

THE STORY

For God to live with us,
three things must be worked out.

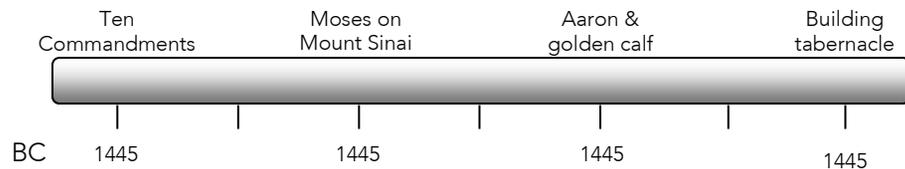
There must be rules to guide us (Ten Commandments)
Exodus 20:1-7

Commandments 1-4
In respect to our relationship with God

Commandments 5-10
In respect to our relationship with others

God will need a place to stay (Tabernacle)
Exodus 25

Sin must be atoned for (Sacrifices)
Leviticus



Week 5
New Commands and
A New Covenant
October 8, 2017



Questions for the Week

Big Idea:

God gives his laws and commandments to free us, protect us, and show his love... not to take away our fun and ruin our lives.

Key Verse: Exodus 25:8-9

⁸“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

How were the people to prepare themselves to meet with God?

What does the story of these new commands tell you about the character of God?

What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments?

If we see God as a “cosmic killjoy” just waiting for people to mess up so he can catch us and punish us, how will this impact our relationship with him?

How can God be both the merciful forgiver of sin and the punisher of the guilty?

The Israelites became impatient and finally made a golden idol in the shape of a calf for themselves. What are some of the false idols people worship today?

The Lord spoke to Moses “as one speaks to a friend.” What steps can you take to gain a deeper understanding of who God is?

Read Acts 7:48-50 and 1 Corinthians 6:19. Contrast these with the experience of the Israelites. How does recognizing that God dwells in us help connect his Upper Story to our Lower Story on a daily basis?



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