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The studies are taken from the New Kings James Version. There are no right or wrong answers; just fill in the blanks from the Scripture used, write out an occasional verse, and answer some very simple questions from the text.

- 1) 15:1 Who did God give this law through?
- 2) 15:2-3 What does this law concern?
- 3) 15 Are these impurities contagious?
- 4) 16:2 Could Aaron enter the Holy Place at any time?
- 5) 16:34 How often could Aaron enter the Holy Place?
- 6) 16:29 On what day could Aaron enter the Holy Place?
- 7) 17:4 Where were sacrifices to be made?
- 8) 17:7 Who had Israel offered sacrifices to?

Daily Thought

In Chapter 16 we find that after uncleanness was cured, something was still required. What? Sacrifice! This is needed after every sin. Even now, days after we repent (change) from sin, we still call upon Jesus for His sacrifice to pay for our sins. Also we still sacrifice. We must sacrifice the pleasures we receive from our sins. Sin is often pleasurable; this is how we so quickly find ourselves entangled in sin. Don't live in these temporary pleasures. Make the sacrifice – look to the bigger pictures – eternal pleasure. Read Hebrews 11:24-26 and Matthew 6:33. First seek God, then pleasure will find you.

- 1) 18:5 If one follows God’s statutes and judgments, he shall receive what? (This wording can be hard to follow – he shall live by them.)
- 2) 18 Can you believe these commands were necessary? (What causes a rule or law to be made? People were doing these things!
- 3) 18:21 Don’t let your descendants pass through what?
- 4) 19:2 Write out this verse: _____

- 5) 19:32 Are we to honor our elders?
- 6) 20:2 Gives descendants to whom?
- 7) 20:6 “And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to _____, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.”

Daily Thought

What does it mean to prostitute one’s self to anything? When we hear this word today, we think of one thing. Prostitution. To prostitute self is to sell out. You are no longer under your own will but you are at the will of who you’ve prostituted yourself to. This can almost be one in the same as adultery. One who has done either is unfaithful or disloyal to God: then have chosen other loves and are no longer following their original faith. Don’t sell out – be God’s chosen child. He gave this to us – don’t give that up!

- 1) 21:1-2 Was a priest to be around the dead or attend a funeral?
What were the exceptions?
- 2) 21:14 What were the standards for a priest's selection of a bride?
- 3) 21:18-24 What kind of physical condition was a priest to be in – could he have ailments?
- 4) 22:9 Profane = defile
Sanctify = cleanse or set apart.
“If they profane it, I the Lord will sanctify them.”
Does our Lord protect and forgive His people?
Even in the Old Testament?
- 5) 22:19 With what condition of heart do we offer sacrifice?
Can that sacrifice be blemished or not perfect?
- 6) 23 Can you name the feasts?
- 7) 23 Was one allowed to do work on any of the feast days?

Daily Thought

There were many rules and restrictions in these days. Are we still bound under these laws? See Colossians 2:11-23 (particularly verse 16):

“So let no one judge you in food or drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths. . .”

No, we are not still held to these ordinances. We are now covered by Christ in all these things. Now as we are in Christ, be representatives of Christ.

- 1) 24:2 Bring what kind of oil? How long were the lamps to burn?
- 2) 24:7 What kind of frankincense (incense)?
- 3) 24:10-16 What became of the woman's son who blasphemed the Lord?
- 4) 25:4 What was the seventh year for the land?
- 5) 25:8-9 What is the 49th year of Sabbath called?
- 6) 25:18 What keeps us living safely?
- 7) 26:8 How many can one man of God make flee?
And one hundred men of God?
- 8) 26:9 Why can God's people accomplish so much?

Daily Thought

In this last chapter, God tells us "if you abide in Me, obey My commands. I will bless you abundantly, if not I will not be with you. You will fail in all you do, your work will be in vain."

How prosperous are you? Does everything you put your hand to prosper or crumble? Keep reading – whether you are small or big God can still build upon you – just be willing to be obedient.

Word of Growth

"Scapegoat"

Back in Chapter 16 we read of the scapegoat. Aaron made atonement for Israel yearly in a sacrifice which called for two goats – one for sacrifice and one to release into the wilderness (a scapegoat). Now Jesus had done this work for us – He filled the part of both of these scapegoats.

Here's the deal. Aaron took two goats and cast lots (rolled dice or drew sticks) to see which goat would die and which one would be released. These goats had a 50/50 shot – one would die and one would live. Which one is better off? Aaron kills one in front of the tabernacle and the other he whispers all of Israel's sins into its ear and releases it into the wilderness. This signified the removal of sin – the goat took all the sin of Israel with it. Can you imagine how fast this goat must have fled? That poor goat

probably wished to trade places with the sacrificial goat if it could have understood all Aaron said.

That seems to be a humorous story to me but this was God's prescribed way. Take that sin and let it all go! Tell that goat and leave it there. Chase that thing right out of the camp –right out of your life.

See Isaiah 38:17 – God places our sins behind Him, into the depths of the sea will He put them (Micah 7:19).

Once we've chosen the right path (Jesus) and repent (change) from our past, God no longer remembers that part of us – so why should we? Leave it behind and live for God!

