

THE BIBLE AS HISTORY
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The Ridge in Jerusalem over Which the Scapegoat was Sent

Leviticus 16

Psalms 44:1

*“We have heard with our ears, O God,
our fathers have told us,
what work thou didst in their days,
in the times of old”.*

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CHAPTER 1

THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES CALLED GENESIS

Review

1. What is necessary in order to please God?

Answer.

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

2. What does materialism postulate?

Answer.

Materialism postulates that matter is eternal.

3. List three areas in man which reflects the image of God.

Answer.

The image of man was limited to those Divine attributes that can be communicated:

- intellectual power (to reason and discern),
- natural affections (love, joy, happiness, grace, and mercy),
- and moral freedom to choose.

4. Summarize each day of the creation week.

Answer.

- Day One. Light was divided from darkness.
- Day Two. An expanse of the heavens was formed separating the waters.
- Day Three. Dry land was separated from the water and there was the creation of plant life.
- Day Four. The sun, moon, and stars were made as they are now and adjusted to the earth to measure time.
- Day Five. The creation of fish and fowl.
- Day Six. The creation of land creatures and man.
- Day Seven. The day of Divine rest.

5. Provide three facts about Satan.

Answer.

- First, Satan was once an exalted and majestic angel in heaven.
- Second, Satan rebelled against the Lord.
- Third, Satan is the author of intellectual and religious sins.

6. What three-fold procedure did Satan use to persuade Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit?

Answer.

- First, Satan cast doubt upon the Word of God.
- Second, Satan contradicted the truth and substituted his own words.
- Third, Satan insinuated that God was jealous and therefore He was not good.

7. What special skill did Jubal enjoy?

Answer.

Jubal was skilled in musical instruments.

8. How was Tubal-Cain gifted?

Answer.

Tubal-Cain was able to hammer all kinds of cutting objects in brass and iron.

9. Provide the dimensions of the Ark: length, width, height.

Answer.

- Length. 450 ft.
- Width. 75 ft.
- Height. 45 ft.

10. List five provisions of the Covenant God made with Noah.

Answer.

- First, never again was the earth to be destroyed by a universal flood.
- Second, mankind was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.
- Third, all of the animal kingdom was to be subject to the will of man.
- Fourth, for the first time the flesh of animals could be eaten provided no blood was consumed.
- Fifth, capital punishment was to be visited upon a known murderer.

11. In Genesis 12:7, what did God promise Abram?

Answer.

God promised Abram a land. *Genesis 12:7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.*

12. Outline Lot's three-fold descent into moral and spiritual darkness.

Answer.

- First, Lot looked towards Sodom.
- Second, Lot lodged near Sodom.
- Third, Lot lived in Sodom.

13. In addition to a being given a Land of Promise, what two other covenant blessings did Abram receive in Genesis 15:5?

Answer.

- Abram was promised a son.
- Abram was promised a seed that would be numbered like the stars in heaven.

14. While dwelling under the oak of Mamre, what word did Abram receive?

Answer.

While dwelling under the oak of Mamre, Abram received word that his nephew Lot had been taken as a captive of tribal conflict.

15. Who was the leader which demanded tribute money be paid by those he conquered?

Answer.

Bera, Birsha, Shinab, and Shemeber were defeated in battle and were forced to pay tribute for twelve years to the leader of the alliance, Chedorlaomer

16. With how many men was Abram able to defeat his impressive enemy, Chedorlaomer?

Answer.

Arming 318 servants of his household, Abram was able to win the victory over Chedorlaomer and free his nephew Lot.

17. Who was Melchizedek?

Answer.

Melchizedek [lit. King of Righteousness] was the king of Salem [lit. King of Peace] and priest of the most high God.

18. In Genesis 15, what divine confirmation did the Lord give of the covenant He confirmed with Abram?

Answer.

In a Divine confirmation of the covenant, the Lord caused to pass through the sacrificial pieces, “*a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp [torch]*”.

19. What is the fundamental characteristic of Ishmael and his descendants according to Genesis 16:12?

Answer.

Ishmael was to be a wild man, and so are his descendants.

20. As a demonstration of his ownership over the life of Abram, God changed his name. What was Abram to be called?

Answer.

Abram (lit. father of height (i.e. lofty) was to be called Abraham (lit. father of a multitude).

21. What was to be the physical sign and seal of the covenant according to Genesis 17:10?

Answer.

The sign and seal of the Abrahamic Covenant was to be circumcision.

22. What is the meaning of the name Isaac?

Answer.

The name Isaac means “laughter”.

23. Why was God determined to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

Answer.

The Bible teaches that God was determined to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah “*because their sin is very grievous*” (Genesis 18:20).

24. How is the love of Abraham for his son Isaac a typology of Divine love?

Answer.

By typology, the temporal life of Abraham anticipated this display of Divine love for Abraham was willing to sacrifice his own son according to the will of the Lord.

25. Whom did Abraham marry after the death of Sarah?

Answer.

Abraham married Keturah after the death of Sarah resulting in six sons.

26. How old was Abraham when he “was gathered to his people” (Genesis 25:8)?

Answer.

After reaching the mature age of one hundred and seventy five, Abraham “was gathered to his people” (Genesis 25:8).

27. What was the name of the wayward son of Isaac and Rebekah and what two sins did he commit when he married Hittite women?

Answer.

Esau was the wayward son of Isaac and Rebekah. He committed the twin sins of

- Idolatry and
- Polygamy.

28. When Jacob dreamed and saw a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, what did the ladder represent?

Answer.

The ladder in Jacob’s dream was a vision of Christ. (study *John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*)

29. List five examples of how Joseph is a type of Christ.

Answer.

