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LESSON 39 EXODUS 23:14-33

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, but a corner is turned.

1. Vv14-17, what are the three feasts mentioned, the purpose of each mentioned here and who is to appear?

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2. V18 may particularly refer to one of the feasts but probably all in general. What two things are commanded?

3. What two seemingly unconnected things are commanded in v19?

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4. Vv20-33 deal with bringing the people into the land. There are various warnings and promises for them beginning with the messenger or angel of Jehovah.

- What are the warnings associated with the angel in vv20-23?

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- What are the promises associated with the angel in vv20-23?

 - What is controversial about the angel in vv20-23?
5. What are the warnings/commands concerning the land in vv24-33?

 6. What are the promises concerning the land in vv24-33?

THOUGHT PROVOKING

7. What applications can you make for your life can you make from this section in these three categories (especially the relationship of the people of God to): the feasts, the messenger of the LORD, the people of Canaan?