

Session Three – The Birth of a Nation: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Torah

- Genesis – Book of Beginnings
- Exodus – Birth of a Nation
- Leviticus – The Law of the Nation
- Numbers – Wilderness Wanderings
- Deuteronomy – The Law Reviewed (Jesus quotes from this book more than any other.)

Seven Dispensations in the Bible

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| 1. Innocence | Genesis 1:28 |
| 2. Conscience | Genesis 3:7 |
| 3. Human Government | Genesis 8:15 |
| 4. Promise | Genesis 12:1 |
| 5. Law | Exodus 19:1 |
| 6. Church (Grace) | Acts 2:1 |
| 7. Kingdom | Revelation 20:4 |

Exodus

1. The Exodus (Chapters 1-18)
 - a. Plagues
 - b. Passover
 - c. Crossing the Red Sea.
2. The Law (Chapters 19-24)
 - a. The Mosaic Covenant – conditional (if/then)
3. The Tabernacle (Chapters 25-40)
 - a. The Priesthood

Moses

- Born under ordained genocide.
- Delivered and raised in Pharaoh's Palace
- Burning Bush experience
 - Acacia bush – thorn bush of the desert
 - Fire: Judgement – bush not consumed (mercy/grace)
 - I AM that I AM – John 8:58

Ten Plagues – “against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment...”

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| 1. Water to Blood | Osiris, Isis, Horus |
| 2. Frogs | Hekt |
| 3. Lice (sand flies) | Geb |

4. Scarabs (swarms)	Amon-Ra
5. Murrain in animals	Apis, Hathor, Bubastis
6. Boils	Thoth, Apis, Serapis, Imhotep
7. Hail, Fire	Shu, Nut, Horus
8. Locusts	Nepri, Ermutet, Anupis
9. Darkness	Ra, Aten, Tem
10. Firstborn	Pharoah's own dynasty

Passover

- Life – beginnings of month (10th Nisan, 14th Nisan)
- Liberty – Delivered from bondage.
- Deliverance through the Blood
- Fellowship – memorial meal
- Prophetic – behold the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world; John 1:29

Egypt – Type of the World

- Material wealth and power
- Ruled by despot – type of Satan.
- Fleshly wisdom, false religion
- Persecuted the people of God.
- Overthrown by divine judgment.

The Crossing of the Red Sea – Exodus 14:13-14 – “the Lord will fight for you.”

God's Character and Mighty Acts:

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| • Judgment | Plagues |
| • Grace | Blood covering His final judgment. |
| • Might | Red Sea Crossing. |
| • Guidance | <i>Shekinah</i> glory (cloud and pillar of fire). |
| • Provision | Manna, water, clothing, quail |
| • Faithfulness | Abrahamic Covenant |
| • Presence | The Tabernacle |

Exodus: The Law

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| • Commandments (Moral law) | Chapters 19-20 – The Ten Commandments |
| • The Judgments (Social Law) | Chapters 21-22 |
| • The Ordinances (Religious Law) | Chapters 23-24 |

Why Was the Law Given?

- Reveal our sin nature Romans 7:7
- Understanding works fall short. Galatians 2:16
- Lead us to faith. Romans 3:28
- Jesus fulfilled the law – supersedes Romans 10:4; Romans 8:3-4

The Tabernacle – Exodus Chapters 25-40

Scripture devotes more space to the description of the Tabernacle than any single subject. Exact copy of what is in Heaven. Hebrews Chapters 9 – 10.

- Outer Court – Brazen Altar – burnt offerings; daily sacrifices (morning and evening)
- Holy Place
 - Menorah
 - Table of Shewbread
 - Golden Altar
- Veil
- Holy of Holies
 - Ark of the Covenant
 - Mercy Seat
 - Winged Cherubim.