- Joseph was a shepherd (Genesis 37:2); Jesus is the Great Shepherd (John 10).
- Joseph was opposed to and exposed evil (Genesis 37:2); Jesus did the same.
- Joseph was loved by his father (Genesis 37:3-4); Jesus was beloved by the Father.(Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 10:17; Philippians 2:9)
- Joseph was hated by his brothers (Genesis 37:4); Jesus was hated by His brothers (John 1:11; Luke 19:14).
- Joseph was hated for his words (Genesis 37:8); Jesus was hated for His words of truth. (John 7:7; 3:32)

30. Who was Bithia?

Answer.

Bithia was the wife of the Hebrew man, Mered. She was a daughter of the pharaoh and by her there was a large family.

31. How many years did the Hebrews stay in Egypt?

Answer.

The Hebrews were in Egypt for 450 years.

32. Define the following terms.

- Sovereignty.
- Omniscience.
- Omnipotence.
- Omnipresence.
- Theistic evolution.
- The Gap Theory.
- Devolution.
- Teraphim.
- Osiris.
- Hagar.
- Cave of Machpelah.
- Herodotus.
- Apis (Hape).
- Hyksos.

Answer.

- Sovereignty. Ultimate power.
- Omniscience. All knowing.
- Omnipotence. Unlimited power.
- Omnipresence. Universality.
- Theistic evolution. This belief purports to teach that God used the evolutionary process to form all plants and animals including man.
- The Gap Theory. According to this view, there is a "gap" between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. In this gap the alleged geological ages of the past and pre-historic man found a resting-place.
- Devolution. Devolution argues that man did not go from a simple organism to a complex one with ever increasing moral and spiritual attributes. Rather, man came from the hand of God full of intelligence and creative genius. Sin entered into the heart of man to touch every facet of his soul in a downward direction.
- Teraphim. A small idol.

- Osiris. Osiris was the king of the underworld in Egyptian mythology.
- Hagar. Hagar was an Egyptian bondmaid with whom Abram conceived Ishmael.
- Cave of Machpelah. The Cave of Machpelah is where Abram buried Sarah.
- Herodotus. Herodotus was a Greek historian (c. 484-425).
- Apis (Hape) was the sacred bull of Memphis.
- Hyksos. The Hyksos were a northwestern Semitic (Canaanite or Amorite) people who entered Egypt sometime between 1720 and 1710 BC and subdued the pharaohs of the Middle Kingdom.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Apart from angels and the souls of the departed going to their “own place” (Acts 1:25; Philippians 1:23), do you believe there is intelligent created life on other planets in this vast universe?
2. Do you believe in a literal Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden, the two trees, and a talking serpent, or are the stories of Genesis 1-3 allegorical and religious myth?
3. Would you ever consider embracing evolution as an alternative to the Biblical account of creation?
4. How was God fair and just to receive the offering of Able but not that of Cain?
5. If the theory of evolution is not true, why do so many intelligent and scientific people believe in evolution and teach it?
6. Should Christians consume wine and other alcoholic beverages?
7. Why is it so easy to act in a foolish manner and so difficult to be good and do good? (Study Romans 7:1-25).
8. What is a Christian response and message to the growing power and influence of the homosexual community? Can the church say to the homosexual, “God loves you, go in peace”?
9. How might the history of the world in the Middle East be different if Ishmael had not been born?
10. Why does the heart of a person not break over a sin that is known to be “*very grievous*”?

Personal Application**Heart Work**

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

1 Corinthians 11:31

“For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.”

1. Do you believe in God with all your heart?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you believe in a literal six day creation time period?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you doubt the Word of God?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Are you doing anything that would knowingly cause another Christian to stumble?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you find your heart looking with interest upon sinful activities?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you make provisions in order to fulfill the lusts of the flesh?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Are you living in an inappropriate manner as Lot did?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Are you able to wait on the Lord patiently?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Do you fear God?
Yes _____ No _____
10. Have you ever laughed in doubt or contempt at a promise of God upon hearing or reading it in the Bible?
Yes _____ No _____
11. Have you ever laughed in faith at the goodness of God?
Yes _____ No _____
12. Is there a “*very grievous*” sin worthy of death and destruction that you are committing?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 15:6 And he [Abraham] believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

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CHAPTER 2

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES CALLED EXODUS

Review

1. List four reasons why the Pharaoh might have started to treat the Hebrews in Egypt harshly.

Answer.

- First, the new Pharaoh wanted his people to be racially pure.
- Second, the Pharaoh needed a cheap slave labor supply.
- Third, the Pharaoh had no knowledge of the one true God.
- Fourth, the Pharaoh may have felt his rule was being threatened by foreigners.

2. Whom did Moses marry in the land of the Midians?

Answer.

In the land of the Midians Moses married Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro.

3. Which two magicians were able to counterfeit the miracles Moses performed before the Pharaoh?

Answer.

The two court magicians, Jannes and Jambres, were able to counterfeit some of the miracles Moses performed before Pharaoh. *2 Timothy 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*

4. List the ten plagues upon Egypt.

Answer.

- The water of the Nile River was turned to blood.
- Frogs invaded the land.
- Lice or gnats became a great pestilence.
- Flies or beetles were found crawling everywhere.
- Murrain broke out as a disease upon the livestock.
- Boils covered bodies.
- Hail fell from heaven.
- Locust sprang up from the ground to torment everyone.

- Darkness covered the land in a terrifying way.
- The first born of all the children of Egypt died in a single night.

5. List three purposes for the ten plagues upon Egypt.

Answer.

- First, the plagues upon the Egyptians manifested the power of God while bringing the people to a place of repentance and reliance upon Him.
- Second, the plagues upon the Egyptians inspired confidence in the Lord.
- Third, the plagues upon the Egyptians manifested the supremacy of the God of the Hebrews over the many false gods of the land.

6. What two lights guided the Hebrew people during their desert journeys?

Answer.

During their desert journeys the Lord provided the Hebrew people

- a pillar of cloud to guide them by day
- and a pillar of fire to guide them by night.

7. Illustrated at the Red Sea, what can the unrighteous not do?

Answer.

The unrighteousness cannot follow the same path God's people follow.

