

# Old Testament Overview Autumn 2021

## Session 2: Exodus to Deuteronomy: *God's Covenant with his people*

### Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

**when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."

**Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."**

## 2.1 Introduction

Week	Term 1: The Old Covenant
1	Introduction; The Covenant founded, broken and re-established <b>Genesis</b>
2	God's Covenant with his people <b>Exodus-Deuteronomy</b>
3	God's covenant in the land <b>Joshua-2 Samuel</b>
4	The Covenant <b>1+2 Kings</b> (focus on Solomon and earlier history), refer to <b>1+2 Chronicles</b>
5	Living as a covenant people – <b>Psalms and Wisdom lit</b>
6	God's covenant prosecutors – <b>pre-exilic prophets</b>
7	A covenant people in exile – <b>Ezekiel, Daniel, Esther</b>
8	Covenant promises fulfilled – <b>Ezra Nehemiah, post exilic prophets</b>

Jesus came to fulfil the Old Testament – Matthew 5:17-20

- He is our King – Mark 8:27-29, Matthew 21:1-5
- He is our Prophet – Matthew 21:10-11
- He is Our Priest – Hebrews 5:5-6

## 2.2 The Five Books of Moses

Author

History

laws and covenants

These books are foundational

Genesis	1-11 Creation and World History	12-25 Abraham	25-36 Jacob	37-50 Joseph
Exodus	1-11 Israel enslaved in Egypt	12-18 Israel redeemed from Egypt	19-31 Israel bound by covenant to the Lord	32-40 Israel recalled to the service of God
Leviticus	1-7 The Offerings	8-10 The Priesthood	11-16 Cleanness and Uncleanness	17-27 The Holiness Code
Numbers	1-10 At Sinai	10-20 From Sinai to Edom	20-36 From Edom to the Jordan	
Deuteronomy	1:1-5 Introduction 1:6-4:43 1 <sup>st</sup> Address – survey of wanderings	4:44-28:68 2 <sup>nd</sup> Address – laws		29-30 3 <sup>rd</sup> address 31-34 Moses' final words and death

## 2.3 Exodus

God's Action: Redemption 1-14

Israel's Response: Praise 15:1-21

God's Action: Provision 15:22-18:27

Israel's Obligation: obedience 19-31

Israel's Response: Disobedience 31:1-6

God's reaction: wrath and grace 32:7-40:38

### 2.3.1 Moses and The Liberation of Israel (Exodus 1-18)

*Moses is a type of Christ*

Exodus 3:13-15

What do the Plagues do?

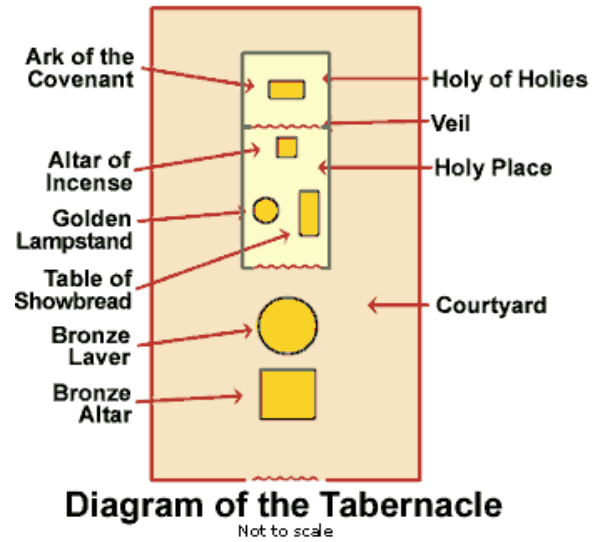
The Passover:

### 2.3.2 God's Covenant with Israel (Exodus 19-40)

Exodus 19:3-6

The Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:1-17.

