

RBCPC
2011 Study Series



Week #2
Study Guide

Exodus, Leviticus &
Numbers

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Overview

The books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, follow the story of the Israelites as they are led out of slavery in Egypt and into the wilderness, ultimately returning and resettling in the Promised Land. There is a repeated pattern of God's concern for the welfare of his people, the people's submission, God's rescue, the people's rebellion, God's punishment – followed by God's forgiveness – and the cycle begins again.

Scripture Study – Key Passages

Open your Bible and read the following passages:

Exodus 14:31

1. Why is it necessary for God to continue to reveal his presence?
2. In their desire to leave Egypt, what do the Israelites want?
3. What does God want from the Israelites?
4. What does this say to you about what God wants from you?
5. What might be keeping you from your relationship with God?

Leviticus 11:45

1. Define the word, "holy." (Use a dictionary or *The Essential Bible Companion*, pg. 18)
2. Read **Exodus 3:5**. Why was it important for Moses to take off his shoes?
3. Why does God create rituals for holiness?
4. What do you think God's ultimate goal is in these rituals?
5. What does God want from you as you participate in communion each month?

Numbers 14:17-19

1. Name the attributes of God revealed in this scripture.
2. Why does Moses name these attributes in relation to the display of God's strength?
3. What does patience, love and forgiveness have to do with strength?
4. How difficult is it for you to take on these attributes?

Key Concepts

1. God continues to reveal himself in his time.
2. God is Holy and expects his people to be holy.
3. God is faithful to his promises.

Discuss how you see these key concepts displayed in the stories of:

The first passover – **Exodus 12**

The golden calf – **Exodus 32**

Obedience – **Leviticus 26**

The people's rebellion – **Numbers 14**

Reflection

Last week in the study of Genesis, we saw how God begins to reveal himself to his people. God continues this revelation but adds what he expects from his people in return. How do these concepts of *revelation, holiness and faithfulness*, clarify **Genesis 1:27**?

Prayer

1. Meditate on the power of God – reflect how he has revealed his power in your life.
2. Moses had open conversations with God on a regular basis. Try going to a private place and talking to God out loud – listen and look for God's response – in His time, not yours.
3. Pray for the ability to grow in *love, grace, faithfulness, and mercy*. Pray for the opportunity to practice each one of these in order to be the holy person that God intends you to be.

Homework

Read **Numbers 13:27-32**, in preparation for the sermon on Jan. 22/23, “12 Spies; 40 Years.” Mark words, or phrases, that stand out to you.

Notes & Reflections:

