people. They gathered against Moses and Aaron saying, "We wish we had died when our brethren died before the Lord. Why have you brought us in this wilderness to die?"

Moses and Aaron went to the Tabernacle and fell on their faces. The glory of the Lord appeared, and the Lord said to Moses, "Take the rod and assemble the people. Speak to the rock and it will give forth water so you can give the people and their animals water to drink."

Moses took the rod and did as the Lord said. He assembled the people before the rock and said, "Hear now you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice. Water came out of the rock abundantly. But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me to sanctify men in the eyes of Israel, you will not bring the people into the land which I have given them."

This water was called the water of Meribah because Israel quarreled with the Lord, and He proved Himself holy among them.

Did You Notice?...

Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On were not pleased with God's arrangement. It was not their place to question God's plan.

Sometimes people today try to question God's plan. He is as displeased today, as He was then by this. It is important that we all do exactly as God wants us to do. The earth will not swallow us up today, as in Moses' day, but we will be punished in a devil's hell if we do not obey His way today!

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12-14

- 12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,
- 13 "and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?
- 14 "Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. (NKJ)

Who Said It?...

1. "Send one man from each tribe to spy out the land of Canaan, that I am going to give the Israelites."
2. "Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we can do it!"
3. "Some are giants, and we seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, as well as in their eyes."
4. "It would be better to go back to Egypt."
5. "The land is a good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, He will give it to us."
6. "Don't go, for God is not with you."
7. "You take too much upon yourselves. Why do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the Lord?"
8. "Get away from these people so that I can consume them at once!"
9. "The earth may swallow us up too!"
10. "Hear now you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

THE EXODUS

AND WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

LESSON 21

VOCABULARY

Prevail - To overcome, to be the victor, to have power and strength over.

Adversary - An opponent. One who stands against another.

Baal - The name given to the false god of fertility in Canaan.

NUMBERS 22 - 31

Do you remember that God had told Moses and Aaron that they would not enter the promised land, after they sinned at Meribah? Aaron died and his son Eleazar was made the new high priest of Israel.

Israel mourned for Aaron for 30 days.

Israel battled with the Canaanites at Hormah, and they defeated the king of the Amorites when he would not let Israel pass through his land. God also told Israel to defeat the king of Bashan. Israel did, and possessed the land.

In this lesson we will study about another enemy of God and how he wanted to curse Israel.

Balaam.

Israel made their camp in the plains of Moab next to the Jordan River. They were next to the city of Jericho.

The people of Moab were afraid of the Israelites because there were so many of them. The Moabites said to the elders in the land of Midian, "These Israelites will lick up everything around us, just like an ox licks up grass in the field."

Now a man named Balak had heard about Israel and what they had done to the Amorites. Balak was the king of the Moabites.

Balak sent messengers to a man named Balaam. His message said, "There is a people that have come from Egypt and there are so many of them that they cover the face of the earth. These people are camped close to me. Come now and curse this people for me because they are too mighty for me. Then we can prevail over them, smite them, and drive them out of the land. For I know that whoever you bless is blessed and whoever you curse is cursed."

So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian delivered the message to Balaam.

Balaam told the men, "Stay here tonight and I will give you the answer that the Lord gives to me."

The princes (elders) of Moab stayed with Balaam that night. That night the Lord came to Balaam and said, "What men are these that are with you?"

Balaam said to God, "Balak the king of Moab has sent them to me. Balak's message said that a people have come out of Egypt and they are so large that they cover the face of the earth. Now curse them so I can overcome them and drive them out of the land."

God said to Balaam, "Do not go with these men. You are not to curse the people because they are blessed."

The next morning Balaam said to the princes of Balak, "Go back to your land. The Lord will not give me permission to go with you."

When Balak learned what Balaam said, he sent more princes from his land to Balaam. These men said to Balaam, "Balak has said that nothing should hinder you from going to him. He will give you great honor and will do whatever you say. Come and curse these people."

Balaam said to Balak's servants, "Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with gold and silver, I could not go beyond God's word. Now, stay here tonight and I will find out what else the Lord will tell me."

That night God came to Balaam and said, "Since these men have come for you, go with them. But do only what I tell you to do."

The next morning Balaam got up and saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab.

