

## GOD'S PEOPLE IN BONDAGE

### Exodus 1, 2:23-25

Between Genesis 50 and Exodus 2, a period of some 280 years elapsed. Read the following to learn what took place during that period of time:

**A. God's People Under Joseph's Rule:** Read Exodus 1:1-6

1. How many of God's chosen people were there when they came to Egypt? Genesis 46:27; Exodus 1:5  
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2. How were they treated under Joseph's rule? Genesis 47:6  
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3. What happened during their first few years in Egypt? Genesis 47:27b  
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4. By what name did they come to be known there? Exodus 1:7, 9 (See Genesis 32:27, 28 for the origin of this name)  
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5. Why did they not return to Canaan as soon as the famine was over? Genesis 15:13-16, 46:3, 50:24  
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**B. God's People After Joseph's Death:** Read Exodus 1:7-22

1. What happened to the people after the death of Joseph? Exodus 1:7  
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2. How many of them were there at this time? Exodus 1:9  
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3. What happened to change the way they were treated? Exodus 1:8  
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4. Of what was the new king afraid? Exodus 1:10  
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5. What plan did he suggest to prevent this from happening? Exodus 1:11a  
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6. What was the result of this action? Exodus 1:12  
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7. What did the king then tell the Hebrew midwives? Exodus 1:15, 16  
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8. Why would they not obey his command? Exodus 1:17, 21  
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9. What happened because of their stand on this matter? Exodus 1:20  
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10. What was the king's next command? Exodus 1:22  
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**C. The People's Reaction to Their Treatment:** Read Exodus 2:23-25

1. What particular type of work did the people do for Pharaoh? Exodus 1:11b  
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2. Notice that their taskmasters made them serve with "rigour". Look up this word in a dictionary, and write its meaning briefly:  
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3. How is their bondage described? Exodus 1:14a  
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4. What happened to their lives because of this? Exodus 1:14a  
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5. What three things did they do because of their bondage? Exodus 2:23, 24a  
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6. Who heard and saw all that was going on? Exodus 2:23b, 24a, 25a  
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7. What did God remember at this time? Exodus 2:24b (See Genesis 15:13-16)  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was there any way God's people could get themselves out of their own bondage?  
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2. Could I be held in bondage by anyone today? (See Romans 6:16; 2 Timothy 2:26; John 8:33-36)  
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## GOD'S WAY OF DELIVERANCE

### Exodus 2:1-4:16

Not only did God see the condition of His people and hear their cry, but He did something to remedy their situation. Read now to see just what He did:

**A. Moses' Birth:** Read Exodus 2:1-10

1. Who were Moses' parents? Numbers 26:59  
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2. Who were his older sister and brother? Numbers 26:59  
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3. Why was Moses not thrown into the river as soon as he was born? Hebrews 11:23  
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4. When he was eventually put into the river, who found him? Exodus 2:5  
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5. What caused her to take an interest in this child? Exodus 2:6  
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**B. Moses' Early Life:**

1. Who was paid to take care of Moses during his earliest years? Exodus 2:8, 9  
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2. What did he apparently learn from her training? (*THINK!*)  
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**C. Moses' Life in the Palace:**

1. As the son of Pharaoh's daughter, what did Moses learn? (See Acts 7:22a)  
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2. For what two things did he become known during these years? (See Acts 7:22b)  
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**D. Moses' Attempt to Deliver His People:** Read Exodus 2:11-15

1. How old was Moses when he decided to visit the people of his own nation? (See Acts 7:23)  
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2. What did he expect his people to realize at this time? (See Acts 7:25)  
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3. Do you think Moses used God's methods at this time? Exodus 2:12  
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4. What happened as a result of Moses' actions? Exodus 2:15  
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5. What did Moses have to give up because of his visit to his people?
  - a. Hebrews 11:24 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Hebrews 11:25b \_\_\_\_\_

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- c. Hebrews 11:26b \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did he gain?  
a. Hebrews 11:25a \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Hebrews 11:26a \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Moses' Life in the Wilderness:** Read Exodus 2:16-3:10

1. What was Moses' occupation in the wilderness? Exodus 3:1  
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2. How long was he there before the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the burning bush? (See Acts 7:30)  
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3. What did God say He wanted Moses to do? Exodus 3:10  
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4. Did Moses feel that he was qualified for this task? Exodus 3:11  
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5. What great promise did God give him? Exodus 3:12a  
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6. What three miracles did God give Moses power to do, to prove that God had really appeared to him? Exodus 4:1-5, 6-8, 9  
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7. Whom did God give to Moses as his spokesman? Exodus 4:14-16  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was anything lacking in Moses' preparation for his God-appointed task?  
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2. Am I willing to turn over my life to God, that He may perfectly prepare me for the work He wants me to do? (See Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19b, 20)  
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## DELIVERANCE THROUGH THE PLAGUES

### Exodus 4:21-10:23

We have seen how perfectly God prepared Moses to lead His people out of Egypt into their own land. But before God's people could leave, Pharaoh had to give them permission to leave. Read to see what made Pharaoh willing to set his slaves free:

**A. Moses' Return to Egypt:** Read Exodus 4:21-31

1. Who met Moses as he was on his way back to Egypt? Exodus 4:27  
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2. Whom did they gather together for a meeting when they got back to Egypt? Exodus 4:29  
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3. What two things did these people do when they heard the words of the Lord and saw the signs He had given? Exodus 4:31  
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**B. Moses' Request and Pharaoh's Answer:** Read Exodus 5:1-23

1. Whose message did Moses bring to Pharaoh? Exodus 5:1a  
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2. What was that message? Exodus 4:22, 23  
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3. What was Pharaoh's answer to that message? Exodus 5:2
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  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Pharaoh accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Exodus 5:5b  
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5. What did he order as a result? Exodus 5:6-8  
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6. To whom did Moses go when the officers of the people complained to him about this? Exodus 5:21-23 (See Hebrews 11:27)  
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**C. God's Answer to Pharaoh:** Read Exodus 7:1-13

1. What did God say He would do to cause Pharaoh to obey His voice? Exodus 7:3b  
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2. What did He say would be the result of this? Exodus 7:5a  
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3. What did Pharaoh do when Moses and Aaron worked miracles before him?
  - a. Exodus 7:11, 12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 7:13 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Summarize briefly the judgments God sent on the land of Egypt after this (Notice that some did not affect the Israelites. Put a check in the margin before these).

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- a. Exodus 7:20, 21 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 8:2-4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Exodus 8:17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Exodus 8:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Exodus 9:3, 4 \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Exodus 9:8, 9 \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Exodus 9:24-26 \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Exodus 10:13-15 \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Exodus 10:22, 23 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two things did Pharaoh do after each of these plagues? Exodus 8:32  
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6. How do you think these plagues helped the Israelites? Exodus 10:1, 2  
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7. What happened to the land of Egypt as a result of these plagues? Exodus 10:7b  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

- 1. Did it pay Pharaoh to refuse to obey God?  
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- 2. Can anyone ever get away with refusing to obey God?  
(See Romans 14:11, 12)  
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## DELIVERANCE THROUGH THE PASSOVER

### Exodus 11-12

After each plague, Pharaoh promised to let Israel go and serve God; but each time when the punishment was removed, he changed his mind and refused to let them go. Now see what happened when the ninth plague was ended:

**A. Pharaoh's Final Answer to God:** Read Exodus 10:28, 29

1. After the ninth plague, what did Pharaoh tell Moses? Exodus 10:28a

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2. What did he threaten to do if Moses did not obey? Exodus 10:28b

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3. What sin do you think Pharaoh was guilty of committing? (*THINK!*)

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**B. God's Final Answer to Pharaoh:** Read Exodus 11:1-10

1. To whom did Moses speak his final message of warning? Exodus 11:8b, 3b

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2. What did he predict would happen? Exodus 11:5

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3. What would this cause in Egypt? Exodus 11:6

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4. Who would be unhurt by this plague? Exodus 11:7

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5. What would happen as a result of this plague? Exodus 11:8, 1

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**C. Israel's Preparation for the Passover:** Read Exodus 12:1-13

1. What were three requirements for the lamb to be used in this feast?

a. Exodus 12:5a \_\_\_\_\_

b. Exodus 12:5b \_\_\_\_\_

c. Exodus 12:5c \_\_\_\_\_

2. What three things were to be done with this lamb?

a. Exodus 12:6b \_\_\_\_\_

b. Exodus 12:7 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Exodus 12:8 \_\_\_\_\_

3. How were they to dress for this occasion? Exodus 12:11a

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4. How were they to eat the feast? Exodus 12:11b

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**D. The Passover:** Read Exodus 12:21-33

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1. Which people obeyed God's instructions through Moses? (See Hebrews 11:28)

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2. Which people did God "pass over" without harming them that night? Exodus 12:23, 27

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3. Which people died that night? Exodus 12:29

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4. What did Pharaoh tell the Israelites to do as a result? Exodus 12:31, 33

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**E. The Journey Out of Egypt:** Read Exodus 13:34-42

1. What did the people do before they left Egypt? Exodus 12:35, 36 (See Genesis 15:14)

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2. What did they take with them on their journey? Exodus 12:34, 38b

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3. How many Israelites went out of Egypt? Exodus 12:37

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4. How long had it been since their forefathers came to Egypt? Exodus 12:40

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Was there any way Pharaoh could undo the damage of this last plague? (See Proverbs 29:1)

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2. How long can I resist God before His final judgment will fall on me?

