

Sunday School Notes

February 28, 2021

The first commandment – You shall have no other gods before me. Ex. 20:1-3 and Deut. 5:6-7; God's name: Exodus 34:11-17.

A related story: Numbers 22:1-39 Balak summons Balaam; Jeremiah 17:9-10 the problem with our hearts; Proverbs 4:23 guarding; Proverbs 17:3 God testing the heart; James 1:13-15 the process of being led away by our desires.

Balaam taking advantage of Balak and Moab's fear. The First Oracle (Numbers 23:1-12); Balaam's Second Oracle (Numbers 23:13-26); Balaam's Third Oracle -Balaam frustrates Balak- (Numbers 23:27-24:14); Balaam's Fourth Oracle (Numbers 24:15-19); Balaam's Final Oracle (Numbers 24:20-25)

Joshua 24:10 God's protection; Balaam's problem 2 Peter 2:15-16 and Jude 11

No public curses but devastating advice Numbers 25:1-17; Revelation 2:14

God's vengeance on the Midianites Numbers 31:1-18; Deuteronomy 23:3-6; Joshua 13:22 Balaam's trade; and Nehemiah 13:1, 2

Divination: *the art or practice that seeks to foresee or foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge usually by the interpretation of omens or by the aid of supernatural powers.*

The second commandment – You shall not make for yourself an idol. Ex. 20:4-6 and Deut. 5:7-10; Duet. 4:23-24

The third commandment – Misusing the Lord's name. Ex. 20:7 and Deut. 5:11

The fourth commandment – The Sabbath Ex. 20:8-10 and Deut. 5:12-15

The fifth commandment – Honoring dad and mom. Ex. 20:12 and Deut. 5:16

The sixth commandment – You shall not commit murder. Ex. 20:13 and Deut. 5:17; Matthew 5:21-26

The seventh commandment – You shall not commit adultery. Ex. 20:14 and Deut. 5:18; Matthew 5:27-32

The eighth commandment – You shall not steal. Ex. 20:15 and Deut. 5:19

The ninth commandment – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. Ex. 20:16 and Deut. 5:20

The tenth commandment – You shall not cover your neighbor's wife and property. Ex. 20:17 and Deut. 5:21

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Ten Commandments and the Two Greatest Commandments

Exodus 20:1-20 & Deuteronomy 5:1-22; 6:5-8; Leviticus 19:1-4, 11-12, 16-18 → Matthew 5:17-20; 22:35-40; John 15:12-14; Romans 3:20, 7:6-7, 12, 14; 8:6-8; Galatians 3:21, 23-25.

February 14, 2021

Demanding a king 1 Samuel 8:1-22; 10:17-25; 12:1-4, 12-20; Hosea 13:9-11 **Rules for one:** Deuteronomy 17:8-13

The northern Kingdom Israel had 19 kings all were wicked. Judah, the southern kingdom (two tribes Judah and Benjamin) had 21 kings and 1 queen, only 9 or 10 so were good kings.

February 7, 2021

Exodus 19:1-8 **The great plans God had for Israel, and the condition of that promise.**

Why did God say to Moses on Mount Sinai, this time? What had God said to Moses before at this place (Exodus 3:1-12)? What else happened at this location (Exodus 4:27-28)? How is our New Testament "priesthood of believers" different (Leviticus 10:8-11; Malachi 2:7; Hebrews 5:1; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-12; Revelation 1:4-6; 5:9-10? Jesus the great high priest Hebrews 4:14-15

Jesus's family members: Luke 8:19-21 and 11:27-28; John 15:10

In New Testament - civil justice among believers: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8;

Shepherds after God's own heart Jeremiah 3:14-15; 1 Peter 5:1-4:

January 31, 2021

Exodus 18:13-27 **Selecting Leaders**

Who was Moses wearing out? What was Moses preventing? **Parallel passages about delegating spiritual and civil authority:** Deuteronomy 1:9-18 Does the New Testament delegate authority in this way (Jesus sends out the 12 Matthew chapter 10; Mark 6:7, and Luke 9, seventy-two in Luke 10; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-4)?

Other Scriptures about judges and law courts Deuteronomy 16:18-20

The Influential Power Corporal and Capital Punishment Deuteronomy 13:6-11; 17:8-13; 19:16-20; 21:18-22; Proverbs 19:25; 21:11; Romans 13:3-5 **Rules for a King: Deuteronomy 17:8-13**

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January 24, 2021 Exodus 18:1-12 **A reuniting of family members.**

Let's go back to when Moses met, and then left his father-in-law, and sent back Zipporah: 1) Exodus 2:15-22 meets Jethro's daughters; 2) Exodus 3:1-4 fire in the bush; 3) Exodus 4:18-20 Moses asks permission to go back to Egypt; 4) Exodus 4:24-26 husband and wife disagreement on the way.