God became angry because Balaam went with them, so He sent an angel to stand in the way as an adversary against Balaam. Now Balaam was on his donkey with two of his servants.

When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a sword in his hand, she turned away and went into the field. Balaam hit the donkey and made her get back on the road. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between two vineyards, with walls on both sides. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. When the donkey did this, Balaam beat the donkey again.

The angel of the Lord went on ahead of them to a place where there was no place to turn to the right or left. When the donkey saw the angel, she lay down under Balaam. Balaam became so angry that he beat her with his stick. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey and the donkey said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

Balaam answered, "You have made a fool out of me. If I had a sword in my hand I would kill you right now!"

The donkey said to Balaam, "Isn't it true that I am your donkey which you have always ridden on until this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

"No." Balaam answered.

Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes and he could see the angel of the Lord standing in the road with the sword in his hand. When Balaam saw this he fell on his face on the ground.

The angel of the Lord said unto him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I came here to oppose you because your way is contrary to me. But the donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If she had not turned away I would certainly have killed

you by now and let her live."

Balaam said to the angel, "I have sinned. I did not realize that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now, if you are displeased, I will go back.

The angel said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only the words that I tell you." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

When Balak heard that Balaam was coming he came out to meet him at the Amon River. Balak said to Balaam, "Didn't I send you an urgent call to come? Why didn't you come to me. Can't I reward you as you want?"

Balaam said, "Well I have come to you now. Can I speak anything I want to say? I can only say what God puts in my mouth to say."

Then Balaam went with Balak. Balak sacrificed some cattle and sheep giving some of them to Balaam and the princes with him. The next day Balak took Balaam up to the high places of Baal, where he could see some of the people of Israel. Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me."

Balak did as Balaam said and the two of them offered a bull and a ram on each altar. Then Balaam said, "Stay here by your altar while I go aside. Maybe the Lord will come to meet me and whatever He tells me I will tell you." So Balaam went off to a bare hill.

God met with Balaam, and Balaam said "I have set up seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each one."

Then the Lord put a message in Balaam's mouth. He said, "Go back to Balak and give him My message."

Balaam went back to Balak. He was standing beside his offering with all the princes of Moab. He told them, "Balak brought me from the mountains of the east saying 'curse Jacob for me and denounce Israel'. But how can I curse those whom God has not cursed? From the top of the rock I look and see a people set apart, not considering themselves one of the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob or number a fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous and my end be like theirs."

When Balak heard this he said to Balaam,

“What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies and you have done nothing but bless them.”

Balaam said, “Don’t I need to speak what the Lord puts in my mouth?”

Then Balak said, “Please come with me to another place where you can see Israel. Only you will not be able to see all of them. From there curse them for me.”

So Balak and Balaam went to the top of Pisgah and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Balaam said to Balak, “Stay here by your offering while I meet the Lord over there.”

The Lord met with Balaam and put a message in his mouth to tell Balak. When Balaam went back to Balak, Balak said, “What did the Lord say?”

So Balaam gave Balak the Lord’s message. He said, “Arise Balak and listen to me. God is not a man that lies, or the son of man that can change His mind. Has He promised to do something and not done it? I have received a command to bless. He has blessed and I cannot change it. The Lord God is with Israel. He brought them out of Egypt and they have the strength of a wild ox. This people shall rise up like a lion that does not rest until he devours his prey and drinks the blood of the slain.”

Then Balak said to Balaam, “Then don’t curse them or bless them at all!”

Balaam said, “Didn’t I tell you that I must do whatever the Lord says?”

Balak said, “Let me take you to another place and perhaps you can curse Israel from there.” So he took Balaam to the top of Peor.

Balaam said to Balak, “Build me seven altars here and prepare seven bulls and rams.” Balak did this and offered each animal on the altars.

Balaam could see now that God wanted to bless Israel. He turned his face toward the desert and saw Israel camped in their tribes. And the spirit of God came upon Balaam. He said, “This is the oracle of a man who sees and hears the word of the Lord and sees a vision from the Almighty. How beautiful are your dwelling places O Israel! They are spread out like a valley and like

gardens by a riverside. Their king is greater than Agag, and their kingdom will be exalted. May those who bless you be blessed and those who curse you be cursed!”

