



# Read Through The Bible In A Year

## Week 8 – The Religious & Ceremonial Law

*You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36*

### 1. Looking Back

The Children of Israel flee Egypt and find themselves at Mt. Sinai where Moses receives the 10 commandments from God. Provision is made for the tabernacle and the tribe of Levi is chosen to be the priestly class. During the time from the Exodus to entering the Promised Land, God reveals the Law, His rules for how the Jews are supposed to live and worship Him. Twelve Jewish spies enter the promised land to assess the situation. Of the 12 only Joshua and Caleb trusted God; the rest feared invading Canaan. For their lack of faith, God commands that they will wander in the Wilderness for 40 years.

#### About the books.

Exodus - Exodus records Israel's escape from slavery in Egypt and its 40-year+ journey in the Wilderness towards the Promised Land under Moses' leadership.

Leviticus - The third book of the Old Testament containing instructions for priests and worship.

Numbers - Fourth book of Old Testament that teaches the identity of the people of God, God's provision for authority over His people, and God's plan for their fulfillment as a nation.

Deuteronomy - English name of fifth book of Old Testament taken from Greek translation meaning, "second law" or the law a second time. Deuteronomy is the last of five books of Law also called the Pentateuch or Torah.

### 2. What happened in this week's reading. (Exodus, Number, Leviticus and Deuteronomy) Feb 15-21 (pp. 203-240)

- a. Moses Reviews History and Purpose
- b. The Lawgiver Urges Obedience
- c. The Laws of Moses – Introduction to the Laws

I. Religious and Ceremonial Laws (**Lesson 8**)

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II. Laws of Government (**Lesson 9**)

III. Laws of Special Crimes

IV. Personal Rights and Remedies

V. Marriage, Divorce, and Sexual Relations

VI. Health and Dietary Laws

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VII. General Welfare Laws (**Lesson 9**)

VIII. Rules of Warfare

IX. Responsibilities Under The Law

#### Three General Categories of the Law

1. The Religious & Ceremonial Law –  
How do we serve and worship God?

2. The Moral Law – Do's and Don'ts  
10 Commandments +  
1-4 Man's relationship with God  
5-10 Man's relationship with man

3. The Social/Civic Law – How do we  
live together in harmony and health

d. Religious and Ceremonial Laws

A. Laws Against Idolatry and Paganism

B. Laws Against False Spiritualists

C. Laws Regarding Blasphemy

D. Laws Requiring Dedications

E. Laws Requiring Tithing

F. Special Instructions for Conquest

G. Law of the Sabbath

H. The Special Feasts

I. Sacrifices and Offerings

J. Other Rituals

K. Rules for the Priests

L. The Sabbatical Year

M. The Year of Jubilee

N. Purification

Month	Jewish Feasts	Origin
April 14	Passover (Exodus 12)	<u>Deliverance</u> of Jews from Egypt
April 15-21	Unleavened bread (Exodus 12)	Bread taken by Jews out of Egypt
June 6	Pentecost (50 days), Weeks	Completion of wheat harvest
October 1,2	Feast of Trumpets, Rosh Hashanah (Lev 23:24-27)	Civil New Year
October 10	Day of Atonement (Num 29:7-11)	High Priest makes confession. Remember <b>the sins</b> of entire year.
October 15-21	Feast of Tabernacles	Wandering in the <u>wilderness</u>
December 25	Feast of Lights, Dedication, Hanukkah (John 10:22)	Temple rededicated in 164 B.C.
March 14, 15	Feast of Purim (Esther 9:16-32)	Failure of Haman's plot against Jews in Persia
Weekly	Sabbath (Lev 23:1-3)	Lord's rest after creation

**System of Sacrifices (Lev 1-7)**

- Burnt offerings – unblemished animals
- Grain offerings – expression of devotion
- Peace offerings - thanksgiving
- Sin offerings – unintentional sin
- Guilt offerings – atone for sin
- Special offerings – miscellaneous (Num. 28; Deut. 21; Lev. 22)

**3. What does it mean?**

a. Law make us Conscious of sin Romans 3:20; Romans 7:7, 13

Condemns us as unrighteous Romans 7:9-11

Removed hope of salvation Without Christ Galatians 3:24

b. Dangers of legalism Acts 15

c. Law of love Luke 13:10-17

d. Do I have to obey the Old Testament Law? **No. Gal 5:1 but New Covenant more demanding**

e. Do the Jews still make sacrifices for sin? **Not since 70AD when temple destroyed. Good works substituted for animal sacrifices.**

**4. Next Week.** The Law Redux – The Moral Law