What initiated Jethro, Zipporah, Gershom and Eliezer reuniting with Moses? What was Moses attitude towards his father-in-law? What was Jethro's profession? At what location did this family re-union occur? What would have Moses' son's names reminded him of? What did Jethro now have to say about the God of Israel? Who did Jethro have an opportunity to meet? What did they eat at the feast? Who supplied the food for the burn offerings and other sacrifices?

Exodus 18:13-27 **Wise advice from a caring father-in-law.**

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January 17, 2021

Exodus 17:8-16 **Israel's first battle after the Exodus from Egypt**

Compare Exodus 13:17-18, 21-22 not the quickest way, pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.

What did Moses ask Joshua to do? Exodus 17:9. Why is this unique? Who is Joshua? Exodus 24:13-14; 34:15-21, Numbers 14:6-9, 30; Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1:1-9.

What did Moses tell Joshua he was going to do? Exodus 17:9. Why is this unique? Compare: Luke 24:50; 1 Timothy 2:8; and Galatians 6:2.

Who was Hur? See also Exodus 24:14

What did God tell Moses to do after the victory and why? Exodus 17:14

Who were the Amalekites? Genesis (26:34-35 and 28:8-9) 36:12, 15 and 16 and note Romans 9:10-15. For more information about the nature of what the Amalekites did to the Israelites see: 1) Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 2) A year later see Numbers 14:39-45 Amalekites and Canaanites defeated the Israelites after they failed to take Joshua and Caleb's advice about taking the promised land; 3) 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-35 and 28:16-19 Saul's failure in obedience; and 4) 1 Samuel 30:1-19 the Amalekites plundered David's village of Ziklag when David was with the Philistines about to war against Saul and the Israelites.

January 10, 2021

Exodus 17:1-7 No water at camp and putting God to the test

Israelites leave the Desert of Sin, where they were provided meal of quail for an evening meal. The following morning they are provided manna (the bread of angels) which they gather every morning six days a week. They were provided manna for forty years. After leaving the Desert of Sin the Israelites camp three places prior to Rephidim, where there is no water for the people to drink. Numbers 33:12-14

Compare three previous Israelite failures to remember what God has done for them in the past: 1) Exodus 14:8-14 the approach of the Egyptians. What did they do right in this case (see Exodus 15)? 2) Exodus 15:22-27 three days without water, then Marah where the water was bitter. 3) Exodus 16:1-5 no pots of meat.

Read Exodus 17:1-7 again. How is today's story different? How were the Israelites testing God in this story? Exodus 17:4 and 7. What did the rock represent? 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 11-13.

January 3, 2021 **Food and rest for the long journey** Exodus 16:1-36

Weary of the menu about a year and three months later Numbers 11:4-15, 18-23, 31-35

Summary passages: Deuteronomy 8:2-5; 29:2-6; Joshua 5:11-12; Psalm 78:17-31; 106:13-15; John 6:30-35, 41-42, 47-51

Themes: Results of rebelling against God's earthly spiritual authorities. Whining or complaining about how it used to be so much better. Demanding from God things we crave or want. New manna to gather each day. Content with daily menu of God's Word? Following the lead of the rabble.

The Exodus 16 event occurred after Israel crossed the Red Sea and before Israel reached Mt. Sinai to receive the law. It occurred in the wilderness of Sin a month and a half after they left Egypt. They had never seen manna before. When they first saw it, they said, What is it? which is the English translation of the Hebrew "manna." Moses gave them instructions on how to gather and cook it, and special instructions on gathering on Friday to prepare for keeping the Saturday Sabbath. The manna continued until Joshua 5:11-13.

Exodus 16:35 And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. (NKJ)

Israel was at Mt. Sinai about a year. They left the wilderness of Sinai on the 20th day of the second month of the second year (Numbers 10:11-12). They traveled 3 days (Numbers 10:33). I would assume that the account in Numbers 11 is chronological, and that the events in Number 11 occurred during or after the three day journey. What happens in Numbers 11 is that the people complained about having nothing but manna to eat.

There is nothing in the chapter to indicate that this was the beginning of their exposure to manna. The place where this happened was named Kibroth Hattaavah. In a summary of the journey, Moses put the stay at Kibroth Hattaavah after they left Mt. Sinai (Number 33:16).

Israel complained in both Exodus 16 and Numbers 11, and God gave them quail in both chapters. In Exodus 16, there is no mention of a judgment on the people. In Numbers 11, God strikes the people with a great plague.

