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Chapter 4 The Journey to the Promised Land Begins

Directions: Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

Introduction: The Call of Moses (Pages 150–158)

1. _____ continues where Genesis leaves off. Time has passed and the _____ are enslaved because the Egyptians are concerned that they had become so _____ they might side with Egypt's _____. The book proceeds to tell the story of their _____ release from Egypt and their journey across the _____ to Mount Sinai, where they entered into a covenant with God, the _____ Covenant.
2. True or False? The stories in the Book of Exodus were collected and edited about seven hundred years after the events took place, during the Babylonian Exile.
3. Explain the significance of birth stories in the Bible.
4. The story of the _____ Moses in Scripture tells us he will have an important _____ in the story. The Hebrew authors reveal his name literally means "_____." This special attention to the _____ "Moses" establishes his Hebrew _____ and refers to both his own experience of being plucked from the _____ as well as his efforts to draw out the _____ from Egypt.
5. True or False? Moses fled to the land of the Midianites after he killed a Hebrew slave for beating an Egyptian slave master.
6. True or False? The story of Moses may be situated in a brief period of foreign rule in Egypt when the "Hyksos" ruled Egypt.
7. What was the message of the early chapters of Exodus?
8. What meaning and significance of the name God reveals to Moses?

9. True or False? Because God's name was considered so holy, a tradition arose among the Jews that one should not pronounce it aloud, and instead, substitute the word "YHWH" for "Adonai."
10. True or False? Within the Moses tradition, God is known by what he does rather than by special words or names.
11. Note Moses' objections to being chosen by God.
12. Moses is the classic "_____ " in the sense that he does not exhibit many _____ associated with human greatness. From the story we can see that God calls the simple and _____, the questioning and the doubtful, and often the _____ and the few. Moses' calling is not unlike _____ calling doubters like Peter and _____.

Section 1: The Exodus: Confrontation Followed by Escape (Pages 160–166)

13. The idea that each _____ was directed against a specific Egyptian _____ is clever, but is contrary to the biblical texts and _____ history and culture. _____ of the plagues cannot be associated with any _____ gods, some gods are associated by their _____ while others by their sphere of influence, and some of the gods were never " _____ " by the Egyptians at all.
14. How might one appropriately respond to the opinion that the plagues were merely naturally occurring events?
15. The _____ stories reveal God's will to the Israelites. Their arrangement into _____ sets was an interesting literary technique to show that God's desires the _____ of slaves and the creation of a people. The Israelites understood their _____ in light of this Revelation: _____ powers cannot maintain _____ when God wills liberation.
16. It appears two different _____ traditions have been _____ together in the Book of Exodus to tell the story of how the Israelites left Egypt. The " _____ plagues" tradition in chapters 7– 10 was attached to the _____ tradition in chapter 11. Thus, the Passover becomes the " _____ " plague although it may have once been an entirely _____ story.
17. Explain what message is potentially lost by the merger of the two traditions?

18. What was the religious purpose of merging the two separate traditions together?

19. True or False? Every time the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she recalls Christ's Passover.

Section 2: The Wandering of the People in the Wilderness (Pages 168–172)

20. The events immediately _____ the crossing of the Sea are referred to as “_____” because they are a series of _____ against the leadership of Moses and even _____. The Israelites are unruly and unsure of their _____. In response, _____ selects helpers from to assist him in _____ the group, a possible explanation for role of the _____ among the Hebrews.

21. True or False? The number of people who wandered in the desert was likely closer to six hundred thousand rather than the six thousand recorded in the Book of Exodus.

22. What are two themes common to both the Book of Exodus and the Book of Numbers?

Section 3: The Reception of the Law at Mount Sinai (Pages 174–181)

23. Only when the Israelites make an _____ with God at Mount Sinai – referred to as the _____ – that they fully become the _____ in whom the promise of a _____ for humankind would be fulfilled. Here the Israelites receive the “_____” which is the religious, _____, and ritual statutes from God by which they were to become a _____ people.

24. Liberation is only one part of God’s _____ with the Israelites. For their part, they must _____ and keep their responsibilities as _____ by the Law. These obligations are for all who love _____ and are summarized in the _____. With the covenant comes the _____, often called the “Torah.”

25. Why is the Law given to Moses called the natural law? How does it correspond to three basic human drives and needs?

- 26.** True or False? Recognizing that obedience to the Law is essential in the history of Israel helps us to understand the entire Old Testament, particularly the tradition of the judges.
- 27.** Write the first three commandments below.
- 28.** Write the next seven Commandments below.
- 29.** What are specific sins against the First Commandment?
- 30.** What are the do's and don'ts of the Second Commandment?
- 31.** True or False? Sunday is the Sabbath for Christians because on that day the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles.
- 32.** What are the requirements of the Fourth Commandment?
- 33.** What are times when killing is morally permissible?

34. What sins are forbidden by the Sixth Commandment?

35. What kinds of sins fall under the heading of stealing?

36. True or False? Both the Sixth and the Eighth Commandments concern the covenant of marriage.

37. True or False? The Tenth Commandment does not necessarily condemn all forms of desire.

Section 4: Three Collections of the Law (Pages 182–193)

38. What are the three different collections of Law, and where are they found in the Pentateuch?

39. The emphasis of biblical laws is on _____ of community rather than on guilt and _____.
The focus was on _____ the life of the community. It was partially an emphasis on personal _____
and the shame of violating themselves or their _____. When compensation was necessary it was not
_____ justice but restorative justice as much as possible.

40. True or False? The Sacrament of Penance restores a relationship between a sinner, God, and the Church.

41. True or False? Jesus' Sermon on the Mount does not devalue the moral requirements of the Old Law but instead has new demands that proceed from the heart.

42. Contrast the way slavery is thought of in the Covenant Code with the Deuteronomic Code.

43. The _____ Code primarily covers _____ laws and traditions as well as laws dealing with _____ and maintaining the sense of “_____” that applied to everyone in the community. The three areas of most interest to modern _____: laws of sacrifice, purity, and _____.
44. What are two possible explanations for what the sacrifices in Leviticus were intended to accomplish?
45. The Hebrews believed that when someone _____, he or she was guilty themselves and must be _____. This was done offering _____ to the priests at the Temple and served _____ as asking God for forgiveness. Also, since sin “_____” the altar, sacrifice was a kind of religious cleansing for the _____ of the Temple.
46. What are two explanations for the importance of the purity laws in Leviticus?
47. Purity laws that reflected concern that _____ stay in their categories could be carried over to encourage _____ to stay in their categories in _____ societies such as the Babylonians or the Persians. The laws reflected a _____ society that was concerned about the threat of _____ with foreign cultures; one way of ensuring that people maintain a unique _____.
48. Explain what was the expected to happened during the Jubilee year.
49. True or False? The Pentateuch ends with the Israelites still wandering in the wilderness.
50. True or False? The “final words of Moses” recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy are meant to bring Jews a sense of hope even though they are living through the Exodus.