**THE BLOOD COVENANT**

Exodus 20:22-24:18

Key Verse: 24:8

1. Read 20:22-26. Think about each of the laws here. Why does God command them not to make any gods of silver or gold? (22,23) How can they honor God’s name? (24-26) Which Commandments among the Ten are applied?
2. Read 21:1-10. Think about each of the laws here. What is the purpose of the laws? Which Commandment is applied?
3. Read 21:12-36. Think about each of the laws and its punishment. Why is the punishment for dishonoring parents death penalty? What does “life for life”, “eye for eye”, and “tooth for tooth” law mean? Which Commandments are applied?
4. Read 22:1-15. Think about each of the laws and its restitution. What does God teach his people? Which Commandment is applied?
5. Read 22:16-20. Think about each of the laws and its punishment. Why is the punishment for sexual immorality so severe? Which Commandment is applied?
6. Read 22:21-31. Think about each of the laws and God’s warnings. What should God’s holy people do to others and to God? Which Commandments are applied?
7. Read 23:1-9. Think about each of the laws. What does God demand from his holy people? Which Commandment is applied?
8. Read 23:10-12. Think about the Sabbath laws here. What is the purpose of the Sabbath laws?
9. Read 23:13-19. Think about each of the laws here. Why does God command his people to celebrate the three annual fests? Which Commandment is applied?
10. Read 23:20-33. What are God’s plans for the Israelites? What must they do and what must not? How does God bless them if they obey God?
11. What do you learn from the laws about God, about the purpose of God’s laws, and about the spirit of God’s laws? How does God want us to deal with these laws? (Mt 5:17-48)
12. Read 24:1-8. How did the people respond to the Lord's words and laws? (1-3) How did Moses seal the covenant between God and the people? (4-8) What does the blood covenant mean? What covenant did you make with God? (Lk 22:20)
13. Read 24:9-18. How was the fellowship between God and the Israelites after the blood covenant? (9-11) How did God want to seal the blood covenant? (12) Who was left in charge of the people? (13-18)