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QUARTER 1: SHADOWS

STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

WEEK 7:
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

Bible Reading Plan



This Week's Reading

DAY 43 Wed, Feb 19 Exodus 39—40

DAY 44 Thu, Feb 20 Leviticus 1—4

DAY 45 Fri, Feb 21 Leviticus 5—7

DAY 46 Sat, Feb 22 Leviticus 8—10

DAY 47 Sun, Feb 23 Leviticus 11—13

DAY 48 Mon, Feb 24 Leviticus 14—15

DAY 49 Tue, Feb 25 Leviticus 16—18

Weekly Gatherings

30 MINUTES

Arrival, Fellowship, and Reading

30 MINUTES

Teaching

30 MINUTES

Table Discussion and Announcements



Today's Reading

Exodus 39—40

Day 43 in Step Into Scripture



GENESIS 47:18

When that year was over, they came to him the following year and said, “We cannot hide from our lord the fact that since our money is gone and our livestock belongs to you, there is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land.

GOD'S LAW

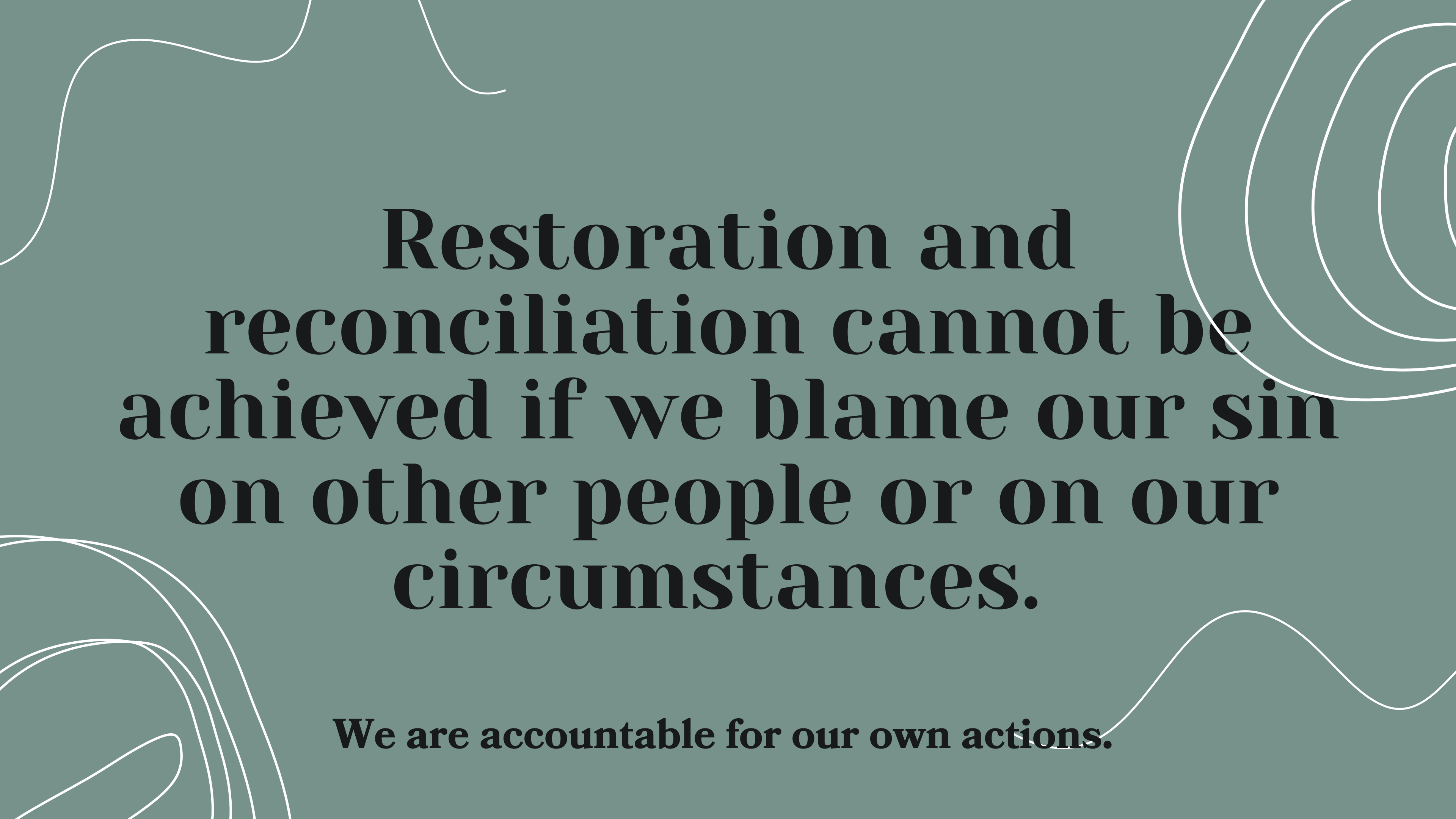
- 1. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)**
- 2. The Book of the Covenant (Exodus 21—23)**
- 3. Regulations for Worship (Exodus 25—31)**

EXODUS 32:19

19 When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

EXODUS 32:23—24

23 They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ **24** So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

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Restoration and reconciliation cannot be achieved if we blame our sin on other people or on our circumstances.

We are accountable for our own actions.

EXODUS 32:25—27

25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. **26** So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the Lord, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him. **27** Then he said to them, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’”

EXODUS 32:28-29

28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. 29 Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

The Establishment of a Priesthood

A priest is someone who acts as a mediator between God and people. Priests represent God to the people, teach God's laws, and offer sacrifices on behalf of the people.

EXODUS 19:5—6

5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

EXODUS 24:7

Then he [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”

In Exodus 12, the Israelites left Egypt.

In Exodus 19, they camped at Mount Sinai and Moses met God on the mountain.

In Exodus 20, Moses received the Ten Commandments.

In Exodus 21-23, Moses received the Book of the Covenant.

In Exodus 24, the people agreed to what God said:

EXODUS 24:3

3 When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do."

EXODUS 24:12

12 The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

EXODUS 33:3

3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.”

EXODUS 33:15—16

15 Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. **16** How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” **17** And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

1 PETER 2:9—10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

EXODUS 34:29—32

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. **30** When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. **31** But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. **32** Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.

EXODUS 34:33-35

33 When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. 34 But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12–14

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:15-18

15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



**WE BECOME WHAT
WE BEHOLD!**

THE LEVITICUS SURVIVAL PLEDGE

**"I hereby solemnly swear...
That I will not abandon my Bible reading plan...
Even when the laws get long...
Even when the sacrifices get specific...
Even when I start questioning why mold and skin diseases get so much attention.
I will press on!
I will embrace the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and yes... even the mildew
inspections.
I will resist the temptation to skip ahead to Joshua.
And I will remember that all Scripture is God-breathed—
Even the parts about not eating bats!
So help me, Lord.
Amen!"**