

MARCH 2026 | DAY 8

ONE STORY THAT LEADS TO JESUS

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SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19
Leviticus 20
Psalms 36

What does it look like to be a royal priesthood and a “set apart” nation in this world? Today’s reading introduces the laws intended to shape Israel into an expression of God’s goodness in the world.

One law required Israelite farmers to leave 10 percent of their crops intentionally unharvested and to allow the poor to glean from this portion. This kind of practice set Israel apart from the rest of the world, tangibly displaying God’s care for all people and the people’s trust in God’s ongoing provision.

Another law required Israelite merchants to measure weights honestly when selling produce in the marketplace, highlighting God’s desire for justice. Other laws required Israelite families to abstain from participating in adultery, incest, or child sacrifice. Surrounding nations might see such regulation as unwise or simply strange, but they would also see that Israel’s God thought differently about sexuality, suggesting a way of intimate love that honors (rather than abuses) children and values commitment and fidelity between partners.

If the people were to follow God’s instruction to love their neighbors as themselves, their community would become an oasis of peace and flourishing amidst the harsh world east of Eden. Watch today’s video to learn how Jesus called his followers to build the same kind of communities through integrity, generosity, and radical love.

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Leviticus 21
Leviticus 22
Leviticus 23
Psalms 37

Today's reading outlines the qualifications for Israelite priests—the ones who mediate or stand between God and the rest of Israel. Priests represent God to the people and represent the people before God. Priests “serve” and “keep” the holy tabernacle space—the Eden tent. Adam and Eve were given the same instruction when they first lived in the garden; God told them to “serve” and “keep” the land, suggesting that he designed all humanity for a royal priestly kind of life.

Eden should be free from any sign of death, destruction, or decay. This means priests cannot enter the tent while displaying symbols of death. In their ancient Near Eastern context, these symbols included specific ways of shaving one's hair and cutting or marking one's skin, as well as specific physical deformities that signaled a state of corruption.

Leviticus explains not only how to honor God's sacred space but also how to honor God's sacred time. Israel's annual calendar was structured with seven ritual feasts, synchronizing the people's lives to ongoing celebrations that tell the story of God's redemption. Every time the Israelites inaugurated a new year over unleavened bread and a Passover lamb, they remembered that their national story began with God rescuing them from slavery. And spending a week living in temporary shelters reminded them of God's provision in the wilderness.

On one hand, these festivals invite Israel to remember and proclaim their national identity year after year. But they also provide new generations with a way to tangibly enter into that story in their own time. Watch today's video to learn more about the connection between Israel's laws and story.

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Leviticus 24
Leviticus 25
Psalms 38

The symbolic re-creation of Eden space and time within Israel's camp continues in today's reading. Inside the tabernacle, a golden lampstand's flowering branches portray the original tree of life from Eden's garden. Its branches support seven lights, pointing to the seven days of creation and to God's own light bursting through the darkness. God's abundance, generosity, and seventh-day rest also order every level of Israel's calendar, as seen in today's video.

Leviticus 24 includes a sobering story about honoring God's name. Like Israel's priests who have a special duty to care for the holiness of the tabernacle, the whole nation also has a special calling to preserve the holiness of Yahweh's name. Just like Nadab and Abihu, who violated their vocation as priests by dishonoring God's holy space, the unnamed man who blasphemes God's holy name also faces severe consequences. The story suggests that representing the name of Yahweh is a gift, as well as a weighty responsibility.



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Leviticus 26
Leviticus 27
Psalms 39

Today's reading takes us to the end of Leviticus. Congratulations! Watch the video to review what you've learned from this complex, ancient law book that demonstrates God's determination to be with his people. Every time Israel betrays him, accuses him, ignores his instruction, or violates their agreement with him, God refuses to let them go. Instead, God reveals the first steps of Israel's path that will ultimately lead humanity back into the intimacy once shared between God and humans in Eden.

