

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

01.29.2023 WEEK 4 NOTES:

This past week, you've finished **Exodus 13-32**. Here are a few highlights:

- **Exodus 13 - 14:** Pharaoh finally lets God's people go. The Red Sea is the **greatest Old Testament miracle for the Jews**. They are told to remember it. Christians replaced it with the Lord's Supper.
- **Exodus 15 - 18:** God leads his people in the wilderness. They complain about food and water. **God meets their every need**, as he promised to do for us as well. But, **grumbling and complaining is sin**. It shows unbelief and God does not like it. Finally, Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, gives wise advice to allow others to help Moses with leadership & oversight of the two million plus people. Moses agrees and it lightens his load.
- **Exodus 19 - 24:** The people of Israel are led to Mt. Sinai where God enters into his special **covenant with his people**. They are described as his "treasured possession among all peoples." Moses goes up on the mountain to meet with God. There, **God gives Moses the Ten Commandments**. These commandments are for all times, God's moral law. They express God's moral and holy character. God also gives Moses laws about overseeing a civil society and how to worship him. Finally, God addresses the **conquest of the Promised Land** to where he is leading his people.
- **Exodus 25 - 32:** God gives instructions about building the Tabernacle. **Don't read this section too casually**. Note how often **God uses the word "Holy"** to instruct what he wanted this mobile worship unit to look like. The Holy Place...the most holy place...the garments of the priests were to be holy...the placard on Aaron's turban was to say "Holy is the Lord." And many more. **Don't forget that God's major characteristic is his holiness**. Sinlessness. Purity. He wants us to be that kind of people as well. But we are sinful. Unholy. Impure. This is why there are so many specific offerings, many of them blood offerings, the people had to do them in Leviticus.

God is holy. We are not (in our sinfulness). There must be blood atonement sacrifices offered for the forgiveness of sin on a repeated basis. In the New Testament, Jesus is that perfect lamb whose blood is shed for the forgiveness of our sins FOREVER! Once and for all. Are you beginning to see how the entire Bible fits together? Just amazing. ~ David