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The Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
  Written by Moses
  Written while in the wilderness
  Written to the descendants of Israel

The Joseph Saga Ends (1:1-7)
  Twelfth son of Israel (Jacob)
  Seventy descendants enter Egypt
  The "Israelites" immerge as a nation

Exodus

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The Hyksos Dynasty is Overthrown
  Egypt is now being led by Egyptians
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An Internal Threat is “Growing”
  A History of Faithful Servitude
  The Israelites were Productive
  The Israelites were Comfortable
  The Israelites were Complacent
  God Initiates His Plan of Deliverance
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  Political Propaganda to Create Fear
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Starvation
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An **Obscure** Beginning (vs. 1-4)

The House of **Levi**

No Names for the Parents...Yet.

Father was **Amram**, Mother was **Jochebed** (Ex. 6:20)

Sister was **Miriam** (Ex. 15:20-21)

The “Levites” became the **Clergy** of the Israelites

Ex. 32:26-29

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Ordinary Birth; Extraordinary Circumstances

The Sixteenth and Final **Birth** Narrative in the Pentateuch

A Normal, Healthy Son

**Perilous** Circumstances

A Courageous and **Risky** Plan

Concealed for **three** months

Placed in the “ark” (**tebah**)

Hidden in the river

Watched by his sister

Three Women: One Plan (vs. 5-10)

Pharaoh’s **Daughter**

A **divine** appointment (down to the river to bathe)

An **unexpected** discovery

A **sensitive** heart

A **bold** decision

**Miriam**: Moses’ Sister

A **faithful** watch

Some **quick** thinking

A **risky** plan

**Jochebed**: Moses’s Mother

An **obedient** spirit

A **blessed** result
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Moses’ Own Exodus

An Identity Crises Occurs (vs. 11-12)

A critical question: Who am I?
  - An Israelite by nature
  - An Egyptian by nurture

A life changing answer
  - His “own people” were being abused
  - He killed two Egyptians that day
    - Acts 7:23-29
    - Hebrews 11:24
  - His exodus had begun

Personal Expectations are crushed (vs. 13-14)

Another intervention in the life of an “oppressed”
  - Acting as a leader among his own people
    - Rejected by suspicious Israelites

A Sobering Lesson in Leadership
  - The best attempts sometimes fail
  - Resentment and bitterness undermine good decisions

From a Prince to a Fugitive (vs. 15-21)

Pharaoh’s wrath is justified
Moses became a man without a home
  - Fled to Midian
    - Again, the champion of the oppressed
    - Jethro’s daughters were “rescued”
    - Found a wife in Zipporah (a Midianite!!!)
    - “I have become an alien in a foreign land.”
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**Forty** years of Preparation (2:23-25)
A new **pharaoh**
No **relief** for the Israelites
The Israelites begin to **pray**
God “remembered His **covenant**”
God had **compassion** on His people

The Great Theophany: God Takes **Center Stage** (3:1-4:17)
Moses on the “far side” of the **desert** (3:1)
Finding good **pasture**
Alone with God

The **angel** of the Lord (mal’ak Yahweh) appeared (vs. 2-4)
Moses was **curious**
God was **direct**
Identified **Moses**
Identified **Himself** as “the God of your father… (vs. 5-6)
Take off your sandals
Holy Ground
Moses moved from **curious** to **cautious** (vs. 6b)

The **plan** is revealed (vs. 7-10)
“I have **seen**”
“I have **heard**”
“I have **come down**”
   To **rescue** them
   To **bring** them up
“I am **sending** YOU”
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Excuses, Excuses, Excuses
Who am I? (personal incompetence) (vs.11)
- No kingdom
- No army
- No support
- Past history

Who are you? (crisis of faith) (vs. 13)
- Uncertainty is evident
- Confusion leads to caution

What if…? (hypothetical fear) (4:1)
- Perceived Reality vs. Actual Reality
- Fear of the unknown

I am not able (lack of ability) (vs. 10)
- Physical, mental or emotional disability
- An obvious choice

I just don't want to go. (vs. 13)

