

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

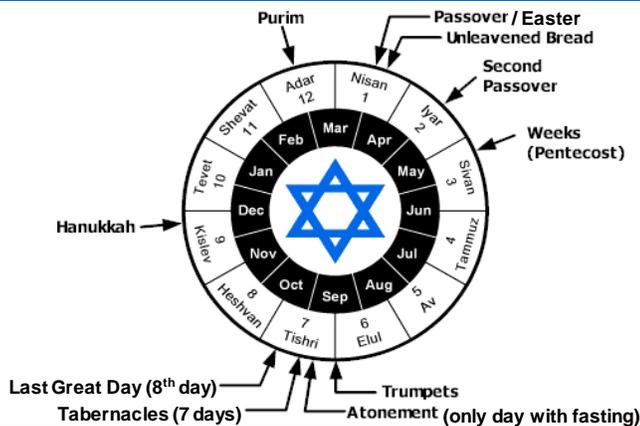
- 1) 01 Dec 2019 .....Numbers 01-09 .....God Leads
- 2) 08 Dec .....Numbers 10-14 .....God Judges
- 3) 15 Dec .....Numbers 15-20 .....God Requires
- 4) 22 Dec .....Numbers 21 / Matthew 1 .....God Saves
- 5) 29 Dec .....Numbers 22 .....God Calls
- 6) 05 Jan 2020 .....Numbers 23-27 .....God Commissions
- 7) 12 Jan.....Numbers 28-36 .....God Expects**
- 8) 19 Jan.....Deuteronomy 5 & 19 .....Valued
- 9) 26 Jan.....Deuteronomy 1-4 .....Honored
- 10) 02 Feb.....Deuteronomy 5-6 .....Loved
- 11) 09 Feb.....Deuteronomy 7-18 .....Revealed
- 12) 16 Feb.....Deuteronomy 20-30 .....Chosen
- 13) 23 Feb.....Deuteronomy 31-34 .....Promised

**INTRODUCTION**

• In these last chapters, we will cover over 260 verses dealing with sacrifices and offerings, change of leadership, equitable land distribution and rights of inheritances, fasting, dividing war booty, making vows, executing vengeance, genocide, consequences of rash judgments, capital punishment, and possibly how to prevent war-induced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – so hang on

Passage	Comments
28:1-31 29:1-40	<p><b>Mandatory &amp; Voluntary Sacrifices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continual Burnt Offering.</b> God instituted animal sacrifices every day, every weekend, and on every feast day. The daily sacrifice included a lamb in the morning and another lamb in the evening along with a grain offering and a drink offering to be consumed totally by fire. – <b>What was the significance of this? See offering Table for frequency of sacrifices</b></li> <li>• You Shall Do No Laborious Work.....repeated 7x             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ God firmly believed in Holidays with no work</li> <li>♦ U.S. Government has ~10 sanctioned holidays/yr</li> <li>♦ God's calendar has ~20 non-working holidays/yr</li> <li>♦ God tried to instill a festive culture for Israel</li> <li>♦ <b>Heaven is going to be festive with lots of feasting</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• When more than one kind of offering was presented (as in Numbers 6:16-17), the sequence was:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sin offering / trespass offering</li> <li>2. Burnt offering / grain offering</li> <li>3. Peace offering / drink offering</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>First</b>, sin had to be dealt with (sin / trespass offering)</li> <li>• <b>Second</b>, the worshiper committed himself completely to God (burnt offering / grain offering).</li> <li>• <b>Third</b>, fellowship / communion between the Lord, the priest and the worshiper (peace offering) was made</li> <li>• <b>NOTE:</b> We cannot have fellowship with God without being cleansed from sin and fully committed to Him</li> </ul>

