

ABOV- Session 4: Law and Land **Student Handout**

The Mosaic Covenant (the Law) Defined

Three parts: Moral, Civil, Ceremonial

10 Commandments

Relationship with God

1. God first
2. Don't worship images
3. Don't misuse God's name
4. Keep Sabbath Day holy

Relationship with others

5. Honor father and mother
6. Don't murder
7. Don't commit adultery
8. Don't steal
9. Don't lie
10. Don't covet

- How do the 10 Commandments reveal the human heart?
- How do the 10 Commandments help provide civil structure for the nation?
- How do the 10 Commandments help make Israel distinct from other nations?

The Mosaic Covenant (conditional)

"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. ² You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: ..." Deuteronomy 28:1-2

The Tabernacle: Ceremonial part of "The Law": The Tabernacle provided the only place where sinful people could restore their relationship with God with sacrifices and offerings. God's presence was revealed.

Two parts separated by a curtain:

1. Holy Place: Daily blood sacrifices

2. Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies)
 - High priest entered annually on Day of Atonement

 - Contained Ark of the **Covenant**

Summary of Journey to This Point

- God brought the Israelites out of hard labor slavery
- God provided the Israelites all their travel needs
- Israelites were now camped around Mt. Sinai
- God revealed himself with lightning, smoke, fire, trumpet and voice.
- Mountain was off limits under penalty of death.
- God had given them the moral, civil, and ceremonial law including not to make golden idols.
- Moses had been up the mountain several times.
- On this trip he would be on the mountain 40 days and nights.

Golden calf incident

- Importance of **Remembering**

- **Judgment, Grace,** and Consequences

Remember

6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." 1 Cor 10:6-7 (quote refers to Exodus 32:6b)

Atonement- "to cover"

- In Hebrew, atonement means to cover sin so that God no longer sees it.
- Atonement involves an innocent party taking the punishment that was due to a guilty party.

Ark of the Covenant

The gold cover, the “Mercy Seat”, symbolized God’s presence. On the Day of Atonement, the priest sacrificed an unblemished animal and sprinkled its **blood** on the cover.

Day of Atonement- Sin Offering

“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.” Leviticus 17:11

Day of Atonement- Scapegoat

- What was the purpose of the scapegoat?
- What did this signify to the people?

Numbers: Account of Israelite’s wanderings from Mt. Sinai to Moab

Spies report and consequences: national crime

National Judgment

The Israelite’s Journey Continues

- God killed the 10 spies that gave a bad report.
- Nation was rerouted back into the wilderness
- In disobedience they tried to enter Promised Land so were defeated
- Continual complaints & revolts against God and Moses
 - Complaint: *“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt ...”*
 - Rebellious leaders and families were swallowed by earth
 - 250 rebellious Levites were killed by God
 - 14,700 others died of plague

More Complaints & Judgment

Grace- Bronze Snake

“The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” Numbers 21:8

- Foreshadows why Jesus would come as **Redeemer** & His manner of death (John 3:14-15)

Deuteronomy: Reviews Israelite’s history

- Repeats Law
- Blessed if **obey (grace)**
- **Judgment**- for disobedience
- Guidance for entering the Promised Land

What Will Make Joshua Successful- Joshua 1:7-9

- What are the key commands?
- What is the promise?

Jordan River crossing & stone memorial

Promised Land: Conditions

- Leviticus 20:22-23-

- Deuteronomy 18:9-11; Deuteronomy 7:5: - Customs & Practices of the Canaanites
- Deuteronomy 4:6-8- Be an Example to the Nations
- Exodus 23:33; Numbers 33:55-56; Deuteronomy 7:3-4- Hindrances to Obedience

Jericho- the people had knowledge of God

Rahab had faith

Warning not to take the devoted things from Jericho: Achan disobeys & consequences