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## **DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA**

### **Exodus 13-14**

At Pharaoh's urgent command, the Israelites left the land of Egypt and began the journey to their own land. Now see what happened to them on their way:

**A. Instructions Concerning the Passover:** Read Exodus 13:1-16

1. Because of the Passover, what did God say of all the firstborn children and cattle of Israel? Exodus 13:2  
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2. How often and how long was Israel to celebrate this feast? Exodus 13:10, 12:14, 24  
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3. What were they to do at every observance of this feast? Exodus 13:8a  
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**B. The Route of the Journey:** Read Exodus 13:17-22

1. What would have been the closest way to get from Egypt to Canaan? Exodus 13:17a (See a map)  
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2. Why did God not lead the Israelites that way? Exodus 13:17b  
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3. Which way did they go instead? Exodus 13:18a  
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4. What did they take with them as they went? Exodus 13:19  
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5. On the map, trace the beginning of their journey: The starting place and the first stop, Exodus 12:37; the second stop, Exodus 13:20; the third stop, Exodus 14:2
6. How did the people know which way the Lord wanted them to go? Exodus 13:21, 22  
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**C. Pharaoh's Plan for the Egyptians:** Read Exodus 14:1-12

1. After the Israelites had left Egypt, why was Pharaoh sorry he had let them go? Exodus 14:5b  
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2. What did he decide to do? Exodus 14:6-9  
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3. How did the Israelites feel when they saw the Egyptians? Exodus 14:10a  
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4. What two things did they do? Exodus 14:10b, 11, 12  
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**D. God's Plan for the Israelites:** Read Exodus 14:13-19

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1. What did Moses say was the solution to their problem? Exodus 14:13, 14  
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2. What did God tell the Israelites to do? Exodus 14:15  
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3. What two things did God do to make this possible? Exodus 14:16, 21  
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4. What kept the Egyptians from overtaking the Israelites during the night? Exodus 14:19, 20  
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5. When the Egyptians pursued the Israelites, what three ways did God show that He was fighting for Israel?
  - a. Exodus 14:24 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 14:25 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Exodus 14:26-28 \_\_\_\_\_

**E. The Results:** Read Exodus 14:30-31

1. What was the result of this battle to the Egyptians? Exodus 14:28b  
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2. What would be the result to the inhabitants of Canaan? Exodus 15:14-17  
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3. What were two results to the Israelites themselves? Exodus 14:31  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Can anyone ever win a fight against God? (See Isaiah 14:27)  
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2. Under what conditions would God fight for me? (See Hebrews 11:29)  
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## THE JOURNEY TO MT. SINAI

### Exodus 15-18

After the great triumph of the Lord at the Red Sea, the Israelites continued their journey toward their own land. Trace this journey on a map and notice what happened at each place.

**A. The First Great Problem:** Read Exodus 15:20-27

1. What were the people doing as once more they began their journey? Exodus 15:1, 20, 21  
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2. After three days in the wilderness of Shur, what problem did they face? Exodus 15:22b  
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3. What was the great problem at Marah? Exodus 15:23  
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4. What did the people do because of the problem? Exodus 15:24  
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5. What solution did God provide for this problem? Exodus 15:25a  
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6. What did the people find at Elim? Exodus 15:27  
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**B. The Second Great Problem:** Read Exodus 16:1-36

1. When they came to the wilderness of Sin after 1 1/2 months, what problem did they face? Exodus 16:3b  
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2. What did the people do because of this problem? Exodus 16:2  
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3. What did God say He would do to meet this need? Exodus 16:12  
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4. What were four rules concerning the heavenly bread?
  - a. Exodus 16:16 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 16:19 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Exodus 16:21 \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Exodus 16:5, 26 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two ways did the people break these laws?
  - a. Exodus 16:20 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 16:27 \_\_\_\_\_
6. How long did God give them this provision for their needs? Exodus 16:35  
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**C. The Third Great Problem:** Read Exodus 17:1-7

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1. When the people arrived at Rephidim, what great problem did they face? Exodus 17:1

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2. What were the people ready to do because of this problem? Exodus 17:4

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3. What did God tell Moses to do that this need might be met? Exodus 17:5, 6

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**D. The Fourth Great Problem:** Read Exodus 17:8-16

1. What other problem did Israel face at Rephidim? Exodus 17:8

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2. What did Aaron and Hur have to do to assure victory for Israel? Exodus 17:11, 12

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**E. The Fifth Great Problem:** Read Exodus 18:1-27

1. Who came to visit Moses at Rephidim? Exodus 18:1-6

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2. What problem did Jethro notice in Moses' life? Exodus 18:13-18

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3. What did he suggest as a solution to this problem? Exodus 18:19-23

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Whose help should Israel have sought in every need? (See Philippians 4:19)

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2. How should I react to needs which come into my life? (See Philippians 4:6, 7)

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## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS GIVEN AT MT. SINAI

### Exodus 19

In the third month after the Israelites had been freed from their slavery in the land of Egypt, they completed their journey to Mt. Sinai. Locate this mountain on a map and notice the awesome events which took place there:

#### A. The People's Agreement with God: Read Exodus 19:1-9

1. What did God tell His people He wanted them to do? Exodus 19:5a  
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2. What did God promise He would make of them if they would do this? Exodus 19:5b, 6a  
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3. What was the people's reply to God's offer? Exodus 19:8  
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#### B. The People Prepared to Receive the Commandments:

Read Exodus 19:10-20

1. Notice that God did not give His commandments in an ordinary way, as just another step in the regular routine of the people's life. Instead, He required them to make extensive preparation for receiving them. What two things were they to do?
  - a. Exodus 19:10 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 19:12 \_\_\_\_\_
2. What would this show about the people as compared with God? (*THINK!*)  
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3. Notice that God also did several things Himself in the world of nature before He gave the commandments. List what the people saw and heard:
  - a. Exodus 19:16a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Exodus 19:18a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Exodus 19:18b \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Exodus 19:19a \_\_\_\_\_
4. What would these signs make the people realize about God? (*THINK!*)  
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#### C. God's Method of Giving the Commandments:

1. In what form was God going to come down? Exodus 19:9  
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2. Who would be able to see Him? Exodus 19:11  
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3. How was God going to give His commandments to the people? Exodus 19:9, 19, 20:1  
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#### D. The Ten Commandments Given:

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1. What six words did God use in introducing the Ten Commandments? Exodus 20:2  
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2. Pretend that you are at Mt. Sinai, seeing all that took place there, and hearing the voice of God speaking from the top of the mountain. Then read the Ten Commandments as they were given then, from Exodus 20:1-17.