**Jewish Calendar**



Source: <http://www3.telus.net/public/kstam/en/temple/details/calendar.htm>

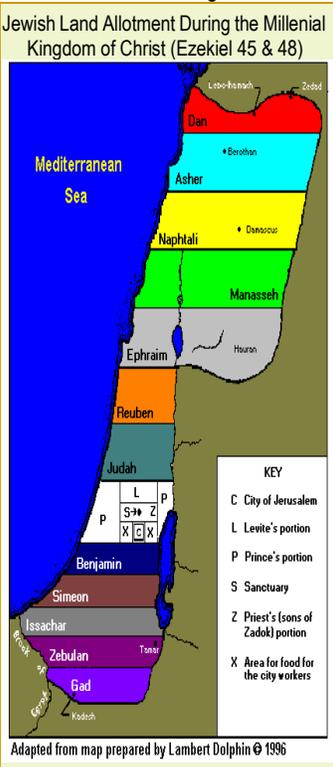
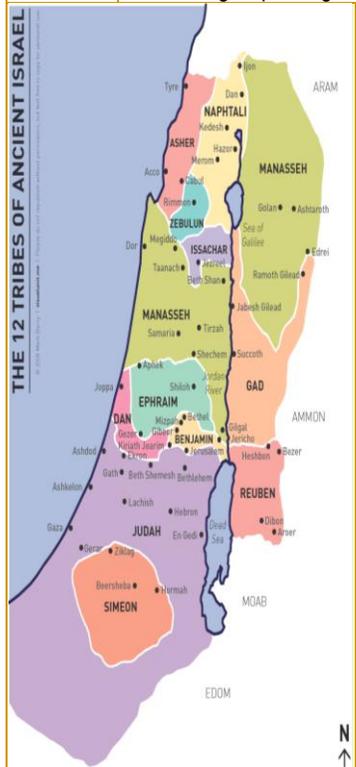
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30:1-16	<p><b>Vows of Men, Women, Widows, and Divorcees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God takes vows seriously, then and now</li> <li>• Are we true to our promises we give to others?</li> <li>• Do we keep our word even if it costs us?</li> <li>• <b>Psalms 15:1-4</b> "Who shall abide in God's House? ...He who swears to his own hurt &amp; does not change"</li> </ul>
31:1-54	<p><b>Executing God's Vengeance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-3. God told Moses to "execute the Lord's vengeance on Midian" for causing Israel to sin</li> <li>• vv14-18. God's vengeance included slaying every male and non-virgin female ..... <b>Why such brutality?</b></li> <li>• vv19-20. <b>Ancient cure for PTSD</b> – Before being allowed to go home, soldiers had 7 days to de-stress             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ They were segregated away from society for 7 days. All they could do within their support groups was talk, rest, recuperate – basically unwind</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv48-54. <b>Nobody Killed in War.</b> The military officers were so grateful for this rare event, they gave God an additional thanksgiving offerings of war booty             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ All other battles God sanctioned in Scripture, good men often died – there was no guarantee of coming through war unscathed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
32:1-42	<p><b>Reuben, Gad and 1/2 tribe of Manasseh Request to Settle to the West of the Promised Land</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again, God has no issues with a change to His plan</li> <li>• God is flexible, assuming His people have honorable intentions</li> <li>• v23. "Your sin will find you out." Nothing is hidden from God. What is 'done in Vegas' will one day be shouted from the roof top. Fools do not consider the consequences of their folly ..... <b>Pr 6:32; Lam 1:9</b></li> </ul>
33:1-56	<p><b>Consequences of Disobedience is Never Good</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v2. God commands Moses to keep track of all the places they traveled to</li> <li>• vv3-49. Moses records 41 pit stops over a 40-year period – about 1 pit stop per year average</li> <li>• vv50-54. God commands Israel to "drive out all the inhabitants of the land"</li> <li>• <b>What is behind this command?</b> It sounds quite unchristian to be hostile toward strangers, to slay them or make them homeless and destitute refugees</li> </ul>

Festival (* No Work Day)	Burnt Offering			Sin Offering
	Bulls	Rams	Lambs	Goats
Daily			2	
Weekly (every Sabbath)*			4	
New Moon (every month)*	2	1	7	1
Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover, 7 days)**	2	1	7	1
<b>7 days total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7</b>
Feast of Weeks*	2*	1*	7	1
Feast of Trumpets	1	1	7	1
The Day of Atonement*	1	1	7	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 1*	13	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 2	12	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 3	11	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 4	10	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 5	9	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 6	8	2	14	1
Feast of Tabernacles - Day 7	7	2	14	1
<b>7 days total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>7</b>
The Last Great Day (8th day)*	1	1	7	1
<b>Over 1000 animals sacrificed annually, not counting individual offerings</b>				

