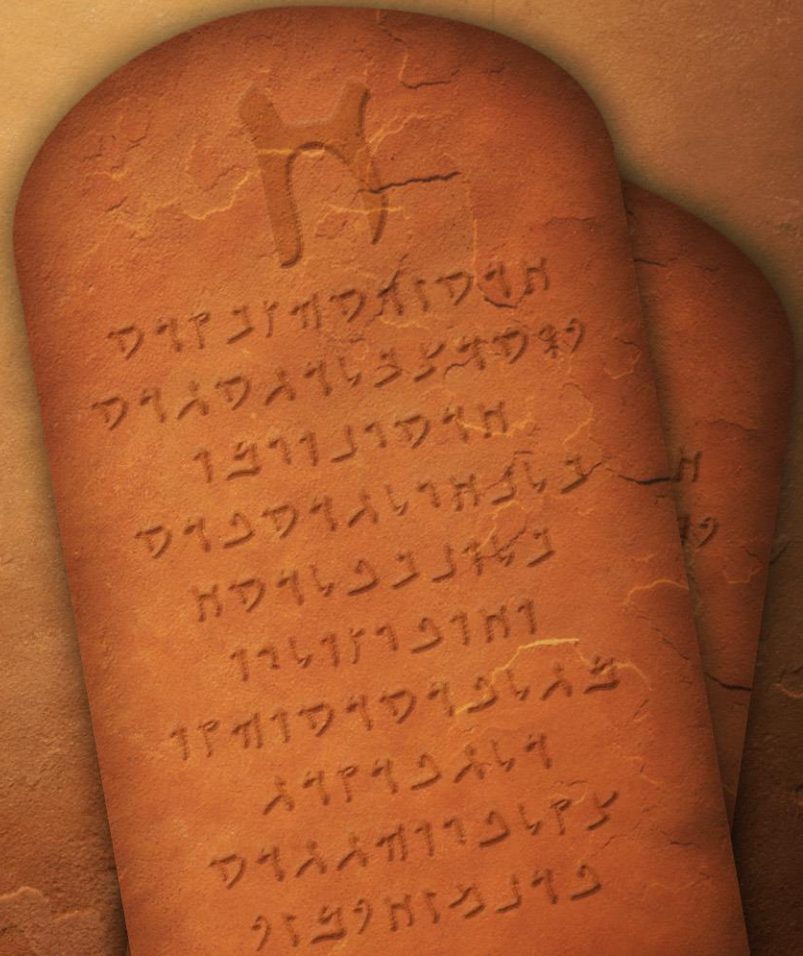


Israel At Mount Sinai (1)

Exodus 19-24

Journey Through the Bible (24)



Previously

- We continue with our 6th (of 17) time periods of Bible history – the wilderness wanderings
- In our last lesson, we concluded with Israel arriving at Mt. Sinai
- They will spend the next year there as they prepare to enter Canaan (**Num. 10:11-12**)
- We will “camp” here for a few lessons

God's Covenant – Exodus 19

- **Exodus 19:1-2**, they arrive in the 3rd month (travel time 45-90 days)
- **19:3-6** – Moses speaks to Israel
 - YHWH promises to be His people IF they obey His voice
- **19:7-8** – the people accept the covenant!
- **19:10-15** – the people are to consecrate themselves. 3 days notice

God's Covenant – Exodus 19

- **Exodus 19:16-25**, on the 3rd day, the mountain scene was terrifying.
 - Smoke, fire
 - Thundering and lightening
 - A thick cloud
 - Trumpet sounding
- Barriers are put in place
- Moses is told to go warn the people to NOT come near the mountain

The 10 commandments – Exodus 20:1-17

- **Exodus 20:1**, GOD spoke these words to Israel.
- NOTE: The 10 commandments will become the foundation of their law
(**cf. Matthew 22:36-39**)
- Begins, “I am the LORD your God”, who brought you out of Egypt and bondage

The 10 commandments – Exodus 20:1-17

- **Exodus 20:3**, You shall have no other gods before Me
- **20:4-6**, no carved images
- **20:7**, do not take His name in vain
- **20:8-11**, Remember the Sabbath – alluded to God resting the 7th day after creation
- **20:12**, Honor your father and mother

The 10 commandments – Exodus 20:1-21

- **Exodus 20:13**, you shall not commit murder
- **20:14**, do not commit adultery
- **20:15**, do not steal
- **20:16**, do not bear false witness
- **20:17**, do not covet anything
- **Exodus 20:18-21**, The people respond with great fear