**E. The People's Reaction:** Read Exodus 20:18-21

1. How did the people feel when they saw God's wonders? Exodus 19:16b, 20:18  
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2. What were they afraid might happen to them if God continued speaking with them? Exodus 20:19  
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3. For what two reasons did God want them to feel this way? Exodus 20:20b
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  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long would you think the people would remember what they saw and heard that day?  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I fully realize the tremendous power and absolute holiness of God?  
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2. Do I have a fear of God which keeps me from consciously sinning?  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Before you begin your study of the individual commandments, read the following to get an overall picture of them:

- A. What are the Ten Commandments?** The Ten Commandments are the *moral laws* which God gave to His people as their rules for living. They are not to be confused with the *ceremonial laws* (for worship) and the *civil laws* (for national government) which were given at about the same time.
- B. What was the Purpose for the Ten Commandments?** Three answers might be given:
1. Obviously, they were principles which could help the people in their everyday relationships: to God, first of all, and also to their fellow men.
  2. They also gave the people an accurate picture of the true nature of God, by showing His absolute righteousness and His extreme holiness. As long as they remembered these attributes of God, they would reverence and fear Him, and thus be afraid to disobey Him. "...That His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not" (Exodus 20:20).
  3. The Ten Commandments also showed the people how sinful they themselves were (Romans 3:10, 7:7-14). The law is like a mirror. We can look into a mirror and see that our faces are dirty, but we do not use the mirror to *wash* our faces. Just so the people could look at the law, and see that their hearts were dirty with sin, but the law did not cleanse their hearts. It took faith in the grace and mercy of God to cleanse them. (See James 1:22-25; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5)
- C. How Are the Ten Commandments Related to Us Today?** Basically, "the law is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ" (Galatians 3:24). Some earnest Christians would say that the Ten Commandments, because they are in the Old Testament, or because they are a part of the Mosaic Law, are not for us after we are saved. But these people would teach the principles behind the Ten Commandments as they are found in the New Testament, and would seek to live according to these principles. Those Christians who would seek to keep the Ten Commandments do it not in order to be saved, nor because they are in bondage to them, but because they are saved, and they desire to please the Almighty God, whose will these commandments express.

Notice that the Ten Commandments are based on the character of God, which never changes. They tell us how God wants people to feel and act toward Himself (with great reverence) and toward other people (with utmost respect). There will never come a time when God will cease to desire that we have reverence for Him and respect for our fellow-men. Therefore God's will for us regarding these two relationships is the same as it was for those who first received the law.

Notice that the *civil laws* as such passed away when the nation Israel was carried into captivity (although many of the principles of those laws are used throughout the world even today) and the *ceremonial laws*, which looked forward to the coming of Christ, were not needed after the One Whom they foreshadowed had come. But the *moral laws* can never pass away, since they are based on eternal principles.

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Jesus said that He came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). He is the only One Who ever was able to keep all of the commandments perfectly.

The New Testament repeats all but one of the Ten, (the fourth), and the principle behind that one is given. Note this as you study the following pages.

## THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

### "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3

**A. The Command Itself:** Read Exodus 20:1-3

1. In giving this command, what place did God demand for Himself in the life of each of His people? (See Deuteronomy 6:5)

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2. For what two reasons did God have a right to expect obedience from them?
    - a. Genesis 1:27 \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Exodus 20:2 \_\_\_\_\_

**B. An Old Testament Example:** Daniel was one of the Hebrews who was carried captive to the land of Babylon. Read Daniel 6 and notice how he was tempted to break the first commandment while he was in that land:

1. What two kinds of leaders did the nation Babylon have? Daniel 6:1, 2

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2. What kind of leader was Daniel? Daniel 6:2

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3. Why was Daniel chosen for this position? Daniel 6:3

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4. Who tried to find fault with Daniel? Daniel 6:4

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5. What was the only fault they could find? Daniel 6:5

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6. What law did they get the king to pass? Daniel 6:7, 9

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7. What did Daniel do when he knew that this law had been passed? Daniel 6:10

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8. What would his punishment have to be? Daniel 6:12

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9. Did the king want to punish him? Daniel 6:14

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10. What did the king say to him when he put him into the lions' den? Daniel 6:16

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11. What did God do to reward Daniel for refusing to worship anyone except the true God? Daniel 6:22

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12. How did the king punish the men who plotted against Daniel? Daniel 6:24

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13. What did the king learn about the true God because of Daniel's stand? Daniel 6:26

**C. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. How did Jesus state this first commandment in the New Testament? Matthew 22:37;  
Luke 10:27  

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2. How did He describe this commandment? Matthew 22:38  

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**D. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

1. What is a god? (Use your dictionary, ask people, and *THINK!*)  

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2. Do people in civilized countries today worship gods other than the true God?  
(*THINK!*)  

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Does God have a right to absolute supremacy in *my* life? (See Acts 17:24a, 28a; 1  
Corinthians 6:19b, 20)  

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2. Am I guilty of putting some person or some thing before God in my life? (See Romans  
1:18, 25)  

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## THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

**"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." Exodus 20:4**

**A. The Command Itself:** Read Exodus 20:4-6

1. Notice that there are three parts to this command:
  - a. Exodus 20:4a: "Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_grave images."
  - b. Exodus 20:5a: "Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_them."
  - c. Exodus 20:5a: "Not \_\_\_\_\_them."
2. Why are we told that it is especially important to keep this command? Exodus 20:5b, 6

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**B. An Old Testament Example:** Read Daniel 3:1-30

1. How did Nebuchadnezzar break the second commandment? Daniel 3:1
2. What law did he break concerning his image? Daniel 3:5
3. What would be the punishment for anyone who broke this law?  
Daniel 3:7, 12
4. Who were the only ones who dared not to keep this law? Daniel 3:7, 12
5. When Nebuchadnezzar, in spite of his rage and fury, offered to give them another chance to worship the image, did they do it? Daniel 3:13-18
6. What did they hope God would do for them? Daniel 3:17
7. Even if God did not do this for them, were they willing to worship the idol? Daniel 3:18
8. How did Nebuchadnezzar feel when he heard their decision? Daniel 3:19
9. What happened to the men who threw them into the furnace? Daniel 3:22
10. What happened to the three who were thrown into the furnace? Daniel 3:25
11. After this, how was Nebuchadnezzar's attitude toward God changed?  
Daniel 3:28, 29
12. How were the three friends rewarded for refusing to worship an image? Daniel 3:30

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**C. The Command in the New Testament:**

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1. What does God say about idolatry through the Apostle John in the New Testament? 1 John 5:2

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2. Notice several reasons why idolatry is wrong:

- a. 2 Corinthians 4:4: Christ is the image of God. Any image would be a substitute for Christ.
- b. 2 Corinthians 5:7: The use of an image would indicate that a person is walking by sight, which is the direct opposite of walking by faith.
- c. 1 Corinthians 10:19, 20: God through Paul says that all idolatry is worship of the devil, rather than worship of God.

3. What did Jesus say is the correct way to worship God? See John 4:23, 24

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**D. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

1. Someone has said that an idol can be manufactured by human reasoning as well as by wood or stone. Name some idols we are tempted to worship:

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2. Around whom are all of these centered? (See Philippians 2:21; Romans 16:18a; 2 Corinthians 5:15; 2 Timothy 3:2a)

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Am I guilty of serving myself more than I serve God? (See Romans 1:18, 25)

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2. Do I believe God enough to be able to worship Him in spirit and in truth, without the use of any physical objects? (See Hebrews 11:27)

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## THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

**"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."**

**Exodus 20:7**

**A. The Command Itself:** Read Exodus 20:7

1. What are two words that we commonly use to describe the breaking of this command?

Matthew 26:74

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2. Look up in a dictionary the meaning of the word "vain". Notice that to use the Lord's name in vain would be to use it flippantly, lightly, deceitfully, or profanely; in an empty or meaningless fashion.
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**B. An Old Testament Example:** A man who was half Israelite and half Egyptian did not obey this command once. Read what happened to him in Leviticus 24:10-16:

1. What was this man doing? Leviticus 24:10
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2. In what two ways did he sin? Leviticus 24:11
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3. What two things did they do with the man?

a. Leviticus 24:11 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Leviticus 24:12 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who was to decide what his punishment would be? Leviticus 24:12, 13
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5. What punishment was assigned to him? Leviticus 24:14b, 16a
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6. Who was to help carry out this punishment? Leviticus 24:14b, c
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**C. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. What did Jesus say about this command in the New Testament? Matthew 5:34-37
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2. Notice how James condensed these words in his letter: James 5:12.
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**D. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

1. Why do people who swear usually do so? (*THINK!*)
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2. If one feels he has to swear on certain occasions, what might that prove about his ordinary conversations? (*THINK!*)
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3. Are we taking God's name in vain when we:

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- a. listen to others take His name in vain and laugh at them, or show approval of them? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. use words that are taken from God's name, such as Lordy, golly, gosh, gee, Holy Moses, Holy cow, gracious, law, Amen, etc.?  
(See Matthew 5:37) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. tell dirty jokes, or joke about God and His Word, baptism, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. sing songs we don't mean, or sacrilegious songs? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. pray just to be heard, when we don't really mean it? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. pray selfishly, instead of for God's glory? \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. make useless repetition of God's name in prayer? (*THINK*...would you use your friend's name that often in conversation?) \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. profess Christianity, but don't live it? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Notice what the proper attitude toward the name of the Lord would be:
- a. Psalm 148:13: "Praise the Name of the Lord."
  - b. Psalm 100:4: "Bless His Name."
  - c. Psalm 66:2: "Sing forth the honor of His name."
  - d. Psalm 34:3: "Exalt His name."
  - e. Psalm 111:9: "Holy and awesome is His name."

