

- 3) Then Moses goes and stands at the entrance of the camp and says, "Whoever is on the Lord's side, come and stand with me."
  - i) The Levites came and stood with him.
  - ii) The Lord gave Moses a command, "Tell the Levites to strap on their sword and go through the camp and kill everyone with whom they come in contact regardless of relationship, friendship or acquaintance."
  - iii) The Levites obeyed and 3000 people were killed that day.
  - iv) Because the Levites rendered unquestioned obedience to the Lord, the Lord blessed them.
    - a) Levi was one who had killed the Shechemites.
    - b) The curse that came upon him because of that was that he was not going to have no particular place in the promised land.
    - c) The blessing was that they were set apart as the priests, ministers in the house of God.
    - d) They would be closer to the Lord than any other.
- n. Moses goes up into the mountain a 6th time.
  - 1) Moses tells the people, "I am going to go up into the mountain and pray that the Lord will forgive you of your sin."
  - 2) Moses says to the Lord, "Forgive the people and if you won't forgive them, blot my name out of the book of life, but forgive them."
  - 3) The Lord says, "No I am not going to do that. Whosoever sins, he will bear the responsibility for his own sin. That person's name will be blotted out of the book of life. But I am going to keep my promise and I want you to take them to the land that I promised to give them."
  - 4) The Lord did say to Moses that he would punish them and brought a plague upon them.
- ii. Exodus 33
  - a. The Lord speaks to Moses.
    - 1) The Lord commands Moses and the people to leave Mt. Sinai and go into the land the Lord will give them.
    - 2) The Lord says that he will not go with them, but will send his angel to drive the Canaanites out.
      - i) Why did the Lord say this?
      - ii) They broke the covenant so that the Lord was not their God and they were not His people.
    - 3) The Lord says that if he goes with them, then he will destroy them.