

Exodus 24

Jesus

- Laws for Judges
- Laws of Sabbath Years/Sabbath Day
- Three Mandatory Feasts unto God
- **Promise of Angel to lead/bring victory:** Pre-Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ
 1. Father will send Him to lead you and fight for you
 2. Obey His Voice: My Name is in Him
 3. He will go ahead of you on journey to Promised Land

Last Word before reaffirmation of the Covenant...

Exodus 23:32 ...make no covenant with [Pagans], nor with their gods. 33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

- Don't have compromise by:
 1. Making deals with pagans
 2. Serving their false-gods
 3. Allowing them to live in the land

....it will surely be a snare to you." Can you say Palestine?

I. Israel Affirms the Covenant

- Three chapters of Laws [20,21,22] concluding with the Angel of Promise
- God continues to speak to Moses...

1 Now [God] said to Moses, "**Come up to the Lord**, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

- **Come up to the Lord:**
 1. Moses
 2. Moses brother Aaron and his sons Nadab and Abihu
 3. Seventy Elders of Israel

Come up the mountain to "**Worship Me from afar**"

2 And **Moses alone** shall come near the Lord, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

- Moses alone will come near to Me
- Moses alone will go to the heights of My mountain as Peter, James and John

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments.

- Lord concludes talking with Moses "**as a man speaks to His friend**".
- Moses comes down the mountain and teaches on last 3 chapters; i.e. the law

3b...And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words

which the Lord has said we will do.”

- Said yes before knowing the Law/Say yes after hearing the Law
- **NOTE:** People know the Ten Commandments at this point before the tablets

Yet they say again...Everything written in the Law we will do.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord.

- Moses hear the Law from the mouth of God
- Moses teaches the Law to the people who agree to keep the Law
- Moses now writes the Law before the people

Moses is the scribe of Book of Exodus. **God the Author**

- **Spirit of God** is the Author of all 66 Books of the Bible...

2 Peter 1:20... no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were ***moved by the Holy Spirit.***

- All Scripture is of God...

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Paul's writings are no less inspired than Jesus words [Pauline Letters?]
 1. Homosexuality
 2. Roles of men and woman

2 Peter 3:15 [Read]...our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

- Peter testifies that Paul's letters *are* Scripture as **are all the books of Moses**
 1. Creation
 2. Temptation
 3. Fall of Man
 4. Flood
 5. Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
 6. 12 Tribes
 7. Joseph 2nd to Pharaoh in Egypt
 8. Exodus
 9. The Law
 10. Trials in the wilderness apply to our trials today...

Old Testament is a physical representation of New Testament Spiritual Truths

1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things [OT] became our examples...

Romans 15:4 ...whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we

through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

- **V4** Moses wrote all the Words of the Lord: Left no Words out...

Revelation 22:18 [Read] For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

- Bible does not protect its hero's as an illegitimate "Holy Book Might"
- **Victories and Failures laid bare for all to see:**
 1. **Moses:** Excuses for not going to Egypt/Not making it into the Promised Land
 2. **David:** Victory over Goliath, man after God's heart and sin against God/man
 3. **Paul:** Murdering Christian and later great man of God
- **Moses servant of God...** wrote down ALL the Words of the Lord

4b...And he **rose early in the morning**, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

- **Men of God:** Known to be Early Risers...

Genesis 22:1 [Abraham] Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

- **Early rising?** First things first...Devotion/Direction and Coffee

Psalms 5:1 Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation. 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

Psalms 143:8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

First things first...Devotion/Direction and Coffee

5 Then [Moses] sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord.

- Moses sends young men for sacrificial animals:
 1. Burnt Offering
 2. Peace Offering

6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

- **Lots of Blood:** We will talk about the blood

Hebrews 9:22 ...according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness].

- Some things are pure already; e.g. Jesus

Blood is the Scarlet Thread running throughout the Old and New Testaments

- First death God killing animal to make covering for Adam/Eve:
- Abel offering blood
- Sacrifices of the OT
- Rahab lowering "scarlet chord" to "save" here and family
- Communion

Blood is the Scarlet Thread running throughout the Old and New Testaments
...And we will talk about the Blood

- **Moses sacrifices animal's to the Lord**
 1. ½ Blood in basins
 2. ½ Blood on altar

7 Then he took the **Book of the Covenant** and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."

- **Book of the Covenant:** Exodus 20:22- Exodus 23:33; i.e. the Law
- Moses now reiterates the Law as he reads what he has just written

Yes. We will do "all that the Lord has said" Really?

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people...