8. What was the sin of Nadab and Abihu?

Answer.

These two sons of Aaron offered "*strange fire before the Lord*" (Numbers 3:4).

9. What political relationship were the Hebrews to have with the people of Palestine?

Answer.

The people of God were not to enter into any political alliance with the people of Palestine.

10. Why did God want the Israelites to destroy every idol they found in the Land of Promise?

Answer.

Idols were to be destroyed lest the children become corrupt with various forms of false worship.

11. How did the Hebrew people know for certain that Moses had met face to face with the Lord?

Answer.

As he made his way back to the people, it was obvious to all that Moses had been face to face with the Lord for his own countenance took on the glory of God.

12. Where did the resources come from to construct the Tabernacle in the desert?

Answer.

The resources for the Tabernacle would come from the free-will offerings of the people.

13. List the six major items that were to furnish the Tabernacle.

Answer.

- Ark of the Covenant
- Bronze Laver
- Altar of Burnt Offering
- Golden Lampstand (Candlestick)
- Table of Showbread
- Altar of Incense.

14. Define the following terms.

- Murrain.
- Passover.

Answer.

- Murrain. Murrain (Hebrew, *deber*) is an outdated term for various infectious diseases, a pestilence, affecting cattle and sheep.
- Passover. The Passover commemorates the night the tenth plague was visited upon Egypt. The Angel of the Lord passed over the homes where blood had been placed and the life of the firstborn was spared.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Moses committed murder and yet God used him in a way to change world history. What does this say about sin and the grace of God?
2. On his way to see the Pharaoh God sought to kill Moses according to Exodus 4:24-26. What spiritual lessons can be learned from this incident?
3. The Bible teaches that God hardened the heart of the Pharaoh and that the Pharaoh hardened his own heart. Discuss precisely how God hardens the heart and how a person hardens their own heart.
4. What is so attractive about idol worship? Do those who practice the religion of the Roman Catholic faith engage in idolatry when they kneel before statues and pray?

5. Colossians 3:5 declares that covetousness is idolatry. Is there any evidence the church of the 21st century is guilty of this sin?
6. What can account for the rise of evil in a nation? Why does evil seem to triumph over righteousness? (Study Psalm 73).

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

1 John 1:9

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.*

1. As God used Moses, do you believe God can use you in His service?
Yes _____ No _____

“Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Saviour, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.”

Ira Bishop Wilson

2. Has the Lord taken “Egypt” out of your heart?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you have a “golden calf” which you secretly worship and honor?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you have a covetous heart?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Is there any area in your life in which you are in rebellion against God?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Are you a generous financial supporter of the work of the ministry?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

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CHAPTER 3

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES CALLED LEVITICUS

Review

1. What was the purpose of the Burnt Offering?

Answer.

The Burnt Offering was designed to make a general atonement for sin based upon the free will of the individual.

2. What did the Burnt Offering anticipate?

Answer.

The Burnt Offering anticipated that one day the Lamb of God would offer the totality of Himself as a sacrifice for sinners.

3. How was the person who brought the Burnt Offering to be identified with the sacrifice?

Answer.

The person making the offering was instructed to identify himself with the sacrifice by placing his hand upon the head of the animal.

4. What was to be left out of the Meal Offering?

Answer.

Leaven and honey were to be left out of the Meal Offering.

5. What is leaven often a symbol of in Scripture?

Answer.

Leaven is presented as a symbol of sin in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

6. What is oil a symbol of in Scripture?

Answer.

Oil is a picture or symbol of the Holy Spirit.

7. List six ways oil has been used, literally and symbolically, for holy purposes.

Answer.

- The priests were consecrated and ordained unto God as oil was poured upon their heads.
- The kings of Israel were also anointed with oil as they were inducted into office.
- Oil was used to keep the lamps burning in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle.
- The large quantity of oil used reminds the New Testament believer to symbolically be constantly “filled with the Spirit”
- Oil is to be used to anoint the sick.
- Spiritually, The Good Shepherd will anoint His own with oil.

8. What was the purpose of the Meal Offering?

Answer.

The ultimate purpose of the Meal Offering was to enjoy fellowship with the LORD by meeting His approval and satisfaction.

9. Explain the main purpose of the Peace Offering.

Answer.

The Peace Offering was primarily an offering of thankfulness based on an attitude of gratitude recognizing the Divine gifts of prosperity and happiness.

10. What did the Sin Offering teach?

Answer.

The Sin Offering taught the concept of the natural depravity of the soul for sin is inborn.

11. List nine sins committed that necessitated a Trespass Offering.

Answer.

- Failure to bear honest witness in a public matter.
- Touching anything ceremonially unclean.
- Touching something that is humanly unclean.
- Thoughtlessly taking an oath.
- Committing a sin of sacrilege.
- Violating a forbidden commandment.
- Lying to a neighbor.
- Taking something from a neighbor by deceit or force.
- Bearing false witness.

12. List three sources of provision for the Levitical priesthood.

Answer.

- The priesthood was to be maintained by the tithes which constituted one-tenth of a family's income be it money, livestock, or produce.
- Some parts of some sacrifices were also allotted to the priests.
- Thirteen cities were to be given to the children of Aaron.

13. Describe the special garments that were to be worn by Aaron.

Answer.

Aaron would wear a blue robe with bells at the bottom. He would wear an apron, an ephod, with an onyx stone on each shoulder, each stone bearing six names of the tribes.

14. What was the two-fold reason for the divinely directed distinction of the animals?

Answer.

The divinely directed distinction of the animals was

- partly for health reasons
- and partly for religious consideration, separating Israel from other nations of the earth.

15. What was to happen by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement?

Answer.

Dressed in linen garments the High Priest was to take a sin offering for himself and then go within the veil with some of the blood of his sin-offering, burn incense, and sprinkle the blood before the mercy seat.

16. What were the two prohibitions given for the perseveration of authentic and acceptable worship?

Answer.