This speech made Balak’s anger burn against Balaam. He struck his hands together and said, “I called you to curse my enemies, but you have blessed them these three times. Leave at once and go home! I said that I would reward you, but the Lord has kept you from being rewarded.”

Balaam said, “Didn’t I tell your messengers that even if you gave me your palace filled with gold or silver I could not do anything on my own to go beyond the commandment of God. I must say only what the Lord says. Now I am going back to my people. Let me warn you what Israel will do to your people in the days to come. I am Balaam whose eyes are opened. I hear the words of the Lord. A scepter will rise out of Israel to destroy Moab. Edom and Seir will be conquered but Israel will grow strong. Amalek will be destroyed and the Kenites who live in the rocks will be destroyed. Who can live when God does this? Asshur and Eber will also be destroyed.” Then Balaam got up and returned home and Balak went his own way.



MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12-14

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

13 "and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

14 "Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. (NKJ)

Multiple Choice

1. Balak was king of the (Moabites, Amorites).
2. Balak wanted to (bless, curse) the children of Israel.
3. God sent an (donkey, angel) to stand in the way as an adversary to Balaam.
4. Balaam was traveling on a (horse, donkey).
5. Balaam beat the donkey (4 , 3) times.
6. God caused the donkey to (run, talk).
7. Balaam (blessed , cursed) the people.
8. Balaam could only say what (Balak , God) wanted him to say.
9. Balaam blessed the children of Israel (5 , 3) times.

True or False

1. The people of Moab were not afraid of Israel.
2. Balak wanted to drive the children of Israel out of the land.
3. God told Balaam that the children of Israel were cursed.
4. God did not want Balaam to go to Balak.
5. Balaam could see the angel of the Lord in the road at first.
6. The Lord put His message in Balaam's mouth.
7. God said that Moab would be destroyed.



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LESSON 21

VOCABULARY

Baal of Peor - A false god of the Moabites. Peor was the name of a mountain near Heshbon. When the name of the false god Baal is joined to the name of a place it means that Baal was worshipped at that place. Baal was worshipped at Peor (Baal of Peor or Baal-Peor). Worship to Baal always involved the sin of fornication.

NUMBERS 25: 1 - 25

Baal-Peor

While Israel was staying in the plains of Moab, the men began to commit the sin of fornication with the Moabite women. The Moabites tempted the Israelites to do sacrifices to their gods, and to eat and bow down to their gods. So Israel began to worship the Baal of Peor.

This made the Lord angry so He said to Moses, "Take the leaders of these people that are worshipping Baal of Peor and kill them in broad daylight before the Lord. Do this so the fierce anger of the Lord will be turned away from Israel."

So Moses said to the judges in Israel, "Each of you must kill the men that have joined in worship to Baal of Peor."

While Moses and the congregation of Israel were still weeping about the deaths of these men, an Israelite man named Zimri, in the sight of all Israel, brought a Midianite woman named Cozbi into the tent of his family to commit fornication with her. When Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, saw this, he left the congregation of the people with a spear in his hand. He followed the Israelite man into his tent and thrust the spear through the body of the man and the belly of the woman.

When Phinehas did this he stopped a plague that had already been begun by the Lord, and had killed 24,000 people.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Phinehas has turned away My anger from the children of Israel. He was jealous for Israel with the jealousy I have, so I did not destroy the children of Israel. Tell him that I am making a covenant of peace with him. He and his descendants will have an everlasting priesthood because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the Israelites."

"Treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them because they have treated you as enemies and deceived you in the matter of Peor."

NUMBERS 31

Israel kills the Midianites

The Lord told Moses, "Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites. After that you will die."

So Moses said to the people, "Arm some of yourselves for war against the Midianites and avenge the Lord of Midian. Send a thousand men from each tribe for the war."

So Moses sent the 12,000 men along with Phinehas. Phinehas took the trumpets to signal the war and they fought against Midian and killed every man. They killed five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam with a sword.

The Israelites captured the Midianite women and children, their flocks, herds, and other goods. They burned down their towns. Then they brought all the captives and spoils of the war to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the congregation of Israel. Moses, Eleazar and leaders of Israel went out to meet the soldiers.