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I refrain from all wrong usage of the Lord's name? (See Exodus 20:7b)  
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2. Do I have an attitude of utmost reverence and love for the Lord's name?  
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## THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

**"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8**

### A. The Sabbath in the Old Testament:

1. When did God first set aside the sabbath day? Exodus 20:11; Genesis 2:13  
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2. The word "sabbath" comes from the Hebrew word meaning "to rest from labor". What was the original purpose for this day? Genesis 2:1, 2  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What kind of day was it to be? Genesis 2:3a; Exodus 20:11b  
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4. When the nation Israel was being formed, the sabbath took on a new significance. Between what people was it now to be a sign? Exodus 31:13-17  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. For whose benefit was the sabbath ordained? (See Mark 2:27)  
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### B. Old Testament Stories About the Sabbath:

1. What did one man do to break the Sabbath? Numbers 15:32-34  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What punishment did God say should be given him? Numbers 15:35, 36  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. When God gave the manna in the wilderness, what happened when some of the people tried to keep it overnight? Exodus 16:20  
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4. What happened when they kept it over to eat on the sabbath day? Exodus 16:23, 24  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened when some went out to gather it on the sabbath day? Exodus 16:26, 27  
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### C. The "Sabbath" in the New Testament:

1. On what day of the week did the disciples come together for their meetings? (See Acts 20:7)  
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2. Did it seem to be habitual for them to observe this day? ( See 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2)  
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3. What had happened on this day to cause them to observe it instead of the seventh day? Mark 16:1-6  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. When did they begin observing this day? John 20:19, 26  
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**D. The Relation of This Command to Present-Day Life:**

1. Although most Christians do not observe the seventh day of the week in our day, for what two purposes might it appear to be God's will that we should set aside one day out of every seven?
  - a. Exodus 20:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Hebrews 10:25 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Matthew 12:1-13. Notice that Jesus approved and did four types of work on the Sabbath day:
  - a. Works of Necessity: Matthew 12:1-4
  - b. Works of Emergency: Matthew 12:11
  - c. Works of Mercy: Matthew 12:10-13
  - d. Services to God: Matthew 12:5, Mark 1:21

This might be a guide as to how Christians today should spend their Sunday.

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Is my Sunday observed in a way that would be pleasing to God?  
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2. Is Sunday a day of rest and worship for me?  
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3. About whom do my Sunday activities and thoughts revolve?  
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4. Is all the work which I do on Sunday really necessary? Or could I arrange to do it some other day if I really wanted to?  
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5. Do I plan my week so that only works of necessity, emergency, mercy, and service to God must be done on Sunday? (See Isaiah 58:13, 14)  
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## THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

### "Honor thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12

**A. The Command in the Old Testament:** Read Exodus 20:12

1. Notice that in giving this command, God makes a definite promise to those who keep it. What is this promise? Exodus 20:12

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2. What did God later say was to be the penalty for breaking this command? Deuteronomy 21:18-21

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**B. An Example of Obedience:** Read Exodus 1:22-2:10

1. When the king ordered all boy babies to be killed, how did Miriam help in saving her brother's life? Exodus 2:4, 7, 8

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2. Was this honoring or dishonoring her parents? Why?

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3. How might the future of the whole nation of Israel been affected if Miriam had not helped her parents at this time? (*THINK!*)

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**C. An Example of Disobedience:**

1. When David was king, how did his son Absalom dishonor him? 2 Samuel 15:2-6, 10

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2. What was David afraid Absalom would do to him? 2 Samuel 15:14

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3. Because Absalom allowed his greed and selfishness to keep him from honoring his father, what three things finally happened to him?

- a. 2 Samuel 18:9, 10

- b. 2 Samuel 18:14, 15

- c. 2 Samuel 18:17

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**D. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. What should children do besides honor their parents? Ephesians 6:1-3

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2. What other people besides our parents should we honor and obey? Romans 13:1-4; Hebrews 13:17a

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3. What is one way we can honor these people? 1 Timothy 2:1, 2

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**E. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

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1. What is one characteristic of the heathen which God through Paul warned would be increasingly true of people in the last days? (Compare Romans 1:30 with 2 Timothy 3:1, 2)
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2. What is the two-fold command which God gives to parents concerning their children? (See Ephesians 6:4)

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

3. What should parents keep constantly in mind in giving commands to their children? (See Hebrews 13:17b)
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4. Are we honoring our parents if we:

a. broadcast their faults to others? \_\_\_\_\_

b. criticize them before others, including our own children after we are grown? \_\_\_\_\_

c. adopt the common attitude toward mothers-in-law? \_\_\_\_\_

d. allow their way of life to make us cold, critical, and indifferent toward them? \_\_\_\_\_

e. fail to uphold the standards taught us by Christian parents? \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I give the respect and obedience which is due to my parents, teachers, and officials in the government?
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2. If God gave me what I deserved, would I live a long life, or would I be stoned to death?
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## THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

"Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13

### A. The Command Itself:

1. This command is more accurately translated, "Thou shalt do no murder." The word "kill" to us might mean either to kill a man or to kill an animal. However, in the Hebrew language, this was not so. Different words were used in each case. The word here means to kill a human being.
2. "Murder" implies intentional killing for vengeance.

### B. The Command in the Old Testament:

1. Years before the Ten Commandments were given, what penalty had God set for the sin of murder? Genesis 9:5, 6a  
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2. Why was such a high value placed upon the life of a man? Genesis 9:6b  
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### C. Old Testament Examples: Read Genesis 4:1-16

1. Who was the first to break this command? Genesis 4:2-8  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. For what two reasons did he commit this sin?
  - a. 1 John 3:12b \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 1 John 3:12a \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was his punishment for this sin?
  - a. Genesis 4:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Genesis 4:12a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Genesis 4:12b \_\_\_\_\_
4. What two things made Joseph's brothers want to murder him? Genesis 37:4, 11  
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### D. The Command in the New Testament:

1. Whom did John say was a murderer? 1 John 3:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Jesus say about this command? Matthew 5:21, 22  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where does murder always come from? Matthew 15:19; Proverbs 4:23  
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### E. The Command in Present-Day Life:

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1. Who have been ordained of God to carry out the death penalty for murderers? (See Romans 13:3, 4)  

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2. Are those who carry out the death penalty guilty of breaking the sixth commandment? (*THINK!*)  

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3. The term used to describe the taking of life as a penalty for wrongdoing is "capital punishment". Look up the word "capital" in a dictionary to discover the origin of this term.  

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4. In what other instance is it usually considered possible for man to kill another man without breaking this commandment? (See Joshua 6:3, 17, 21)  

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5. Notice several ways people today commonly break this command:
  - a. By losing their temper.
  - b. By harboring hatred in their hearts.
  - c. By becoming discouraged. Discouragement is suicide.
  - d. By worrying people to death.
  - e. By knowingly selling spoiled or diseased foods.
  - f. By selling liquor.

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I have the seeds of murder or suicide in my heart?  

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2. Am I in any way contributing to the murder of any human being?  

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## THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14

### A. The Command Itself:

- Two words are commonly used to describe sins of impurity:
  - Fornication: Entering into marriage relationships when one is not married.
  - Adultery: Breaking the marriage vow of faithfulness to one's own wife or husband.
- Why are these such terrible sins? (See 1 Corinthians 6:18)  
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- What punishment was given for these sins? (Deuteronomy 22:22-24)  
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### B. An Old Testament Example: Read Genesis 39:1-21

- Who tempted Joseph to commit this sin? Genesis 39:7, 8  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Against whom did Joseph say he would be sinning if he yielded to this temptation? Genesis 39:9  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Did Joseph's positive answer end his temptations? Genesis 39:10, 12  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How did Joseph keep from committing this sin? Genesis 39:2, 3  
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### C. The Command in the New Testament:

- How did Jesus say one could commit this sin?
  - Matthew 5:32 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Matthew 5:27, 28 \_\_\_\_\_
- What two members of the body does Jesus mention as being particular offenders in breaking this commandment?
  - Matthew 5:29 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Matthew 5:30 \_\_\_\_\_
- Where do the sins of fornication and adultery begin? Matthew 15:19  
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### D. The Command in Present-Day Life:

- Could the following contribute in any way to the breaking of this command?
  - Suggestive pictures or stories--on billboards, on calendars, in magazines, in movies, on television, etc.?
  - Immodest clothing?
  - Posture, bearing, or walk which calls attention to oneself?