Leviticus- The Law of the Nation

1. Requirement for Fellowship – Holiness
 - a. Precepts, Standards, Conduct
 - b. Penalties for Violations
2. Grounds for Fellowship – Sacrifice
3. The Walk of Fellowship – Separation

Levitical Offerings

- Voluntary – sweet aroma to the Lord – for Him
 - Burnt Offering
 - Meal Offering
 - Peace Offering
- Compulsory – Non-sweet – for us
 - Sin Offering
 - Trespass Offering

Heptadic Calendar (sevens)

- Week of Days Shabbat
- Week of Weeks Shavuot (Pentecost)
- Week of Months Religious Year
- Week of Years Sabbatical Year

- Seven Weeks of Years +1 50 Jubilee Year
 - All land reverts to its owners.
 - All slaves go free.
 - All debts are forgiven.
 - Acts 3:21 – the restitution of all things.

The Feasts of Israel

The Spring Feasts – March – Nisan

- Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Feast of First Fruits

Feast of Weeks – Pentecost

Fall Feasts – September – 7th Month – Tishri

- Feast of Trumpets
- Yom Kippur
- Feast of Tabernacles

Passover

- Lamb examined on the 10th of Nisan, Jesus was examined 6 times (three religious, three secular)
- Offered on the evening of the 14th of Nisan.
- Not a bone broken.
- Jesus is our Passover – John 1:29, 36; and I Corinthians 5:7

Feast of Unleavened Bread

- Leaven – symbol for sin – yeast – puffs up (pride).
- Three pieces of Matzah – one broken and hidden (the middle one) Trinity – Jesus
- Four Cups – Bringing out; Delivering; Blessing and Taking Out.

Feast of First Fruits. The day after the Sabbath after the Passover (17th of Nisan; the third day.

- Jesus is the “first fruit” of the resurrection: 1 Cor. 15:20
- The Holy Spirit is the first fruit given to us. Romans 8:23
- The wave offering – the promise of the harvest.

Feast of *Shavuot* – Pentecost

- Leavened Bread used – Gentiles.
- Birth of the Church on this feast day.

Feast of Trumpets – *Rosh HaShanna*

- The Great Blowing
- Celebration
- Jericho – on the 7th day they blew the trumpets, and the wall came down.

***Yom Kippur* – Day of Atonement**

- National Repentance
- High Priest enter Holy of Holies
- Scapegoat
- Blood of innocent animal – mercy seat

Sukkot: The Feast of Booths or Tabernacles

- Live in makeshift “tents” as a reminder of their time in the wilderness.
- Harvest festival celebrating the fall crops.
- Reminder of God’s great deliverance from Pharaoh and Egyptian bondage.

Numbers – The Wilderness Wanderings

Kadesh-Barnea

- 12 spies – the report and the decision
- Lost opportunity
- Unbelief

Images of Christ in Numbers

- Manna – bread to sustain them – Jesus, John 6:4
- Brazen Serpent – Symbol of Christ – John 3:14-16
- Water From the Rock (twice) - 1 Corinthians 10:4 – Jesus was the rock.
- The Camp of Israel – Judah 186K; Ephraim 108K; Reuben 151K; Dan 157k

Deuteronomy – The Laws Reviewed

Jesus Quotes Deuteronomy • 24 Times

Matt 4:4 & Deut 8:3; Matt 4:7 & Deut 6:16; Matt 4:10 & Deut 6:13 plus Deut 10:20;
Matt 5:21 & Deut 5:17; Matt 5:27 & Deut 5:18; Matt 5:31 & Deut 24:1; Matt 5:38 &
Deut 19:21; Matt 15:4 & Deut 5:16; Matt 18:16 & Deut 19:15; Matt 19:7 & Deut 24:1;
Matt 22:24 & Deut 25:5; Matt 22:37 & Deut 6:5; Mark 7:10 & Deut 5:16; Mark 10:4 &
Deut 24:1; Mark 12:19 & Deut 25:5; Mark 12:29-30 & Deut 6:4-5; Luke 4:4 & Deut 8:3;
Luke 4:8 & Deut 6:13 plus Deut 10:20; Luke 4:12 & Deut 6:16; Luke 10:27 & Deut 6:5;
Luke 18:20 & Deut 5:17-21; Luke 20:28 & Deut 25:5;

Deut 6:4-9 the *Sh'ma*

Deut 8:11-20 – do not forget the source of all your blessings.

Deut 28 – entire chapter – the conditional covenant – If/then.

Deut 34 – The death of Moses