

## EXODUS BIBLE STUDY AND GUIDE

### LESSON 38 EXODUS 23:1-13

There are several things to remember as we go through the law.

- The judgments and instructions given will be the (basis for) the laws of the new nation. Those who will make judgments between individuals, between individuals and the community, and concerning a right standing before Jehovah, will or should use the law as the basis for those decisions.
- The judgments and instructions also represent the character and nature of the type of society and nation that God desires and demands of His people.
- While they are meant to be lasting, they also are given and written in the context of culture for that period. For Israel, they were meant to be obeyed. For the church, we may still be able to extract principles in a society and culture that are far different.

Chapter 23 continues the judgments.

1. Vv1-8 seem to deal with actions that demand character in one making judgments concerning another. In these matters, Israelites should be people of \_\_\_\_\_. There are a number of things that are not to influence improperly the judgment, whether a simple individual or maybe a judge in some cases.
  - In vv1-2, how is the structure used to make the points? While they are similar, what are the points that these two verses make? How are they similar and how are they different, i.e., what is not to influence the judgment and to what end?
  - While probably not a chiasmic structure per se, vv3 & 6 bracket vv4-5. What is not to influence the judgment? What are the two sides of dealing with the issue in 3 & 6?
  - What is in view in vv4-5 and how is the Israelite to handle it?
  - Vv7-8 have a slightly different structure, although not exactly the same. They are similar to most of the previous verses in having a command(s) but each also includes a \_\_\_\_\_. What is it that they are not to do? Why?

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2. What is the command in v9 and what is the basis for it?

3. What is the general subject of vv10-12?

- What is different concerning them?

- What is similar concerning them?

4. What is the structure and command of v13?

### ***THOUGHT PROVOKING***

5. How do the different subjects in vv1-8 have application for today in your attitude if not in action?

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6. How does v9 cause you to reflect concerning our country's debate and your attitude concerning immigration? (Repeat from last lesson)
  
7. How can you implement Sabbath principles in your life?