

EXODUS 19-24
The Moral Code of God's People
The week of 08/20/20

The next section of our Walk Through the Bible is Exodus 19-24.

Here's what you need to REMEMBER:

The early chapters of Genesis explain that in its primal state the earth was designed to be completely life-sustaining – possessing life that simply went on and on and on... Then, something unspeakable happened. A fundamentally destructive influence infected God's good earth, wrecking its life-sustaining qualities. This evil influence not only brought moral disruption, but also physical decay and an inability for life to be sustained at a cellular level. So, throughout history we have lived in paradoxical conditions. We long for life but find ourselves in an environment that is at times life-giving, and at other times life-killing – beautiful, but hostile.

The overall narrative of Genesis and Exodus explains the early progressive steps that God took toward restoring His creation to its original life-sustaining state. These first steps involved the establishment of a nation from the family of someone named Abraham. Eventually a child from this t would be a future

God plan involved the eventual birth of a child that a descendant of Abraham would give birth to a child that would defeat the source of evil and death.

Genesis chapters 12-50 describe Abraham's story, and that of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Abraham's tribe became the nation of Israel. However, instead of becoming a great nation, Genesis concludes with the Israelites possessing a strong cultural identity, but possessing no territorial homeland. The Genesis account ends with the Israelites living as landless, slaves in Egypt.

Chapters 1-18 of the book of Exodus is the continuation the Genesis account. It describes how God remembered "his promise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" (2:24) and raised up Moses to give his people an 'exit' from their Egyptian slavery and lead them to a "promised" homeland.

Here's what you need to KNOW:

Exodus 19-24 describes the moral code that would become the foundation of the nation's legal system.

Key OBSERVATIONS –

The nation's values and laws were not decided by public opinion or the will of the people. Their moral code was dictated by God and communicated to the people through Moses. The people responded to God's communication

God did not allow His people to form their laws through a democratic process for three reasons.

First, their impurity and selfishness made them incapable of creating their own moral code.

Second, He wanted them to better understand His purity and holiness.

Third, He wanted them to reflect His purity and holiness to a watching world so that they would be drawn into relationship with The Maker.

It is noteworthy that Exodus 19-24

This happened because God

God gave the nation a moral code

There is much that is noteworthy in this account, particularly as it relates to lessons in leadership and human nature.

Don't miss the evolution of Moses' personal confidence, character, and growth as a leader. Moses grew into a powerful leader, but was often lonely, disappointed and even angry about his God-given assignment to lead a group of people who were so reluctant and easily distracted from doing the right thing.

You will also witness how ‘public opinion’ is often out of alignment with the purposes and plans of God.

Yet, in spite of all this, God’s plans and purposes prevailed.

GET GOING!

Continue your personal Walk Through The Bible by reading, or listening to Exodus 1-18.

EXODUS 25-40

The Worship of God’s People

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