

February 6/Day 37

Exodus 22

- Continuing from yesterday, the LORD is setting forth instructions for governing the people and judging disputes between the people.
- Do you remember in which commandment God tells us not to steal? (Exodus 20)

Verses 1-4

- Do you notice a thief must pay back what he took plus more?

Verse 5

- If your animal grazed in another man's field, is it considered stealing?

Verse 6

- Arson or accident.

Verse 7-9

- We are responsible for what happens to someone's possessions in our care.

Verses 10-15

- How many times have you loaned something to someone and they never returned it?

Verses 16-17

- What is supposed to happen when two unmarried people sleep together?

Verse 18

- What is a sorceress? What word would we call her nowadays? What is to happen to her?

Verse 19

- This is called bestiality and it is a disgusting abomination to God and every animal lover.

Verse 20

- How serious is it to worship a god other than the LORD?

Verses 21-24

- How are we to treat strangers, widows, and orphans?

Verses 25-27

- When we lend to God's people, how much interest are we to charge?
- When should we return our neighbor's cloak?

Verse 28

- How are we to respect God and our leaders?

Verses 29-30

- Do you remember the passage from before which states the firstborn are set apart for God?

Verse 31

- Is it a good practice to eat road kill? Or something we find already dead in the woods while we're hunting?

Exodus 23

Verses 1-2

- While this passage is speaking of giving a false report in court, I believe the same can be said for gossip. How many times have gossipers recruited others in their speaking evil of someone?
- We are not supposed to show partiality in the courts because someone has money or doesn't have money.

Verses 4-5

- Whose ox or donkey are you to return? Whose? Your friend's? Your neighbor's?
- Does finders-keepers apply here?
- How are we to help the one who hates us? Not easy, huh?!?

Verses 6-7

- How often do you think justice is perverted in our generation?

Verse 8

- Why are we not supposed to take bribes?

Verse 9

- We are not supposed to make strangers subservient to us or exercise authority over them just because they are strangers. I would note, though, that they would be subject to the same governing laws.

Verses 10-11

- Ask a farmer why this is important in replenishing the vitamins and minerals in the soil.
- In which year is the land to rest? It's a Sabbath for the land.

Verses 12-13

- More instruction on Sabbath rest and invoking other gods.

Verses 14-17

- Name the three times of the year a feast is to be celebrated to God.
- What do all the males do at these feasts?

Verses 18-19

- More instruction on sacrifice.

Verses 20-33

- Instruction on entering the land.
- Who will guard them in their travels and bring them into the land?
- Whose name is in this angel (messenger)?
- What will God do to the inhabitants of the land?
- What are they supposed to do with the gods of the inhabitants and their places of worship?
- How would their obedience affect God's provision and blessing?
- How long will it take to drive all the inhabitants out of the land?
- Please take note of the boundary of the land. If you have time, look this up on a map. Do the Israelites possess all the land God promised them?
- Why were they not to make covenant with the inhabitants and their gods or allow them to remain in the land?
- A snare is a trap.

Exodus 24

Verses 1-2

- Who was asked to approach the LORD?

Verses 3-8

- When Moses told all the people what God said, how did they reply? Have we seen them say this before?
- What did Moses do with the words God spoke to him?
- How many pillars did Moses erect on the altar at the foot of the mountain? What did the pillars represent?
- What two kinds of offering are offered? Hang onto this, we'll see more specific information later.
- Where all did Moses sprinkle the blood of the sacrifice?
- What is the book called from which Moses read the words of God?
- When they heard the words, what did they say AGAIN?
- What does verse 8 call the blood?
- How serious is a blood covenant? (Genesis 15)

Verses 9-11

- Who SAW God?
- What was under His feet?
- Moses, Aaron and the elders share a covenant meal here in the presence of God. Do you realize how awesome this is?

Verses 12-18

- What does the LORD tell Moses He will write for him on stone tablets?
- Who is mentioned again as a protégé of Moses?
- God's glory descended on the mountain in what form?
- How long did God's glory cover the mountain before He called Moses forward? So, on what day did God call Moses to Himself?
- How did God's glory appear to the people on the ground?
- Once Moses was called into God's presence, how long was he detained on the mountain?

See you tomorrow.