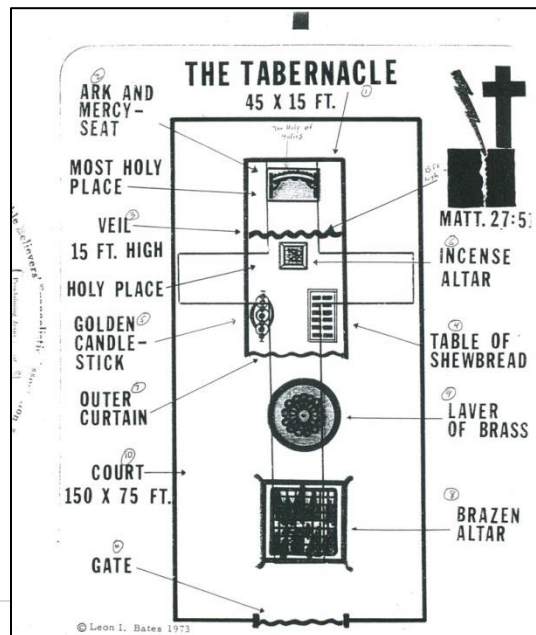
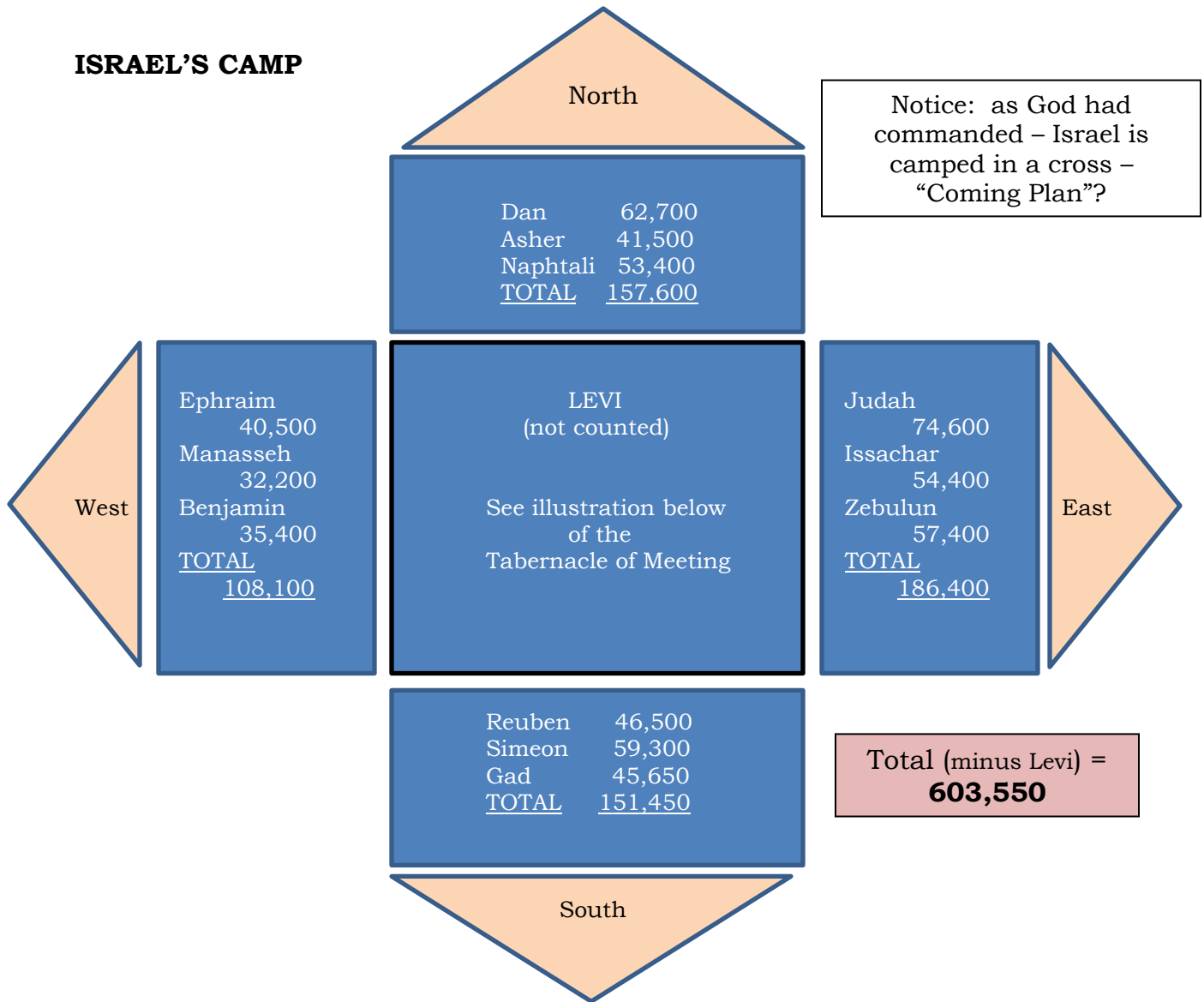
- 1) 27:2,9,14,16 What four things were spoken of for dedication to the Lord in this chapter?
- 2) 27:2,12,14,18,23 Who sets the value of the dedication?
- 3) 27:34 For who were these standards set?
- 4) 1:1-2 What was Moses told to do?
- 5) 1:5-15 How many tribes – “one man from each”?
- 6) 1:46 What was the total number of men of Israel 20 years old and older who were able to go to war?
- 7) 2:3,10,17,18,25 Think about the locations of the children of Israel. These verses will give you their placement. Can you picture it? (See the map).

Daily Thought

God has had a plan from the very beginning of time for His people. Let us keep persistent in our studies and see His plan unfold. God can and will show us much through these past stories if we patiently receive His word.

As we continue try to think about how our Old Testament predicts the New. The first tells of the last though many may never see it fully. Pray for this insight and God will deliver it. See James 1:5.

ISRAEL'S CAMP



- 1) 3:6 “Bring the _____ near, and _____ them before _____ the priest, that they may serve him.”
- 2) 3:15 Who was Moses now told to number?
- 3) 3:39 How many males from one month old and up of the Levites were counted?
- 4) 3:43 How many males of Israel were counted from one month of age and up?
- 5) 4:1-20 God instructed His people to the “T” (“This is how you do this.”) What was the penalty for not listening?
- 6) 4:3,23,30,35,39,43,47 Notice all these verses. Was God thorough in His instructions? How old was a person to be to do the works as He instructed?
- 7) 5:1-4 Where was a defiled person to be placed?
- 8) 5:5-8 If a person sins what shall they do?
- 9) 5:16-22 What was the outcome of a faithful wife who drank the water? What about an unfaithful woman?

Daily Thought

God was apparently so pleased with the Levites He gave up His right to the first-born of Israel in exchange for the Levites! Why do you think that was? Obedience?

