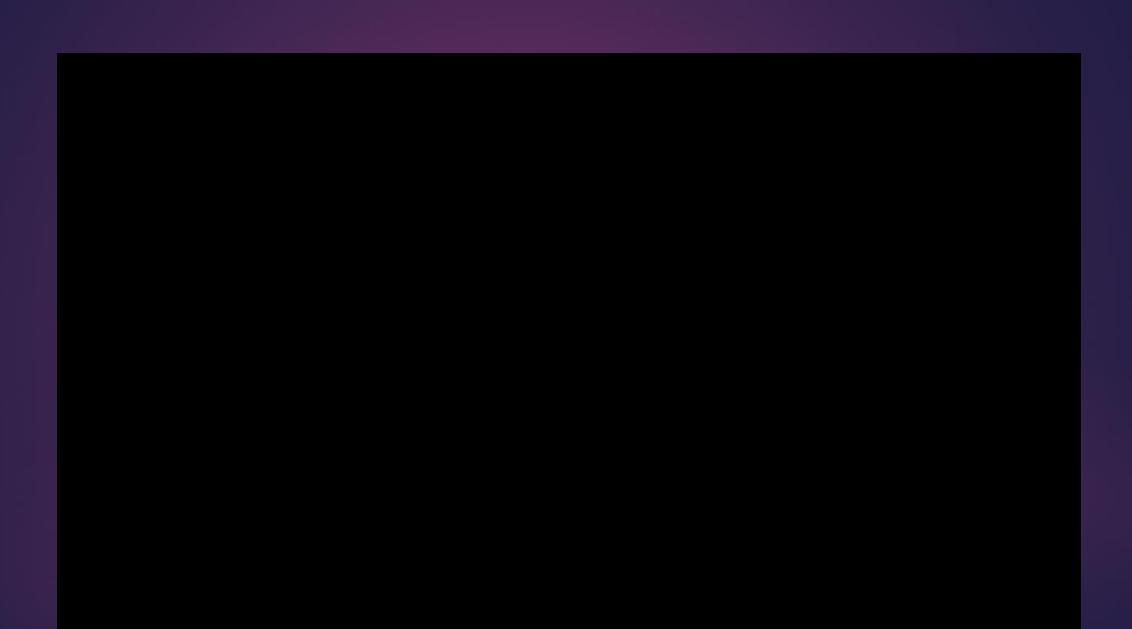
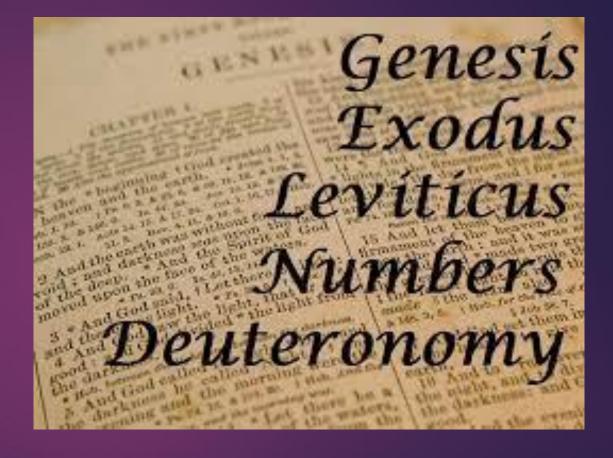
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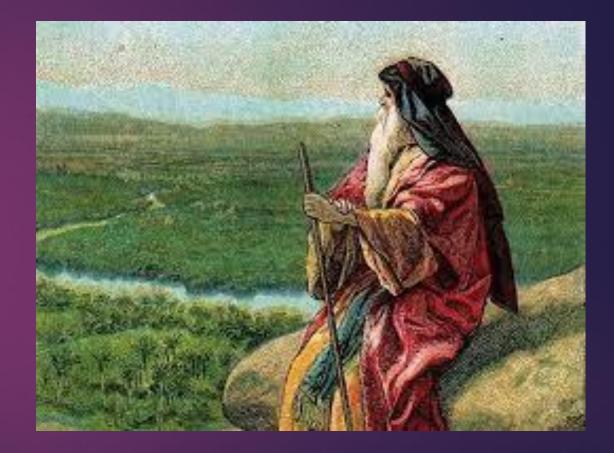
## The Pentateuch



*Purpose: -To orient them to one God.* 

-To show His intention in creation <u>for relationship</u>.