- First, every sacrifice was to be offered by the priest at the door of the Tabernacle, upon penalty of death.
- Second, no blood was to be eaten, also upon penalty of death.

17. List three sins that assured the wrath of God upon the nations of Canaan.

Answer.

Incest, homosexuality, and bestiality assured God would judge the nations of Canaan.

18. List fifteen sins that God deemed worthy of capital punishment.

Answer.

- Negligent homicide
- Violating the Sabbath
- Idolatry
- Sorcery
- Parental disrespect
- Incestuous marriages
- Homosexuality (Sodomy)
- Bestiality
- Adultery
- Blasphemy
- Murder
- Promiscuity
- Rape
- Kidnapping
- False prophecy (done in the Name of the Lord)

19. List nine blemishes that would have disbarred a son of Aaron from serving as a priest.

Answer.

- Blindness
- Lameness
- Disfigurement or deformity
- A crippled foot or hand
- A hunchback
- A dwarf
- A defect in the eye
- A festering or running sore associated with scurvy and scabs
- Damaged testicles

20. List the seven annual religious festivals.

- Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Day of First-fruits
- Feast of Pentecost
- Day of Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Feast of Tabernacles

21. Define *Lex Talionis*.

Answer.

Lex Talionis is Latin, and refers to the “law of retaliation”, or punishment.

22. True or false: the Law allowed Jews to charge usury or interest but it was not to exceed ten percent.

Answer.

Reflection and Discussion

1. How is it possible for a substitute to be able to bear the sins of another person?
2. Why is the concept of blood atonement so offensive to many people?
3. What should be said to those in the Messianic movement that want Christians to observe Jewish Law, biblical feasts, and Sabbath?
4. When a person becomes a Christian should they make restitution to people they have hurt?
5. There is a trend today for pastors to dress down when presenting the Word of God even on Sunday. Many pastors stand to teach and preach wearing blue jeans, tennis shoes and a shirt that hangs outside their pants. What should be said about this casual dressing of ministers?
6. What prompts so many in Christendom to act contrary to the known will of God as people who confess Christ as Lord and Savior promote tattoos, accept the tonsure, and celebrate celibacy? Is there any explanation for the disconnect between religious rhetoric and reality?
7. Is the spirit of *Lex Talionis* prevalent in the church?
8. The Law of Moses allowed for a person to become an indentured servant. What is your view on slavery?
9. Is it wrong to make a vow before God?

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool”.

1. Are you identified with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you believe that Jesus died at Calvary in your place?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you enjoy times of personal and spiritual fellowship with the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Are you a Spirit filled Christian according to gospel demand?
Yes _____ No _____

“Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me”.

5. Do you believe in the doctrine of total depravity?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Would you be willing to make restitution to someone if you have hurt them?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Do you try to honor the Lord in your dress for worship services?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Do you have a tattoo? (Leviticus 19:28)
Yes _____ No _____
9. When offended and wounded, does the spirit of *Lex Talionis* direct your behavior?
Yes _____ No _____
10. Have you made a vow before God that you have broken?
Yes _____ No _____

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CHAPTER 4

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES CALLED NUMBERS

Review

1. Where was the Law given and the Tabernacle constructed?

Answer.

The Israelites had been encamped at Mount Sinai for about a year, so that the Law might be received and the Tabernacle constructed.

2. What was the real issue that Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron had with Moses?

Answer.

The real issue Miriam and Aaron had with Moses was their personal lust for unauthorized power.

3. What was the three-fold purpose of sending twelve spies into Canaan?

Answer.

The purpose of the survey was to bring back an accurate report

- on the lay of the land,
- the products of the same,
- and the people who inhabited it.

4. What happened to the Exodus Generation because of the loss of faith by the people in the presence of the fearful report of the ten spies?

Answer.

There was loss of faith in the presence of fear and the end result was divine judgment. Those twenty years of age and over would not be allowed to enter into the Land of Promise. They were to perish in unbelief in the desert.

5. What was the significance of the cord of blue on the hem of a garment?

Answer.

Every time a Hebrew saw the cord of blue on the hem of the garment it was a reminder to remember and keep all the commandments of the Lord.

“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: 39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: 40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. 41 I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God” (Numbers 15:27-41).

6. What did Korah, Dathan, and Abiram want to do against Moses and Aaron?

Answer.

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram wanted to deprive Moses and Aaron of their leadership role.

7. How many Hebrews perished in the Korah revolt against divinely established authority?

Answer.

Fire consumed the two hundred and fifty princes including Korah. Fourteen thousand seven hundred more people died by a plague because of their participation in this great sin of revolting against divinely established authority.

8. Why was it wrong for Moses to strike the rock at Kadesh in order to bring forth water for the Hebrew people?

Answer.

The New Testament explains why the anger of Moses in striking the rock was so wrong. The rock was a picture of Jesus. *“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:4).*

9. Who became the successor of Aaron as High Priest of the Hebrew people?

Answer.

The priestly robes were placed on Eleazar and then Aaron died.

10. List four major issues the Hebrews complained about.

Answer.

- They complained about leaving Egypt for the hardships of the desert.
- They complained about the food they had to eat.
- They complained against Moses as a leader.
- They complained about the constant quest for water.

11. Cite nine images for Israel Moses saw from the land of Bashan.

Answer.

From the land of Bashan Moses gathered his images for he saw Israel

- *"riding on the high places of the earth,"* even *"the high hill of Bashan";*
- *"eating the increase of the fields"* of the Haurin all the while
- *"sucking honey out of the rock,*
- *and oil out of the flinty rock"* [the black basalt of Lejah]
- *"butter of kine [cow],*
- *and milk of sheep,*
- *with fat of lambs,*
- *and rams of the breed of Bashan,*
- *and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat".*

12. What is "the way of Balaam"?

Answer.

The way of Balaam is the great sin of simony or commercializing the gifts of God.

13. What is "the doctrine of Balaam"?

Answer.

