

WILDERNESS AND LAND

Read/skim: Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel
Anderson pp. 164-222

Write definitions of:

- **Jubilee Year**
- **Sabbath Year**
- **Holiness Code**
- **City of Refuge**
- **The Ark**
- **Nazirite (What did the vow consist of, who took the vow)**

Make a list of Jewish Holidays. Tell what each celebrates. (Lev. 23)

Aaron's Blessing:

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 *NRSV*

Questions for Class Discussions:

Why is it important to have celebrations?

What does the Lord require of us? (Cf. Deut. 10:12-13 with Micah 6:8)

How are we to treat our neighbor? The poor? Alien? Widow? Orphan? Land?

Use Biblical References.

What is a wilderness? How can God transform it? What is today's wilderness?

At the border; What was Joshua's agenda? The People's agenda? What in fact happened? How can this story help you at a time when you have to give up leadership?

How can we possess the land so that it is a blessing and not a curse?

Is it possible to live in the land with an invisible God as King?

but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

²²Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."²³He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."²⁴The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

Joshua 24: 15c, 22-24 *NRSV*