*-To reveal His character, standards and promise.* 



Key Verses: The Call and Blessing of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



# Exodus 19-40: The Law and the Tabernacle

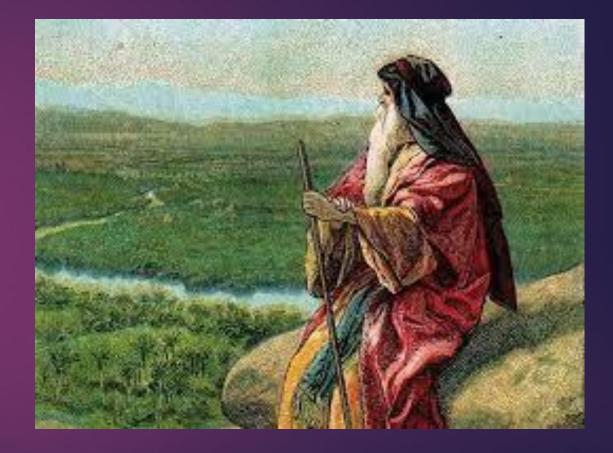


Divisions:

Exodus 1-18: The Exodus from Egypt: Israel's Redemption

Exodus 19-24: A Nation is Formed: Mosaic Covenant

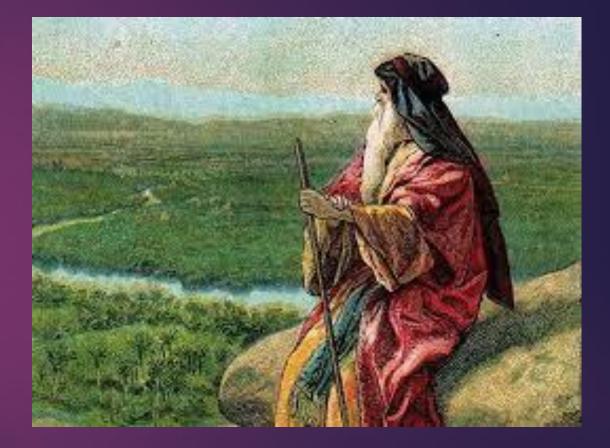
Exodus 25-40: The Tabernacle: God dwells with His people again



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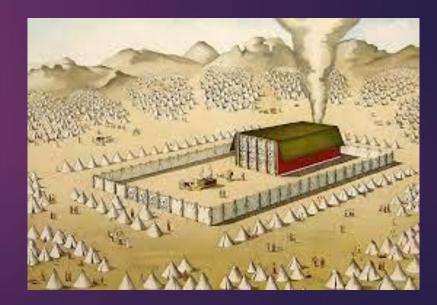
#### Exodus 12: The Passover

Exodus 19: Israel at Mt. Sínaí.



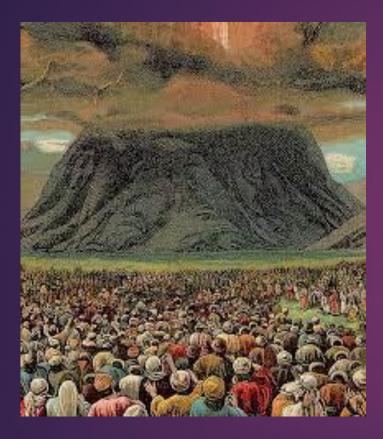
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And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt <u>that I might dwell among them</u>. I am the LORD their God.



# Group Discussion

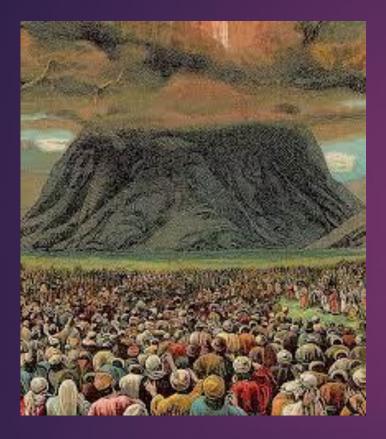












They are told if they obey His laws, they will become a kingdom of priests.









