

## **Exodus 11-32**

Question: How would you describe the Christian God to someone?

### **Tenth Plague, Passover, and Consecration of First Born**

#### *Tenth Plague*

Read 11:1-10

- 11:1 God announces that he will bring one more plague to kill the first born of all of Egypt, and Israel will be set free
- God tells Moses to collect gold and silver from the Egyptians
- Pharaoh's heart has been hardened, and God has hardened it further

#### *Passover*

Read 12:1-51

- God gives instructions of what they must do when the tenth plague comes
- Tenth plague comes, firstborn of Egypt dies, and Pharaoh tells Israel to go
- Lived in Egypt for 430 years, and leaving with about six hundred thousand men (Mixed multitude, not including women and children)
- Some rules are instituted by God for the Passover, mainly that no foreigner or uncircumcised person can eat the Passover

#### *Consecration of the First Born*

Read 13:1-22

- God declares: *The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."*
- Moses tells the people that the Feast of Unleavened Bread is to remind them of the Lord's deliverance. This is to be observed every year
- Israel is directed to the Red Sea, because they may want to go back to Egypt

### *Question*

How does the Passover point to Christ?

What is the significance of the Covenant with the Patriarchs, and how does this impact God's dealings with Israel?

Does the Passover festival have relevance for Christians today?

### **Complain, Complain, Complain**

13:17-18:27

- Israel camps at the Red Sea
- Pharaoh's heart is hardened, and pursues after the Israelites
  - o Israel complains and is frightened
- The Lord parts the sea, the Israelites cross, but the Egyptians are drowned
- At Marah, the water was bitter
  - o Israel grumbles
- Israelites come to the Wilderness of Sin
  - o Israel grumbles and complain
- God sends quail and manna from heaven with rules for eating
- At Rephidim, the Israelites complain about having no water, Moses strikes a rock and water comes out
- Battle with Amalek, and win with the arm raising of Moses
  - o God promises to blot out the name of Amalek

### **The Commands**

#### *Ten Commandments*

Read 19:1- 20:21

- Israelites camp at Mount Sinai, and Moses meets God on the Mount
- Israel to be God's Priests and holy nation
- God, in three days, will be descend on the mountain, and made it holy
- When God comes, Moses and Aaron go up the Mountain

### *Book of the Covenant*

20:22-24:18

- This complex body of laws is known as the Book of the Covenant
- Can be separated into Moral, Ceremonial, Civil/Judicial (these distinctions are not made in Scripture)

#### *Moral Law*

Examples: Ten Commandments, penalties for failure to obey the laws

Purpose:

- to promote welfare of those who obey
- To illuminate the fallen state of mankind

#### *Ceremonial Law*

Examples: animal sacrifices, rejection of foods such as pork and rabbit, adhering to feasts

Purpose:

- Instructions of receiving a right standing before God (animal sacrifices)
- Remembrances of God's work in Israel (adherence to feasts)
- Regulations to distinguish them from the other nations (food restrictions)
- Practices that point to the coming Messiah (Resting on the Sabbath)

#### *Judicial/Civil Law*

Examples: Restitution, responsibilities of the wrong doer to the one who was wronged

Purpose:

- Morally cultural laws except the Ten Commandments
- To resolve conflicts within Israelite society

### *Question*

How are the Israelites doing as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation?

Do the Christians today need to follow the Ten Commandments, and the other commands?

### **Ark of the Covenant, Tabernacle, Priests**

25:1- 31:18

- Instructions given to the building of the Ark of the Covenant, and the building of the Tabernacle
- Aaron and sons are to be consecrated as priests
- God chooses artisans for the tabernacle
- God explains the Sabbath
- All that was said on Mount Sinai is written on two tablets

### *Question*

What do all these laws and instructions tell us about worshipping God?

### **Idol Worship**

*Read 32:1-32:35*

- Aaron leads Israel to create a Golden Calf to worship it
- God is displeased

### *Question*

What do the actions of God in these chapters tell us about Him and His character?

In what ways are the people of the Old Testament the same as the New Testament, and in what ways are they different?

### *Conclusion*

- Jesus is foreshadowed everywhere
- The Passover is a reminder to Christians of how God saves
- God has a serious love for his covenant people
- God is particular of how he is to be worshipped
- People have a serious love with their sinful nature