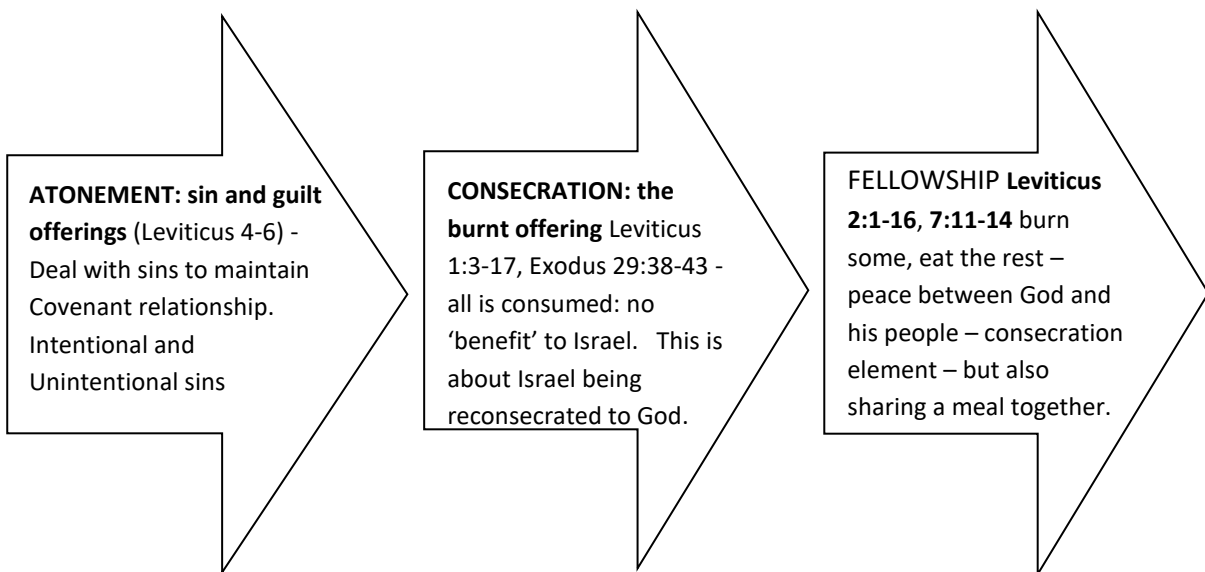
The Law covenant, Exodus 19-24

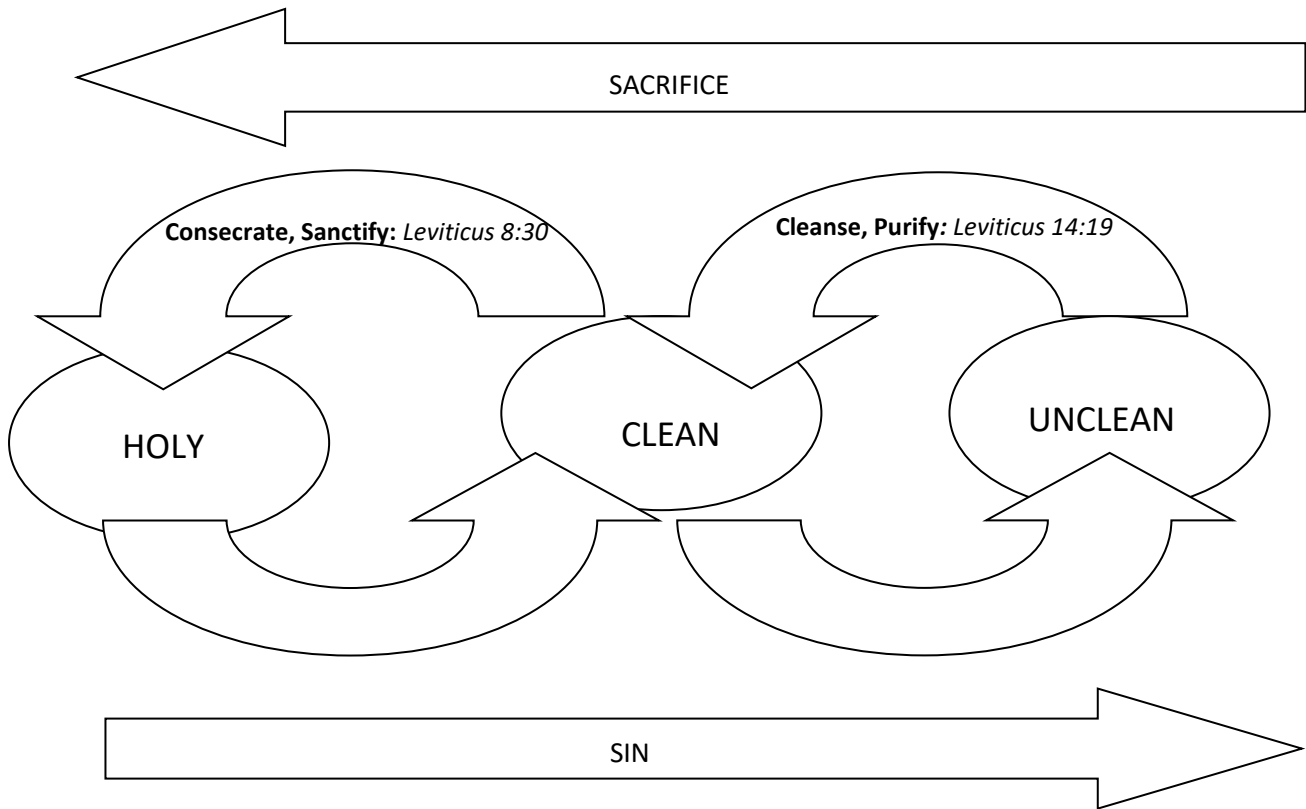


## 2.4 Leviticus

Leviticus 1-7	Laws on Sacrifice
Leviticus 8-10	Institution of the Priesthood
Leviticus 11-16	Uncleanness and its Treatment
Leviticus 17-27	Prescriptions for Practical Holiness

### 2.4.1 The Sacrificial system





### 2.4.2 Leviticus and Christ

## 2.5 Numbers

- Numbers 1-10      God prepares the Israelites for entrance into the Promised Land
- Numbers 11-25    The 1<sup>st</sup> generation fails to enter
- Numbers 26-36    God prepares the second generation for entry into the Promised Land

### 2.5.1 Perfect preparations (1-10)



### 2.5.2 Judgement and Grace in the Wilderness (11-21)

	Israel's Compliant	God's Judgement	God's grace	Result / Development
<b>Numbers 11:1-3</b>	Hardship: 11:1	Fire: 11:1	Fire abates 11:2	Remembrance: 11:3
<b>Numbers 11:4-35</b>	Food: 11:4-6	Plague: 11: <sup>33</sup>	Help for Moses 11: <sup>25</sup>	Looking to the future: 11:265-29
<b>Numbers 12</b>	Moses' unique position of authority: 12:1-2	Leprosy for Miriam: 12:9-10	Healed: 12:13-15	Reaffirmation of Moses' role: 12:5-8
