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

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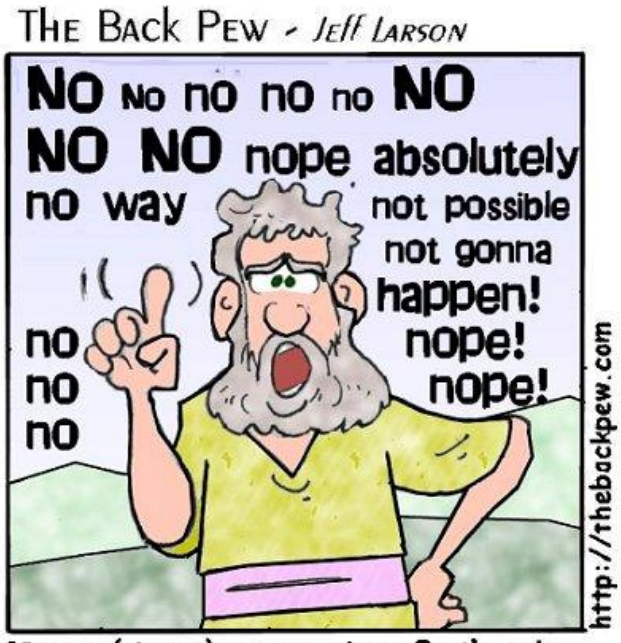
Passage	Comments
Lev 17	**Life of the Flesh is in the Blood..... vv11-14** • Somehow God made it possible for a life to be an atonement for "souls" [05315 nephesh]. In other words one life (i.e., Christ) atones many lives through the shedding of HIS blood
Lev 18 & 20	**Incest, Homosexuality, Bestiality are outlawed** • These 2 chapters are very specific with whom a man could not marry or have sex with – and, I would add these are universal & timeless laws. A man should not have as a wife or as a sexual partner the following: ◆ Mother or step-mother; sister or half-sister ◆ Daughter-in-law or grand-daughter ◆ Aunt or aunt-in-law; sister-in-law ◆ His wife's daughter, or wife's grand-daughters (2nd marriage) ◆ His wife's sister (Jacob would be in trouble) ◆ His neighbor's wife (adultery forbidden) ◆ Nor any male (homosexuality forbidden) ◆ Nor any animal (bestiality forbidden) • These sexual sins plus idolatry and child sacrifices prompted God to utterly wipe out the Amorites/Canaanites, Sodom & Gomorrah, and Noah's contemporaries v18:27-28
Note 1: Sex and PMS (Principle of interpreting doctrine within context)	**Lev 18:19** – "You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her menstrual impurity." (Note: This is within the context of an immoral/illegal relationships) – But what's the punishment for this sin? **Lev 20:18** – "If a man lies with a menstruous woman … thus both shall be cut off from among the people." (Note: Again, this is within the context of an immoral and illegal relationship) **Lev 15:24** – "If a husband lies with his wife while she's in her menstrual impurity he shall be unclean 7 days." (Note: This is within the context of ritual purity within a moral/legal relationship. So it was not a sin to have sex with a wife while she was on her cycle. It was to minimize transmittal of communicable diseases)
Note 2: Principle of adding sin onto sin	• There is a concept that sins can accumulate and some sins are worse than others based on their severity of punishment (i.e., restitution vs. the death penalty), so having sex with an off limits woman is double jeopardy when she is on her period
	• Recall that God would destroy the Amorites (i.e., the Canaanites, Hittites, Jebusites, Hivites, Perizzites, etc.) in the Promise Land once their sins of sexual debauchery, idolatry, and child sacrifices were completed ..... Gen 15:16 & 1Kings 21:26
Lev 19	**Be Holy for God is Holy – but HOW?** • Respect Mom & Dad & keep the Sabbath.....v3 • Stay true to serving God (no idolatry).....vv4-8 • Take care of the poor & weak, and implement justice .....vv9-15 • Love your neighbor as yourself.....vv16-18 • Treat your slaves fairly and justly .....vv20-22 • Treat the elderly with respect .....v32 • Keep God's applicable commandments
Lev 21 & 22	**Laws for Priests and for the Sacrifices** • Tighter restrictions on the religious leaders for who they could and could not marry; how to dress; how to shave; and how to work • James 3:1 - My brethren, let not many of you become teachers/leaders, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment (more accountable)

CONCLUSION: Fortunately for many today sexual looseness does not provoke the death penalty. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that many of them were once such sinners, but the grace of God has cleansed them 1Cor 6:9-11

NEXT WEEK: Lev 23-27 – If Israel would obey God's commandments they would be blessed with prosperity beyond measure (no poor in the land, no sickness in the land and no crime in the land). If they do not obey they will be punished 7 times more for their sins until they repent



Moses (above) summarizes God's rules for sex in Leviticus 18. What seems obvious today had to be all spelled out to the Jews at that time.