

FIRST DAY

Read the Commentary on Leviticus

SECOND DAY

1. a. Numbers 1:1-3, 44-50; [Nu 1:1] The LORD spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. He said: [2] “Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one. [3] You and Aaron are to number by their divisions all the men in Israel twenty years old or more who are able to serve in the army.

2. Numbers 2:1-2; [2:1] The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: [2] “The Israelites are to camp around the Tent of Meeting some distance from it, each man under his standard with the banners of his family.”

3. a. Numbers 9:15-16; [15] On the day the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire. [16] That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire.

4. Numbers 9:17-22; [17] Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. [18] At the LORD's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. [19] When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the LORD's order and did not set out. [20] Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days; at the LORD's command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out. [21] Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out. [22] Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out.

THIRD DAY

1. Nehemiah 9:9-11; [9] Then the LORD said to Moses, [10] “Tell the Israelites: ‘When any of you or your descendants are unclean because of a dead body or are away on a journey, they may still celebrate the LORD's Passover. [11] They are to celebrate it on the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight. They are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

2. a. Exodus 3 17; [17] And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

b. Colossians 1:13; [13] For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

Romans 14:17; [17] For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

3. a. Psalm 78:14-32; [14] He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. [15] He split the rocks in the desert and gave them water as abundant as the seas; [16] he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers. [17] But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the desert against the Most High. [18] They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved. [19] They spoke against God, saying, “Can God spread a table in the desert? [20] When he struck the rock, water gushed out, and streams flowed abundantly. But can he also give us food? Can he supply meat for his people?” [21] When the LORD heard them, he was very angry; his fire broke out against Jacob, and his wrath rose against Israel, [22] for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance. [23] Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; [24] he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven. [25] Men ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.

[26] He let loose the east wind from the heavens and led forth the south wind by his power.
 [27] He rained meat down on them like dust, flying birds like sand on the seashore.
 [28] He made them come down inside their camp, all around their tents.
 [29] They ate till they had more than enough, for he had given them what they craved.
 [30] But before they turned from the food they craved,
 even while it was still in their mouths,
 [31] God's anger rose against them; he put to death the sturdiest among them, cutting down the young men of Israel.
 [32] In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.

4. 1 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Peter 1:6; [3] Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, [5] who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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FOURTH DAY

1. a. Numbers 13:1-2; [13:1] The LORD said to Moses, [2] “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

b. Numbers 13:25-33; [25] At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

Report on the Exploration

[26] They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. [27] They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. [28] But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. [29] The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

[30] Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

[31] But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” [32] And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. [33] We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

2. a. Numbers 14:1-9; [14:1] That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. [2] All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! [3] Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” [4] And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

[5] Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. [6] Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes [7] and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. [8] If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. [9] Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow

them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

3. Numbers 14:26-38: [26] The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: [27] “How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. [28] So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say: [29] In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. [30] Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. [31] As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. [32] But you—your bodies will fall in this desert. [33] Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the desert. [34] For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’ [35] I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this desert; here they will die.”

[36] So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it— [37] these men responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the LORD. [38] Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.

4. a. Numbers 14:39-45: [39] When Moses reported this to all the Israelites, they mourned bitterly. [40] Early the next morning they went up toward the high hill country. “We have sinned,” they said. “We will go up to the place the LORD promised.”

[41] But Moses said, “Why are you disobeying the LORD’s command? This will not succeed! [42] Do not go up, because the LORD is not with you. You will be defeated by your enemies, [43] for the Amalekites and Canaanites will face you there. Because you have turned away from the LORD, he will not be with you and you will fall by the sword.”

[44] Nevertheless, in their presumption they went up toward the high hill country, though neither Moses nor the ark of the LORD’s covenant moved from the camp. [45] Then the Amalekites and Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and attacked them and beat them down all the way to Hormah.

5. Exodus 19:8: [8] The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

Psalms 95:10: [10] For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.”

Proverbs 3:5-7: [5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; [6] in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. [7] Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

Proverbs 16:25: [25] There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

FIFTH DAY

1. a. Hebrews 3:7-10: [7] So, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you hear his voice, [8] do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, [9] where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. [10] That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’

b. Nehemiah 9:19-21: [19] “Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. [20] You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. [21] For forty years

you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.

2. a. Numbers 21:4-9; [4] They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; [5] they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

[6] Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. [7] The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

[8] The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” [9] So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

3. Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:14-16; [14] *Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,* [15] *that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

[16] *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

SIXTH DAY

1. Deuteronomy 9:1-6; [9:1] Hear, O Israel. You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky. [2] The people are strong and tall—Anakites! You know about them and have heard it said: “Who can stand up against the Anakites?” [3] But be assured today that the LORD your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire. He will destroy them; he will subdue them before you. And

you will drive them out and annihilate them quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

[4] After the LORD your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The LORD has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is going to drive them out before you. [5] It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the LORD your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. [6] Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.

2. Deuteronomy 28:1-3, 15-16; [28:1] If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. [2] All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: [3] You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. [15] However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: [16] You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

3. a. Deuteronomy 31:6-8; [6] Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

[7] Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. [8] The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

b. Hebrews 13:5b; and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

4. a. Deuteronomy 32:46-47; [46] he said to them, “Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. [47] They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

b. John 6:63; [63] *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*

5. Romans 1:5; [5] Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.