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- d. The widespread lack of restraint in expressing affection, such as promiscuous holding of hands, embracing, kissing, "petting" etc.?
2. What attitude do people today sometimes have toward the breaking of this command? (See Jeremiah 6:15, 8:12)
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (See 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)
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2. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (See 1 Corinthians 3:16, 17)
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3. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators ... nor adulterers ... shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
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4. I beseech you therefore ... that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice ... unto God. (See Romans 12:1)
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## THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

### "Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20:15

**A. An Old Testament Example:** When God's people were fighting to gain possession of the land which God had promised to them, they won a great victory at Jericho because God fought for them. The next town they sought to conquer was Ai. Read about this battle in Joshua 7:

1. What had God commanded should be done with the people of Jericho and all of their possessions? Joshua 6:17

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2. What was to be done with the silver and gold, and vessels of brass and iron? Joshua 6:19

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3. What would be the penalty if anyone broke these commands? Joshua 6:18

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4. How large a place was Ai? Joshua 7:3

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5. What happened when the Israelites fought against Ai? Joshua 7:4, 5

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6. How did Joshua and the other leaders feel about this? Joshua 7:6-9

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7. What did God say was the reason for this terrible defeat? Joshua 7:11

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8. What did God say must be done before they could have victory again? Joshua 7:13

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9. Notice the four steps in the sin of Achan: Joshua 7:21

a. First he \_\_\_\_\_ the articles;

b. then he \_\_\_\_\_ them;

c. then he \_\_\_\_\_ them;

d. and finally he \_\_\_\_\_ them.

10. What was Achan's punishment for this sin?

a. Joshua 7:25b \_\_\_\_\_

b. Joshua 7:15, 25c \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What was Achan's total gain because of stealing? Joshua 7:24, 25

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12. Who else suffered because of Achan's sin? Joshua 7:24, 25

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### **B. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. How is this command stated in the New Testament? Ephesians 4:28a

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2. What is one to do instead of stealing? Why? Ephesians 4:28b

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**C. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

1. A good definition of stealing is this: "Taking that which belongs to another without giving something of equal value in return."

Do you steal when you:

- a. keep incorrect change? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. waste time on the job? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. turn in as your own work that which has been done by another? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. do not return borrowed articles? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. gamble? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. waste time? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do you steal when you
- a. gossip? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. cheat on a test? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. are noisy or uncooperative in class? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. do not give money to the Lord's work? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. do not give your life to God? \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. (See Malachi 3:8a)
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2. Thou that preaches a man should not steal, dost thou steal? (See Romans 2:21b)
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## THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

### "Thou shalt not bear false witness." Exodus 20:16

**A. The Command in the Old Testament:** Read Exodus 20:16

1. Who told the first lie? Compare Genesis 2:16, 17 with Genesis 3:1-5;  
John 8:44b

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2. When human beings tell lies, whose example are they following? John 8:44
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**B. A New Testament Example: Very soon after the Lord Jesus left this earth to go back to Heaven, someone broke this commandment.** Read about this in Acts 4:32-5:11.

1. What were all the Christians doing with their houses and lands? Acts 4:34b

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2. Why were they doing this? Acts 4:35
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3. What did Ananias and Sapphira do with the money they got from selling their land?

- a. Acts 5:1, 2a

- b. Acts 5:2b

4. What sin did they commit in doing this? Acts 5:3

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5. Can you find anything in this passage which would indicate that Ananias actually told a lie?

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6. Was what he did and said partly true?
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7. Who did Peter say had caused Ananias to do this? Acts 5:3
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8. Where did this sin begin? Acts 5:3, 4
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9. To Whom had Ananias really lied? Acts 5:3, 4
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10. What happened to Ananias?

- a. Acts 5:5

- b. Acts 5:6

11. Who else told a lie besides Ananias? Acts 5:7-9
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12. What happened to her? Acts 5:10

- a.

- b.

13. How did the other people feel when they saw how God had punished these two? Acts 5:5, 11

**C. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. How is this command stated in the New Testament? Colossians 3:9

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2. What will be the end of all liars? Revelation 21:27, 22:14, 15, 21:8

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**D. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

1. Does God make any distinction between:

a. half-truths and lies? \_\_\_\_\_

b. "white" lies and "black" lies? \_\_\_\_\_

c. "little" lies and "big" lies? \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 51:6 says, "Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts."

2. Is it enough simply to tell the truth at all times? (See Ephesians 4:15a)

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3. In what other way can one tell a lie besides with his words? (See Hebrews 13:18b; 1 Thessalonians 4:12a)

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do *any* of my words...or *any* of my actions...bear false witness?

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2. What three things can help me to speak and act truthfully at all times? (See John 14:6, 16:13, 17:17)

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## THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

"Thou shalt not covet." Exodus 20:17

**A. The Command Itself:** Notice that six specific things which one is not to covet are listed - but all of these, and all that any person of any age in any culture might covet are summed up in the final phrase of the commandment: "Thou shalt not covet...*anything* that is thy neighbor's." (Emphasis added)

**B. An Old Testament Example:** After the nation Israel had risen to the height of its power and had begun to decline, one of its kings was guilty of breaking this commandment.

Read about this in 1 Kings 21:1-24:

1. Who were the two neighbors in this story? 1 Kings 21:1
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_, the king of Israel at Samaria, and
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_, the Jezreelite.
2. What did the second have that the first wanted? 1 Kings 21:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did the owner refuse to give up this property? 1 Kings 21:3  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How did the king act when he couldn't have his own way? 1 Kings 21:4  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is the third character in this story? 1 Kings 21:5  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Notice in 1 Kings 21:7-10 how she went about getting her own way. What two groups of people helped her carry out her wicked plans?
  - a. 1 Kings 21:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 1 Kings 21:13 \_\_\_\_\_
7. How did the king feel when he heard that his neighbor was dead? 1 Kings 21:15, 16  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What punishment was promised and carried out for these sins?
  - a. To Ahab himself: 1 Kings 21:19, 22:37, 38  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To his descendants: 1 Kings 21:21, 24; 2 Kings 10:11  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. To his wife: 1 Kings 21:23; 2 Kings 9:30, 37  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Notice that Ahab's sin *began* with coveting - but it did not *stop* there. Tell how he broke the following commandments as well:
  - a. First \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Third \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Sixth \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Eighth \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Ninth \_\_\_\_\_

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Notice how completely he broke *both* parts of the law as given by Jesus in Matthew 22:36-40.

**C. The Command in the New Testament:**

1. Where does the sin of covetousness always begin? Mark 7:21, 22  
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2. What are we to do about the sin of covetousness? Colossians 3:5 (Look up this word in a dictionary)  
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**D. The Command in Present-Day Life:**

1. A good definition of coveting would be this: "Wanting something which God in His all-wise providence has not seen fit to give to you." Unless this desire is checked in the heart, it usually leads to other sins in order to obtain the thing desired.
2. What kind of coveting is permitted and even commanded by God through Paul? (See 1 Corinthians 12:31)  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME THINK ABOUT:**

1. What do I want that God has not seen fit for me to have?  
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2. If I allow these desires to stay in my heart, what other sins may I commit?  
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## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS BROKEN

### Exodus 20-34

Our study of the Ten Commandments would not be complete without a glimpse at the behavior of the people after they had received these commandments. Notice this in the chapters following Exodus 20, and especially in Exodus 32:

#### A. Moses' Absence from the People:

1. After the people asked God not to speak with them, how did God give the civil and ceremonial laws for His people? Exodus 20:19, 21, 22  
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2. God next gave the instructions for building the Tabernacle. How long was Moses absent from the people for this purpose? Exodus 24:18  
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3. Who evidently accompanied Moses at least part of the way up the mountain? Exodus 24:13, 14a  
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4. What two men were left in charge of the people in Moses' absence? Exodus 24:14b  
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5. What did God give to Moses as he was ready to leave the mountain? Exodus 31:18  
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#### B. The Sin of the People: Read Exodus 32:1-6

1. While Moses was gone, what had the people asked Aaron to do? Exodus 32:1  
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2. What did Aaron tell the people to do? Exodus 32:2  
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3. What did Aaron make? Exodus 32:4a  
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4. What did the people say this image had done? Exodus 32:4b  
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5. What else did Aaron do? Exodus 32:5  
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6. How did the people act? Exodus 32:6  
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#### C. Moses' Prayer for the People: Read Exodus 32:7-14

1. Who saw the people's sin? Exodus 32:7, 8  
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2. What did He want to do to them? Exodus 32:9, 10  
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3. For what two reasons did Moses say it would not be wise to do this?