Divine responses to human excuses
I will be with you (Divine Presence) (vs. 12)
- Who you are does not matter.
- God takes full ownership of the project

I AM WHO I AM (Divine Nature) (vs. 14-15)
- The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- From generation to generation

Watch this… (Divine Power) (4:2-9)
- The staff into a snake
- The hand of leprosy

I will help you speak (Divine Intervention) (vs. 12)

What about your brother, Aaron? (Divine Provision) (vs. 14)
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The First Step of Faith (4:18-31)

Jethro’s Blessing (vs. 18)
More than a formality
A lifelong family supporter

God’s Assurance (vs. 19-20)
All clear back in Egypt
Your family may go along

God’s Master Plan (vs. 21-23)
The signs and wonders (plagues)
Pharaoh’s heart is hardened
The sovereignty of God
The assurance of God (Moses will be encouraged)
The stage is set for the Passover
The final plague of the firstborn
Israel described as “God’s firstborn son”

Moses’s Final Preparation (vs. 24-26)
An unconfessed sin is revealed
The sin of omission
Could have been an oversight
Could have been an overt act of rebellion
Both Moses and Zipporah knew the covenant (Gen. 17:9-14)

God’s judgment fell upon the house of Moses
Zipporah acted in repentance
Circumcised Gershom (Moses’ firstborn son)
Announced the family allegiance to God
“bridegroom of blood”
An Israelite by marriage

God forgave and restored

The Reunion with his Brother Aaron (vs. 27-28)
Back to Mt. Sinai
All the details are shared

Finally Back in Egypt (vs. 29-31)
The elders are first to hear
Signs are performed
The Israelites believe
God is worshipped
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The First Meeting With Pharaoh (5:1-23)
Moses: “Let my people go” (vs. 1)
   A clear distinction of **nationality**
   A clear **request**
   A practice run (Three days into the desert)
   A test

Pharaoh: “Who is the Lord?” (vs. 2)
   I do not know
   I will not **obey**

Moses: “Let my people go” (vs. 3)
   The **threat** of plagues
   The **warning** is clear

Pharaoh: “Get back to your **work**” (vs. 4)
   Pharaoh becomes **angry**
   A new **condition** is given
   No **straw** to be provided
   **Quota** remains the same
   An impossible **assignment**
   Doomed to **failure**

Israelite Foremen: “Why are you treating “your servants” this way?” (vs. 15)
   An **allegiance** to Egypt
   A plea for **mercy**

Pharaoh: “You’re lazy! Get back to work.” (vs. 17)

Israelite **Foremen**: “You have made us a stench...”(vs. 21)

Moses: “O Lord, why have you brought **trouble** upon this people?” (vs. 22)
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God’s Compassionate Assurance (6:1-12,28-29)

The Lord Speaks Again (vs. 1-8)
- Of His power
- Of His promise
- Of His covenant
- Of His love and compassion
- Of His plan

The Israelites Doubt (vs. 9)
- Because of their discouragement
  - Fear
  - Fatigue
  - Frustration
  - Failure
- A slave mentality

God assures the Leader (vs. 10-11)

Moses doubts the Lord (vs. 12, 28,29)
Chapter 7-11: The Plagues of Grace: God’s Controlled Power

Back before Pharaoh (7:1-13)

God assures His “unlikely” leader (vs. 1)
   “I have made you like God to Pharaoh”
   Moses has no skills
   Moses has no experience
   Moses had no credentials
   Moses had no vitality
   “Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded.”

God reveals His sovereignty (vs. 2-5)
   God will tell Moses what to say
   God will tell Pharaoh how to respond
   God will increase his hand of chastisement against Egypt
   God will cause his people to be released
   God will show His glory to all Israelites and Egyptians

God reveals his divine power (vs. 8-13)
   Aaron’s staff turned into a snake
   Pharaoh’s staffs turned into snakes
   God’s snake swallowed Pharaoh’s snakes
   The power of God is always dominant
   God is always at work in His world
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The First Nine Plagues (7:14-10:29)

