

Week 14      April 7 (Mar. 31–Apr. 6)

- “Do not pervert justice”
- Careful about setting a king over yourselves: shouldn’t acquire too many horses, or get them from Egypt or have too many wives. Remember this when we read about King Solomon - the Wise King - who had too many horses, got them from Egypt, and had hundreds of wives and concubines. (1 Kings 10:26; June 12, p. 537)
- No divination, witchcraft, spiritists, or consulting the dead
- God will send prophets; but how will we know which one to listen to and follow? “If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken.”
- There must be at least two witnesses to support a claim - justice
- Repeats “eye-for-an-eye”
- Change in tone: “when you march up to attack a city, make its people an offer of peace.”
- Firstborn always inherits at double share
- But if your son “is stubborn and rebellious...then all the men of his town are to stone him to death.” !!
- Don’t mix up God’s order
- “Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice...”
- “When you are harvesting in the field” leave behind a portion for the “foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow”
- The Lord God detests “anyone who deals dishonestly”
- “Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner...”
- Punishment for disobedience: banishment, a foreign nation coming down on them
- “I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction... Now choose life, so that you may live.”
- Jesus: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?”
- Luke’s version of the Transfiguration: “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”
- “The worker deserves his wages”
- “The kingdom of God has come near to you”
- What does Jesus mean when he says, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”?
- Story of the Good Samaritan - “who is my neighbor?”
- Story of Mary and Martha: “Mary has chosen the better way...” because she chose to listen to Jesus
- Luke’s version of the Lord’s Prayer; different from Matthew’s version
- “Ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find...”
- “A kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall”

- “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it”
- “Be generous to the poor;... you neglect justice and the love of God”
- Psalm 72, for the King (Solomon). “He will deliver the needy, take pity on the weak and the needy.”
- Note on March 31 after Psalm 72: “This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse”
- Proverbs 12:10 - “The righteous care for the needs of their animals.”
- Proverbs 12:15 - “The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult.”
- Proverbs 12:18 - “The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”