<b>Numbers 13-14</b>	Revolt of the spies: <i>Numbers 13:27-28, 14:1-3</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Generation dies in desert: <i>Numbers 14:<sup>28-30</sup></i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation goes in: <i>Numbers 14:31</i>	Failure without God: <i>Numbers 14:<sup>40-45</sup></i>
<b>Numbers 16</b>	Moses' leadership and the special place of the priesthood (ch 15): <i>Numbers 16:1-3</i>	Earth swallows the rebels: <i>Numbers 16:<sup>30-35</sup></i>  Plague on others: <i>Numbers 16:<sup>49</sup></i>	Plague stopped / judgement limited: <i>Numbers 16:<sup>44-48</sup></i>	Reminder of the special place of the priesthood: <i>Numbers 16:<sup>37-40</sup></i>
<b>Numbers 20</b>	No Water: <i>Numbers 20:2-5</i>	Moses is judged: <i>Numbers 20:<sup>8-12</sup></i>	Continuity (and see Joshua 1) <i>Numbers 20:<sup>25-29</sup></i>	
<b>Numbers 21</b>	Die in the desert: <i>Numbers 21:<sup>4-5</sup></i>	Snakes: <i>Numbers 21:<sup>6</sup></i>	Bronze Snake: <i>Numbers 21:<sup>7-9</sup></i>	The movement to the promised land continues

