

Pastor's Bible Study
Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Exodus 16 - 24

Review

Literary Period Covered: 1436/7 B.C.E.

Review and Introduction

- Moses and Aaron have led the people out of Egypt.
- How are Moses and Aaron going to provide for the people as they lead them to the promised land?

Lecture Segment

- Food to feed the approximately 2,000,000 million
 - Exodus 16
 - Instructions to be followed to which they will be tested
- Water to sustain life as they travel
 - Exodus 17:1-7
- Protect them as they are vulnerable to attack
 - Exodus 17:8-16
 - Joshua chosen to lead
 - Moses uses the staff
 - Defeat the descendants of Esau
- They need Leadership – more than just Moses and Aaron
 - Exodus 17:18
 - Moses selected capable men from all the people—men who feared God, trustworthy men who hated dishonest gain—and appointed them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens

The First of Two Gifts

The Ten Commandments (*decalogue*=10 words) are ten principles for living in harmony with God and with other human beings. The first four deal with our relationship with God. The final six deal with our relationships with other people.

We view them as Laws but they are more closely a set of biblical principles relating to ethics and worship that play a fundamental role in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The text of the Ten Commandments appears twice in the Bible: at Exodus 20:2–17 and Deuteronomy 5:6–21.

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Conclusion

- We've seen the movie! There's more to the story.
- The Law is only part of the gift the Israelites are to receive.
- Beginning with Chapter 25 through 40 Moses will be given the blueprints for the Tabernacle.

Encounter the Word Lecture Segment

Read Exodus 25 - 40

As you read think reflect and answer the following questions:

1. What was the purpose of this tabernacle? What other Old Testament structure will be compared to it?

2. Who were to be the priests of Israel?

3. What is the difference between the Ark of the Covenant and the Ark of Testimony?

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