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Genesis 15

Genesis 12

Genesis 3:15





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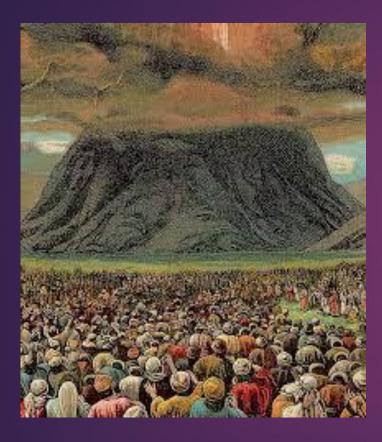
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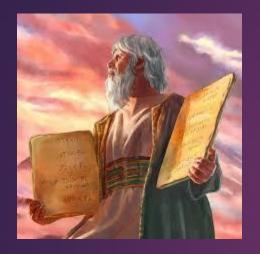
→God's promises are given by <u>grace</u>, we believe them by <u>faith</u> and we evidence that faith by <u>works</u> (law). <u>Genesis 49</u> <u>Genesis 15</u> <u>Genesis 12</u> <u>Genesis 3:15</u>

**Unconditional** 





These are the <u>terms</u> of the covenant and describe how they are going to relate to each other, worship, social justice, etc. They are to be different than the other nations.



-Ex 20:22-26: Idols and Altars
-Ex 21:2-11-Hebrew Servants
-Ex 21:12-35: Personal Injuries
-Ex 22:1-15: Protection of Property
-Ex 22:16-31: Social responsibility
-Ex 22:16-31: Laws of Justice and Mercy
-Ex 23:14-19: Annual Festivals



Moses <u>writes</u> down all the words of the Law. He reads it before the people, they offer sacrifices, and the <u>blood</u> of the covenant is thrown on them. Then Moses, Aaron and the elders go up the mountain and eat and drink in a <u>meal</u> (communion/fellowship) with the Lord.

#### The New Covenant

Luke 22: "Covenant in My Blood" The Last Supper

Hebrews 8: Law written on our hearts





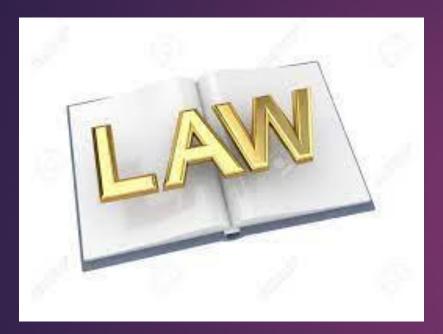
#### What was the purpose of the Law?

Exodus 19-24-the primary <u>purpose</u> was to forge 2.5 million people into one nation with national identity, culture, and values. -It was to <u>reveal</u> the character of God and that He is the One true God.

-It was to show Israel how to live in fellowship with Yahweh. -Lastly, it was <u>redemptive</u>-it was meant to show Israel how they fell short.



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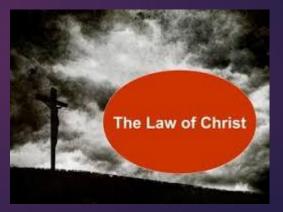
#### Deuteronomy 4:8

#### "What other nation has rules so righteous as all this law?"

#### The Torah was <u>life-giving</u> instruction!

What is the role of the OT law in the life of the believer today?

We are under the law of Christ! (New constitution for a new covenant) See: -Galatians 5-6 -1 Cor 9:19-23 -Matthew 22:34-40 -Romans 7:4-6 -Matthew 28:18-20

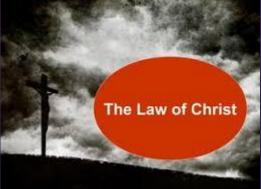


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 $\rightarrow$  The law of Christ embraces the <u>ethical</u> values of the OT Law, but it doesn't call for the same enforcement. The church is not a <u>nation</u>.

 $\rightarrow$  Are any of the OT Laws valid? Where they are repeated and reinforced by the NT authors, they become part of the commands of Christ (10 commandments).

•Questions?



