

# EXODUS 22 CONTINUED

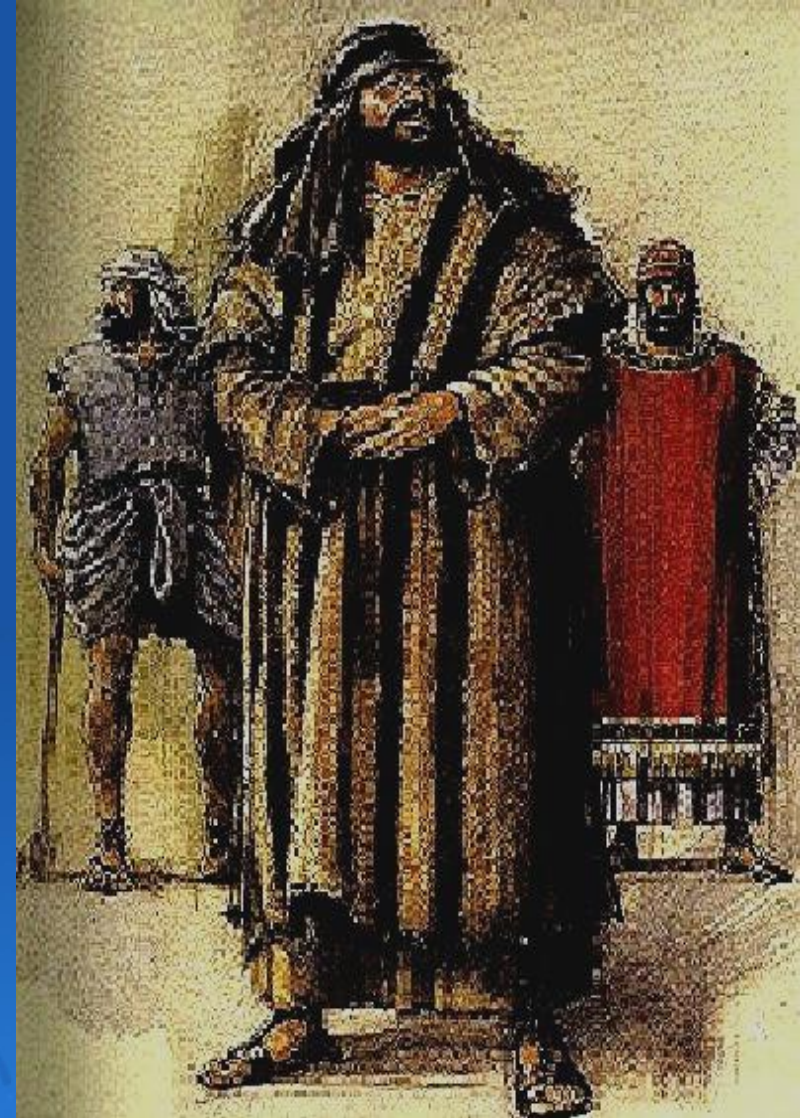
- Ger = foreigner, stranger, gentile
- Israel is to welcome foreigners
- Allows for foreigners to join Israel as Israelites
- Central to Christianity because it sets up the principle for gentiles to be able to participate in the covenants given to Israel





# TREATMENT OF THE POOR

- Widows and orphans to be afforded compassion and kindness
- If money is loaned to a poor person it must be done WITHOUT interest
- If a poor man's cloak (garment) is taken for surety on loan it must be returned before night
- **Salmah** = garment, cloak
- A piece of cloth wrapped around the person as clothing, and at night is a blanket
- Our kindness towards these are expected OR...God will exact His justice against us





# DO NOT CURSE GOD

- Elohim is a plural word and CAN be at times used to mean “gods”
- Elohim is also a “plural of majesty” that does NOT denote more than one, it denotes greatness
- “Curse” is typically used TWICE in Vs.27
- The first use is *qalal*...this means to humiliate or make Him look bad by our poor behavior
- The second use is *arar*...this means to PUT a curse (magic) or wish evil upon someone
- We are to give our tithes and offerings in a timely manner and NOT hold back until it is convenient
- We are not to eat meat killed by animals

# EXODUS 23



- First 3 verses pertain mainly to judicial trials
- Don't repeat a false rumor, don't assist someone in a lie, don't do wrong just to follow the majority
- Don't favor the rich over the poor or vice-versa
- In modern terms: stay away from Political Correctness, relativism, tolerance, denial of evil
- Secular Humanism embodies all these characteristics





GOOD  
CLEAN  
HOLY  
GOD'S PEOPLE

EVIL  
UNCLEAN  
UNHOLY  
ALL OTHERS

# DIVISION

- Harmony vs. Individuality
- God has created distinctions

*Divide*

*Elect*

*Separate*

God's Law  
ENSURES  
division!

# *“...love your enemies...be merciful...”*

- Every saying of Christ was either verbatim or in principle from the Old Testament
- Sabbath both spiritual and physical
- Sabbath of weeks, and of years
- Sabbath principles applied to the physical:
  - 1) **plants**...use soil for 6 years, rest the 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 2) **animals**...work them 6 days, let them rest on the 7<sup>th</sup>
  - 3) **humans** (including “foreigners”)...work 6 days and rest the 7<sup>th</sup>



# SABBATH RELEVANT ONLY TO GOD'S PEOPLE

- Sabbath is:
- 1) A day of physical rest
- 2) Observance of a HOLY day (as defined by God)
- All things BENEFIT from a physical rest
- One can rest on ANY day as a “day of rest” AND benefit
- But resting on any day one chooses does NOT bring the spiritual benefit because ONLY 1 day per week is Holy...the 7<sup>th</sup>, Shabbat



# EX.22:13-20 How Man is to relate to God

- Other gods not tolerated...NO LOOPHOLES!
- 3 Pilgrimage Festivals (must come before God)
- We see the physical, national purposes of the 3 festivals
- Feast of Matzah
- Feast of Shavuot (called in Greek, Pentecost)
- Feast of Ingathering (Succoth)

**Will eventually be a total of  
7 God-ordained Feasts**



# Vs. 20-33 Promises

- An angel (malach) will go ahead of Israel
- God will put terror (an irrational fear) in the hearts of Israel's enemies
- The victory over the tribes of Canaan is assured
- The victory will take more than a year, so that Israel can assume stewardship over the land in an orderly fashion







# EX. 24 Ratification of the Covenant

- A Covenant is more than an agreement, it's a UNION
- Structure of Mosaic Covenant similar to all ancient Middle Eastern treaties and pacts
- Papyrology ... the study of ancient documents
- Differences from typical treaties:
  - 1) Between man and God
  - 2) No class distinction
  - 3) Religion and Civil Law become one



# COVENANT OF MOSES WAS UNIQUE

- Covenant of Abraham was **UNI – lateral**...a one-sided promise

**UN-conditional**...nothing man could do would cause God to retract His promises

- Covenant of Moses was **BI – lateral**...both sides had responsibilities

**Conditional**...Israel had to follow through, or blessings could be withdrawn

