

One Year Bible Challenge

Read the whole Bible in one year

Week 7 -- February 19, 2011: **The Offering**

This week's Reading: Old Testament: Exodus 34:1-Leviticus 7:27

February 12th to 18th New Testament: Matthew 27:15-Mark 3:30

Psalms: Psalm 33:12-37:11

Proverbs: Proverbs 9:1-10:4

Key Bible Verses:

Exodus 34:11-16 (NIV)

[11] *Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.*

[12] *Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. [13] Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. [14] Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. [15] "Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. [16] And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.*

Why does God caution the Israelites to have nothing to

do with the foreigners they will encounter (Exodus 34:11-16)? Is this instruction contrary to what Jesus Christ later says is the second most important commandment--"You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39 ESV)?

Matthew 28:1-10 (RSV)

[1] Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. [2] And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. [4] And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." [8] So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

What is the importance of the Resurrection to Christians?

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