

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

May 14, 2025

Exodus 23:24-33

Introduction:

1. The Angel of God was sent to protect Israel and bring them into Canaan. As a representative of God, Israel was expected to obey Him. (Ex. 23.21-23)
2. Through Moses, God reveals the details of the day He will fulfill His promise.
 - a) The Inheritance: **Exodus 23.23:** *"My Angel will go before you and bring you in"*
 - b) The Inhabitants: **Exodus 23.23:** *"...and I will cut them off."* (cf. Deut. 9.1-3)

I. THE INHABITANTS

- A. The children of Israel were to serve God exclusively.
 1. They were not to bow down and serve the gods of the Canaanites.
 - a) **Exodus 23.24:** *"You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them"*
 - b) Serving God was to be exclusive. (Ex. 20.2,3; 1 Sam. 7.3; Matt. 6.24)
 2. They were not to behave like the Canaanites.
 - a) **Exodus 23.24:** *"nor do according to their works"*
 - b) The people of God were to be separated. (Deut. 12.29-32; 2 Cor. 6.16-7.1)
 3. They were to break down the religion of the Canaanites.
 - a) **Exodus 23.24:** *"but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars."* Hate crime?
 - b) The people of God were expected to be proactive. (Ex. 23.32,33; Eph. 5.11)
- B. **Exodus 23.25:** *"So you shall serve the LORD your God"*

II. THE INHERITANCE

- A. The enemies of Israel.
 1. God will cause the enemies to fear.
 - a) **Exodus 23.27:** *"I will send My fear before you"*
 - b) Fear (ema): "dread, terror" (cf. Deut. 2.25; Ex. 15.14; Josh. 2.9-11)
 2. God will cause the enemies to be confused.
 - a) **Exodus 23.27:** *"I will cause confusion among all the people..."*
 - b) Confusion (hamam): "put in commotion." (Ex. 14.24; cf. Judges 7.22)
 3. God will cause the enemies to flee. (Ex. 23.27; cf. Deut. 28.7)
- B. The execution of the plan.
 1. The plan will be executed by God. "I will" is found seven times (vs. 27-30)
 2. **Exodus 23.30:** *"little by little I will drive them out from before you."*
- C. The extension of the land.
 1. **Exodus 23.31:** *"And I will set your bounds from the Red sea to the sea"*
 2. The promise land occupied by more than seven nations will be owned by one nation. (Deut. 7.1,2; Gen. 13.14-17)