- 1) 6:2 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the ___ of a _____, to _____ himself to the _____.’”
- 2) 6:4 Can a Nazirite eat anything from the grapevine?
- 3) 6:5 Can a Nazirite cut their hair?
- 4) 7:1 What does it mean to be consecrated?
- 5) 7:89 Whose voice came from above the mercy seat?
- 6) 8:7 What was needed for this cleansing?
What was done to the Levites for this ceremonial cleansing?
- 7) 8:24-25 What age could one begin service until when?

Daily Thought

Seven questions for perfection. May you have a blessed day today.

Numbers 6:24-26

“The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

You, you, you, you, you, and you!

You’ve just been blessed as Aaron was guided to bless the Levites (priests). Claim this blessing; walk in a way pleasing to the Lord.

God bless you. (Seven YOUs for a perfect day.)

Word of Growth

“Molech”

In Chapter 20 of Leviticus we spoke of prostitution to the god Molech. I thought I would explain some on this topic.

Romans 1:28

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting. . .”

These individuals knew of God and His Will but would not retain what was given them. So God allowed them to do those ignorant things they chose to do. The human mind is debased and lacking without God. God then gave them to do their own will.

Molech/Chemosh was a fire god. Molech was a bronze statue with the face of a calf and hand which were held out to receive something. Molech was located in the valley of Hinnom (the place Jesus called hell on earth). The worshippers of Molech would burn a fire under him until his hands would glow red and offer their children to him. They would beat the drums so they would not have to hear the screaming infants. That is a debased mind! People chose this way rather than God. Even King Solomon did this! Man surely does not know the way.

Proverbs 14:12

“There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”

Molech:	Worshipped by Solomon	1 Kings 11:1-8
	Children sacrificed to him	2 Kings 23:10
	Molech’s location	Jeremiah 7:31-33
	Jesus calls Hinnom “hell”	Matthew 5:22; 18:9; 23:15

Hinnom was also known as Ben-Hinnom, Tophet, and Gehenna in these last three verses. Jesus speaks of hell fire and judgment. He actually uses the word “Gehenna” – “You are in danger of Gehenna.”

Hinnom was located just outside of Jerusalem and was used as a waste dump in Jesus’ time. It was as hell because it was always smoldering from burning waste.

“Test your teachers!” If we can write it or speak it – we shall be able to back it! Too many today speak falsely without proof. Test the truth – don’t take every doctrine or teaching for granted.

God bless you all. Keep wise in your knowledge of Him and His grace be with you.

- 1) 9:1-5 Passover? Day & month_____ Time_____
- 2) 9:13 What were the two penalties of missing the Passover?
- 3) 9:15-18 Were the children of Israel obedient to God? Did they follow Him wherever He went?
- 4) 10:1-4 What was to happen when both trumpets were blown? How about just one?
- 5) 10:11-12 When did the cloud move? (Day, month, year)
See verse 13 – this was the first time Israel moved after God’s guidance.
- 6) 10:14 Which tribe started out first following God’s cloud?
- 7) 11:1 Why did Israel complain?
See Exodus 15:22-24 and compare with Numbers 10:33-34.
- 8) 11:31 How far on every side of the camp were the quail?

Daily Thought

God’s providence: Israel, even after God had sent fire to consume its complainers, continued to cry unto Moses. Moses finally called God asking “Why, Lord? This is too much for me, I can’t take this. Just kill me if this is it.”

Sometimes life can be overwhelming. God will provide for His obedient servants. He gave Moses seventy men to carry his burden. What a way to say “I do love you, My son, I do.”

- 1) 12:1 What did Miriam and Aaron do?
- 2) 12:8 How did God speak to Moses?
- 3) 12:13 Even after Miriam spoke against Moses and was punished with leprosy, what did Moses cry to God for?
- 4) 13:1-5 How many men were sent to spy out Canaan?
(Hint: one from each tribe – how many tribes?)
- 5) 13:33 These spies said they were as WHAT compared to the giants?
- 6) 13:30 Who was confident in the Lord and said “Let us take this land – we are able” ?
- 7) 14:2 Once again, Israel did what?
- 8) 14:6 Which two men were confident in the Lord’s deliverance?

Daily Thought

Miriam, Moses’ sister, spoke badly of Moses. She even claimed equality with Moses. God said “Though I speak to you and Aaron in your visions (dreams), I speak to Moses face to face. He is My servant and My anointed (chosen one); how dare you speak against My servant!”

Moses shows his godliness as he called to God, “Lord, don’t leave my sister with this curse (leprosy), but forgive her.” Moses cried for those who meant harm to him.

Love your brothers and sisters.

- 1) 15:15 Write out this verse _____

- 2) 15:24 What was the payment for unintentional sin for the congregation?
What was to be offered?
- 3) 15:30 What about a person who sins presumptuously (defiantly,
intentionally)? What is their penalty?
- 4) 16:6 What was Korah and his company to do?
- 5) 16:31-33 What happened to those who spoke against Moses?
How about the 250 men offering incense (verse 35)?
- 6) 17:1-2 What was Moses to get from the leaders?
How many?
- 7) 17:8 What happened to Aaron's rod?

Daily Thought

Chapter 15:15 paraphrased: "As you are so shall the strangers among you be before the Lord." Many thought only the Jewish people were God's chosen people. In the New Testament, Peter learns differently in a vision about food (Acts 10:38). Though one who studies God's Word can see this truth from the beginning. We see it right here in Numbers 15. Don't view yourself or others as something they are not because of human standings. God's chosen come from all sources (see 1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

- 1) 18:7 What would happen to an outsider who came near to the Holy Places?
- 2) 18:8 God gave all the holy gifts of Israel to Aaron and his sons for how long?
- 3) 18:26 How much of the tithes the Levites received was to be offered to the Lord? (This is the same percentage all titles are to start at.)
- 4) 19:9 What was to be done with the ashes of the heifer? They were used for what purpose?
- 5) 20:8 What was Moses to do to the rock to get it to produce water? What did Moses do instead? (See verse 11)
- 6) 20:12 What was to be the consequences of Moses' and Aaron's disobedience?

