

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 07 Mar..... Ex 1-4 ..... Compassionate Action
- 2) 14 Mar..... Ex 5-10 ..... Divine Purpose
- 3) 21 Mar..... Ex 11-13 ..... Amazing Deliverance
- 4) 28 Mar..... Ex 13-15 ..... Persevering Faith
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24 ..... Easter Sunday
- 6) 11 Apr..... Ex 15-18 ..... Tested Devotion
- 7) 18 Apr..... Ex 19-24 ..... What Are Your Ground Rules
- 8) 25 Apr..... Ex 25-31 ..... Why do You Worship?
- 9) 02 May..... Ex 32-34 ..... What If You Falter?
- 10) 09 May..... Ex 35-40 ..... How Do You Contribute?
- 11) 16 May..... Lev 1-16 ..... Do Right When You Do Wrong
- 12) 23 May..... Lev 17-22 ..... Stay Away from Perverted Practices
- 13) 30 May..... Lev 23-27 ..... **Show Others Godly Grace**

**INTRODUCTION**

- If God is a just God why would He punish Israel or anyone 7 times for their sins?

Passage	Comments
Lev 26:14-39 (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv18, 24, 28 – 3 times this chapter iterates God will punish them 7 times. God is serious</li> <li>• v29 – Things would get so bad the Jews would eventually “eat the flesh” of their kids                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Fulfilled in 2 Kings6:29. Also see Lam 4:10; Jer 19:9; Ezek 5:10</li> <li>♦ Also, Josephus (Jewish Historian) tells of a woman named Mary, who, during the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD and in the extremity of the famine, killed her sucking child, roasted, and had eaten part of it when discovered by the Roman soldiers! Mat 24:19</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Lev 26:40-46	<p><b>Repentance = Restoration of Blessings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Jews repent of their sins, then God would restore fellowship and prior blessings as if nothing had happened..... Joel 2:25; Zech 10:6</li> </ul>
Lev 27	<p><b>Valuation Rules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is a just God and He wants His people to be just and equitable toward others</li> <li>• vv30 –When someone had to withhold paying their tithe due to economic or personal reasons, they would be required to add a 20% penalty</li> </ul>

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Lev 23	<b>Major Jewish Holidays</b> – See table below
Lev 24	<b>Law of Retaliation (eye for eye, life for life)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The penalty is to fit the crime, not to exceed it</li> </ul>
Lev 25	<b>Sabbatic Year (every 7 years) and 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Jubilee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land was to remain fallow every 7<sup>th</sup> year and in the 50<sup>th</sup> year</li> <li>• God would provide extra food in the 6<sup>th</sup> year to feed the nation during every 7<sup>th</sup>/49<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>/51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> year ..... 25:20-22</li> <li>• Every 50 years Israel would re-baseline property ownership and eliminate all debt</li> <li>• The Jews have never formally celebrated the Year of Jubilee (possible millennial event)</li> </ul>
Lev 26:1-13	<b>Obedience = Blessings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Jews fully obeyed God’s commands they would have plenty of food, no threat of war, no poverty/slavery, and no sickness ..... 26:3-13</li> </ul>
Lev 26:14-39	<b>Disobedience = Annihilation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Jews forsake God, then they can expect God to punish them 7 times more for their sin                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 7x is a metaphor for complete judgment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• They would incur poverty, war, sickness</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION:**

- God prefers to bless His people with unbelievable joy and peace, but He is prepared to coax His people to repentance by implementing just punishments should they stray
- Many of the laws within Leviticus may seem archaic and non-applicable to us 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians, but be aware that the Levitical priests shall never lack a man to offer burnt offerings before the Lord (Jeremiah 33:18; Ezek 44), at least while the earth is in existence (Jer 33:19-22)

**NEXT WEEK:**

Start of 1 & 2 Corinthians – the making, breaking and repair of a New Testament Church

Sacred Days	Jewish Calendar	Our Calendar	Purpose / Description
Sabbath	7 <sup>th</sup> Day	Same	Rest for people and animals
Sabbath Year	7 <sup>th</sup> Year	Same	Rest for land
Year of Jubilee	50 <sup>th</sup> year	Same	Help for poor; re-baseline society; canceled debts; liberation of slaves and indentured servants; land returned to original family owners
Passover	1 <sup>st</sup> month (Abib), 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar-Apr	Remember Israel’s deliverance from Egypt;
Unleavened Bread	1 <sup>st</sup> month (Abib), 15-21	Mar-Apr	Remember how the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt in haste by eating bread without yeast
First Fruits	1 <sup>st</sup> month (Abib), 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mar-Apr	Recognize the Lord’s bounty in the land; Present a wave offering, burnt offering and a grain offering
Weeks (Pentecost/Harvest)	3 <sup>rd</sup> month (Sivan), 6 <sup>th</sup>	May-June	Show joy and thankfulness for the Lord’s blessing of harvest
Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah/News Years)	7 <sup>th</sup> month (Tishri), 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept-Oct	An assembly on a day of rest commemorated with trumpet blasts and sacrifices
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	7 <sup>th</sup> month (Tishri), 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sept-Oct	Annual day of rest, fasting and sacrifices to make atonement for the priests and people; and to purify the sanctuary
Booths (Tabernacles/ Ingathering)	7 <sup>th</sup> month (Tishri), 15-21	Sept-Oct	Memorialize the journey from Egypt to Canaan; give thanks for the productivity of Canaan
Holy Convocation	7 <sup>th</sup> month (Tishri), 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept-Oct	Commemorate the closing of the cycle of feasts
Purim	12 <sup>th</sup> month (Adar), 14-15	Feb-Mar	Commemorate the national deliverance in the time of Esther