The **Plagues** listed
- **Water** turned to blood (7:14-24)
- **Frogs** invade the land (8:1-15)
- **Dust** turns to gnats (8:16-19)
- **Flies** everywhere (8:20-32)
- **Livestock** falling dead (9:1-7)
- **Boils** on the Egyptians (9:8-12)
- **Hail** destroys crops and livestock (9:13-35)
- **Locusts** devours the land (10:1-20)
- **Total darkness** for three days (10:21-29)

A **Pattern** Immerges
- The **request** is made “Let my people go”
- Pharaoh **refuses**
- The **plague** comes
- Pharaoh **promises**
- The plague is **lifted**
- Pharaoh **recants**
- The **next cycle** starts

Three **Compromises** Offered
- “Don’t go too far.” (8:28)
- “Leave your families behind.” (10:10-11)
- “Leave your livestock behind.” (10:24)
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The Plague of **Death**: Passover (11:1-12:30)

A Specific Plan of **Judgment** is Revealed
- The “**spoils of war**” collected (11:2-3)
- A “**Midnight Cry**” (11:4)
- Every **Firstborn** Dies (11:5-6)
- The Israelites “**saved**” (11:7)
- The Egyptians will **Concede** (11:8)

Pharaoh Will **Refuse** (11:9-10)

A **Specific** Plan of Salvation is Given (12:1-30)
- A “**spotless lamb**” is to be **chosen** (12:1-6)
- The blood is to be **applied** (12:7)
- The meat is to be **eaten** (12:8-11)
  - Must be roasted not boiled
  - Bitter herbs
  - Eat it all or burn the rest
  - Fully dressed with staff in hand
- The “**Death Angel**” will pass over at midnight
  - The blood will be a sign (11:13)
  - The Lord’s judgment will pass over
- The Day is to be **Commemorated**

A **Typology** of Jesus Christ
- Sin’s guilt is **revealed**
- A sacrifice is **offered** (Grace)
- Obedience is **required** (Free Will)
  - The blood is to be applied (11:22a)
  - No one is to leave the shelter of the blood (11:22b)
- Salvation is **full and free**
Chapter 12-18: The Exodus: The Risk of Deliverance

Day One: The **Miracle** Begins

Moving a **Multitude** (12:37-38)
- 600 thousand men
- Women and children
- Many other people
- Large droves of **livestock**

**Permission** from the Pharaoh (12:31)
- “Leave my people”
- “bless me”
  - Blessing shows **authoritative** order
  - **First** Egyptian Pharaoh blessed since Joseph

**Provisions** from the Egyptians
- **Encouragement** to leave (12:33)
- **Finances** for the trip (12:35-36)

**Preparation** by the Israelites
- Bread without yeast (12:34,39)
- From Rameses to Succoth (12:37)
  - From West to East
  - From **scattered** to **gathered**

End of **Captivity** is Marked (12:40-42)
- **430 years** to the day
- God kept a **vigil**
A Day To Remember

The “Passover” becomes an **annual event** (12:43- 13:10)

Who?
- No **foreigners**
- Only circumcised slaves
- Only circumcised aliens
- **All** Israelites
- All who have **surrendered** to Yahweh

What?
- A **spotless** lamb
- Without a bone broken
- **Unleavened** bread
- Inside the house

When?
- The **month** of Abib (Springtime)
- **Annually**

Rules Concerning the **Firstborn**

“**Clean animals**” are to be sacrificed

“**Unclean animals**” are to be redeemed with a lesser animal

**Sons** are to be redeemed by an animal then dedicated to the Lord

- This **represents** the final plague
- To keep the **oral tradition** alive
- To **show** God’s redemption plan

“Our identity is that of God’s chosen people who were rescued from slavery in Egypt and rescued from the death of the firstborn by faith in Yahweh. We keep showing that faith by dedicating our firstborn children and all firstborn male livestock to God. But we buy back the children, and the livestock that are inappropriate for God’s offerings because God is generous enough to allow us to do that. He still gets an offering, but it is a substitute offering for what he wants us to keep. When we do all this, we are doing something that reminds us of His powerful deliverance from Egypt.”
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Crossing the **Red Sea** (13:17-14:31)