Daily Thought

Tithes (see Genesis 14:20): Even our father, Abraham, gave tithes. God commanded His children saying 10% of all their goods belonged to Him. This is a difficult thing to many, though I understand its simplicity. One shouldn't argue this. God says basically "I'm going to give you \$100.00. Out of your respect for Me, give back \$10.00 to My cause." If you give me \$100.00 I'll give you \$10.00 back for as long as you wish to play that game! 10% is nothing compared to our blessings.

Word of Growth

Quail:

Israel continued to complain against God; they cried to Moses but God was instructing him so as I said, they complained against God. Bad idea! In chapter 11, Israel complained "we have no meat to eat, all we have is this manna" (bread from heaven).

We can see the humor in all of Israel's complaints now as those after us will see our ways, I'm sure. "Give us, give us, and give us more!" God says "You want meat? I'll give you meat!" God sent them quail, but not just a few. God sent quail so numerous they were a day's journey each way of the camp! Imagine as far as you could walk in a day. The quail were as far as you could walk and they were two cubits deep (3 feet);

piled three feet deep as far as you could see (see 11:31). The Israelites gathered then homers at the least (6 bushels or 220 liters) per person.

God gave them all they wanted and they became sick while the meat was still between their teeth! The amount of people that died in their lust for meat were so great, they called that place “kiboth” (verse 34) which means, “Graves of craving”. A whole grave yard of gluttons.

Be careful of what you ask for in life – you may receive just that. Even to the fullest.

Proverbs 1:31

“Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.”

- 1) 21:6 What did the Lord send upon Israel? Why?
- 2) 21:8 What was Moses to do to save the people?
- 3) 21:9 If the children were obedient and looked to the serpent on the pole, what did they receive?
- 4) 22:3 How did Moab feel about Israel?
- 5) 22:5-6 Why did Balak call on Balaam?
- 6) 22:28 What amazing thing did Balaam's donkey do?
- 7) 23:12 & 26 What did Balaam continue to tell Balak from the very beginning when Balak sent for Balaam?

Daily Thought

Chapter 21:4-9 This bronze serpent on a pole is another symbolic story in the Old Testament. This serpent the people had to look up at to live and not die was as Jesus is to us today. Israel had sinned again – they spoke against Moses and God. And God put serpents among them to kill them for their sins. The penalty of sin is death. But God allowed them an out. “Be obedient to My word, look to this serpent and live!” Or now for us “Be obedient to My command, look to My only Son and live!”

As this snake on a pole, we look up to Jesus on His cross, both were lifted up for us!

- 1) 24:10 Why was Balak so angered?
- 2) 24:25 What was the final outcome of Balaam and Balak?
- 3) 25:1 What did Israel do?
- 4) 25:3 Write out this verse _____

- 5) 25:16 Why did God command Moses to attack the Midianites?
- 6) 26:64-65 How many from the wilderness of Sinai were counted again in this census?

Daily Thought

In Chapter 24:25 it seems that Balak remains angered at Balaam and both men separate; Balak un-pleased and Balaam still loyal to God. But is that really what happened? See Revelation 2:14; 2 Peter 2:15-16 and Jude 11. Why did Israel get tangled up with the Moabite women?

Balaam spoke to Balak saying "I cannot curse Israel or speak against God. But . . . whisper, whisper, whisper." The only way to corrupt God's children is to get them entangled with the loves of the world. Entice them with their lust!

If we turn our desires from God, He won't beg or force us to follow Him. That's up to each one of us individually. Believe me, these very enticements exist today so keep your eye on the prize! (1 Corinthians 9:24)

- 1) 27:1-11 Even though the standings of a female were small compared to a man in the Old Testament and the New, did God consider women capable where necessary to take on certain responsibilities as a man? (Let his daughters take charge of his inheritance?)
- 2) 27:12 Why did God send Moses to Mount Abarim? (Two reasons)
- 3) 27:18-10 Who was to go with Moses to be inaugurated as the new leader of Israel?
- 4) 18 & 29 Daily offerings, Sabbath offerings, Monthly offerings, offering at the Passover, offerings at the Feast of Weeks, offerings at the Feast of Trumpets, offerings on the Day of Atonement, offerings at the Feast of Tabernacles. Did Moses share all God had commanded him? (verse 29:40)

Daily Thought

Women are not helpless nor were they thought to be in Old Testament times. They just held different roles than the men. Women were not as high in standing as a man in society. Their names were not even listed in any legal documents, not in genealogies, not as a witness. One name for a family was sufficient. The wife and children of Bill were listed just that way, the Family of Bill. If, as a family, we all operate as a single unit as intended, than a single name for that family would be enough.

Though this was the case in public, a woman still had a very difficult and important role in the home. She took care of all things around the home. They did all the teaching up to a certain age – Biblical and life.

And even now the male would not keep up to the abilities of a woman in the home. Though times are changing and women are now working as men at careers, thank you ladies for your strength and patience – without you, a man would never make it. We'd still be living as the animals under a tree somewhere in the wilderness.

Word of Growth

Wilderness:

Israel spent forth years in captivity, then forty more in the wilderness before reaching the Promised Land. Moses never even made it – he never stepped foot into the

Promised Land. He was disobedient and struck a rock God had told him to speak to for water. Moses saw this land from afar – then was gathered to his kin.

We are likened to Israel and even to Moses going through this process. We start life in bondage. We're slaves to our sinful nature until we reach the age of understanding. Then we are tempted as we walk through our wilderness of sin. Our wilderness experience starts when we understand right and wrong. This is when temptation starts – I want to but it's wrong. Do I or don't I? We go back and forth in our trials in this time. Some of our choices are good, but we still learn in error. Sin will be present for our entire life – we can learn to control our actions and thus control sin. We grow closer to God with age in an ideal world. And as Moses we too can see God's Promised Land in our future – the land flowing with milk and honey, the land of steak and eggs, the land of banana splits and root beer floats.

All the good we can't even begin to contemplate will be awaiting us as the faithful in the Promised Land. We in our natural ability may never completely tame this wilderness, though we have our one name under heaven which delivers us from this sin, "Jesus Christ our beloved". Lean upon Him for your guidance (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Song of Solomon 8:5 – "Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon the beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth."