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- a. Exodus 32:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
Exodus 32:13 \_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Punishment of the People:** Read Exodus 32:15, 33:23

1. What happened to the tablets of God's law? Exodus 32:19  
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2. What happened to the calf? Exodus 32:20  
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3. What happened because the people were naked? Exodus 32:25-28  
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4. What other punishment did God send? Exodus 32:35  
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5. What else did God threaten not to do, but later promise He would do? Exodus 33:3, 14  
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**E. God's Provision for the People:** Read Exodus 34:1-3

1. What did God tell Moses to make after this? Exodus 34:1a  
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2. What did God promise He would do for His people? Exodus 34:1b  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. After my study of God's commandments, will I, like the Israelites, forget them and break them so soon? If so, what punishment awaits me?  
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2. Is there any hope for those who break God's commandments today? (See Romans 6:12, 13, 8:3, 4)  
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## THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

### Exodus 34-40

After God's people had received the moral, civil, and ceremonial laws which were to govern their nation, there was yet another great task which they had to complete before they would be ready to leave Mt. Sinai. Read about this below:

**A. The Purpose of the Tabernacle:** Read Exodus 25:1-9

1. What kind of place was the Tabernacle to be? Exodus 25:8a

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2. What was to be the purpose of this structure? Exodus 25:8b

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**B. The Materials for the Tabernacle:** Read Exodus 35:4-29

1. Of what materials was the Tabernacle to be made? Exodus 35:5b-9

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2. Who was to give these materials for the Tabernacle? Exodus 35:5a, 21, 29

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3. What was the result of the offering which was taken? Exodus 36:5-7

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4. Where do you suppose the people got these materials?

a. Exodus 35:25, 26 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Exodus 35:22, 11:1, 2, 12:35, 36 (See Genesis 15:13, 14)

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**C. The Building of the Tabernacle:** Read Exodus 35:30-36:7

1. What two men were in charge of the work of building the Tabernacle? Exodus 36:1a

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2. Who helped them in this work? Exodus 36:1b, 2, 8

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3. What kind of structure was the Tabernacle? Numbers 9:15

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4. What was made to surround this structure? Exodus 38:9a

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5. Into what two parts was the structure divided? Exodus 26:33b

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6. Of what were the walls of the Tabernacle made? Exodus 36:20, 34

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7. Of what were the coverings for the Tabernacle made?

a. Exodus 36:8 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Exodus 36:14 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Exodus 36:19a \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Exodus 36:19b \_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Furniture for the Tabernacle:**

1. What six pieces of furniture were made for the Tabernacle?

a. Exodus 38:1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Exodus 38:8 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Exodus 37:17 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Exodus 37:10, 25:30 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Exodus 37:25, 26, 30:1 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Exodus 37:1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_

This was a chest, the lid of which was called the Mercy-Seat (Exodus 37:6). On the lid were two cherubim, or angels (Exodus 37:7, 8).

2. Notice from a diagram where this furniture was placed.

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**E. The Tabernacle Set Up:**

1. When was the Tabernacle completed? Exodus 40:17

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2. What happened after the Tabernacle was set up? Exodus 40:34

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What should be the true purpose of every church we build today?

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2. Am I really conscious of God's presence every time I enter my church?

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## THE WORSHIP OF ISRAEL

### Leviticus 1-15

In Exodus, we saw how the Israelites' national place of worship was built. In Leviticus, we see how this place was used for their worship.

#### A. The Place of Their Worship:

1. Notice the arrangement of the various parts of the Tabernacle.
2. Keep this arrangement in mind as you study the topics on this page and on the next.

#### B. The Offerings or Sacrifices Used in Their Worship: Read Leviticus 1-7

1. Of the five kinds of offerings the people could make, which two would be primarily for pardon? Leviticus 7:37

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2. Which three would be primarily for worship? Leviticus 7:37

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3. Of what might the meat-offering (or meal-offering) consist?

Leviticus 2:1b, 4, 5, 7

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4. What animals were used in the other offerings? Leviticus 1:5, 10, 14

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5. What was the general procedure for animal sacrifices?

a. Leviticus 1:4a \_\_\_\_\_

b. Leviticus 1:5a \_\_\_\_\_

c. Leviticus 1:5b \_\_\_\_\_

d. Leviticus 4:7b \_\_\_\_\_

e. Leviticus 4:19 \_\_\_\_\_

f. (1) Burnt offering, Leviticus 1:9b \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Sin, trespass, and meat offerings, Leviticus 7:6, 7, 9, 10

(3) Peace offerings, Leviticus 7:34 \_\_\_\_\_

(The worshippers ate the rest of the peace offerings.)

#### C. The Leaders of Their Worship: Read Leviticus 8-15

1. Who were to be the leaders of the worship of this nation? Leviticus 8:2a

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2. What happened when they made the first offerings for the people? Leviticus 9:22-24

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#### D. The Relation of Israel's Worship to Ours:

1. What is our altar of sacrifice today?

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2. What is our laver of cleansing? 1 John 1:9

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3. Who is our candlestick, giving light to the World? John 8:12

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4. Who is our table of shewbread? John 6:35

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5. What can we offer as sweet incense to God? Revelation 8:3, 4; John 16:23b

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6. Who became our ark, keeping God's law for us? Hebrews 9:4; Matthew 5:17

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7. Who became our Tabernacle -- God dwelling among men? John 1:14

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8. Who became our perfect sacrifice for sin? Hebrews 10:10, 14

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9. Who is our great High Priest? Hebrews 4:14-16

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Toward Whom was all the worship of Israel pointing forward?

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2. Is all my worship based on the finished work of Jesus?

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## SPECIAL DAYS OF WORSHIP FOR ISRAEL

### Leviticus 16-27

Just as we today have special weekly and yearly days of worship, so Israel had special times of worship ordained by God. Read about these below:

**A. The Regular Rests of Israel:** Read Leviticus 23:1-3, Leviticus 25

1. God commanded His people to observe three types of periodic rest: The weekly Sabbath, the sabbatical year, and the year of jubilee.
2. For whose benefit did the weekly A Sabbath seem to be ordained? Leviticus 23:3; Exodus 34:21  
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3. Notice that a "holy convocation" was to be held on this day. Look up these words and write what you think this would be:  
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4. For the benefit of what was the sabbatical year ordained? Leviticus 25:2-4  
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5. Of what would the year of jubilee (Leviticus 25:10-17) remind the people? Leviticus 25:23  
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6. What would God do to make these periods of rest possible? Leviticus 25:21  
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**B. The Special Feasts of Israel:** Read Leviticus 23

1. In one to three words, name each of the feasts of Israel: Leviticus  
a. 23:5 \_\_\_\_\_ e. 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
b. 23:6 \_\_\_\_\_ f. 23:27 \_\_\_\_\_  
c. 23:10 \_\_\_\_\_ g. 23:34 \_\_\_\_\_  
d. 23:15, 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
(See Exodus 34:22a; Acts 2:1)
2. Notice that the first four centered about the Passover in the Spring, while the last three centered about the Day of Atonement in the Fall.
3. At the Passover, the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and the Feast of Tabernacles, all adult males were to appear before God (Exodus 34:23).

**C. The Day of Atonement for Israel:** Read Leviticus 16

1. What was the purpose of the Day of Atonement? Leviticus 16:30  
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2. How often was it observed? Leviticus 16:34  
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3. Four sacrifices were made on this day. Tell briefly the following:  
For Whom Made: Animal Used: What Was Done With Animal:  
a. Lev. 16:6b Lev. 16:6 Lev. 16:11, 14

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b. Lev. 16:15a                      Lev. 16:15a                      Lev. 16:15b

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c. Lev. 16:21                      Lev. 16:20                      Lev. 16:21, 22

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d. Lev. 16:24b                      Lev. 16:3b                      Lev. 16:24

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4. After these sacrifices were made, what was done with the bodies of those animals whose blood was brought into the Holy of Holies? Leviticus 16:27

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5. Could the sacrifices made on this day really take away the sins of the people? Hebrews 10:1, 4

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**D. The Day of Atonement for All:**

1. Who made the real atonement for sins? Hebrews 10:10-12

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2. What happened on the day that this atonement was made?  
Matthew 27:50, 51

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3. What did this make possible for all who have lived since then? Hebrews 10:19, 20

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Have I accepted Christ's atonement for my sins?