Moses was angry with the commanders of the army. He said, "Why have you allowed all the women to live? They were the ones who

followed the advice of Balaam and turned Israel away from God at Peor. They are why the Lord struck us with a plague that killed 24,000 of God's people. Now kill all the boys and kill all the women who have slept with a man. But save all the girls who have not slept with a man."

"Those of you who have killed anyone or touched a dead person must stay outside the camp for seven days. Then you must purify yourselves."

Eleazar said, "This is a law that God commanded Moses: Any gold, silver, brass, iron, tin, or lead that can withstand fire is to be purified in the fire. If an object cannot be purified with fire, it must be washed with water. On the seventh day, wash yourselves and your clothes with water and you may come into the camp."

Then God commanded Moses, "You, Eleazar, and heads of families are to count all the animals and people that were captured. Divide it between the soldiers and the congregation. Part of the soldiers part is to be given to the Lord and part of the congregation's part is to be given to the Lord.

After they had counted everything and divided it up, the officers over the army came to Moses. They said, "We have counted the soldiers that went to war and not one of us is missing. So we are bringing as an offering to God the gold jewelry that each man found to atone for ourselves before God."

Moses and Eleazar accepted the golden articles and put them into the Lord's treasury.

NUMBERS 26

Israel is counted a second time.

This happened after the plague of Baal-Peor. The Lord told Moses and Eleazar, "Take a census of the children of Israel. Every man twenty years old and up that are able to serve in the army of Israel. The total of men was 601,730.

The Levites were numbered separately from the other tribes. There were 23,000 one month old and older. The Levites would not get an inheritance of land because they were the Lord's inheritance.

The Lord told Moses that the promised land would be divided among the tribes according to the number of people. The biggest tribes would have a bigger inheritance (or more land).

When they were finished counting the people they found that not one single man who had been numbered in the first census by Moses and Aaron was still alive, except Joshua and Caleb. God had said that they would die in the wilderness and He kept His promise to them!

NUMBERS 27: 12 - 23

A New Leader for Israel.

The Lord told Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abirim (or Nebo or Pisgah) and see the land that I have given to the children of Israel. When you have seen it you will be gathered to your people just as your brother Aaron was. You will not enter the land because you did not sanctify me in the eyes of Israel when they were at the waters of Meribah in the wilderness of Zin."

Moses said to God, "May the Lord, the God of all men's spirits, appoint a man over this congregation of people. A leader who will go out and come in before the people, so that the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

The Lord said, "Take Joshua the son of Nun. He is a man in whom is the Holy Spirit. Lay your hand upon him. Have him stand before Eleazar the high priest and the entire congregation of people, and give him a charge to lead God's people in their sight. Give him some of your authority so that all of Israel will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar and Eleazar will inquire of God what should be done by using the Urim before the Lord. At Joshua's command the people will obey."

So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He appointed Joshua to take his place as the new leader of Israel.

Israel's wandering is over.

Israel spent one year and one month in their

travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai and then at Mt. Sinai. This year was counted in the 40 years of wandering. Until they got to Kadesh-barnea the children had been traveling to Canaan, but murmuring and rebelling on the way. (Num. 9-10) It was a year that Israel spent in the wilderness rather than in the promised land, so it was counted in the 40 years that God wanted them to wander in the wilderness..

They spent 38 1/2 years of wandering in the wilderness (Deut.2:14, Num. 33:38) after the things that happened at Kadesh.

For seven months after Aaron died the children of Israel prepared to enter the land of Canaan from the east side of the Jordan and would cross the Jordan and camp at Gilgal. It must have been an exciting time for Israel to know that finally they would receive the land that God had promised them since the days of Abraham.

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12-14

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13 "and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

14 "Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. (NKJ)

TRUE OR FALSE

1. ____ The men of Israel began to commit fornication with the women of Moab.
2. ____ The Moabites tried to get the Israelites to do God's will.
3. ____ God wanted the people worshipping Baal of Peor to be killed at night.
4. ____ A man named Zimri brought a Midianite woman to his tent to commit fornication with.
5. ____ Eleazar killed Zimri with a spear.
6. ____ God killed 24,000 Israelites with a plague because of the sin of Baal-Peor.
7. ____ God made a covenant with Phinehas because he turned away God's anger against Israel.
8. ____ The Israelites killed the Midianites.
9. ____ The Israelites kept Balaam alive.
10. ____ Balaam advised the Midianite women to turn Israel away from God at Baal-Peor.
11. ____ When Israel was counted a second time, everyone who wandered in the wilderness was still alive.