Leviticus concludes with Moses calling Israel to be faithful to their agreement (or covenant partnership) with Yahweh. If the Israelites follow through on their agreement, God says they will enjoy the blessings of Eden. They will be fruitful and multiply—their tree branches sagging under the weight of abundant fruit and their storehouses bursting at the seams.

However, if they choose to violate the agreement, they will experience disaster and removal from the land. God's justice means that his people will face the consequences of their actions when they rebel, but his mercy causes him to pursue them and restore them every time they go astray because God longs to be with his people.

The Israelites have learned how to dwell with God's holy presence. But they're still camped in the middle of the wilderness, living in tents with no home of their own. What's next for these wandering people?

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SCRIPTURE

Numbers 1
Numbers 2
Numbers 3
Numbers 4
Psalms 40

It's moving time for the entire nation! Israel has spent almost a year at Mount Sinai, learning to stay true to their agreements with God, honor the holiness and purity of God's presence, and love their neighbors. In today's reading, they break camp to move toward Canaan, the land God has promised.

If the people are going to inhabit their new land, they'll need an army. And if they're going to travel with God's holy presence, they'll need to pack and move the tabernacle. So God tells Moses to start counting the people and assigning various responsibilities.

For the army, Moses numbers all Israelite men of fighting age from the first 11 tribes, excluding the Levites. God tells Moses that the Levites are to be responsible for packing and moving the tabernacle. Each Levite clan carries its own part: some pull up the tent pegs, some take down the embroidered curtains, and some gather the golden utensils. Notice how Numbers 1-4 shows every subgroup within Israel's community contributing to the work; this is a whole-community effort. With the people numbered and their portable Eden packed up, it will soon be time to hit the road (as described in Numbers 8).

Watch today's video to preview the Israelites' journey through the wilderness in the book of Numbers.

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SCRIPTURE

Numbers 5
Numbers 6
Numbers 7
Psalms 41

Sin payments, disturbing water rituals, long-haired vows—in today’s reading, four strange laws interrupt the story of Israel’s travel preparations. These laws seem pretty random, but they echo a pattern of water and judgment established in Genesis 1-9.

Just as God sent Adam and Eve away from Eden after their failure brought about death, now all Israelites displaying symbols of death must leave the camp. And just as waters from the flood brought judgment after corrupted sexual practices (Gen. 6-8), now God will use water as a means of judgment for adultery. This [hyperlink to the flood narrative](#) reminds the Israelites that faithfulness allows a person to pass through the waters of judgment, just as Noah did. In its historical context, the trial of bitter water actually protected innocent women from false accusations by leaving judgment to God.

Notice the ways the Genesis 1-9 pattern is remixed in Numbers. Unlike Adam and Eve’s exile from Eden, the exile from Israel’s camp is temporary. And where Adam and Eve blamed each other for their rebellion, God teaches Israel to instead confess and make right any harm they have caused. In Genesis, Noah abuses alcohol when the judgment waters subside, but here, the Nazarites abstain from alcohol altogether.

The author appears to be using these four laws, creatively wording them to link to the Genesis stories, to illuminate Israel’s true calling: They are to succeed where their ancestors failed. Will this be the generation that finally chooses faithfulness?

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SCRIPTURE

Numbers 8
Numbers 9
Numbers 10
Psalms 42

After 11 months and 19 days camped at the foot of Mount Sinai, Israel finally sets out for the promised land. Though they got off to a rough start as God's covenant people, in today's reading, they walk in step with Yahweh.

Whether dedicating the Levites for their tabernacle service, celebrating the Passover meal, or following the cloud of God's presence, we hear the same refrain: "The Israelites did just as God commanded them."

Abraham's family multiplied into a great nation, as God said they would. Now they're continuing on, toward the land God promised them.

Wherever the Israelites go, God's presence travels with them in the heart of their camp. Day and night, the priests work in the sacred tent to ensure the light of the lampstand illuminates the room, fresh bread covers the table, and incense rises from the altar. With the tabernacle up and running and the tribes organized all according to plan, the journey continues.