### 2.5.3 Being the second generation (22-36)

### 2.5.4 Prophet, Priest and King

## 2.6 Deuteronomy

Prologue: Moses memoirs of Israel's history (1:1-4:43)

Exhortations and Stipulations (2<sup>nd</sup> Address) (4:44-28:68)

Covenant in the Plains of Moab (3<sup>rd</sup> address) 29:1-32:52

Appendix: Moses' end / appointment of Joshua 33:1-34:12

## 2.6.1 Deuteronomy: looking back and looking forward

Chapters and Verses	Commandment(s)
12-13	1,2,3 (God first, no idols, don't take Lord's name in vain)
14:28-16:17	4 (Sabbath)
16:18-18:22	5 (authorities)
19:1-21:9	6 (murder)
22:13-30	7 (adultery)
23-26	8, 10 (theft, covetousness)
19:15-21	9 (false testimony)

## 2.6.2 A Prophet, a Priest and a King:

A Prophet - Deuteronomy 18:15-22

The King – Deuteronomy 17:14-20

The Priest - Deuteronomy 26:1-5

## 2.7: Reading the Bible - Context is King?

What is Context?

1. *The part of a text or statement that surrounds a particular word or passage and determines its meaning.*
2. *The circumstances in which an event occurs; a setting.*

### 2.7.1 Three kinds of Context

Historical:

Literary:

Immediate:

### 2.7.2 Historical Context: *The Bible and the Book*

*Where in God's plan?*

*Who, When and Where?*

### 2.7.3 Literary Context: *The Book and the Section*

What kind of writing is this? (*Genre*)

What		Where	Description
Prose	Historical Narrative		
	Law		
	Parable		
	Letter		
	Apocalyptic / vision		
Poetry	Historical songs		
	Wisdom literature		
	Proverb		
	Prophecy		
	Lament		

### 2.7.4 The Immediate Context

***The Verse:***

Any difficult words?

Is this a quotation?

Can I understand what it means?

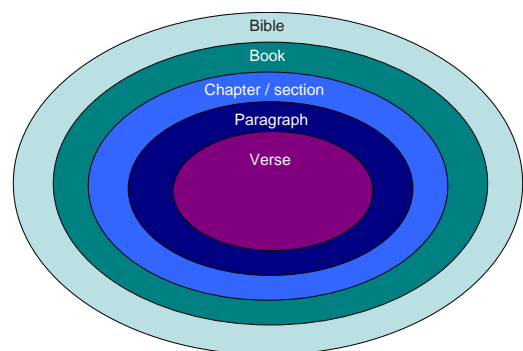
***The Paragraph:***

What does the author say here? Can I summarise it in a sentence?

How does the paragraph help me understand the verses?

***The Section:***

Does what I think the paragraph says fit with what the section says?



## 2.7.5 An example – Matthew 27:46

### Verse

### Paragraph

### Section

*Matthew 26:42*

### Book

*Matthew 17:22-23*

*Matthew 20:28*

### Bible

*Psalms 22:1*

*Genesis 3:15*

### For Yourself:

Genesis 50:18-21

Exodus 20:1-6

Exodus 32:1-4

Numbers 11:1-3

Deuteronomy 15:1-6

*How does understanding the context help us here?*