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LESSON 22

Moses' Speeches.

While the Israelites were still in the plains of Moab, Moses gave some speeches to the children of Israel. These speeches were to a new generation of Israel. The old Israelites had died in the wilderness, and Moses pled with this new generation to remain faithful unto God.

Moses knew that it would not be long until he would die and he wanted to be sure that Israel knew what God expected from them. In spite of all of Moses' warnings, God told Moses that Israel would not remain faithful to Him.

The speeches of Moses are found in the book of Deuteronomy. In his speeches, Moses reminded Israel of the things that had happened to them over the course of the previous forty years. He told them that if they remained faithful, God would bless them. He also told them that if they began to serve other gods and became unfaithful God would remove them from the land He had promised them.

DEUTERONOMY 31

Joshua is Israel's leader.

Moses went out and spake to all of Israel. He said, "I am one hundred and twenty years old today and I am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has told me that I will not cross over the Jordan River. The Lord has said that He will cross the Jordan with you and destroy the nations that are in the land over the Jordan. Joshua will also cross over with you as God has said."

"God will destroy the nations just as He destroyed Sihon and Og. The Lord will deliver them to you and you must do all that I have commanded you. Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid of them because God is going with you. He will never leave you or forsake you."

Then Moses called Joshua to him and said in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous because you are going into the land

with this people, into the land that the Lord swore to their forefathers. You must divide the land among them for their inheritance. The Lord Himself goes with you and will be with you. He'll never leave you or forsake you so don't be afraid or discouraged."

Moses wrote down the law and gave it to the priests and the elders of Israel. He told them, "Every seven years when you have the feast of Tabernacles, you are read God's law to the people. All the people are to listen to this law and learn to fear the Lord and follow his law carefully. Their children who do not know this law are to listen and learn to fear the Lord as long as they live in the land you possess over the Jordan River."

Then the Lord spake to Moses. He said, "Now the day of your death is near. Call Joshua to the Tabernacle so that I can give him the charge to lead Israel." So Moses and Joshua went to the Tabernacle. Then the Lord appeared in the pillar of cloud over the Tabernacle. The Lord said, "You are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will seek after other gods in the land they are entering. They will forsake Me and break My covenant. On the day they forsake Me I will become angry with them and forsake them, and they will be destroyed.

DEUT. 34: 1-12

The death of Moses.

Then Moses climbed up Mt. Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah. And the Lord showed him the whole land from Gilead to Dan. He showed him the land that Israel would inherit on the east and west sides of the Jordan River.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "This is the land that I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your

eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

And Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in Moab as the Lord had said. And God buried him in Moab, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

Moses was one hundred and twenty when he died, but his eyes were not weak and his physical strength was not gone. And Israel grieved for Moses thirty days after he died.

Since then there has been no other prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. No one who could do all the signs and wonders that the Lord had Moses do in Egypt, or show the mighty power and deeds which Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

THINK ABOUT IT...

We've been studying about the life of Moses for a long time now. It is sad to think of Moses not being able to enter the land of Canaan, but that was a consequence of his sin. The rest of his life bears out that he repented of that sin though. Moses did enter a promised land! When we study about Jesus' transfiguration in Matthew 17 we learn that Moses appeared to Jesus. Moses is also listed as a hero of faith in Hebrews 11. We can know for a certainty that Moses is with God. We can enter that promised land too! That promised land is heaven. How can we get there? The same way Moses did. By doing God's commandments!

MEMORY WORK

Deut 10:12-14

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Use Your Bible

1. How old was Moses when he could no longer lead Israel? Deut. 31:2

2. Who did Moses tell to go into the land that God had given them? Deut. 31:7

3. How often did Moses tell the priests to read the law to Israel? Deut. 31: 10-11

4. How did the Lord appear at the Tabernacle? Deut.31:15

5. What did God say Israel would do? Deut.31:16

6. What did God say He would do to Israel when they turned from Him? Deut. 31:17

7. Where did Moses die? Deut.34:5

8. How long did Israel mourn for Moses? Deut.34:8

9. How did the Lord know Moses? Deut. 34:10

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LESSON 23

VOCABULARY

Meditate - To ponder and think about.