#### BREAK



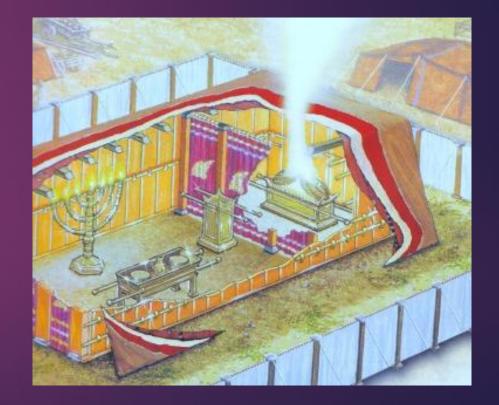
#### Exodus 25-40: The Tabernacle-God's Presence with His People

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. ~Hebrews 8:5



#### Exodus 25-40: The Tabernacle-God's Presence with His People





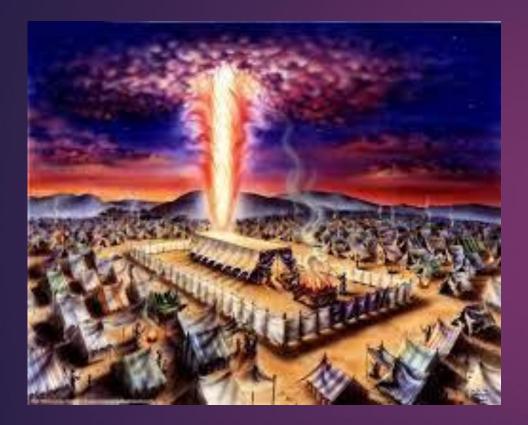
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•Exodus 32-34: While Moses delays, the people abandon the covenant and tell Aaron to create a god they can see and worship. God burns with anger-the text invites us into God's grief and pain over their rebellion again

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ~*Exodus 34:6-7* 

### Exodus 25-40: The Tabernacle-God's Presence with His People



•Exodus 40: The tabernacle is assembled and God's glory and presence fill the tabernacle.

From Eden, God created a place where He could dwell with His creation but because of man's sin, we have been removed from God's presence. Man went on to create <u>cities</u>/dwelling places that operated on man's terms without God (Babel, nations, kingdoms). But God continued to pursue His creation, calling out one family through whom He could make Himself known to the world. After rescuing them from physical slavery in Egypt, He forges them into one nation putting them under His law and instructing them to build a place where He can dwell with them.

# •All of this is meant to point to a "more perfect tent" (Hebrews 9;11) and a city that is to come...

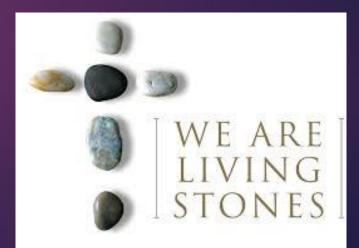


For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God (Hebrews 11:10)

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city (Hebrews 11:16)



As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:4-5)



And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God (Revelation 21:2-3)



For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel....Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:18-24, 28-29)

#### Summary of Exodus 19-40

After rescuing the family of Abraham from physical slavery in Egypt, God brings them to Mt. Sínaí where He forges them into one nation under His law. The people agree to obey the covenant and it is ratified with blood, a meal, and the writing of the law on stone tablets. God then gives details instruction on how He going to dwell in their midst in a "<u>mini-Eden</u>" called the tabernacle.

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Yet, we see that the people not only needed rescue from physical slavery but from their own hearts and their slavery to sin as they quickly turn from the covenant and make a god for themselves. But God chooses to remain steadfast to His covenant, revealing He is a God rich in mercy and steadfast love. The tabernacle is constructed, and God's presence fills it. In the closest return to Eden, God dwells again with His people. Yet, there is still a problem. They cannot just enter the tabernacle and commune with God. They need a representative priesthood....

# Discussion/Sharing Time

1. Do you think is harder or easier to not be under the Mosaic Law? Why or why not?

2. Do we view the law/commands of Christ as good and life-giving or do we see His commands as burdensome and limiting?

3. Personal reflection: What commands of Christ do you need to submit to today?

4. How does thinking of the tabernacle as a picture of Eden point to God's desire to dwell with His people? How will you think of the tabernacle differently or see it as a shadow of our hope for an eternal sanctuary with God?

5. Any other thoughts/takeaways?

## Homework:



- Read Levítícus (Listening is great!)
- Work through the study guide as you read.
- Consider getting additional resources to help in your study time.
- Next Study: Tuesday, February 21
- Fellowship time: February 7-Movie: Making of the Bible by Tim Mackie

 $\rightarrow$  Mother/Daughter Retreat-May 19-21-Speaking on Ruth! Only about 50 spots left.

<u>Sources Used</u>: ESV Study Bible Logos Hill, Andrew E & John Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament.* Grand Rapids: 2009. The Bible Project: The Torah Series Cedarville University: Dr. Miller Old Testament Literature Course