We are all considered the heir, "men and women alike". We need the strength of our beloved husbandman (Jesus) to guide us, for our mothers left us beneath that apple tree where sin began – not by choice of course.

Everyone sees their own way through sin – no one can do that for us. Though our knowledge of Jesus awakens us from under this tree (sin). Work to see the land, trust Jesus and His guidance. You've been awakened – don't go on in a groggy sleep-deprived mess – be alert and study to know the way.

Will you step foot in that land? Be strong in His Name and I will see you there.

God blesses all his children.

- 1) 30:1-2 Is a man held to the words he speaks, every word that comes from his mouth? By whom?
- 2) 30:3-16 Why do you think a father or a husband can overrule a woman's word?
- 3) 1:8 Notice these names – did God take just vengeance upon Balaam for his words against Israel to Balak? (Live by the sword, die by the sword – live to injustice, die to it as well.)
- 4) 31:14-16 Why was Moses angered at his captains?
- 5) 31:49 Did God allow the loss of any of His children in this war?
- 6) 32:1; 29 Which two tribes chose to stay east of the Jordan and not take their inheritance in the Promised Land?
- 7) 32:1-41 What was Gad and Reuben to do before they could claim this land east of the Jordan?

Daily Thought

Answer to Question 2: 1 Corinthians 11:3 “But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of every woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.” Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.”

Just as Christ Jesus is the head of every man and so loves His church, so is every father or man to be with his daughter and wife. We love you and protect you as Christ would His church, as God would His Son. We've not just being ridiculous and over-controlling, we love you and are doing our best to look out for your best interests.

- 1) 33:1-2 What does Chapter 33 contain, who wrote it, and who commanded him to do so?
- 2) 33:50-53 What did God command Moses to have Israel do when they came into the Promised Land?
- 3) 34:1-12 Was the Lord plain and thorough when explaining the land He gave to Israel?
- 4) 34:13-29 Did our Lord leave any doubt on who and how this land was to be divided?
- 5) 35:1-5 What was the situation with the land given to the Levites? Where did it come from, how was it to be, and did God really give measurements of its common lands?
- 6) 36:6-7 What was the solution with the daughters of Zelophehad, to keep their land as passion of their father's tribe?

Daily Thought

When Israel entered the Promised Land the first thing they were to do was cleanse the land. God commanded them to destroy all the idols and shrines, the high places and anything which would challenge their relationship with God.

We, too, could take notes here. When we are enticed by anything which is ungodly, why do we allow it to be around us? Remove it or remove yourself from it! How can a thing entice you if you are no longer in its reach?

- 1) 1:8 Whose fathers did God promise this great land to? And who are the descendants?
- 2) 1:30 Who will fight for the children (us) of God?
- 3) 1:31 How did God carry Israel? (As well as us?)
- 4) 2:7 Where was God while His people trudged through their wilderness? (Sin)
- 5) 2:8-25 In these verses, God assures Israel of His abilities to have His chosen welcome the giants. What were the three groups of giants named here? (See verses 10 and 20)
- 6) 2:34; 3:4 How many of King Sihon's cities did Israel take? How many cities from King Og?
- 7) 3:11 How big was King Og's bed?
(13 ½ feet long and 6 feet wide – a standard cubit being a foot and a half)
- 8) 3:26-27 Was Moses allowed to cross the Jordan?
What mount was he sent to, to see this great land (verse 27)?

Daily Thought

Note Chapter 3:26 . . . “Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.” Once God has spoken, it is final. Not even Moses was allowed to go beyond God's decision. Make your choices count – one day God may say “Enough! Live in your decision!”

- 1) 4:1-2 Moses gives God’s command to Israel and warns them not to do what? (We are all still held to this standard. See Revelation 22:19 for the consequences of this.)
- 2) 4:6 What is God’s word to us and how will others view us if we keep His words?
- 3) 4:24 What two things did Moses call God?
- 4) 5:1-22 Verse 7: You shall have no other _____ before Me.
Verse 8: You shall not make for yourself a _____.
Verse 11: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your _____.
Verse 12: _____ the _____ day . . .
Verse 16: _____ your _____ and your _____
Verse 17: You shall not _____
Verse 18: You shall not _____
Verse 19: You shall not _____
Verse 20: You shall not _____
Verse 21: You shall not _____
- 5) 6:5 Write out this greatest commandment: _____

Daily Thought

Chapter 4: 29 – “When you seek the Lord you will find Him; if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” Never look to God half-heartedly, He will never respond with only half a response, so why would anyone think He would answer a half-way desire?

Word of Growth

Obedience

Deuteronomy 4:9 “Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. and teach them to your children and your grandchildren.”

We today have only one way to remember all God had done for our fathers previously – in God’s Word. Our Bible is it. We need to read it and know it to know God. Many picture a God, they even believe in Him, but they never truly take time to get to know Him. How do you claim God as your father, but not know Him? This is worthless. Even the demons believe and tremble. Believing is not all there is to it. We must know our God – we must know His will and if we truly love Him, we will do our best to live pleasing to Him. Believing will save us when we need the grace and mercy of God through Jesus, though we will never live pleasing to God – not knowing or caring about His will. See Matthew 7:22-23 – “I do not know you” would be a terrible thing to hear. Get to know your Father. And whatever else you do share Him with your children and those after them. Do not let them lose this knowledge!

Many have tried to corrupt and slander God’s word, make sure we the believers keep it. God bless you all today and always.

No matter what else in life you do,
Live for Him. . .
He died for you!

(words from Betty Tice)

- 1) 7:1 How many nations greater and mightier than Israel did God deliver over to Israel?
- 2) 7:6 What is above all the people on the face of the earth?
- 3) 7:10 How does God repay those who hate Him?
(God is God, He will get straight to the point.)
- 4) 8:2 Why was God leading Israel in the wilderness for forty years?
- 5) 8:5 How does God deal with us?
- 6) 8:6-20 Wow! What truth! Confidence in life brings forgetfulness. Do you ever become this way. “Yep, I did that and it was me and my own ability.” Or do you thank God for it all?
- 7) 9:5 Whose fathers? Name them and claim them.
- 8) 9:1-29 Bonus question: Did God give us this land because of our righteousness? If not for Moses, what would God have done?

