

# EXODUS 17-22

## WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE



### WEEK IN REVIEW

We have seen God reveal Himself in the book of Exodus through His works and His words. We left last week with the Israelites heading into the wilderness and God provided them bread from heaven, which is called manna. The people asked Moses for water to drink. The Lord instructed Moses to strike a rock, and water flowed from it. The Israelites traveled through the wilderness to the base of Mount Sinai to camp while the Lord met with Moses. God makes a covenant with His people calling them His own special possession. He says in Exodus 19:6, "You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." We see this repeated in 1 Peter 2:9. A priest was someone who represented the people to God and God to the people. God made a covenant with Moses called the Mosaic Covenant. A covenant is a really strong promise that should not be broken. This was conditional meaning if Israel obeyed, they would prosper. However, if they disobeyed, they would perish.

God gave Moses the law and the Ten Commandments. This was one of the most important events in history. The purpose of the law was to reveal the holiness of God and sinfulness of man, and to regulate conduct and behavior. The three parts of the law were: moral (things that were either good or bad), civil (daily disputes between people), and ceremonial (how to worship God and atone for sin). The Ten Commandments are divided with the first four about how we should love God, and the last six about how we should love others. The Ten Commandments included: having no other gods, no idols, not taking the Lord's name in vain, keeping the Sabbath day, honoring father and mother, not murdering, not committing adultery, not stealing, not bearing false witness, and not coveting what someone else has.

Are Christians required to follow the law of Moses today? The short answer is no, but the laws concerning how we should love God and others are a good guide. The law was given to the nation of Israel, not to Christians. We are under a new law, which is the law of Christ (Romans 10:4). For example, when we are in school, there are rules in place like "don't run in the hallway with scissors." When you graduate, the rule no longer applies, however it is probably still not a good idea to run around with scissors. In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus gives us a new commandment. He says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us in loving God and others the way that Christ calls us to!

## FAMILY GUIDE

<b>BIG IDEA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● God reveals Himself through His words!</li></ul>
<b>KEY STORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Kingdom of Priests</li><li>● Mosaic Covenant</li><li>● Ten Commandments</li></ul>
<b>KEY VERSES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Exodus 19:6</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ “You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Exodus 20:2</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.”</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Priest</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Someone who represented the people to God and God to the people</li></ul></li><li>● <b>The Law</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Instructions that God gave His people to follow</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Covenant</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A really strong promise that should not be broken</li></ul></li></ul>

## Reflection Questions

<b>1.</b>	What did God call His people in Exodus 19:6? Where is this repeated in the New Testament?
<b>2.</b>	What is a covenant? What was the Mosaic covenant?
<b>3.</b>	What was the purpose of the Law? What were the three types of laws?
<b>4.</b>	What is the law that Christians are under today? Read Matthew 22:37-40