

## **EXODUS WEEK FIVE – “Oh, And ...”**

### **Questions for Exodus Chapters 21-27**

**October 8, 2020**

#### **TEACHER’S VERSION**

1. If God already gave the Israelites Ten Commandments to help them understand how to live with God and with each other, what’s the point and purpose of the 52 laws that follow?
2. If the Hebrew people were freed from slavery in Egypt, why is the first law in chapter 21 concerning people buying Hebrew slaves? If God freed the Hebrews from Egypt, why is slavery a divinely sanctioned option? Can you think of any time where Jesus addresses this issue?
3. The Laws concerning violence in 21:12-26 seem to flesh out the “Thou Shalt Not Murder” commandment in the Decalogue. What are some troublesome features in this section?
5. What is “blood guilt” and how does this factor into whether killing another person constitutes as murder?
4. What commandments in the Decalogue does 21:28-22:15 seem to address? What are some troublesome features in this section? What are some admirable features?
5. Why is there so much importance placed on property? How, where, and why are issues of theft or disputed property dealt with?
6. What commandments do the “social and religious laws” in 22:16-31 address?
7. How are “the disadvantaged” and the “resident aliens” treated? Who might these people be? In what ways are resident aliens treated in Hebrew culture that are different than other ancient Middle Eastern cultures? Why do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

8. What commandments are addressed in chapter 23?
9. What is “justice” according to Hebrew law?
10. What do you think about the game plan to conquer Canaan?
11. What is “the blood of the covenant?” How does it fit into the civic and religious life?
12. If God is omnipresent (all the time everywhere) why do you suppose God want to dwell among the people?
13. What is the purpose of the ark? Why so much gold?
14. What is the purpose of the tabernacle?
15. Why do you suppose there’s so much emphasis on ritual sacrifice? What does that mean in terms of God’s desire to be present among God’s people?

**Schedule for the Remainder of our Bible Study –**

October 15 - “Inviting God to the Table” (Chapters 28-32)

October 22 - “Preparing for the Promised Land” (Chapters 33-35)

October 29 - “Re-setting the Table” (Chapters 36-40)