The doctrine of Balaam is to abandon godly separation in favor of worldly conformity.

14. What is interesting about the body of Moses after he died?

Answer.

What is interesting is there was an angelic battle for the corpse. *"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee"* (Jude 9).

Reflection and Discussion

1. When the Law had been given to the Hebrews, the people vowed to keep the Law. *"And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord"* (Exodus 19:8). Were they wrong to do that?
2. Have you ever desperately desired something only to be disappointed and bored when you obtained what you desired?
3. In your journey in grace, have you known the blessings of God?

“When upon life’s billows you are tempest-tossed,
 When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
 Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
 Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done”.

Johnson Oatman, Jr., pub.1897

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”.

1. Are you submissive to pastoral authority?
 Yes _____ No _____
2. In a difficult situation are you a pessimist by nature?
 Yes _____ No _____
3. In a difficult situation are you an optimist because you believe the Word of God?
 Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you have a complaining spirit?
 Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you have a thankful heart?
 Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Numbers 14:18 The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

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CHAPTER 5

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES CALLED DEUTERONOMY

Review

1. What four themes constituted the last messages Moses communicated to the Hebrew people?

Answer.

- God's grace.
- Salvation.
- Redemption.
- Holiness of life.

2. What three-fold division of the Law did Moses give to the Hebrews in order to teach them how to live?

Answer.

- Moses provided a Social Law of Conduct.
- Moses provides a Ceremonial Law of religious worship.
- Moses provided a Moral Law to guide their relationship to God.

3. To Whom did Moses point the people?

Answer.

Moses pointed the people to the Great Prophet [i.e., the Messiah] that was to arise among them. "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken" [Deuteronomy 18:15].

4. Where did Moses go to look for the last time to where the Hebrews were to live?

Answer.

From somewhere on Mount Pisgah Moses stood and looked to where the Hebrews were to live.

5. List ten important mountains of the Bible?

Answer.

- Mount Ararat.
- Mount Carmel.
- Mount Ebal.
- Mount Gerizim.
- Mount Gilboa.
- Mount Hermon.
- Mount Lebanon.
- Mount Olivet.
- Mount Pisgah.
- Mount Sinai.

6. What are two traditions that surround the Word of God?

Answer.

- The oral tradition.
- The written tradition.

7. Provide three illustrations that some events in the history of the Hebrew people spoke of Christ.

Answer.

- First, the manna or bread, which the Israelites enjoyed, was a type of Christ the true Bread from heaven.
- Second, the rock that Moses struck to get water was a type of Christ.
- Third, the high priest and all the various bloody sacrifices were types of Christ.

Reflection and Discussion

1. There is a movement within Christendom called New Covenant Theology whose advocates argue there is no three-fold division of the Mosaic Law into a social, civil, and Moral Code [i.e., constituting the Ten Commandments]? Are they right?
2. Do you believe the Ten Commandments are still binding upon the New Testament expression of the church, the called out people of God?
3. Based on the biblical precedent that a succeeding generation can be more righteous than the one that preceded it, can you have hope for the survival and spiritual revival of your country?

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

Psalms 51:1-3

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me”.

1. Have you consciously experienced the grace of God?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you been saved from the power and pollution of sin?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Have you been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Are you living a holy life?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Can you recite from memory the Ten Commandments?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you believe the Ten Commandments are binding on you personally?
Yes _____ No _____
7. The Song of Moses is recorded in Deuteronomy 32. Do you sing to yourself in psalms and in spiritual hymns?
Yes _____ No _____

Ephesians 5:19

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Scriptural Memorization

Deuteronomy 5:6 I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

The First Commandment

- *5:7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.*

The Second Commandment

- *5:8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: 9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, 10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.*

The Third Commandment

- *5:11 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

The Fourth Commandment

- *5:12 Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. 13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: 14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. 15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt,*

and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day.

The Fifth Commandment

- *5:16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

The Sixth Commandment

- *5:17 Thou shalt not kill.*

The Seventh Commandment

- *5:18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.*

The Eighth Commandment

- *5:19 Neither shalt thou steal.*

The Ninth Commandment

- *5:20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

The Tenth Commandment

- *5:21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

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CHAPTER 6

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

Review

1. What was Joshua exhorted to study in order to have spiritual success?

Answer.

Joshua was exhorted to study the *Book of the Law* (Joshua 1:8) in order to have spiritual success.

2. Who were the Philistines?

Answer.

The Philistines were probably Greek sea faring people who had settled part of the coast and influenced the culture of others in Canaan.

3. How often is the term “holy land” used in the Bible?

Answer.

The term “holy land” is referenced only once in the Bible.

- *Zechariah 2:12 And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.*

4. What two conditions did the LORD place on the Jews being able to stay in the Land of Promise?

- *Deuteronomy 4:27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.*
- *Deuteronomy 4:30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; 31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.*

Answer.

Repentance and gospel obedience were the two conditions God gave to the Hebrews in order for them to stay in the land of promise.

5. What is a theophany?

Answer.

A theophany is a personal manifestation of God.

6. What was the sin of Achan?

Answer.

Achan had hidden stolen spoils of war taken from Jericho despite the divine commandment not to.

7. On which two mountain tops were the blessings of the Law and the curses of the Law proclaimed?

Answer.

The blessings of the Law were to be proclaimed from Mount Gerizim, and the curses of the Law were to be sounded from Mount Ebal before the whole congregation of Israel.

8. How did the people from Gibeon deceive Joshua into making a treaty with them? What was the outcome?

Answer.

Pretending to be from a distant area the people of Gibeon deceived Joshua into making a treaty. For their deceit, Joshua made the Gibeonites *“hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD”*.

9. What four traits are needed for both spiritual and natural warfare?

Answer.

- Time
- Patience
- Courage
- Movement

10. List the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Answer.

- Simeon
- Levi
- Judah
- Issachar
- Zebulun

- Benjamin
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Ephraim (son of Joseph)
- Manasseh (son of Joseph)

Special Note.