Daily Thought

See Chapter 7:7 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. God didn't choose us because of our greatness? We were the least? The lowly things? I don't know about you, I can't even think of arguing this fact. Bottom of the barrel here. How do you feel about this truth? “God, why? Why me? I'm nothing.”

But the Lord is with you – isn't that great? We have numbers, authority, and ability beyond measure when standing with God. Not that these matter when God is with you.

I no longer recall where I read this, but remember this in your trials. “One man (person) standing directly on the word of God is the majority.” Nothing else in life can win against these odds. God is our strength. Not I, God, but You! Glory to You.

God bless you and protect you daily.

- 1) 10:6 Who took over Aaron's priesthood?
- 2) 10:12 What does God require of us, His children?
- 3) 11:13-15 What was God's blessing to His obedient?
(This is still the same today, God will bless obedience with abundance.)
- 4) 11:19 When shall we speak of God's commands, and to whom?
- 5) 11:25 Who can stand against God's elect?
- 6) 12:8 "You shall not at all do as we are doing here today" – which was what? (Seems like today, doesn't it?)
- 7) 12:23 Why are we not to eat the blood of any animal?
- 8) 12:32 What are we not to do?

Daily Thought

Question #5 – "Who can stand against God's elect?" This verse tells us – NO ONE. If we are in God's will, we shall fear nothing, even when life seems in danger "Chin up and stick it out". God promises only better things to come.

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against You shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord." We have life beyond the grave. We have eternity with God's blessings. No one can take it! We're immortal . . .

- 1) 13:1-4 If a prophet comes along, even if his prophecies come true, what are we to do if he says, “Let’s worship another God” ??? (See verses 3 & 4)
- 2) 13:6-11 What was the penalty for ANYONE who enticed God’s children to worship another god?
- 3) 14:3-21 Though the New Testament teaches us not to judge one for the food he eats (Colossians 2:16 – releasing us from these regulations) do you think to eat of only clean things would be pleasing to God?
- 4) 14:22-29 Bonus: How much was the base for a tithe? (Genesis 28:22; Leviticus 27:32; Numbers 18:26; Nehemiah 10:38; Hebrews 7:2)
- 5) 15:7 How are we to treat the poor (a brother, a Christian)?
- 6) 15:21 Can one offer anything with a known defect to our Lord?

Daily Thought

We’ve spoken of tithing previously; I wish to speak once more briefly of it. Many don’t wish to speak of giving anything away though we are only giving a small part of what has been given to us from our Father above. Tithing is meant to support God’s cause. Does this mean we need to donate to the church, the needy and homeless, or who? No, we can do what we feel is just with our portion. God has given us a piece of blessing to bless others with it. This I believe should be for our family of believers. Not necessarily the church, but within the body of believers. The Bible says if one does not work he does not eat; and if a man will not support his family or near kin, it is a sin for him (2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8). By no means shall they receive this portion. Proverbs 3:27 “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so.” Use discretion – more blessed to give than receive.

Word of Growth

Food:

Once again we can eat what we choose to eat; we are no longer held to many of the Old Testament standards. Though if the Old Testament is our tutor, then God would be pleased for us to follow it. Wouldn't you agree?

Colossians 2:16 "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths."

We are freed from these statues though how interesting they seem to me. One can no longer be saved by these. Christ is our only way to salvation. God spoke these past commands for a reason – they pleased Him. His people were a separate, sanctified, holy people! We were always meant to be different. God gave us His words for wisdom and others will view us as wise if we follow God's words. One can follow these statues out of love but not for honor or salvation. This could be a way of fasting to honor God – not self. Fasting is to be personal, it is to honor God, and humble one's self before the Father. If you are up for it, I believe it would be fun to select one thing from this list of clean food and honor God by eating it. If you are willing to join me in a fast we could all join in a small meal of your choice from this list at dinnertime on the last day of the month. This is to give time for preparation. List Chapter 13: 3-21. I will be eating a fish dinner at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of May to honor God. A small and fun thing to obey and honor God as well as showing unity of the body.

May the presence of our Lord bless each of us continually.

- 1) 16:1-2 What month should the Passover be observed in?
What kind of bread was to be eaten?
- 2) 16:17 Every man shall give according to what?
- 3) 17:8-9 If a matter arises in which you don't know what to do – where do you go and to whom do you speak?)
- 4) 17:18 What was the king to write – a copy of what?
(Notice verse 19 – what was he to do with his copy?)
- 5) 18:1 Why did Levi have no part in Israel's inheritance?
- 6) 18:10-12 Minus children passing through the fires of Molech, how many of these other abominations exist today?
We accept these as more or less normal nowadays – why?
- 7) 18:15-22 Do you recognize this coming Prophet?
Who is He?

Daily Thought

Chapter 3 – this instruction is still very good even today not only for judgment but for any issue that arises in our lives. If you are not sure what to do in a situation, ask. Pray to God. No real answer? Ask a person blessed in the knowledge of God's word. Minister / preacher / elder / a good friend – for that matter, email us at the Barryton Church of Christ. No names needed. Just leave us a way to respond.

- 1) 19:1-7 What were these three cities for?
Were these to protect a murderer who killed intentionally?
- 2) 19:15 According to God's word, is a single witness sufficient?
How many are needed?
- 3) 20:1 Why are we not to be in fear of our enemies?
- 4) 20:8 What is the risk with faint-hearted and fearfulness – why were these men allowed to leave the battle?
- 5) 20:19 Why could Israel not cut down the trees of the land that warred against them?
- 6) 21:8-9 The city closest to a slain man was responsible for his blood if they had no one to place in guilt: why did they sacrifice a heifer?
- 7) 21:18-21 What was to be done with a rebellious child in Old Testament times?

