

WEEK 6 — MORE LAWS GIVEN AT MOUNT SINAI

Date: about 1446-1445 BC

The Story: God continues to give his excellent laws to Israel. In this section, most of the instructions apply to Israel's worship: instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and its furnishings, for the clothing and ordination of the priests, and for the ritual sacrifices Israel is to offer to God. Israel's response to God is mixed. At times the people obey the Lord, and God manifests his glory among them. At other times they disobey, demonstrating that they do not yet know how to conduct themselves in the presence of a holy God and provoking God's anger.

* Kids' readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

FEBRUARY 6 EXODUS 30-33

Today's reading continues God's instructions for the construction of the tabernacle and various items to be used in it. It also reaffirms God's command for Israel to observe the Sabbath (first given in the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20). As Moses is on Mount Sinai receiving these instructions, however, Israel is at the foot of the mountain breaking them! Israel makes an idol and worships it, claiming it saved them from the Egyptians. What will God do?

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Exodus 32-33

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 31:1 to 32:14

FEBRUARY 7 EXODUS 34-36

Today's reading brings Moses into God's presence again, where he hears God's great self-description (34:6-7), which will be repeated in Scripture many times as a central theme of Israel's understanding of God's character. During another forty days on Mount Sinai, God helps Moses work through his despair over Israel's unfaithfulness. Then Moses returns to the Israelites again, and they begin to construct the tabernacle.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Exodus 34:1 to 36:7

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 32:15 to 33:11

FEBRUARY 8 EXODUS 37-39

Today's reading relates the story of the construction of various furnishings for the new tabernacle and the production of garments for the priests who would serve in it. Note the care implied as the story of how these things are made is told: These things are being made to honor God! When all is ready, Moses inspects what has been made and finds that the Israelites have made everything just as the Lord commanded them.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Exodus 37-38 • Exodus 39:32-43

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 33:12 to 34:14

FEBRUARY 9 EXODUS 40 • LEVITICUS 1-3

Today's reading brings the story of the construction of the tabernacle to a climax as that holy tent is set up and dedicated. Then God himself blesses it with his presence! The story continues without interruption into Leviticus, where the Lord begins to give detailed instructions concerning the sacrifices Israel is to offer. Don't let the details wear you down. Notice how the Israelites were to bring God only their very best animals. What did this say about how they were to view God? And notice the different types of offerings they were to bring. These types of offerings reflect various ways that Israel honored and connected with God.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Exodus 40 • Leviticus 1-3

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 34:28 to 36:7

FEBRUARY 10 LEVITICUS 4-6

Today's reading takes us through the regulations for two more types of sacrifices, then begins a second round of instructions regarding the duties and benefits of the priests who offer each type of sacrifice. These regulations, sometimes monotonous to our ears today, were vital to Israel's worship at the tabernacle; they taught Israel how to bring sacrifices to God in an honorable way, appropriate for worshipping the holy, almighty God. More importantly for us, they set the stage for the sacrifice of Jesus much later.

Date: about 1445 BC

In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Leviticus 4:1 to 5:13 • Leviticus 6:8-30

Kids' Reading*: Exodus 39:32 to 40:38

FEBRUARY 11 LEVITICUS 7-9

Today's reading wraps up the series of sacrifice regulations, then enters into what, for Israel, must have been a deeply meaningful and joyous occasion: the ordination of its first priests. The detailed telling of this event through chapters 8 and 9 hints at its significance—and heightens the impact of the tragedy we'll read about when we get to chapter 10.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Leviticus 8-9

Kids' Reading*: Leviticus 8

FEBRUARY 12 LEVITICUS 10-12

Today's reading begins with tragedy as the solemn and joyful ordination of Aaron and his sons as Israel's priests (chapters 8-9) suddenly devolves into two deaths at the hand of God himself! What did these two men do wrong? Were they drunk? In this terrible moment, the holy God warns Israel not to violate his holiness. After this terrible event, Leviticus continues into more of God's laws for Israel, here concerning aspects of their physical purity.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Leviticus 10-11

Kids' Reading*: Leviticus 9-10

Parents' Guide

PG preview for young children

Ex 32:27-28 (V), 35 (T)

Ex 34:16 (S)

Lev 1:5-17 (T)

Lev 3:2-17 (T)

Lev chapter 4 (T)

Lev 5:8-10 (T)

Lev 7:2-4 (T)

Lev 8:15-25 (T)

Lev 9:8-21 (T)

Lev 10:2 (V)

PG-13 preview for under age 13

Lev 12:2-7 (C, S)

R shocking, graphic, or disturbing

none

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N = Nudity
S = Sexuality
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes
V = Violence