The twelve sons of Israel (Jacob).

Reuben	See, a son	Leah	Genesis 29:32
Simeon	Hearing	Leah	Genesis 29:33
Levi	Joined, attached	Leah	Genesis 29:34
Judah	Yah be praised	Leah	Genesis 29:35
Dan	Judge	Bilhah (servant to Rachel)	Genesis 30:6
Naphtali	My wrestling	Bilhah (servant to Rachel)	Genesis 30:6
Gad	Troop, invader, fortune	Zilpah (servant to Leah)	Genesis 30:11
Asher	Happy	Zilpah (servant to Leah)	Genesis 30:13
Issachar	Man of hire	Leah	Genesis 30:18
Zebulun	Dwelling	Leah	Genesis 30:20
Joseph	Increaser	Rachel	Genesis 30:24
Benjamin	Son of the right hand	Rachel	Genesis 35:18

Reuben lost rights as first-born by sinning against Jacob (Genesis 35:22; 49:3-4).

Joseph's rights were delegated to his sons, Ephraim and Manasseh became tribes (Genesis 48:5-6).

The book of the Revelation lists the tribes in the following order.

Reuben
 Simeon
 Levi
 Judah
 Issachar
 Zebulun
 Benjamin
 [Dan is omitted]
 Naphtali
 Gad
 Asher

Joseph
 [Ephraim (son of Joseph) is omitted]
 Manasseh

11. How old was Joshua when he died?

Answer.

Joshua was one hundred and ten years old when he died.

12. List three ways Joshua was a type of Christ.

Answer.

- First, the name Joshua in Hebrew is equivalent to Jesus in Greek. Hebrews 4:8 “For if Jesus [Joshua] had given them rest, then would he [God] not afterward have spoken of another day.”
- Second, Joshua was a mixture of courage and gentleness. He was bold as a lion and yet gentle as a lamb.
- It was the honor of Joshua to guide his people to a place of rest and thus foreshadowed Christ who guides His people to that rest which remaineth to the people of God (Hebrews 4:9).

Reflection and Discussion

1. Since the Lord has determined the boundaries of nations as per Acts 17:26, what can be said about every attempt to break down divinely ordained boundaries to form an international society or a one world government?
2. Historically, has God kept His Word to Israel regarding the land promised, or is this matter still an issue to be resolved?
3. Theologians speak of God making an “unconditional covenant.” Is this a valid concept that can be biblically defended with a specific example?
4. There are people who claim to see visions of God. Can a theophany take place today? Examine Hebrews 1:1-2.
5. The history of the people of God in the Old Testament era is one of bloodshed and violence. Are Christian values inconsistent with warfare? What constitutes a just war?
6. Since nations rise and fall, since Europeans displaced the American Indians, and since the Hebrews displaced the Canaanites to take over the land, why should the world be surprised or alarmed by the Palestinian Arabs trying to displace modern Jews from Israel?
7. Could you in good conscience kill someone in defense of your nation?

8. Should Christians cast lots or “put out a fleece” in order to discern the will of God?
9. What is the saturation point of sin for a nation before God moves to judge the people with national disintegration?

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

Proverbs 28:13

*"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:
but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."*

1. Are you committed to the conquest of the “enemies” within your soul?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Is there someone whom you hate in your heart?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Are you a jealous person?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Have you ever engaged in the spreading of false rumors?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Joshua knew he was going to die. Are you afraid to die?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

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CHAPTER 7

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Review

1. Who took the political and military leadership role in the conquest of Canaan by the Israelites?

Answer.

The tribe of Judah took the military leadership role in the conquest of Canaan.

2. What is a great moral principle God has ordained regarding one's actions?

Answer.

In the moral universe which God has ordained, one of the great under-girding principles is that what is sown is reaped.

3. What did Caleb promise to any brave soldier who could lead in the conquest of the city of Debir?

Answer.

It was at Debir that Caleb promised one of his daughters in marriage to any brave soldier who could lead in the conquest of the city.

4. What practical request did Achsah compel her husband Othniel to ask of her father?

Answer.

Achsah compelled Othniel to ask of her father a piece of real estate. Caleb honored the request and he gave to her "the upper springs and the nether springs".

5. What good gift will God the Father give to His children?

Answer.

The Lord will give the Spring of Living Water to all that are thirsty. Study John 4:10,11; 7:38.

6. List three practical defeats for the children of Israel.

Answer.

- First, Judah failed to conquer the valley because of the chariots.
- Second, the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites from the city of Jerusalem.

- Third, the tribe of Joseph failed to destroy all within the city of Bethel.

7. What are three reasons why people are not faithful to God?

Answer.

- First, Christians fail to defeat the spiritual enemies of the Lord which are the world, the flesh, and the devil.
- Second, Christians will disobey the voice of the Lord and His known will.
- Third, Christians will enter into a league with the enemies of the Lord.

8. Spiritually, what is bondage and a life of defeat designed to produce?

Answer.

A life of spiritual bondage and defeat is designed to produce repentance.

9. Describe the five-fold cycle of Israel's national behavior.

Answer.

- Phase I: Apostasy
- Phase II: Oppression
- Phase III: Repentance
- Phase IV: Deliverance
- Phase V: Restoration

10. List the thirteen judges of Israel mentioned in Judges.

Answer.

- First judge Othniel
- Second judge Ehud
- Third judge Shamgar
- Fourth judge Deborah
- Fifth judge Barak
- Sixth judge Gideon
- Seventh judge Tola
- Eighth judge Jair
- Ninth judge Jephthah
- Tenth judge Ibzan
- Eleventh judge Elon
- Twelfth judge Abdon
- Thirteenth judge Samson

11. Provide four arguments in defense of laying out a "fleece" before the Lord.

Answer.