References in the Psalms to manna are based on the entire 40 year period when the people ate manna. The language in the Psalm about raining meat like dust and striking people with a plague while food was still in their mouth fits the incident in Numbers 11 but not the incident in Exodus 16. Numbers 11 talks about a lot more quail being given at that time than was given in Exodus 16. *Summary by Grover Gunn December 19, 2020*

December 27, 2020

Exodus 14:29-15:21 **A Songs of Praise by Moses and His Older Sister Miriam**

As you read this passage what themes are repeated? What can we take away from the passage for our personal lives and the struggles we are going through? How did Israelites march out of Egypt? Exodus 14:8

Romans 9:14-23 **Pharaoh and God's purpose.** Is this a hard passage? Compare Exodus 14:4 to 14:18

Read a couple of the following summary passages: Psalm 66:1-7; 78:12-14, 41-53; 136:10-15; Deuteronomy 6:20-25; 7:7-10, 17-20; 11:1-4; Nehemiah 9:10-12. Why are the details of God's victory over Pharaoh and Egypt repeated so often in Exodus and many other Scriptures?

Exodus 15:22-27 **Israel's first test after crossing the Red Sea on the Journey to the Promised Land**

Why did God bring this test to the Israelites? Was God teaching them to pray instead of grumble? It worked for Moses. Do we ask God for help in our struggles **or** do we blame and grumble about the people seemingly causing our misery and trouble. Remember Ephesians 6:10-12 and 18.

Exodus 15:26 God makes a law and a decree promising good things for listening to the voice of the Lord your God, doing what is right in his eyes, paying attention to his commands and keeping his decrees. Compare Exodus 23:20-22, 25-26; Deuteronomy 7:11-15; 10:8-9.

Exodus 15:27 Why the nice place to camp at Elim soon after the previous test of three days without water?

December 20, 2020

Exodus 13:17-14:14 **Israel being led by God on a journey they haven't been on before.**

Honoring Israel's promise to Joseph (Genesis 50:24-26 and Hebrews 11:22)

Physically equipped for battle but not mentally. Why not? Luke 8:11-15

What were some of the benefits of the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night? Exodus 13:21-22 compare with Exodus 14:19-25*

What was God's plan in having the Israelites turn back and encamp at Pi Hahiroth near the sea? Exodus 14:1-4 For what reason? (**Bring up the map here**)

Why did Pharaoh and his officials change their minds? Exodus 14:5

How were the Israelites marching out? Exodus 14:8

Did Pharaoh take just his best 600 chariots? Exodus 14:6-9 and 17, 18

What was the Israelites response when they saw that Pharaoh and his army had pursued them all the way to Pi Hahiroth near the sea? Exodus 14:10-12

What did Moses tell the Israelites? Exodus 14:13-14

Exodus 14:15-31 **Moses called to Action**

What did the Lord say to Moses and why? Exodus 14:15-16

What reason did the Lord restate about what was about to happen? Compare Exodus 14:4 to 14:18

What was at the head of Israel's army along with the pillar of fire or cloud? Exodus 14:19

How did God protect the Israelites just prior to them crossing the Red Sea? Exodus 14:19-20

Why did God use Moses and his staff to part and un-part the walls of water of the Red Sea?

What threw Pharaoh's army into confusion? Exodus 14:24-25 What did the Egyptian army have to admit?

Why did God allow the Israelites see the dead bodies of the Egyptians lying on the shore of the Red Sea? Exodus 14:30

*Other similar cloud verses Exodus 33:7-11 tent of meeting; Numbers 12:1-9 opposition; Numbers 14:12-24 Moses defense; Deuteronomy 31:14-18 final time at the tent; Nehemiah 9:11-12, 18-21; Psalm 99:6-7 God speaks from.

December 13, 2020

Pharaoh and the Egyptians finally let God's people go!

Exodus 12:31-42 Please leave our land immediately. Israelites ask, the Egyptians gladly give their plunder. Compare Genesis 15:12-16; Exodus 3:21 and 11:1-3

How many leave Egypt? Was it only Israelites? Did they ride out on horses?

Why difference in the number of years in Genesis 15:12-16. Story of Yukla's birth.

More specifics on celebrating the delivery from slavery and bondage.

Exodus 12:43-13:2 Why was circumcision so important? Look at Genesis 17:1-14. What had happened in Abraham's life 13 years prior? Joshua 5:2-12 Passover, prior to entering (Purifying the Promised Land: Exodus 23:31-33 don't live with them; Deuteronomy 7:1-8 drive out; 20:16-18 anything that breathes; Joshua 23:6-13 a big hindrance; Judges 2:1-3 a poignant reminder) Can you understand now the fixation on this subject in the New Testament Acts 10:44-45 woke moment; 11:1-2 criticized; 15:1-9 a big meeting; 21:17-24 false report; Romans 2:25-3:1, 4:9-12; 1 Corinthians 7:17-19; Galatians 2:11-15; 5:1-6; 6:12-16, Colossians 2:11-14; Titus 1:10-11 ruining households?