- Sprinkle on the Basin, the Altar and now Blood on the People

There is a double power about the blood; — towards God an atonement, that is the blood sprinkled on the altar, — and towards ourselves a sense of reconciliation, thus must the blood be sprinkled upon us that we may prove its cleansing power. [Surgeon]

- **Blood speaks of the Seriousness of Sin:** Death is required/Blood is required to atone for our sin and salvation of our soul...

Leviticus 17:11 ...the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for **it is the blood that makes atonement** for the soul.

V8b..."All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."

8b... [Moses said] "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."

- **Same God in OT and NT:**

1. **Old Covenant** of the Law ratified by Blood

Zechariah 9:11 [After prophesy of Jesus entering Jerusalem] "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

2. **New Covenant** of Grace ratified by Blood

Matthew 26:27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- **Has always been an Everlasting Covenant of Blood...**

Hebrews 13:20 [Read] Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **Benefits of Everlasting Covenant of Blood:** Make us complete/perfect/whole

1. In every good work
2. To do His will
3. Work in us to do things that please God

Jesus who gave his blood make us complete and completely forgiven
...without shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness].

- Blood of animals covered peoples sins as they looked forward to Jesus
- Blood of Jesus removed peoples sins as we look back to the cross

John 1:29 [The Lamb of God] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! [Steven Curtis Chapman]

- People were sprinkled with blood as if standing below the cross. BLOOD

Jesus was covered with sinners blood at birth...Jesus shed his blood for sinners at death
Jesus will be covered once again with sinner's blood at Judgment

SUMMARY Israel Affirms the Covenant: Israel aging says the can keep the law even while offering a sacrifice for sin?

II. On the Mountain with God

9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel...

- After reading God's Word to the people, Sacrificing to the Lord, Moses obeys...
- Heads up the mountain with brother Aaron, Nephews, 70 Elders

10 and they saw the God of Israel.

Exodus 33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

- Seeing God in all his glory in our sinful state would cause spontaneous combustion
- **The saw a vision of God...**

10b...And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone...

- **Vision of God;** i.e. what God allowed them to see. What God wanted them to see...
 1. Vision on His Person including His feet and under His feet...
 2. **Pavement of Sapphire:** Pavement lit. White/Pure/Transparent/Bluish White

...and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

- Like the heavens in its purity/clearness/glory
- **Visions of God in the Bible:** Correspond with one another

Revelation 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a **sea of glass**, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

- **Four Living Creatures:** Powerful Angels

Ezekiel 1:4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire... **15** Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel... **22** The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads...**26** And **above the firmament over their heads** was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. 27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

- Living Creatures with paved work/firmament *above* their heads
- **Next:** Vision of the "Ancient of Days" Heavenly Father

Daniel 7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a **fiery flame**, Its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, And the books were opened...**13** "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of

heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days...

- **Next a similar vision of Jesus...**

Revelation 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. [Also Isaiah 6]

- Moses, his brother Aaron, Nephews, 70 Elders saw an awesome vision of God

11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand.

- God did not lay hands on the Nobles
- **Implication:** God did lay hands on Moses

11b... So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

- **Ate and Drank:** Fellowship

12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

- **God lays hands on Moses**

1. Come and see Me
2. I will prepare you stones
3. I will write My commands on them
4. You will teach them

- 10 Commands from outside our time domain given by our Creator to curb sin

Galatians 3:19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made

- Given for our well-being

Deuteronomy 4:40 You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

- **God pens His commands from outside of time for our benefit...**

13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

- **Assistant Joshua** first mention Exodus 17:9
- Trusted and faithful...

Exodus 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek.

- Later Moses *passes the torch* to Joshua to take Israel into the Promised Land
- Moses and Joshua go up to "Mountain of God"

14 And [Moses] said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

- **Moses instruction to the 70 Elders**
 1. Wait here until we return: No time frame
 2. Aaron and Hur: These held up Moses hands at the defeat of Amalek
 3. Problem? Go to Aaron or Hur: Trusted and faithful

15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

- Moses goes up into the cloud...Shekinah Glory of God

Matthew 17:5 While [Peter] was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

16 Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

- **Six days of silence:** In a fog not hearing from God. Time of testing for Moses
- **Seventh day:** God calls Moses

17 The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

- **Looking up:** Children of Israel see the Mountaintop Consumed with fire
- Wondering how Moses is doing and glad they stayed behind
- **Consuming Fire:** First mention here

Deuteronomy 4:24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Hebrews 12:25 [Read] See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

- **Consuming Fire:** ä·kal' Lit. To eat/devour...feed freely upon
...His eyes like a flame of fire.

Trust Jesus as Savior before having to stand before Him as Judge

18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain **forty days and forty nights.**

- **Forty:** Number of testing; i.e. period of probation or trial
- Forty days and forty nights alone with his Creator. **WOW!**

SUMMARY On the Mountain with God