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2. Am I using my privilege of entering God's presence at all times?

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## THE JOURNEY TOWARD CANAAN

### Numbers 1-14

After the Israelites had received the Ten Commandments and had built the Tabernacle as their national place of worship, they were ready to leave Mt. Sinai. Notice the manner in which they left, and the events which happened on their way to Canaan:

**A. Preparation for the Journey:** Read Numbers 1-9

1. Just one month after the Tabernacle was completed (See Exodus 40:17), what did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 1:1-3  
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2. In what order were the Israelites to camp as they journeyed? Numbers 2:2  
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3. What would the Levites use to carry the Tabernacle as they journeyed? Numbers 7:9  
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4. What did all the Israelites do before they left Mt. Sinai? Numbers 9:2, 5  
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**B. The Journey Begun:** Read Numbers 10-12

1. How long after the Israelites had left Egypt (See Exodus 12:2, 6, 51) did they leave Mt. Sinai? Numbers 10:11  
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2. What did they begin to do shortly after they began their journey? Numbers 11:1a  
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3. What happened to them because of this? Numbers 11:1b, 3  
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4. What did they do next? Numbers 11:4-6  
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5. What did Moses ask God to do because of the people's attitude? Numbers 11:15  
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6. What did God do instead? Numbers 11:16, 17  
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7. How did God feed the people? Numbers 11:31, 32  
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8. What did God do to the people because of their sins? Numbers 11:33  
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9. Who next complained against Moses? Numbers 12:1, 2  
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10. Who settled this complaint? Numbers 12:4-15  
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**C. The Journey Interrupted:** Read Numbers 13, 14

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1. What did God tell Moses to do when they arrived at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran?  
Numbers 13:2

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About what three things were these men to find out? Numbers 13:18b, 19a, b, 20a\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What report did the ten spies bring back?  
a. Numbers 13:27\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Numbers 13:28, 31, 33\_\_\_\_\_
4. What report did Caleb and Joshua bring back? Numbers 13:30, 14:8, 9
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5. What did the people want to do when they heard these reports? Numbers 14:4
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6. What did God say was the reason for their decision? Numbers 14:11
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7. What did God say would happen to them because of this? Numbers 14:23, 31, 32, 34
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8. What did the people decide to do after this? Numbers 14:40, 44a
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9. What happened to them as a result? Numbers 14:45
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I always fully believe every promise God makes to me?
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2. If I refuse to obey God because of unbelief, what good things might I miss?
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## THE WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

### Numbers 16, 17, 20, 21

After the people had failed to believe and obey God, their forty years of wandering began. Read the following to see what happened during these years:

**A. The First Problem:** Read Numbers 16:1-40

1. What four men had a complaint against Moses and Aaron? Numbers 16:1  
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2. Who joined with them in this complaint? Numbers 16:2  
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3. What did they accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:3
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did Moses say they could settle this dispute? Numbers 16:6, 7  
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5. What did God tell the people to do after this? Numbers 16:24, 26  
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6. What happened to the leaders of this rebellion? Numbers 16:31-33  
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7. What happened to the men who had joined them in the rebellion? Numbers 16:35  
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**B. The Second Problem:** Read Numbers 16:41-17:13

1. The next day, what did the people accuse Moses and Aaron of doing? Numbers 16:41b  
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2. What did God send because of this? Numbers 16:45, 46b  
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3. How many of the people died because of this judgment? Numbers 16:49  
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4. After this, what did God tell the leaders of the twelve tribes to do? Numbers 17:2  
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5. How was God going to show whom He had chosen to come near to Himself? Numbers 17:5  
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6. Who was shown to be God's choice? Numbers 17:8  
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7. What did God command to be done with Aaron's rod? Numbers 17:10  
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**C. The Third Problem:** Read Numbers 20:1-29

1. What was the problem that faced the people in the desert of Zin? Numbers 20:2a  
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2. What did the people do because of this problem? Numbers 20:2b  
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3. What did God tell Moses to do? Numbers 20:8

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4. What did Moses do? Numbers 20:10, 11

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5. What did God tell Moses and Aaron after this? Numbers 20:12, 13

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6. What happened to Aaron shortly after this? Numbers 20:24-29

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**D. The Fourth Problem:** Read Numbers 21:1-9

1. Because the king of Edom would not give the Israelites passage through his land (Numbers 20:14-21), they had to go around it. What happened as they did this? Numbers 21:4

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2. What did the people do? Numbers 21:5

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3. What punishment did God send? Numbers 21:6

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4. When the people repented of their sin, what did God tell Moses to make? Numbers 21:8

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5. What did the people have to do to be saved from death? Numbers 21:8b, 9b

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6. Of what was the brazen serpent a picture? (See John 3:14, 15)

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Have I ever sinned, so that I deserve punishment by God? (See Romans 3:23, 6:23)

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2. Am I willing to obey God, and accept His remedy for my sin? (See 2 Corinthians 5:21)

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## THE APPROACH TO CANAAN

### Numbers 21-Deuteronomy 34

As the forty years of wandering drew to a close, God permitted the Israelites to continue their journey toward the land of Canaan. What happened to them as they journeyed is recorded in Numbers 21-36, and again in Deuteronomy in Moses' review of the history of the people:

**A. Conquests on the Way to Canaan:** Read Deuteronomy 2:1-3:20

1. Why did the people of Israel begin to journey northward? Deuteronomy 2:1-3  
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2. What three countries through which they had to pass would God not permit them to conquer? Whose descendants lived in these countries?
  - a. Deuteronomy 2:4, 5 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Deuteronomy 2:8b, 9b \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Deuteronomy 2:19 \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long after they sent the spies into Canaan did they arrive at Moab? Deuteronomy 2:14a  
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4. What had happened during these years? Deuteronomy 2:14b, 15  
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5. Who were the first kings God permitted them to conquer? (See a map)
  - a. Deuteronomy 2:24, 36 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Deuteronomy 3:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What was peculiar about this second king? Deuteronomy 3:11  
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7. What did the Israelites do with the people of these countries? Deuteronomy 3:6, 7  
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8. How did the other nations feel when they heard of these wars? Deuteronomy 2:25  
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9. To which two and a half tribes was this country given as their inheritance? Deuteronomy 3:12, 13  
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10. What were these tribes to do before they settled down to enjoy their land? Deuteronomy 3:18-20  
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**B. Events at the Border of Canaan:** Read Deuteronomy 3:21-29;  
Numbers 27:12- 23

1. What request did Moses make of God at this time? Deuteronomy 3:23-25  
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2. What did God say he might do instead? Deuteronomy 3:26, 27  
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3. What would happen to him after this? Numbers 27:12-14
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4. What was Moses' second request of God? Numbers 27:15-17
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5. What man did God choose to take Moses' place as human leader of Israel? Numbers 27:18-23
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6. What did Moses do in the fortieth year? Deuteronomy 1:3
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7. What did Moses give to the people again at this time? Deuteronomy 5:6-21
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8. Who did Moses say would be the real leader of Israel in the future? Deuteronomy 31:3, 6, 8
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9. After Moses had completed his speech, where did he go? Deuteronomy 34:1-5
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10. What two things happened to him there? Deuteronomy 34:5, 6
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11. What did the Israelites do after this? Deuteronomy 34:8, 9
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Although the Israelites had lost their great human leader, whom did they still have to lead and guide them?
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2. Is my success, happiness, or spiritual life dependent upon any human being?
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## THE ENTRANCE INTO CANAAN

### Joshua 1-5

After the days of mourning for Moses were ended, the Israelites began a new chapter in the history of their nation. Read about this below:

**A. The Command to Enter Canaan:** Read Joshua 1:1-9

1. What did God tell Joshua and all the people to do? Joshua 1:1, 2

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2. What great promise did God give to Joshua? Joshua 1:5, 9

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**B. The Preparation for Entering Canaan:** Read Joshua 2:1-24

1. How long did Joshua say it would be before the people would enter Canaan? Joshua 1:11

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2. What did Joshua do in the meantime? Joshua 2:1a

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3. To whose house did Joshua's messengers go? Joshua 2:1b

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4. Who discovered their presence almost as soon as they arrived? Joshua 2:2

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5. What did he ask Rahab to do? Joshua 2:3

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6. What two things did she do instead?

a. Joshua 2:4a, 6 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Joshua 2:4b, 5 \_\_\_\_\_

7. What caused her to do this? Joshua 2:9a; (See Hebrews 11:31)

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8. How did she say the people of the land felt because of the Israelites? Joshua 2:9b