What do you think about having a law mandating how a celebration is remembered?

The week long feast after the Passover. Redeeming the firstborn.

Exodus 13:3-16 The plague of the firstborn of Egypt was not to be forgotten.

A wonderful true story to tell the youngsters of God's mighty hand (Exodus 13:8-9, Deuteronomy 7:17-21).

Why do we do these things Dad? There are reasons for the things we do (Exodus 13:14-15).

December 6, 2020 Days of Darkness, Sorrow and Loss for the Egyptians

Where we have been so far...Psalm 78:42-52; Psalm 105:23-38

Plague Nine: Three Days of Darkness

Exodus 10:21-29 Did God warn the Egyptians about this plague?

How bad was the darkness? How did Pharaoh bargain with Moses this time?

What were Pharaoh's parting words to Moses?

Plague Ten: The Angel of Death of the Firstborn

Exodus 11:1-10 A dire prophecy prior to departure

Exodus 12:1-28 How Israel was to prepare for their Passover and how it would be remembered and celebrated.

Exodus 12:29-30 A terrible night for the Egyptians

November 29, 2020 God's Grace in Plagues and God's Entirety and Completeness

Plague Seven: A Devastating Storm of Thunder, Hail and Lightning.

Exodus 9:13-34 Where did Pharaoh and his officials get their livestock (verses 19-21)? Weren't they all livestock in Egypt destroyed in Exodus 9:1-7? Was Pharaoh given specifics prior to this plague (verses 13-18)? Where do you see God's grace in this plague (verses 19-21 and 31-32)? The danger of dealing with God on your terms instead of His (verses 29-30)! Who else hardened their hearts from Pharaoh's lead (verse 34 and 35)? When did they do that?

Plague Eight: The Locusts - The entirety and completeness of God.

Exodus 10:1-20 What is a key verse in this passage? (How about Exodus 10:3?)

Was Pharaoh amply warned about this plague?

When did God tell Moses to execute this plague, what had Pharaoh just done (see verses 10-12)?

What did Pharaoh ask Moses to do (verse 16, 17)? Notice the progression Pharaoh's responses Exodus 5:2; 8:8; 9:28. How did Moses respond (verse 18)? How did God respond (verse 19)? How did Pharaoh respond to God's response (verse 20)?

How did God end the plague? What was the state of affairs in Egypt (verse 15)? Were there locusts left to stench up Egypt like the plague of frogs (verse 19)? How can we see God's grace in the midst of this plague? Story of move from Arcata California to Boynton Beach Florida.

Have you ever had an unyielding or stubborn heart? Hebrews 3:7-19, Proverbs 28:14, 29:1; and Romans 2:5-11 Decisions have to be made. No middle ground. Another King God dealt with: Daniel 4:27-37; 5:18-22.

Compare Romans 9:14-24

November 22, 2020 Taking Note of Our Circumstances- cause and effect!

Plague Two: Frogs from Aaron's Staff and Secret Arts

Exodus 8:8-15 What did Pharaoh ask Moses to do (verse 8)? What did Pharaoh promise to Moses (verse 8)?

What did Pharaoh do for the first time (verse 15) How did was this plague different than the others?

Plague Three: Gnats from Aaron's Staff

Exodus 8:16-19 Was Pharaoh warned about the coming of this plague? Why so?

What became gnats? What did Pharaoh's magicians say about this plague?

Plague Four: No Staff, but Flies Everywhere in Egypt except Goshen

Exodus 8:20-32 Who initiated the conversation about this plague? Why did Pharaoh summon Moses and Aaron? What did Pharaoh agree to do? Did Pharaoh ask Moses to pray about this plague (verse 28)?

What was Moses' role in this plague? What was Pharaoh warned about in verse 29? What did God show Pharaoh and the Egyptians in this plague (verses 22 and 23)?

Plague Five: The Livestock Plague among the Egyptians

Exodus 9:1-7 Did Pharaoh dialogue with Moses about this plague? How many of the Egyptians animals died? What did Pharaoh investigate after the plague? Did he do that for the previous plague? Did God bring an end to the plague?

Plague Six: Boils on all breathing creatures

Exodus 9:8-12 Did Aaron and Moses dialogue with Pharaoh about this plague?

What do you think Pharaoh thought when he saw Aaron and Pharaoh throwing soot into the air in front of him?

Why didn't the magicians pose a threat in this plague?