- First, the example of Gideon does not seem to have displeased the Lord.
- Second, sometimes the Lord commands a person to ask for a sign and is angry when there is no response.
- Third, only when a sign is demanded in unbelief in order to prove the veracity of God, then such a demand is evil and wicked
- Fourth, the Lord knows that His children are weak and need reassurances.

12. How many Champions of Grace defeated the Midianites?

Answer.

With a small military force consisting of only Three Hundred Champions of Grace, Gideon defeated the larger forces of the Midianites.

13. How long did Gideon judge Israel?

Answer.

Gideon judged Israel for forty years.

14. What great honor did Gideon refuse to accept?

Answer.

Gideon refused to be recognized as the king of Israel.

- *Judges 8:23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you.*

15. What three sins did Gideon commit that violated the known will of God and tarnished his spiritual legacy?

Answer.

- Gideon took gold from the defeated Midianites and made an ephod or priestly robe that he placed in his house.
- Gideon multiplied unto himself wives.
- Gideon kept a concubine or mistress that was in Shechem who bore him a son named Abimelech.

16. Briefly summarize the legacy of the story of Abimelech.

Answer.

The legacy of Abimelech is the story of an unprincipled man who promoted idolatry and so did much harm to himself and his nation. His death was clearly the retribution of a holy Providence for the slaughter of his brothers.

17. What is a principle associated with repetitive sin as found in Judges 10?

Answer.

Sin becomes more and more expansive. The jaws of death and hell open wider to receive all the new souls that are swept up in apostasy.

18. List the biblical passages outlining five phases of divine discipline

Answer.

- The First Phase of Divine Discipline Leviticus 26:14-17
- The Second Phase of Divine Discipline Leviticus 26:18-20
- The Third Phase of Divine Discipline Leviticus 26:21-22
- The Fourth Phase of Divine Discipline Leviticus 26:23-26
- The Fifth Phase of Divine Discipline Leviticus 26:27-39

19. When unchecked, what is a natural emotional progression when a person feels publically humiliated?

Answer.

When an individual feels publically humiliated, there is deep seated resentment which turns into anger, and then is translated into vindictiveness.

20. What are two unique characteristics of Samson?

Answer.

- First, Samson was a Nazarite, which means he had been separated unto God.
- Second, Samson had unusual strength.

21. List three steps to undo evil.

Answer.

Repent.
Confess.
Make restitution.

Special Note.

The story of Samson is the tragic story of a life of wasted years.

“Have you wandered along on life's pathway;
Have you lived without love, a life of tears?
Have you searched for the great hidden meaning?
Or is your life filled with long wasted years?”

Search for wisdom and seek understanding,
 There is someone who knows and always hears;
 Give it up! Give it up! The Load you're bearing!
 You can't go on in a life of wasted years.

Wasted years, wasted years, oh, how foolish,
 As you walk on in darkness and fears;
 Turn around, turn around, God is calling,
 He's calling you from a life of wasted years”.

Wally Fowler

22. What did a Levite do to a defiled concubine?

Answer.

The Levite took the concubine home, slaughtered her, cut her into twelve pieces, and sent her remains throughout Israel.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Is it right to torture captives of war? What should be a Christian's response to modern day enhanced interrogation techniques such as waterboarding, sleep deprivation, and diet manipulation?
2. Why do nations fight wars? List some of the reasons. Study James 4:1-4.
3. How can a Christian promote peace?
4. Should Christians be pacifists based on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 5:38? *“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also”.*
5. Should women serve in the military?
6. What Christian principles and practices must be rationalized in the heart in order to continue all spiritual “chariots of iron” to move about freely? Study 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17.
7. Why is it so hard to mortify the flesh? Study Romans 8:13 and Colossians 3:5.
8. Is it wrong for Christians today to lay out a “fleece” before the Lord? If it is not wrong in principle to lay out a “fleece” before the Lord, what form should such a matter take?
9. Read judges 7:9-14. Discuss the providence of the Lord regarding the smallest details of life.

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

1 John 2:1, 2

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”.

1. Are you spiritually thirsty?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Are you drinking from the Spring of Living Water?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Are you willing to destroy each and every enemy of the soul without mercy?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Have you conquered your “darling” [favorite] sin?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Is there something specific that is keeping you from defeating a sinful stronghold in your life? Do you have a spiritual “chariot of iron” in your life?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Are you living a life of spiritual bondage and defeat?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Have you made a vow to God you have not kept?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Judges 8:23 Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will rule over you.

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.

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THE BOOK OF RUTH

CHAPTER 8

Review

1. List three great spiritual lessons about Divine sovereignty.

- First, the Lord is ultimately in control of nature.
- Second, the Lord will visit His people—and God does have a special "people."
- Third, the gifts of grace are designed to draw individuals back to the Lord.

2. What does the Baptist Confession of 1689 teach about the doctrine of election?

Answer.

The Baptist Confession of 1689 teaches “By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated or foreordained to eternal life through Jesus Christ.”

3. Write out Ruth’s expression of friendship love which she spoke to Naomi.

Answer.

“Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me” (Ruth 1:16-17).

4. What two emotions characterized Naomi when Bethlehem was in sight?

Answer.

- Disillusionment
- Distress

5. What is the purpose of electing souls to salvation?

Answer.

The purpose of electing souls to salvation is “to the praise of His glorious grace.”

- *Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

6. Identify the following.

- Elimelech.
- Naomi.
- Mahlon.
- Chilion.
- Mount Nebo.
- Orpah.
- Ruth.
- Mara.
- Boaz.

Answer.

