

EXODUS 20.7-23.33

1. Look at the last eight of the **Ten Commandments** in 20:7-17 and answer the following questions:

In verse 7, what do you think is the meaning of the word '**vain**'?
What does it mean to take the Lord's name in vain?

According to the text, why were the Israelites to honor their father and mother?

In verse 16, the ninth commandment forbids lying – but in what specific context?

According to Romans 13:9, how are the last six commandments summed up?

2. What do both 20:18b and 20:21a mention that the people did?

However, what did Moses do (20:21b)?

3. Now look at 20:22-26. When Israel offered sacrifices on **altars**, the altar could only be made of what two materials?

4. In 21:1-6. If a Hebrew became a **servant**, how long would they normally serve their master?

If they wanted to stay with their master forever, what procedure would take place?

5. 21:7-11 describes the rights a **woman** would have if she was sold to a master in order to be married to him. If the master decided he didn't want to marry her, what was to be done with her?

If the master then arranged for his son to marry her, how was she to be treated?

6. From 21:12-17, list all the crimes that would result in **capital punishment**.
7. 21:18-27 covers the topic of personal **injury**. In these verses, who are some of the injured parties mentioned?
8. 21:28-36 cover crimes of **negligence**. If you had an ox that gored someone to death, you may or may not be liable for the death. When *would* you be liable?
9. 22:1-4 deals with the crime of **stealing**. If you stole an ox and sold or killed it, how much would you have to repay? But if you stole an ox and it was found alive in your possession, how much would you have to repay?

If a thief broke into your home, you had the right to use deadly force against them, but only at certain times. When could you use deadly force and when could you not?

10. Look at 22:7-15. How are these verses connected? What one issue are they all about?
11. In 22:21-27, what (at least four) groups are mentioned who are **vulnerable** and often marginalized?

12. Look at 23:1-3 and 6-8. These verses deal with actions in a **court** or legal setting.
From these verses, list all the things you were *not* to do.

13. In 23:10-11, the land was supposed to **rest** in the seventh year.
Why was it supposed to rest, according to the text?

In 23:12, the people were to rest every seventh day.
According to the text, why were they to rest?

14. When the people came into the land of Canaan, what was to be their relationship to the inhabitants of the land and to the gods of the land (23:24, 32-33)?

If they obeyed the Lord, what blessings would he give them (23:25, 26)?