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Events on the Plains of Moab 22:1-36:13

- Instruction concerning vows and oaths 30:1-16
 - Terms
 - Vow-a binding promise of a future action
 - Oath-a binding agreement between two parties
 - Swear-the act of making a vow or establishing an oath
 - Pledge-the thing promised or agreed upon

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- Instruction concerning vows and oaths 30:1-16
 - The use of oaths in the Bible
 - An oath is used in the context of a covenant or contractual agreement between to parties.
 - God's covenant with Abram and confirmed and reiterated with his descendants. Genesis 12:1-3; (with Isaac) Genesis 26:1-5; (with the Israelites) Deuteronomy 7:11; Jeremiah 11:1-5; Luke 1:68-75
 - An agreement between Abraham and Abimelech concerning the well Abraham dug at Beersheba Genesis 21:22-34
 - The agreement between Abraham and his servant who was sent to find a wife for Isaac. Genesis 24: 1-41

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 - A covenant of peace between Isaac and Abimelech. Genesis 26:26-33
 - Agreement between Rahab and the spies. Joshua 2:8-21
 - Covenant between the Israelites and Gibeonites. Joshua 9:3-27
 - Covenant between David and Jonathan that David would not destroy Jonathan's family when David became king over Israel. 1 Samuel 20:12-17; 2 Samuel 21:7
 - God's covenant with David. 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 132:11; Acts 2:29-31

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 - The use of oaths in the Bible
 - Used as a sworn statement establishing one's innocence in a disputed matter. Exodus 22:10-13
 - Used to establish a curse. Joshua 6:26; 1 Samuel 14:24-36

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 - The use of vows in the Bible
 - A vow is a binding promise of future action
 - Jacob's vow that he would worship and serve God if God brought him back to his father's house in peace. Genesis 28:18-22; 31:11-13
 - One could vow to provide an offering as a freewill offering to God. Leviticus 7:16 for example.
 - The Nazirite vow which was a vow of special devotion to God and placed one under certain restrictions. Numbers 6:1-21

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 - The use of vows in the Bible
 - A vow is a binding promise of future action
 - The vow of the Israelites to devote the Canaanite cities of king of Arad to destruction if God provided victory over them. Numbers 21:1-3
 - Hannah's vow to dedicate the child God would give her to special service to the LORD. 1 Samuel 1:11; 21-28
 - Set aside a time of fasting Numbers 30:13
 - Vows of the men plotting kill the Apostle Paul Acts 23:12-15

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 - The general principle is that vows and oaths are to be kept at all cost.
 - ¹ Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Israel, saying, "This is what the LORD has commanded. ² If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.
Numbers 30:1-2 (ESV)
 - ²¹ "If you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin.
Deuteronomy 23:21 (ESV)

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 - The general principle is that vows and oaths are to be kept at all cost.
 - ⁴ When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.
Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 (ESV)
 - The story of the Gibeonites in Joshua 9 punctuates how seriously an oath is viewed.
 - Keeping a vow is a sign of a life of integrity. Psalm 15

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 - The general principle is that vows and oaths are to be kept at all cost.
 - The only exception to this is found in Numbers 30. The exception is a father may negate an oath or vow made by a woman still living in his household or a husband may negate a vow or oath made by his wife. Even at this there are strict guidelines.
 - It must be done immediate upon hearing or learning of it.
 - There is an implication that the vow or oath is ill-advised 30:8
 - A widow or divorced woman who would therefore not be under the authority of a household is bound to her vow.

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- Instruction concerning vows and oaths 30:1-16
 - Vows are not required
 - ²² But if you refrain from vowing, you will not be guilty of sin.
Deuteronomy 23:22 (ESV)
 - ⁵ It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.
Ecclesiastes 5:5 (ESV)

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- Instruction concerning vows and oaths 30:1-16
 - Jesus' teaching on vows and oaths
 - ³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.
Matthew 5:33-37 (ESV)

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- Jesus' teaching on vows and oaths

- ¹⁶ "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' ¹⁷ You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred? ¹⁸ And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' ¹⁹ You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? ²⁰ So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. ²¹ And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. ²² And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

Matthew 23:16-22 (ESV)

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Lessons

- Be careful about what you promise to do.
- Take great care in doing what you promise.
- Practice truthfulness to the point that you are known for integrity.

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