Daily Thought

As Christians we should be confident in our faith. We shall know for sure in our hearts our God is the one and only. As told in the New Testament, we should all be prepared to give witness to others. Confidence comes from knowing the word (Bible); if this is not enough for you, pray about it – if still needing more, study history. The facts can still be found. Our Savior was raised from the dead and stands confident for us. Never doubt His abilities.

- 1) 4:1-2 If you find anything which belongs to another, what is to be done with it?
Does it belong to you?
- 2) 22:20 What was the consequence for a young woman who had known a man out of marriage?
- 3) 22:22 What was to be done to the adulterous couple?
- 4) 23:3 Who hired Balaam to curse the fathers?
- 5) 23:5 What did God do with this curse and why?
- 6) 23:21 When you make a vow to God, does He then require it from you?
How soon should you do what was promised?
It was counted as what if not kept?
- 7) 24:16 Write this verse out and remember – no one can be responsible for you – whatever in life you do belong in full to you:

Daily Thought

Again, all the Old Testament is good for the prosperity of the believer. Remember, though, Jesus in our New Testament commanded forgiveness. No longer does physical death result from one’s sin – though spiritual death is a sure result of the unrepentant sinner. Also we no longer follow the “eye for an eye or tooth for a tooth”. We are to forgive those who use and abuse us though we don’t have to keep in their reach.

Pray for them in love.

- 1) 25:4 Write out this verse. (This can also be found in Proverbs 12:10; 1 Corinthians 9:9; 1 Timothy 5:18)

- 2) 25:16 What are the unrighteous to God?
- 3) 26:1-10 What part of your increase is to be offered to God?
- 4) 26:12 Who was this third year tithe intended to support?
- 5) 26:16 How should we obey our Lord's commandments?
- 6) 27:2-3 What was Israel to do on the first day they crossed the Jordan into this great land?
- 7) 27:4 What mountain were these to be placed upon?
- 8) What did all the people say after each statute?
What does it mean?

Daily Thought

All these statutes were given for a lesson. God's people had been doing these very things! Another good example of being given over to a depraved mind. When humans are left without guidance, we can see the results. Follow and honor God. "No foolishness in that!"

Word of Growth

A Prophet Like Moses

In Chapter 18: 15-22, Moses speaks the words of God saying "The Lord will raise a Prophet like me from your midst." When our Lord spoke to Israel from the Mount, they were so in fear they asked that He not speak to them again in that way. So God would send His word through chosen people; in this case He promised a Prophet like Moses to speak His word (verse 18 – "I will put My words in his mouth).

One could think this Prophet to be Joshua, but I believe this Prophet to be further off in the future. Let's see the clues. Verse 15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst from your brethren. Him you shall hear."

God raised Jesus from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:33). He also raised Jesus from the grave.

Jesus spoke the words of God even in the synagogues while being in danger of persecution.

"If you don't hear My words through Him, I will require that of you" as in verse 19. Only Jesus could have such authority. Verse 22 – a true prophet. If of God all the prophet speaks will come true. No one could ever find fault with Jesus. 1 John 3:5 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. "No sin could be found in Him." Everything He did and spoke was righteous, from the true Prophet. Only two people in our Bible were known of or called "meek" – Jesus and Moses.

Numbers 12:3 KJV

(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

Matthew 11:29; 21:5 KJV

⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

⁵Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Due to translation, we've used the King James Version to show the actual word "meek". Jesus and Moses are the only two men who shared this title in our Bible. "A Prophet Like Me." Meekness is not weakness, but more of a patient restraint. Both Moses and Jesus shared this trait – and neither were weak or timid. Moses fought many battles; Jesus cleansed the temple of sinful men. Not weak traits.

This section is one of many in our Old Testament which speaks of our coming Messiah; one only need to know their Bible facts to see this. Pieces of our Bible could be overlooked easily if one is not familiar with the Scriptures. Between the Old Testament and the New Testament scripture there are many prophecies – 351 of which can be listed as fulfilled, though many of these even pointed out are difficult to understand. Again, one must know their facts.

One more simple fact: Jesus is God's Son, He is not a mere prophet, but He IS THE Prophet. Many beliefs like to claim Jesus is just a prophet. One could not say this in honesty of Jesus. Jesus claimed his Sonship as well as His Deity and equalness to the Father. If this was not true then wouldn't Jesus be only a liar and not a great prophet or just a prophet? Jesus never lied. Fault or sin was not found in Jesus. If He said "I AM", then He was.

God blesses you in your obedience; continue in this journey. Only blessings can follow Biblical studies.

- 1) 28:1, 12 If you are diligently obeying all of God's commands, what is the outcome?
- 2) 28:15, 20 What is the outcome of disobedience?
Don't some of these curses seem familiar to many today?
- 3) 29:13 Who are we to God – and He to us? Also notice here the end of this verse "as He has sworn to" not had. Though Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had perished from the earth, they are still with God and His covenant still stands!
- 4) 29:21-22 What would God do with a person who broke His covenant?
- 5) 30:1-3 Even in the Old Testament if you turned from God and then came back (repenting from your sins) would God forgive and receive you back?
- 6) 3:14 Is God's word far from us?
Where is His word?

Daily Thought

We have many choices to make in life and though a lifetime may seem long to us, it is not. We have only a short while to make our choices and though it seems we've many choices to make only a few actually count or amount to anything. One way to be sure in our few choices is in trusting God's guidance; He does not set His children up for failure, but for great blessing! Amen.

- 1) 31:6 What is the responsibility of God's children?
What was instructed them by God through Moses?
If we follow and uphold this responsibility, where will God be?
- 2) 31:7-8 Imagine if you were Joshua – how would you be feeling as Moses told these things to you?
- 3) 31:12 Who all was to hear God's law?
- 4) 32:11 How did God guide Jacob?
- 5) 32:36 How does God treat His servants?
- 6) 33:27 God is what and where are His arms?
(As a father carrying his child. . .)
- 7) 33:29 Who is our shield and sword?