Harlot - A woman who practiced the sin of fornication.

Scarlot - A bright red color. Crimson.

JOSHUA 1 - 5

Israel crosses the Jordan River.

After Moses died, the Lord spoke to Joshua. He said, "Moses, my servant, is dead. Now, you and all the people get ready to cross the Jordan River, into the land that I am going to give the Israelites. Just as I told Moses, I will give you every place where you set your foot. Your borders will be the Negev in the south to Lebanon in the north, and from the river Euphrates in the east to the Great Sea in the west."

"No man will be able to stand against you all the days that you live. I will be with you, just as I was with Moses. I'll never leave you or forsake you. You are to be strong and courageous because you are going to lead these people into the land that I swore to their forefathers. You must be careful to obey the law that my servant Moses gave you—do not turn from it to the right or to the left so that you will have success wherever you go. You must speak God's word and meditate upon it day and night. Be careful to do everything written in it and you will be successful."

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be discouraged because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

So Joshua gave orders to the officers of the people, saying "Go through the camp and tell the people to get their supplies ready. In three days they will cross the Jordan river to take the land that God has given to them."

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and one-half tribe of Manasseh already had their possession on the east side of the Jordan, so Joshua said to them, "Remember what Moses said to you about the Lord giving you this land. Your wives and children must stay on the east side of Jordan, but all of your fighting men must cross over and help the other tribes take the land of Canaan. Only after God has given them the land can you come back and rest and possess the land that God has given to you."

Reuben, Gad, and one-half of Manasseh said to Joshua, "We will do what you have commanded, and we will go wherever you send us. Just as we obeyed Moses, we will obey you. May the Lord be with you as He was with Moses. Whoever does not do what you say will be put to death."

Two spies are sent to Jericho.

Joshua secretly chose two men and sent them as spies to the city of Jericho. He said, "Go look over the land, especially Jericho."

So the spies went, crossing the Jordan River. They came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and stayed there for the night.

Someone had seen the two spies and knew where they were staying. They told the king of Jericho, "Some of the spies of Israel have come here tonight to spy out the land."

The king of Jericho sent a message, by some soldiers, to Rahab's house. The message said, "Bring out the men that are in your house, because they have come to spy out the land."

Now Rahab had taken the spies to the roof of her house and had hidden them under

some stalks of flax. She said to the soldiers, "Yes, some men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. When it was getting dark, and time to shut the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly and you may catch up with them."

The soldiers left Rahab's house and went in pursuit of the spies. They went on the road that leads to the fords of Jordan. After the soldiers left the city, the gates were shut.

That night, before it was time to lie down to sleep, Rahab went up on her roof to see the spies. She said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land. Everyone in this land is living in fear of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the waters of the Red Sea for you to come out of Egypt. We heard what you did to Sihon, Og, and the two kings of the Amorites whom you completely destroyed. When we heard these things our hearts melted and our courage was gone. For the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on earth below."

"Now, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown a kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will save the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them."

The spies replied, "Our lives for your lives. If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land."

The house that Rahab lived in was part of the city wall, so she let them down, by a rope, through the window. Before they left she said, "Go to the hills so that your pursuers will not find you. Hide in the hills for three days until the soldiers return, then go on your way."

The spies said, "We will be free from this promise that you made us swear unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window that you have let us down through. Bring into your house your father, mother, brothers, and family. If anyone goes out of your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head, for we will not be responsible. If everyone stays inside your house and someone in your house is harmed, then his blood will be on our head."

"If you tell anyone what we are doing, we will be released from this promise that we have sworn."

Rahab replied, "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away and they left her. Then Rahab tied the scarlet cord in the window.

The spies left and went into the hills. They stayed there for three days, until their pursuers had searched all along the road without finding them. Then they started back. They came out of the hills and crossed the Jordan River. When they were back in camp they came to Joshua and told him everything that had happened. They said, "The Lord has surely given all the land into our hands. The people in those lands are melting in fear because of us."

