



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 9 – Laws of Government & Special Laws

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)

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a. The Laws of Moses –Religious and Ceremonial Laws

- 1) Peace Offerings
- 2) Sin Offerings
- 3) Guilt Offerings
- 4) Special Offerings
- 5) Rules Pertaining to Offerings
- 6) Other Rituals
- 7) Rules for the Priests
- 8) The Sabbatical Year
- 9) Year of Jubilee
- 10) Purification

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

- a. After Childbirth
- b. For leprosy
- c. For Discharges
- d. Concerning Death

11) Persons Excluded from the Congregation

12) The Nazirite Vow

13) Vows of Dedication

14) Laws of Separation

b. Laws of Government

1) Concerning a King

2) Respect for Rulers

3) The Judicial System

- a. Establishment of Courts
- b. Fairness and Justice
- c. Witnesses
- d. Punishment

c. Laws of Special Crimes

1. Crimes Against the Person

- a. Homicide
- b. Feticide
- c. Kidnapping
- d. Mayhem
- e. Rape
- f. Assault

2. Crimes Against Property

3. What does it mean?

- a. Prosperity Gospel
- b. Capital punishment
- c. Can man be good without God?

4. Next Week. You're going to get another dose of the Law, focusing on baldness, boils, burns and household mold, not mention some unmentionables. Hang in there and don't grow weary because by the end of the week you'll be very close to entering the Promised Land. Unlike the Jews, it hasn't been 40 years for us, but it may have seemed like it.