

**Timeline of Truth – God Sets Up Civil Authority (Deuteronomy 16:18-17:20)**

Focus	First Sermon 1:1-4:43	Second Sermon 4:44-26:19				Third Sermon 27:1-34:17		
Divisions	Review of God's Acts for Israel  1:1-4:43	The Exposition and Expansion of the Ten Commandments  4:44- 11:32	Ceremonial Laws  12:1- 16:17	Civil Laws  16:18- 20:20	Social Laws  21:1- 26:19	Ramification of covenant  27:1- 28:68	Palestinian Covenant  29:1- 30:20	Transition of Covenant Mediator  31:1- 34:12

<p><b>Deuteronomy 16:18</b> " You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. <sup>19</sup> "You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. <sup>20</sup> "You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.</p>	<p><b>1. God Commands Israel to _____ Judges and Officers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lit. Judging ones and officials</li> <li>Everywhere</li> <li>They shall judge with righteous judgment                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not bend judgment</li> <li>Not regard the face</li> <li>Not take a bribe</li> <li>Pursue righteousness</li> </ul> </li> <li>Result – to live and to inherit the land</li> </ol>
<p><sup>21</sup> " You shall not plant for yourself any tree, as a wooden image, near the altar which you build for yourself to the LORD your God. <sup>22</sup> "You shall not set up a sacred pillar, which the LORD your God hates.</p>	<p><b>2. God _____ Israel About Idol Worship</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They shall not plant a tree as a wooden image</li> <li>They shall not set up a sacred pillar</li> </ol>
<p><b>Deuteronomy 17:1</b> "You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish <i>or</i> defect, for that <i>is</i> an abomination to the LORD your God.</p>	<p><b>3. God Reminds Israel of Proper _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They shall not sacrifice an animal with a blemish</li> <li>It is an abomination to the Lord</li> </ol>
<p><sup>2</sup> " If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His covenant, <sup>3</sup> "who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, <sup>4</sup> "and it is told you, and you hear <i>of it</i>, then you shall inquire diligently. And <i>if it is</i> indeed true <i>and</i> certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, <sup>5</sup> "then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.</p>	<p><b>4. God Establishes _____ Authority</b></p> <p>Notice that the responsibility here is to those who live in the same city as the offender.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Someone is found who is worshipping other gods</li> <li>They will inquire diligently – make sure it is true</li> <li>If it is true – they shall be stoned to death.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>6</sup> "Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. <sup>7</sup> "The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you.</p>	<p><b>5. God Gives _____ for the Death Penalty</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There needs to be two or three witnesses to confirm the story.</li> <li>The witnesses will be first to carry out the punishment – they are responsible</li> <li>This is to put away evil from among them</li> </ol>
<p><sup>8</sup> " If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which</p>	<p><b>6. God Establishes the _____ as Civil Authorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If they are not able to judge:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between degrees of guilt for bloodshed</li> <li>Between one judgment or another</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<p>the LORD your God chooses. <sup>9</sup> "And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge <i>there</i> in those days, and inquire <i>of them</i>; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment. <sup>10</sup> "You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the LORD chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you. <sup>11</sup> "According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside <i>to the right hand</i> or <i>to the left</i> from the sentence which they pronounce upon you. <sup>12</sup> "Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel. <sup>13</sup> "And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between one punishment or another</li> <li>• Any controversy</li> </ul> <p>b. The priests and Levites have authority to judge</p> <p>c. Israel is commanded to obey the priest</p> <p>d. If someone does not heed the priest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That man shall die</li> <li>• They are to put away evil</li> </ul> <p>e. This will work to restrain others from acting presumptuously.</p>
<p><sup>14</sup> "When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that <i>are</i> around me,' <sup>15</sup> "you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; <i>one</i> from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who <i>is</i> not your brother.</p>	<p><b>7. God Allows for a _____</b></p> <p>a. Notice this is "when"</p> <p>b. The people will ask for a king 1 Samuel 8</p> <p>c. The qualifications for a king:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God will choose him</li> <li>• Must be an Israelite</li> <li>• Must not be a foreigner</li> </ul>
<p><sup>16</sup> "But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' <sup>17</sup> "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.</p>	<p><b>8. The King Does Not _____ Himself</b></p> <p>a. He shall not multiply horses for himself</p> <p>b. He shall not go to Egypt for horses</p> <p>c. He shall not multiply wives</p> <p>d. He shall not multiply silver and gold for himself</p>
<p><sup>18</sup> " Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from <i>the one</i> before the priests, the Levites. <sup>19</sup> "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, <sup>20</sup> "that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment <i>to the right hand</i> or <i>to the left</i>, and that he may prolong <i>his</i> days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.</p>	<p><b>9. The King Is Under a _____ Authority</b></p> <p>a. He shall write a copy of the law for himself</p> <p>b. He shall read the law all the days of his life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That he may fear the Lord</li> <li>• That he may obey the Lord</li> <li>• That he would not become conceited</li> <li>• That he may be faithful</li> <li>• That he may prolong the days of himself and his children</li> </ul>

**1. God has set up authority in our lives and we must \_\_\_\_\_ to it on every level.**

**Romans 13:1-7** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. <sup>4</sup> For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. <sup>5</sup> Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

**2. God wants us to read, know, meditate on and do His \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 1:1-3** Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.