Source: <http://www3.telus.net/public/kstam/en/tabernacle/details/offerings.htm>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Answer.</b> Scripture tells us that God wanted to “utterly” destroy the 7 nations of Canaan (the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, Girgashites) with no pity, for their horrific sins of immorality, homosexuality, child sacrifice, bestiality, and sorcery, (cf <a href="#">Lev 18</a>; <a href="#">Deut 7:16</a>; <a href="#">9:4</a>; <a href="#">12:31</a>; <a href="#">18:14</a> <a href="#">20:16,17</a>; <a href="#">Josh 6:21</a>; <a href="#">11:20</a>)</li> <li>• v55. If the Jews failed to drive out the inhabitants of the land the consequence would be the influence to leave God and chase after false gods and immorality</li> <li>• v56. ...and God would be forced to annihilate His own people. DID THE JEWS LISTEN TO GOD?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Another tough aspect of this passage, “What I plan to do to them, I will do to you,” is the principle that God sends wrath on those who love the wicked and hate the Lord.....<a href="#">2Chron 19:2</a></li> <li>♦ So, we need to love what God loves and hate what He hates, or we could not only lose His blessings, but incur His wrath. <b>What would that look like?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

34:1-29	<p><b>The Boundaries of Israel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-12. Israel's landmass is equivalent to New Jersey; about 10,000 sq miles (260 miles x 70 miles)                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The left map below reflects Ancient Israel's land boundaries. The right map reflects land boundaries during the Millennial Kingdom</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>How did such a small nation have such a major impact on the world?</b> Consider that God has put Jerusalem at the “center of the world” ..... <a href="#">Eze 5:5</a>; <a href="#">38:12</a></li> <li>• Consider the number of Nobel Prize winners of Jewish heritage (165 from a nation of only 12M, or 0.2% of world's population) vs all Muslim nations combined (20% of world's population) have only received 6 Nobel prizes.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From this simple statistic, which people group has had a more positive impact on the modern world, and which group has given the world the most grief?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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35:1-34	<p><b>Cities of Refuge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v7. The Levites were allocated 48 cities within Israel. Recall Jacob's blessings on Simeon and Levi...“I will scatter them throughout Israel” .....<a href="#">Gen 49:5-7</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Simeon was scattered within Judah, and Levi inherited cities throughout Israel ..... <a href="#">Joshua 19:1</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• v6. 6 of those 48 cities would be cities of refuge where falsely accused killers could reside so they would not be killed by a relative (blood avenger) of the slain: 3 cities east of the Jordan river and 3 cities west of the Jordan ..... see <a href="#">Joshua 20:7-9</a> and map</li> <li>• v19. The blood avenger was allowed to deliver justice (they did not have sheriffs in those days)</li> <li>• v30. However, no person shall be put to death on the testimony of only one witness (a timeless principle)</li> <li>• v33. Blood pollutes the land and must be atoned for by the one who sheds it (i.e., life for life)</li> </ul>



God established 6 cities of refuge for the new Jewish nation

36:1-13	<p><b>Land Allotments Must Stay Within Each Tribe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v7. “No inheritance shall be transferred from one tribe to another tribe”                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ This law keeps the land of each tribe fixed forever</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Zelophehad sisters had one stipulation – they could marry whomsoever they wanted – BUT, within their own tribe so their land would remain in the tribe                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ v11. ...so, they married their cousins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- God may mercilessly slay the wicked at times, but God yearns for the wicked to repent. Recall that God does not take pleasure even in the destruction of the wicked ([Ezek 18:23](#); [33:11](#)).
- **Sacrifices.** The sacrifices we should perform today should include:
  - ♦ Obedient living – ‘this is our reasonable sacrifice’ .....[Rom 12:1](#)
  - ♦ Sacrifice time to serve in ministry and money to support ministries and the weaker members who are not prodigal . [1Cor 9](#); [Act 4:35](#)

**NEXT WEEK: Deuteronomy 5 & 19. Value of Life.** Should our value of life match what we see in the Bible? If so, how do we view passages in the Bible where God's people are commanded to kill without showing pity or mercy?