Israel crosses the Jordan River.

Early the next morning the people left Shittim and went to the Jordan River. They camped by the river before crossing over. At the end of three days the officers went throughout the camp telling the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it."

"Keep a space between you and the ark of about 1,000 yards. Do not go near the ark. You do not know the way to go, for you have not passed by this way before."

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Joshua spake to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and go ahead of the people."

So the priests took it up and went ahead of the people.

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses. Tell the priests carrying the ark of the covenant that when they get to the edge of the Jordan river, to stand in the river."

Joshua spake to Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord. This is how you will know that God is among you and will drive

out the Canaanites, Hivites, Hittites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites. See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go before you into Jordan. Choose one man from each tribe of Israel. As soon as the priests, who carry the ark, set their feet in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and will stand up in a heap.”

So the people began to get in position to cross the Jordan, behind the priests carrying the ark of the covenant.

This was a time when the Jordan was in the flood season, but when the priests’ feet touched the water’s edge the water upstream stopped flowing. The water piled up for a long distance away. The people crossed over the Jordan River, opposite of the city of Jericho.

The priests who carried the ark of the covenant stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan River until all Israel crossed over.

When all of Israel had crossed over, the Lord said to Joshua, “Choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell them to pick up twelve stones from the middle of Jordan, where the priests stood, and carry them over with you to the place you spend the night.”

So Joshua chose the twelve men. He said, “Go over to the ark of God, into the middle of Jordan. Each of you take a stone upon his shoulder, one for each tribe of Israel. These stones will be a sign. In the future when your children ask you what they are, tell them what happened today when the water of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant. These stones are to be a memorial to Israel forever.”

So the twelve men chose twelve stones and carried them to the camp where they would spend the night.

Joshua also took twelve stones and put them in the middle of the Jordan where the priests stood with the ark of the covenant.

The priests, carrying the ark, stood in the middle of the Jordan river until everything the Lord commanded Joshua was done. The people hurried over.

The men from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh also came over, armed for war, about 40,000 of them. (*Reuben and Gad had*

received permission to settle on the other side of the river and receive their inheritance there. But they had to help the rest of Israel take the land on the other side before they could settle their land.)

When everyone was across the river, the Lord said, “Command the priests carrying the ark to come up out of the Jordan.”

So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.”

The priests carried the ark of the Lord out of the River to the other side while all the people watched. As soon as the priests set their feet on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and ran at floods stage as before.

That day the Lord exalted Joshua in the eyes of all Israel, and they revered him, just as they had revered Moses.

It was the tenth day of the first month when the people came up out of Jordan, and they camped at Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho. Joshua set the twelve stones up at Gilgal, that they had taken out of the river. He said, “In the future, when your children ask what these stones mean, tell them that Israel crossed over on dry ground. The Lord dried up the waters of the Jordan until you crossed over. He did the same thing at Jordan that He did at the Red Sea. He did this so that all people of the earth might know that He is powerful, and so that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

The first Passover in the promised land.

On the fourteenth day of the first month the children of Israel observed the Passover while they were camped at Gilgal.

The day after the Passover, the people ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land. No longer would they have manna to eat, but they would eat the food from the land of Canaan.



MATCH

God	Israel did not have to eat this anymore after they ate the food in Canaan.
Joshua	Rahab hung this out the window as a sign to the spies.
Reuben, Gad, Manasseh	They pursued after the two spies.
Two spies	He sent a message to Rahab's house.
Rahab	He told Joshua he would be with him as he was with Moses.
Soldiers	They were the first ones to cross the Jordan carrying the ark of the covenant.
King of Jericho	Israel crossed here on dry ground.
Scarlet cord	This was a memorial for Israel to remember crossing the Jordan River.
Priests	She hid two spies.
Jordan River	Rahab hid them under stalks of flax from the king's soldiers.
Twelve stones	He was the new leader of Israel
Manna	They crossed over the Jordan with the rest of Israel to help them take the land of Canaan.

USE YOUR BIBLE

Josh 1:7-9

7 Only be thou _____ and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to _____ according to _____ the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: _____ not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall _____ depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt _____ therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to _____ according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not _____, neither be thou dismayed: for the _____ thy _____ is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

MEMORY WORK

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