

Text: Exodus 23:20-33

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

1. Sent by the LORD

a) I send an Angel before you Exodus 23:20

b) My name is in Him Exodus 23:21

2. His Role/ Ministry

a) To keep Israel in the way

b) To bring the nation into the Promised Land

3. Appropriate response to the Angel of the Lord taught

a) Warning against disobedience

i) Beware of Him and obey His voice Exodus 23:21

ii) Do not provoke Him (Exodus 23:21)

iii) He will not pardon your transgressions Exodus 23:21

b) Encouragement to obey

i) If you indeed obey His voice and do all I speak Exodus 23:22

ii) I will be an enemy to your enemies Exodus 23:22

iii) My Angel will go before you and bring you (to the Promised Land)
Exodus 23:23

iv) I will cut them off Exodus 23:23

c) Special word concerning idols

i) No bowing down to the gods

ii) No serving of these idols

iii) Their sacred pillars are to be thrown down Exodus 23:24

4. Obedience enjoined

- a) To serve the Lord your God Exodus 23:25
- b) He will bless His people Exodus 23:25-26
 - i) He will bless your bread and water
 - ii) He will take away sickness
 - iii) No miscarriage
 - iv) No barrenness
 - v) Number of days to be fulfilled
 - (No untimely death)
- c) A great Plan for conquest of the land Exodus 23:27-30
 - i) He will send His fear
 - ii) He will send hornets and drive the enemies away
 - iii) But they will not be driven out in one year
 - iv) The land is too vast to be conquered in a short one year period
 - v) The land could become desolate
 - vi) The beasts of the field will become too numerous
 - vii) Little by little they will be driven out
 - viii) Till Israel was strong and ready to inherit the land
- d) The boundaries of Israel will be established Exodus 23:31
- e) No covenant with the people of the land Exodus 23:32
- f) They will make Israel sin against God Exodus 23:33
 - i) Through their gods
 - ii) Through idolatrous worship
 - iii) They will be a snare to Israel