The Journey Begins (13:17-22)  (Show Video)

A **specific** route
- A longer journey
- A safer journey

The **bones of Joseph** (Gen. 50:22-26)

GPS: **God’s Piloting** System
- A Pillar of Cloud by day
- A Pillar of Fire by night

**Trouble** back in Egypt (14:1-12)

Pharaoh’s **heart** is hardened
- Sends entire **army** to pursue

The **Battle** by the Sea

No way out

Overmatched, **Overwhelmed**
- Either a massacre on the beach
- Or an escort back to Egypt

The “**slave mentality**”
- “Leave us alone, let us serve the Egyptians”
- “We are going to die in the desert”

Moses’ **strong** response (14:13-14)
- Do not be **afraid**
- Stand **firm**
- The Lord will **fight** for you

God’s **miraculous** intervention (14:15-31)

The plan is given
- The **angels** are deployed
- The sea is parted
- The Israelites are **delivered**
- The Egyptians are defeated
- Follow into the sea
- God buries them with water
- The Israelites put their **trust** in God
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The Song of Miriam (15:1-21)
Introduction: A Reason to Sing (15:19-21)
The battle has been won!
Miriam is introduced
Sister of Moses and Aaron
A prophetess
Singer, Songwriter, Dancer
Worship Leader
The Song begins

A Song of Praise... “I will sing to the Lord”
“he is highly exalted”
“my strength and my song”
Has become my salvation”
“my God, I will praise Him”
“my father’s God, I will exalt Him”
“majestic in holiness” (vs. 11)
“awesome in glory”
“working wonders”

A Song of Deliverance
“The Lord is a warrior”
Destroyed Pharaoh’s armies
Shattered the enemy
Consume them like stubble
Blew with your breath, the waters covered them
They sank like lead

A Song of Hope
“In your unfailing love, you will lead” (vs. 13)
The people you have redeemed
The nations will hear and tremble
The power of your arm will guide them through
You will bring to the place you have made for them
“The Lord will reign forever”
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Desert Miracles: God’s Hand of Provision (15:22-17:16)

**Bitter** water turns sweet (15:22-27)

*Three days* removed from the “Red Sea Miracle”

A pool of bitter water

The people *grumbled* against Moses

Moses cried out to the Lord

God *responded* with a miracle

- A piece of wood
- The water turned sweet

God gave a *decree*

If…

Then…

**Manna** and **Quail** (16:1-36)

The grumbling continues

- If we had only *stayed* in Egypt
- We will *starve* in the desert

The Lord gave specific *commands*

- Quail in the *evenings*
- Manna in the *mornings*

Only enough for the day

Gather enough on *Friday* to last through *Saturday*

The manna became a *symbol* of God’s *provision* (vs. 31-36)

**Water from a Rock** (17:1-7)

The grumbling continues

**Obedience** is a must

- *Strike* the rock
- In the sight of the elders

Water is once again *plentiful*

The **Amalekites** Defeated (17:8-16)

A new enemy *attacks*

Moses leads with *confidence*

- Calls Joshua to *gather* and *lead* an army
- Takes the staff of God to the top of the *hill*

Holds his *hands* up

- As long as they are up, Joshua is winning
- Aaron and Hur get the *assist*

God gets the *victory*
Jethro’s **Conversion** and **Advice** (18:1-27)

A New **believer** in Yahweh

Good news travels fast (vs. 1)

**Everything** God had done

The “Lord” brought you out

Fulfilling **Family** Duties (vs. 2-4)

**Zipporah** stayed while Moses went to Egypt

“Sent away”

With the children

A Family **Reunion** (vs. 5-8)

A precautionary word

Moses’ **positive** response

Bowed down to Jethro

Kissed Jethro

Moses shared his **personal** testimony

God’s **power**

God’s **provision**

God’s **faithfulness**

Jethro’s **sincere** response (vs. 9-12)

**Confession**

**Praise**

**Belief**

**Conversion**
A New Plan of **Leadership** (18:13-27)

Moses’ heavy **task** of leadership (vs. 13)
- **Judge** for all the people
- From morning to evening

Jethro’s careful **intervention** (vs. 14)
- What?
- Why?