- Elimelech. His name means, “*God is my King.*” Elimelech was from Bethlehem of Judea but was living in Moab. He was the husband of Naomi. He died suddenly leaving a widow and two children.
- Naomi. Her name means, “*the sweet one.*” She was the wife of Elimelech, the mother of two sons, and the mother-in-law to Ruth and Orpah.
- Mahlon. His name means “*sickly*” and indicates he had a poor constitution. Mahlon was the elder son of Elimelech, from Bethlehem, and Naomi. His wife was Ruth the Moabitess. Mahlon died without children, c. 1070 BC.
- Chilion. His name means, “*pining*” and speaks of being in poor health. He was the younger son of Elimelech and Naomi, and the husband of Orpah. He died without children in the land of Moab, c. 1100 BC.
- Mount Nebo. This mountain was in the Abarim range of Moab. From Mt. Nebo, Moses was allowed to view the Promised Land he was forbidden to enter.
- Orpah. Her name means “*neck*”. She was a Moabitess and the wife of Chilion, the son of Elimelech and Naomi. After her husband died she ventured towards the land of Canaan, but then turned back. She kissed Naomi, her mother-in-law and returned “to her people and her gods” (Ruth 1:4, 14-15).
- Ruth. Her name means “*friend*”. She was a Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, and the daughter in law of Naomi. By grace she would become a distant relation of the Messiah and be remembered in the Lord’s genealogy.
- Mara. Mara was the name Naomi told others to call her upon returning to Bethlehem because her life had become “*bitter*”.
- Boaz. As a wealthy kinsman to Elimelech who was the husband of Naomi, Boaz was a perfect kinsman to marry Ruth and redeem the estate of her departed husband Mahlon.

Reflection and Discussion

1. What is your attitude towards death?
2. What do you believe about Divine sovereignty? Do you rejoice in the sovereignty of God, or resent the doctrinal teaching of this facet of God's character?
3. Have you known any great tragedy in life? Please share.
4. Boaz and Ruth form a lovely picture of the relationship between Christ and the church. Are there any other examples that come to your mind other than those discussed in the narrative?
5. Please share your own personal story of salvation and the romance of your redemption.

Personal Application

Heart Work

Please prayerfully respond to each question.

Isaiah 43:25

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins".

1. Are you committed to your journey into grace so that you will not turn back to the world, the flesh, or the devil?
Yes _____ No _____

Special Note.

When D.L. Moody was visiting England he heard Henry Varley say, "The world has yet to see what God will do with a man who is fully and wholly consecrated to the Holy Spirit." Moody would later comment, "He said 'a man.' He did not say a 'great man' nor 'a learned man' nor a 'rich man' but simply 'a man.' I am a man, and it lies within the man himself whether he will or will not make that entire and full consecration. I will try my utmost to be that man" (Source Unknown).

2. Do you enjoy friendship love with someone?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Are you bitter towards God about some situation in your life?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Are you a friend to others?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Are you a blessing to those whom you meet in life?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Ruth 3:12 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

“Jesus, lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the nearer waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high:
 Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
 Till the storm of life is past;
 Safe into the haven guide;
 O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
 Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
 Leave, oh, leave me not alone,
 Still support and comfort me.
 All my trust on Thee is stayed,
 All my help from Thee I bring;
 Cover my defenseless head
 With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
 More than all in Thee I find;
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
 Heal the sick and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is Thy name,
 I am all unrighteousness;
 Vile and full of sin I am,
 Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
 Grace to cover all my sin;
 Let the healing streams abound;
 Make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art,
 Freely let me take of Thee;
 Spring Thou up within my heart,
 Rise to all eternity”.

Charles Wesley

“Moab (of his father), Mo'abites. Moab was the son of Lot's eldest daughter, the progenitor of the Moabites. Zoar was the cradle of the race of Lot. From this center the brother tribes spread themselves. The Moabites first inhabited the rich highlands which crown the eastern side of the chasm of the Dead Sea, extending as far north as the mountain of Gilead, from which country they expelled the Emims, the original inhabitants, Deuteronomy 2:11, but they themselves were afterward driven southward by the warlike Amorites, who had crossed the Jordan, and were confined to the country south of the river Arnon, which formed their northern boundary. Numbers 21:13; Judges 11:18.

The territory occupied by Moab at the period of its greatest extent, before the invasion of the Amorites, divided itself naturally into three distinct and independent portions: —

- (1) The enclosed corner or canton south of the Arnon was the "field of Moab." Ruth 1:1,2,6, etc.
- (2) The more open rolling country north of the Arnon, opposite Jericho, and up to the hills of Gilead, was the "land of Moab." Deuteronomy 1:5; 32:49, etc.
- (3) The sunk district in the tropical depths of the Jordan valley. Numbers 22:1, etc. The Israelites, in entering the Promised Land, did not pass through the Moabites, Judges 11:18, but conquered the Amorites, who occupied the country from which the Moabites had been so lately expelled.

After the conquest of Canaan the relations of Moab with Israel were of a mixed character, sometimes warlike and sometimes peaceable. With the tribe of Benjamin they had at least one severe struggle, in union with their kindred the Ammonites. Judges 3:12-30. The story of Ruth, on the other hand, testifies to the existence of a friendly intercourse between Moab and Bethlehem, one of the towns of Judah.

By his descent from Ruth, David may be said to have had Moabite blood in his veins. He committed his parents to the protection of the king of Moab, when hard pressed by Saul. 1 Samuel 22:3, 4. But here all friendly relations stop forever.

The next time the name is mentioned is in the account of David's war, who made the Moabites tributary. 2 Samuel 8:2; 1 Chronicles 18:2.

At the disruption of the kingdom, Moab seems to have fallen to the northern realm. At the death of Ahab, the Moabites refused to pay tribute and asserted their independence, making war upon the kingdom of Judah. 2 Chronicles 22:1. As a natural consequence of the late events, Israel, Judah and Edom united in an attack on Moab, resulting in the complete overthrow of the Moabites. Falling back into their own country, they were followed and their cities and farms destroyed.

Finally, shut up within the walls of his own capital, the king, Mesha, in the sight of the thousands who covered the sides of that vast amphitheater, killed and burnt his child as a propitiatory

sacrifice to the cruel gods of his country. Isaiah, chs. 15; 16; 25:10-12, predicts the utter annihilation of the Moabites; and they are frequently denounced by the subsequent prophets” (*Smith's Bible Dictionary*).