

3) *The Ordinances* (20:18-23:33). These are, you might say, the working out of details in relation to this fundamental constitution. The ordinances here are divided into five sections. The ordinances are more temporary in nature. To quite an extent they deal with Israel's immediate situation. I will just read rapidly the subheads of the ordinances: A. Regarding Idolatry, B. The Law of the Altar, C. Civil Laws, D. Sabbaths and Feasts, and E. Covenant Promises. We can divide the ordinances rather roughly into those five sections. They are not arranged strictly logically. They are the working details for their immediate situation. The ten words are the constitution.

Thousands of Christians know the Ten Words but very few know these five sub-divisions. Individual verses from these may be known to many Christians, but the section as a whole is not nearly as well known as the previous section of the ten words. And that is quite natural because the ten words are the fundamental constitution and apply to God's people at all times. To quite an extent these ordinances are the outworking in relation to the immediate situation: stressing the vital things that they should know in their immediate situation, while the further details await later provision. I will give you the references for the five divisions:

Regarding Idolatry: 20:18-23.

The Law of the Altar: 20:24-26.

Civil Laws: 21:1-23:9.

This is quite a heterogeneous section, mostly applying to their immediate circumstances which runs through two chapters, 21:1-23:9.

Sabbath and Feasts: 23:10-19.

Covenant Promises: 23:20-33.

I am extremely anxious that you know the chapters included in the book of the Covenant, and that you shall know exactly what is in the first division and the fourth division. I do not care whether you remember that the Ten Commandments are verses 1-17, but you should know that they are in the first part of chapter 20. We will refer to the