Moses’ **prideful** response (vs. 15)
- “The people come to ME”
- “It is brought to ME”
- “I decide”

A lesson in **constructive criticism** (vs. 17-23)

- A **gentle** but **firm** rebuke
  - You will wear out
  - The people will wear out
  - The **work** is too heavy

A clear, well developed **suggestion**
- You remain the **primary** judge
- **Teach** them the laws/expectations
- **Select** capable leaders from each tribe
- Let them judge **lesser** matters
- Only bring **difficult** cases to you

A desirable **outcome**
- **God** is pleased
- **You** can stand
- The people will be satisfied

Moses’ **mature** response (vs. 24-26)
- He **listened** carefully
- He **acted** decisively
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Meeting God At Mt. Sinai (19:1-25)

God **reveals** Himself to Moses (vs. 1-9)
Three months to the day from **Egypt**
The **desert** of Sinai
Moses continued to the mountain alone
God **spoke** directly to Moses
  You have seen my **deliverance**
  Now, obey and follow
  You will be my **treasure** on earth
  A kingdom of priests
  A **holy** nation
Moses **returned** to the people with God’s message

The people **responded**

God spoke to Moses a second time (vs. 10-15)

**Consecrate** the people for my visit
  Three days
  No one is to touch the mountain

The people **obeyed**

God **showed** his glory at Sinai (vs. 16-25)

Thunder and lightning
Thick **cloud**
Loud trumpet sound
Heavy **smoke**
Fire

**Trembling**
The voice of God
Chapter 20: #1 No Other Gods (Ex. 20: 3)

"You shall have no other gods before me."

The Supremacy of God is seen in His Creation.

If there is a design, there must be a designer.

If there is a creation, there must be a creator.

The Supremacy of God is seen in His Perfection

Monotheism – belief in one God

Polytheism – belief in many gods

To be set apart as the one true God is HOLINESS

The Supremacy of God is seen in His Affection

God’s love identifies Him as unique

God’s love qualifies Him as supreme

The Supremacy of God is seen in His Salvation

Eph. 4:4-6 “There is one body and one Spirit…one lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”
Chapter 20: #2 No Idolatry (Ex. 20:4-6)

“You shall not make for yourself an idol.”

Exodus 32  A GOLDEN CALF OF DESTRUCTION

Idolatry forsakes the position of God (vs. 1)

An idol can be anything that is given first priority.

Idols take over the thrones of our lives.

Idolatry forgets the power of God. (vs. 4)

An idol represents where you put your hope.

Idols get credit for past successes.

Idolatry forgoes the presence of God (vs. 7-10)

Idolatry is sinful and thus creates barriers.

Idolatry represents rebellion against God.

Idolatry forfeits the promises of God (vs. 35)

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.” Matt. 6:33
Chapter 20: #3 Respect for God’s Name (Ex. 20:7; Amos 5:18-27)

THE POWER OF GOD’S NAME

Adonai “My Great Lord”

Elohim “The All-powerful One”

El Shaddai “God Almighty”

Immanuel “God With Us”

Yahweh (Jehovah) “I am”

Jesus “The name above every name”

THE PERVERSION OF GOD’S NAME

- Some profane God’s name openly
- Some profess God’s name falsely
- Some portray God’s name pride fully
- Some promise God’s name selfishly

THE PRAISING OF GOD’S NAME

- Exalted in our Worship (Ps. 34:3)
- Expressed in our Words (Matt. 6:9)
- Experienced in our Walk (Col. 3:17)
Chapter 20: #4 Keeping the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11)

**What is the Sabbath?**

*Sabbat* – stopping, stoppage, or cessation

A day for both **rest** and **reverence**

The **sign** of God’s covenant (Ex. 31:12-13)

**When is the Sabbath?**

For the Jews of the O.T., the **last day** of the week.

For N.T. Christians, the **first** day of the week.

