

EXODUS 23 vs 1

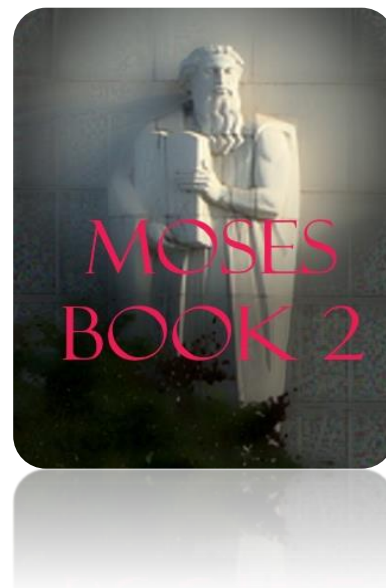
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This chapter continues the acts first passed upon Mount Sinai in Arabia.

1. These laws of universal obligation, relate to the ninth commandment; against bearing false witness (1); and giving false judgment (2,3,6-8); also a law of doing good to our enemies (4-5); and not oppressing strangers (9). **2.** Some laws peculiar to those ruled by God. The sabbatical year (10-11); the three annual feasts (14-17). **3.** Promises regarding the mercy God began for them, on condition of their obedience, that God would lead them through the wilderness (20-21); He would prosper all they had (25-26); He would put them in possession of Canaan (27-31); but they must not mix with the nations (32-33) – Matthew Henry.

Other than the unique nation of the children of **Israel**, led by Moses, that exited Egypt in the Middle East 3,500 years ago, who received this body of law from the Lord; the only other country in the world... to be built on these laws as a foundation was **the United States of America**.



Laws concerning Civil and Religious obligations

¹ You will not circulate a false report: do not put your hand with the wrongdoer to be an unrighteous witness.

² You will not follow a crowd to do evil; nor will you testify in a cause to turn aside many to twist justice:

³ nor will you be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

⁴ If you meet the ox of your enemy or his ass going astray, you will surely return it to him.

⁵ If you see the ass of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you think to refrain helping, surely you must help him with it.

⁶ You will not twist *and deny* justice for the poor in his cause.

⁷ **Keep far away from a false matter; and do not kill the innocent and righteous: because I will not justify the wrongdoer.**

⁸ And you will take no bribe: for the bribe blinds the discerning, and perverts the words of the righteous.

⁹ And a stranger you will not oppress: for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Laws concerning Sabbaths and Feasts

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¹⁰ And six years you will sow your land, and gather in its fruits:

¹¹ but the seventh year you will let it rest and lie fallow; that the poor of your people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you will deal with your vineyard, and with your olive grove.

¹² Six days you will do your work, and on the seventh day you will rest: that your ox and your ass may rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

¹³ And in all things that I have said to you, be circumspect: and the name of other gods make no mention, nor let it be heard from your mouth.

¹⁴ **Three times you will hold a festival to Me in the year.**

¹⁵ You will **keep** **the feast of unleavened bread**: (you will eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it you departed from Egypt: and none will appear before Me empty-handed:)

¹⁶ And **the feast of harvest**, the firstfruits of your labors, which you have sown in the field:

and **the feast of ingathering**, which is in the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors from the field.

¹⁷ Three times in the year all your males will appear before the Lord GOD.

¹⁸ You will **not** offer the **blood** of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor will the fat of My sacrifice remain until the morning.

¹⁹ The first firstfruits of your land you will bring into the house of the LORD your God. You will not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

Laws concerning conquest



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²⁰ Behold, I send **an Angel** before you, to **keep** you in the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

²¹ Beware of Him, and obey His voice, do not provoke Him; for He will not pardon your transgressions: for My name is in Him.

²² But if indeed you will obey His voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries.

²³ For My Angel will go before you, and bring you in to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: **and I will cut them off.**

²⁴ You will **not** bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works: but you will utterly overthrow them, and completely break down their images.

²⁵ So you will serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread, and your water; and **I will take sickness away from the midst of you.**

²⁶ No one will miscarry, nor be barren, in your land: the number of your days I will fulfil.

²⁷ My fear I will sent before you, and cause confusion among all the people to whom you come to, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

²⁸ And I will send hornets before you, which will drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before you.

²⁹ I will **not** drive them out from before you in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beasts of the field be too numerous against you.

³⁰ Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and inherit the land.

³¹ And I will set your boundaries from the **Red Sea** even to the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and you will drive them out before you.

³² You will make **no** covenant with them, nor with their gods.

³³ They will not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me: for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

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