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9. What two things had they heard about that caused them to feel this way?

a. Joshua 2:10a \_\_\_\_\_

b. Joshua 2:10b \_\_\_\_\_

10. What had Rahab come to realize about God? Joshua 2:11b

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11. What did she want the spies to do for her? Joshua 2:12, 13

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12. How did she help the spies to escape? Joshua 2:15

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13. What report did the two spies bring back to Joshua? Joshua 2:23, 24

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**C. The Entrance into Canaan:** Read Joshua 3:1-17

1. As soon as the spies returned, what did Joshua promise the people? Joshua 3:5  
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2. Who went first into the Jordan River? Joshua 3:6  
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3. What happened as soon as their feet rested in the waters of the river?  
Joshua 3:15, 16  
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4. What did all the people do after this? Joshua 3:17  
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5. At what two places did the people place twelve stones to remind them of this great miracle? Joshua 4:3-7, 9  
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6. What happened as soon as the priests came up out of the river? Joshua 4:18  
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7. What were three great results of this miracle?
  - a. Joshua 3:7, 4:14 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Joshua 4:24a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Joshua 4:24b \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. How do you think the Israelites felt as they faced the battles for Canaan?  
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2. What can give me confidence as I face the conflicts and battles of my life?  
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## CONQUERING THE PROMISED LAND

### Joshua 6–8

After crossing the Jordan River, the Israelites begin to conquer Canaan. Read what happened next:

**A. Joshua Meets a Man With a Sword:** Read Joshua 5:1-15

1. Who did Joshua see when he was by Jericho? Joshua 5:13, 14a

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2. What did Joshua do? Joshua 5:14b

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3. What did the man say to Joshua? Joshua 5:15

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**B. The Walls of Jericho Fall:** Read Joshua 6:1-27

1. Why were the people of Jericho unable to enter or leave? Joshua 6:1

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2. What did the Lord say to Joshua? Joshua 6:2

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3. Who did He give to Joshua? Joshua 6:3

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4. What were God's instructions? Be able to tell the story. Joshua 6:3-7

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5. Did the people follow Joshua's instructions? Joshua 6:8-15

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6. What did they do on the seventh day? Joshua 6:15

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7. What did Joshua tell them? Joshua 6:16b

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8. Whose life was to be spared? Joshua 6:17

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9. What had God told them to stay away from? Joshua 6:18

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10. What would happen if they did not obey God? Joshua 6:18b

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**B. The Sin of the Israelites:** Read Joshua 7:1

1. Did the Israelites obey God? Joshua 7:1a

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2. Who took some of the devoted things? Joshua 7:16

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3. What was God's reaction? Joshua 7:1b

**C. The Defeat at Ai:** Read Joshua 7:2-13

1. How many men went up to defeat Ai? Joshua 7:4

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2. What happened to them? Joshua 7:4b, 5

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3. What did Joshua say to the Lord? Joshua 7:7-9

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4. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? Joshua 7:10

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5. What had Israel done? Joshua 7:11

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6. How were they able to undo the wrong that had been done? Joshua 7:12, 13

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**D. Tribe by Tribe; Clan by Clan before the Lord:** Read Joshua 7:15-26

1. What will happen to the household who took the devoted things? Joshua 7:15

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2. Whose tribe committed the sin? Joshua 7:18

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3. What did Joshua tell Achan to do? Joshua 7:19

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4. Did Achan confess? Joshua 7:20, 21 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who was punished along with Achan? Joshua 7:2

a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What happened next? Joshua 7:25, 26

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. After you have experienced a great victory have you then experienced defeat?

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2. What could be the consequence if I disobey God? (See 1 Samuel 2:30, 15:22, 23) \_\_\_\_\_

## THE CONQUEST OF SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CANAAN Joshua 9-12

News of Joshua's first conquests soon reached the other inhabitants of Canaan. Read the following to discover the various reactions to this news, and what happened as a result of each reaction?

**A. The General Reaction to Joshua's Conquests:** Read Joshua 9:1, 2

1. To who did word of Joshua's conquests come? Joshua 9:1

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2. What did they do when they heard this news? Joshua 9:2

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**B. The Reaction of the Gibeonites:** Read Joshua 9:1-27

1. What did the men of Gibeon want to do when they heard this news? Joshua 9:6

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2. What did they pretend in order to accomplish their purpose? Joshua 9:9

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3. What did Joshua and the princes of Israel promise them? Joshua 9:15

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4. What did they discover after they had made this promise? Joshua 9:16

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5. Why did they make this mistake? Joshua 9:14

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6. What were the Gibeonites made to do after this? Joshua 9:23

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7. What had the Gibeonites heard which caused them to be willing to make peace at any price? Joshua 9:9b, 10, 24

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**C. The Reaction of the Southern King:** Read Joshua 10

1. How did the king of Jerusalem feel when he heard of Joshua's conquests and Gibeon's reaction? Joshua 10:1, 2

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2. What did he persuade four other kings to do? Joshua 10:4, 5

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3. What was Joshua then called upon to do? Joshua 10:6, 7

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4. What did the Lord promise Joshua at this time? Joshua 10:8

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5. What happened as the battle began? Joshua 10:10

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6. What two miracles happened as the battle continued?
  - a. Joshua 10:11 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Joshua 10:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_
7. As you read the rest of the chapter, locate all the cities (on a map) Joshua conquered in this series of battles.
8. What was the secret of Joshua's many victories at this time?  
Joshua 10:14b, 42b  
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**D. The Reaction of the Northern Kings:** Read Joshua 11

1. How many people did the king of Hazor gather together against Joshua? Joshua 11:4  
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2. Where did they meet to fight against Israel? Joshua 11:5 (see a map)  
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3. How many of their cities did Joshua conquer? Joshua 11:12  
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4. How long did the battles of Joshua last? Joshua 11:18, 14:10  
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5. What was the result of all Joshua's battles? Joshua 11:23a  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Could Israel possibly have conquered Canaan in her own strength? (See Psalm 44:3)  
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2. When I face tasks too great for my own strength, what may I ask God to do?  
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## THE DIVISION OF THE LAND AMONG THE TRIBES Joshua 13-24

After the battles in the northern part of Canaan, the land belonged to Israel. Now see what was done with it after the kings and their armies had been conquered:

### A. The Territory of the Tribes: Read Joshua 13-19

1. When Joshua was old, what did the Lord say to him? Joshua 13:1  
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2. What did God tell Joshua to do? Joshua 13:6b, 7  
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3. To what tribes had Moses already given an inheritance on the other side of the Jordan River? Joshua 13:8, 18:7  
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4. To what tribe was no territory to be given as an inheritance? Joshua 13:14a, 33a  
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5. What was to be their inheritance? Joshua 13:14b, 33b  
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6. Whose descendants were counted as two tribes? Joshua 14:4  
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7. What individual received a special inheritance? Joshua 14:6-15  
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8. What tribe's inheritance was too little for them? Joshua 17:14a  
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9. What did they do because of this? Joshua 17:14b  
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10. Notice (on a map) the territory assigned to each tribe. Joshua 19  
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### B. The Cities of Refuge: Read Joshua 20:1-9

1. For whose protection were the cities of refuge appointed? Joshua 20:3, 4, 5b  
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2. What must such persons do in order to be protected? Joshua 20:4a, 6  
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3. Underline the names of these cities (on a map). Joshua 20:7, 8  
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### C. The Cities for the Levites: Read Joshua 21:1-3

1. Although the Levites did not receive a territory for their tribe, they did receive certain cities to live in. Where were these cities located? Joshua 21:4-41a  
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2. How many cities in all were given to the Levites? Joshua 21:41b  
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3. What special cities were included in those given to the Levites? Joshua 21:13, 21, 27, 32, 36, 38
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**D. Joshua's Instructions Concerning the Lord:** Read Joshua 23, 24

1. After the land had all been divided among the tribes, what did Joshua do? Joshua 23:2
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2. What did Joshua tell Israel about the people of Canaan who lived among them? Joshua 23:5
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3. What was to be Israel's part in bringing this to pass? Joshua 23:6-8
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4. What did Joshua warn would happen if they did not do this?  
Joshua 23:12, 13
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Joshua remind the people about the promises God had made to them? Joshua 23:14b
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6. What did Joshua ask the people to do? Joshua 24:14, 15
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7. What did the people promise him? Joshua 24:16-18, 21
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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. After all God had done for Israel, did he have a right to expect them to serve Him?
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2. What does God want from me, in return for all that He has done for me?  
(See 1 Samuel 12:24)
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