Rom. 14:5-8; Col. 2:16-17; Acts 20:7

For the **early church**, Sunday became the Sabbath

**Why keep the Sabbath holy?**

It is a day of **Resting**

It is a day of **Remembering**

It is a day of **Repenting**

It is a day of **Restoring**

It is a day of **Refreshing**

It is a day of **Rejoicing**
Chapter 20: #5 Honor Your Parents (Ex. 20:12)

The Understanding of the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment

Honor – Timios – **costly or precious**

Father and Mother – the basic **family** unit

The Uniqueness of the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment

The Only Commandment with a Promise

A great **heritage**

A great **hope**

The Upholding of the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment

Honor through **Obedience**

Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20

Honor through **Respect**

Prov. 1:8; 23:22

Honor through **Support**

Prov. 19:26; Mark 7:6-13

Honor through **Remembrance**

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Chapter 20: #6 The Sanctity of Life (Ex. 20:13)

Some common ways to break the 6th Commandment…

- Murder
- Suicide
- Abortion
- Euthanasia
- Criminal Negligence
- Hate

Breaking this commandment fails to…

**Acknowledge the Image of God.**

- Life in God’s image is an **eternal** life.
- Life in God’s image is an **elected** life.
- Life in God’s image is an **entrusted** life.

**Accept the Intentions of God.**

- God intends for life to be **chosen**.
- God intends for life to be **cherished**.

**Adhere to the Instructions of God.**

- You shall not kill.
- You SHALL **love one another**.
Chapter 20: #7 Marital Fidelity (Ex. 20:14; 2 Sam. 11:1-5)

The Environment of Adultery

David was in the wrong place, **physically**.

David was in the wrong place, **emotionally**.

David was in the wrong place, **relationally**.

David was in the wrong place, **spiritually**.

The Enticement of Adultery

Feeds our **desires** for physical AND emotional gratification.

Fosters our **delusions** of personal exaltation

The Endangerment of Adultery

The **consequences** of sin

The **continuation** of sin

The **collateral damage** of sin

The Exception of Adultery

**S** tay Connected

**M** onitor **Y** our **M** ind

**A** dmit **Y** our **W** eaknesses

**R** emember the **C** onsequences

**T** rust in the **L** ord
Chapter 20: #8 Don’t Steal (Ex. 20:15; Luke 10:30-37)

THREE WAYS OF LIFE

THE TAKERS

Attitude: What’s yours is mine and I’m going to take it.

Reputation: Self-centered, aggressive and destructive

Motivation: Greed

THE KEEPERS

Attitude: What’s mine is mine and I’m going to keep it.

Reputation: Self-centered, passive and apathetic

Motivation: Fear

THE GIVERS

Attitude: What's mine is God's and I'm going to give it.

Reputation: Godly, supportive and caring

Motivation: Love
Chapter 20: #9 Maintain Your Integrity (Ex. 20:16; Psalm 15:1-5)

Christian Integrity is a Description (vs. 1)

Some are known by their reputation.

Others are known by their relationship.

Christian Integrity is a Decision (vs. 2b)

Deciding what to flee from

Deciding what to follow after

Deciding what to fight for

Christian Integrity is a Discipline (vs. 4b)

Before you speak, ask…

Is it popular or prudent?

Is it convenient or correct?

Is it trivial or truthful?

Christian Integrity is a Demonstration (vs. 5b)

Of our Position in Christ

Of God’s Power to sustain
Chapter 20: #10 Learn To Be Content (Ex. 20:17; 1 Tim. 6:6-10)

_Covet_ – *The inordinate desire to possess what belongs to another; an ungoverned and selfish desire._

**A COVETOUS HEART**: -vs- **A CONTENTED HEART**

A covetous heart is...

- **vulnerable** to Satan’s traps.
- skeptical of the **successes** of others.
- not **trustworthy**.
- conniving and scheming to get more **possessions**.
- never **satisfied** in any situation.

A contented heart is...

- **cautious** around Satan’s traps.
- **supportive** of the successes of others.
- **trustworthy**.
- open and **benevolent** with possessions.
- **abundant** in Christ Jesus.
Chapter 21-23: Living As Community: Instructions for Social Relationships

On the **proper care** of servants (21:1-11)

What is a Hebrew **servant**?