Various laws – Exodus 20:22-23:19

- **Exodus 20:22-26**, no gods of silver & gold, regulations about altars.
NOTE **vs. 26**, no steps (modesty)
- **21:12-14**, angry and premediated murder was a capital offense
- **21:15-17**, also kidnapping, striking or cursing one's parents
- **21:22-24**, if men fight and strike a pregnant woman and the child dies... (the “fetus” was considered a child)

Various laws – Exodus 21-23

- **Exodus 21:28-22:15**, just laws for dealing animals and property
- **22:16-20**, sorcery, bestiality & idolatrous sacrifices – death penalty
- **22:22-27**, more laws regulating how you treat others, including strangers
- **22:28-31**, give God the best and the “first” of both livestock and produce

Various laws – Exodus 21-23:19

- **Exodus 23:1-9**, act justly toward others, without partiality
- **23:10-13**, sabbath years, let the ground rest
- **23:14-19**, 3 annual feasts to be observed



The Angel of YHWH– Exodus 23:20-33

- **Exodus 23:20-33**, He would send an angel to be with them and bring them into the promised land
- **23:24ff**, they are again warned to NOT bow down to the Canaanite gods.
 - Promises that if they will serve YHWH, He would bless them.
 - The inhabitants were to be driven out “little by little” so that the land would not become desolate

Affirming the covenant– Exodus 24

- **Exodus 24:1-8**, Moses speaks to the people and writes down “the words of the LORD” (**4**) and builds an altar at the foot of the mountain.
- **24:3, 7**, the people tell Moses, “All the words which the LORD has said we will do and be obedient”.
- **24:5-6** – sacrifices are offered & half the blood is sprinkled on the altar
- **24:8** – the other half is sprinkled on the people. “This is the blood of the covenant...”

Moses goes on the mountain– Ex. 24:9-18

- **Exodus 24:9-11**, Moses is with Aaron, Nadab & Abihu & 70 elders of Israel. They saw the God of Israel, and ate and drank.
- **24:12-18**, Moses is told to come to the LORD on the mountain. He would be given tablets of stone and the law and commandments to teach the people.
- He goes and is there for 40 days and nights
(18)

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

We are God's special People

- **19:3-6**, if the people obeyed, they would be His people. A kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
- **1 Peter 2:4-5, 9** – we are now his holy nation and a kingdom of priests.

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

God's Holiness made manifest

- **19:16-25**, the terrifying scene at Mt. Sinai
- **Hebrews 12:28-29** – our God is a consuming fire. We must serve Him with reverence & godly fear.

NOTE: Hebrews 12:18-27 refers to our text

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

What about the 10 commandments today?

- WHICH of the 10 commandments do we keep today?
- NONE! **Ephesians 2:14-15, 2 Corinthians 3:7, etc.** – they were nailed to the cross.
- HOWEVER, 9 of the 10 commandments are repeated in the New Testament.

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

What about the 10 commandments today?

- #1 – no other gods – **1 Corinthians 8:5-6**
- #2 – no graven images – **1 John 5:21, cf. Acts 17:24-25**
- #3 – do not take His name in vain – **Romans 2:24, 1 Timothy 6:1**
- #4 – Sabbath - ???
- #5 – Honor father & mother – **Ephesians 6:1-3**

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

What about the 10 commandments today?

- #6 – do not murder – **Romans 13:9, 1 Peter 4:15, Revelation 21:8**
- #7 – do not commit adultery – **1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19**
- #8 – do not steal – **Ephesians 4:28, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10**
- #9 – do not bear false witness – **Revelation 21:8, Ephesians 4:25**
- #10 – do not covet – **Colossians 3:5, Ephesians 5:3-5, Hebrews 13:5, etc.**

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

What about the 10 commandments today?

- The ONLY command not repeated in the NT is the Sabbath.

We ARE commanded to assemble on Sunday –

Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 20:7, etc.

NOTE: Never in NT do we read of Christians assembling on Sabbath.

Colossians 2:16 only mention of Sabbath in epistles.

In **Acts** (9x), every mention involved Paul going to synagogues to teach Jews

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

Do we set aside a day to remember God?

- The Sabbath – **Exodus 20:8-11**
God wanted them to take time to stop and worship Him
- **Acts 20:7**, are we willing to assemble on Sunday (and at other prescribed times)?

Lessons from Mt. Sinai

Do we regard God as holy?

- Emphasized at Mt. Sinai and throughout our text
- **1 Peter 1:15-16**, we are to be holy, even as He is holy



Lessons from Mt. Sinai

The sprinkling of blood

- Exodus 24:7-8 – Moses sprinkled the book of the covenant and the people with sacrificial blood
- **Hebrews 13:12**, we are sanctified with the blood of Jesus. **Cf. 1 Peter 1:2, Hebrews 12:22-24, 10:22, etc.**

How do you view God?



Let us pray!