Daily Thought

Question #2: When Moses told Joshua “You will lead Israel across the Jordan and God will lead you” – what a moment! Only a choice individual could handle this responsibility. Imagine the weight and responsibility all at once. One could collapse and give in to this stress or get a big head and let pride overrun them. “God chose me” or “Oh no, what will I do?” Only a wise man will rely on God in all things.

- 1) 34:1 Name the mountain which Moses died upon.
- 2) 34:6 Where was Moses buried?
Do we know the exact location of his grave?
- 3) 34:7 How old was Moses when he passed from this life?
- 4) 1:1 To whom did God speak after Moses?
- 5) 1:7 If God's law was followed again, what resulted?
- 6) 1:8 Meditate on God's law when?
- 7) 2:1-4 Who hid the two men Joshua sent to spy out Jericho?
- 8) 2:14 What did these men swear to Rahab?

Daily Thought

How blessed the believer and follower of our Lord when even Rahab could see prosperity in helping God's followers. Even a non-believer who helps God's cause received reward – how much more will the believer be blessed in this? Don't just claim belief but remember to work in belief.

Word of Growth

As an eagle:

Deuteronomy 32:11-12 "As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the Lord alone lead him, and there was no foreign god with him."

I read in a study of eagle Christians, but I don't recall in full the whole lesson. I do remember the habit of the eagle. As this scripture states, God as an eagle leading Jacob so does an eagle lead her young.

An eagle is a very proud creature. Did you know during a thunder storm the eagle does not take shelter but flies to great heights above the storm to glide on its wind? An eagle is not fearful. In the lesson I read, I believe a D.N.R. was explaining an eagle's process of learning to fly. An eagle builds its nest high above the ground in the cliffs. Imagine a baby eagle becoming of age to fly looking thousands of feet to the

ground from its nest. “No mom, not today. I don’t feel like learning today, mom. I can learn later.” Well, mother knows her baby’s thoughts, as God ours’. Mom slowly starts to break up the nest. Making it not too cozy, even shaky and dangerous. Then she tricks the baby into climbing on her back for a nice ride. How does she do this? As the Scripture says she hovers over her young after stirring her nest. As she hovers, the nest begins to shake and even break. After a while the baby begins to think of ways to get out of this situation. As we do during our trials. The baby thinks and finally says “I will sneak behind mom and then jump on her back –she can’t shake me with her hovering from there.” Well, mom was expecting this – as God knows how we will react to things. When the baby climbs on mom’s back, she soars above the clouds quickly and gives her little one time to settle. Then she drops the little bird. She lets that little thing fall off her back. Often in life we must fall down before leaving – mom lets her baby fall and then before it hits the ground she swoops it up and takes it all the way back up again, waits for it to settle and drops her baby again!

Does life seem this way to you? Does God lift you to His side and lead you and when things seem well, maybe you get ahead of yourself and fall to old habits. When you see you are wrong, He picks you up and says to try again. I feel this way in life. Hopefully soon I will start to fly. I’m tired of falling. Once again, eagles are proud. Mom is only going to allow her baby so many attempts. I don’t exactly recall the exact number or days the bird has and maybe that’s best. We’re not able to know a number of attempts we are allowed. If that bird can’t fly, mom stops catching it one day and that bird falls to its death. There’s a point when one knows something is not right with that one. Nature must take its course. God doesn’t limit forgiveness – though life does. We will never know our end. We shall be careful to live acceptable lives as if every day is our last. Make good, godly decisions. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all else will be given to you. Soar above as God has intended for you! God bless you.

- 1) 3:3 When would Israel know to set out to the new land God had given them (as children awaiting a gift)?
- 2) 3:13 What was told Israel about the waters of the Jordan?
- 3) 3:16-17 Did the river water stand in a heap?
All Israel crossed the Jordan on what?
- 4) 4:1-8 How many stones were taken from the Jordan river bed?
What for?
- 5) 4:18 At what point did the river return to normal?
- 6) 5:1 What happened to the kings of the Amorites and the Canaanites when they heard what happened at the Jordan?
- 7) 5:10 Where did Israel keep the Passover?

Daily Thought

Near Jericho Joshua met the commander of the Lord's army. What was this commander doing there? How amazing to meet the commander of God's army. But why was he there? As in Balaam's case, man cannot usually see God's elect; however Joshua was allowed this privilege. To me this was God saying "Joshua, I've got you. Don't you fear but be courageous – you are not alone." Neither are we alone. Our Shield has us covered. Would you leave your child unprotected? Neither would God.

- 1) 6:3-4 How many times and days was Israel to march around Jericho?
- 2) 6:5 If obedient, what would happen to the walls of Jericho on the seventh day?
- 3) 6:25 What became of Rahab?
Did God remember her?
- 4) 7:20 What was Achan's sin?
- 5) 7:24-26 What happened to Achan and his family?
- 6) 8:1-35 Did God deliver Ai to Israel?
Explain the strategy used in the ambush of Ai.
- 7) 8:30 Where did Joshua build an altar to the Lord?

Daily Thought

Greed had clouded Achan's judgment as it does many. His punishment was death. He, all his family, and his possessions were destroyed. Once again God's people are a sanctified people (a separate people). Sin must be answered to. Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." The penalty for sin is death; today we call on Jesus for another shot. Achan didn't have that option. God did these things to assure us of sin's consequences. God is a just God. He will judge us with righteousness.

- 1) 9:3-15 What did the Gibeons do to make a treaty with Joshua.
- 2) 9:21 What did Israel do with the Gibeons?
- 3) 10:12-13 What did Joshua say, and what happened?
- 4) 10:16 Where did the five kings end up?
- 5) 10:26 What did Joshua do to these kings?
- 6) 11:5 Did Joshua obey Moses in all God had commanded?
- 7) 11:23 Was Joshua able to accomplish all God had promised?

Daily Thought

Joshua was obedient and God blessed him in every way He had promised. This is a great show of God's ability. God will do all He says even the unbelievable.

Chapter 10:13b "Is this not written in the book of Jasher?" Jasher means "upright" in Hebrew. This is a Jewish history book which records many Biblical events and yes, it does match this verse. The sun and the moon stood still! Even history covers God's great signs and wonders.

Grace and mercy from above.