- An **employee**
- An **indentured** servant
- A son-in-law
- A **purchased** slave

The year of **Jubilee**

- **Six** years on, **one** year off
- Must be set **free**
  - **Contracts** terminated
  - Slaves given **option**

On homicide and criminal **negligence** (21:12-35)

The place of **capital punishment**

- Life is to be seen as **precious**
- Punishment should **fit** the crime
- Men (**leaders**) are responsible for their families and livestock
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Old Testament

Covenant Gen 12:15

Commandments Ex. 20

Laws – Deut. (613 laws?)

Pharisees (law interpreters)

Categorical Laws
- General Principles
- Policy Statements
  (Heart of God)

Case Laws (NT says honor the governing authorities)
- Very specific law
  (generally begins with one of two words)
  “if” “when”
- Specific punishment for breaking the law
- In the first century the Romans established case laws

Different types of Case Laws
- Ceremonial Laws
  - Jesus embodies the ceremonial laws now
- Civil Laws
- Moral Laws

NT Commandments
- Love God
- Love your neighbor

NT Pharisee is the Holy Spirit and always with you
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The **Angel** and the **Promise** (23:20-33)

Who is this Angel?

“My name is in him”

*The manifestation of the Lord’s **power**

*The embodiment of the Lord’s **promise**

*A Covenant with **great** opportunity

*A Covenant with **devastating** consequences

*The **enforcer** of God’s judgment

What will the Angel do?

- He will **guide** you
- He will **guard** you
- He will **instruct** you
- He will **protect** you
- He will **establish** you

What are the people to do?

*Listen* to what he says

*Do not rebel against him*

*Follow* him

*Do not **bow down** to false gods*

*Destroy the idols*

*Worship* the Lord

What will God do?

*Destroy* the enemies

*With **pestilence**

*With terror and **confusion**

*With wild animals and **insects**

*Drive* the enemies out of the Land

*Give the land to Israel*

*Satisfy* their every need

*Give them ample food and water*

*Take away **sickness**

*Make them fertile in childbearing*

*A long and prosperous **life**

*Establish* and **protect** your borders
Chapter 24: The Covenant is Ratified: Getting Everyone On Board

God **summons** His people (vs. 1-3)
First **Moses**, the leader
Then Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, the **supporters**
Next, the seventy **elders**
Finally, the entire **nation**

The Covenant is Ratified (vs. 4-8)
An **altar** is built
- **Twelve** Stones
- **Burnt** Offerings

The **blood** is shed
- Sprinkled on the **altar** (God’s portion)
- Sprinkled on the **people**
  - The **promises** have been made
  - The **consequences** are clear

God **reveals** Himself again (vs. 9-18)
God reveals His **glory**

God gives the **law**

God **instructs** Moses on proper worship
- Six days of **revealing** His glory
- Forty days of **giving** instruction
Chapter 25-31: The Tabernacle and Its Furnishings: Making Worship a Priority

**Plans** for the Tabernacle
- The funds are **raised**
- The plans are **given**

The Furnishings
- **The Ark**
- **The Table**
- **The Lampstand**
The Tabernacle

**Curtains** for the walls

Specific
Movable

The *Altar*

The *Courtyard*
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A Superior Tabernacle (Jesus) Hebrews 9:1-28

From an Earthly Replica to a Heavenly Reality
From constant upkeep to eternal perfection
From only one place to omnipresence
From Symbolic Rituals to Authentic Revelation
From a basin of water to “Fountain filled with blood”
From a table of showbread to the Bread of Life
From a golden lamp stand to the Light of the world
From an altar of incense to the Rose of Sharon
From the Mercy Seat to the Lord of Lords
From the Arc of the Covenant to the King of Kings
From the Altar of Sacrifice to the Lamb of God
From Temporary Relief to Eternal Restoration
From multiple sacrifices to “once and for all”
From covering sin to forgiveness of sin
From a Static Religion to a Dynamic Relationship
From limited access based on obedience to the law to total access based on the gift of God’s grace.
Chapter 32: The Golden Calf: Rebellion Leads To Chastisement

The **Recipe** For Rebellion (1-6)
- Moses (the leader) is **absent**
- The people grow **restless**
- Aaron gives in
  - Compare vs. 2-4 with 22-25
  - The **idol** was made
  - The **altar** was made
  - The **sacrifice** was offered
  - The **worship** was given
  - The **rebellion** was complete

God **Responds** to the Rebellion (7-10)
- God Reveals the **Sin**
- God Calls the leader
- He unveils the rebellion
- God Passes the **Judgment**
  - The **people** are condemned
  - The **sentence** is passed

Moses Cries for **Mercy** (11-14)
- A **plea** for forgiveness and grace
- God **relents**

Moses Returns to **Camp** (15-35)
- The **Tablets** were destroyed
- The **gold calf** was destroyed
- The Levites were **beckoned**
  - God’s wrath was started with the **sword**
  - God’s wrath was completed with the **plague**
Chapter 33: The Tent Of Meeting: A Fresh Word from the Lord

A **Reminder** of the Covenant Promise (1-6)

- The **land** is still yours
- God’s presence will be **withheld**
  - The **result** of sinful rebellion
  - The **restraint** of God’s anger

Moses Goes Before the Lord (7-11)

- The **Tent** of Meeting
  - An **ordinary** place to meet
  - The **expected** place to meet
  - A **personal** place to meet (face to face)

A Cry of **repentance** and **mercy** (12-16)

- "**Remember** your people”
- “We **need** your presence and power”
- “We **desire** to represent You on earth”

God **Restores** His Promise (17-23)

- “I will **cause my goodness** to pass in front of you”
- “I will **proclaim** my name”
- “I will have **mercy**”
- “I will have **compassion**”
- “I will **show** you my glory”
Chapter 34-40: A New Beginning: Same Wilderness, New Attitude

A Return to the **Mountain** (34:1-35)

New Stone Tablets (1-3)
- Moses has an **assignment**
- God makes a **promise**

Moses goes **up**, God comes **down** (4-9)

- Moses **took** the stones
- God **passed** by
  - God proclaimed His **name**
  - God defined His **nature**
    - Compassionate
    - Slow to anger
    - Abounding in love
  - Faithful
  - Justice

Moses **surrendered** in worship
- A **cry** for God’s help
- A **heart** of repentance

God Restates His **Covenant** (10-28)
- Israel will **be** God’s people on earth
- God will **go** before them with miraculous signs
- God will **overcome** their enemies
- The people are to **destroy** the idolatry in the land
- The people are not to make **treaties**
- Feasts and festivals will **commemorate** this covenant
- The **Sabbath** is strictly enforced
- The **sacrifices** are required
- The **words** are to be written and remembered
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Finally, the **Tabernacle** is Built

**Instructions** are given (35:1-29)

No work on the **Sabbath**

**Everyone** must contribute

Materials are to be **collected**

Skilled workers are **summoned**

**Key Leaders** are Commissioned (35:30-35)

**Bezalel**

Filled with the Spirit of God

Skilled ability

Knowledge of all crafts

**Oholiab**

Ability to teach others

Leadership abilities

The **Work** is done (36:1-39:43)

The **Tabernacle**

The **Ark**

The **Table**

The **Lampstand**

The Altar of **Incense**

The Altar of **Burnt Offerings**

The **basin** for washing

The **Courtyard**

The Priestly **Garments**

The **Ephod**

The **Breastplate**
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Finally, the Tabernacle is Built

Moses **inspects** the Work (39:32-42)

Piece by piece

**Perfection** is the standard

Moses **blessed** the work and the workers

Moses **anoints** the Work (40:1-16)

Oil on the **furnishings**

Oil on the Aaron and the **priests**

All **set apart** for the Lord

The Tabernacle is now Ready to be **Erected** (40:17-33)

**Everything** put in place

Moses “**finished**” the work

God **Moves** Into the Tabernacle (40:34-38)

The **presence** of the Lord **covered** the Tabernacle

A pillar of **cloud** by day and **fire** by night

The **Glory** of God

The **Presence** of God

The **Instruction** of God

The Exodus is now **Complete**