

THE STORY
New Commandments and A New Covenant
Chapter 5 Exodus 19-40
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What God is teaching the nation of Israel are some new rules.

You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 19:4-6 NIV

The people respond: *"We will do everything the Lord has said."* So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord. Exodus 19:8 NIV

A STANDARD FOR THE PEOPLE TO FOLLOW

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

Exodus 32:1 NIV

Aaron presents this calf to them and says this is your god.

So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

Exodus 32:24

Moses goes up the mountain and gets a new set of the same laws written by God again.

1-4 have to do with our relationship with God

5-10 have to do with our relationship with each other

"Everything the Lord has spoken we will do."

The problem comes when we want to take God off his rightful throne and we sit there ourselves.

Why did God give us the LAW?

God gave us the Law to show us we could not keep it ourselves.

Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:14 NIV

God gave us 10 commandments to show our need for Him.

GOD WANTS TO DWELL WITH THE PEOPLE

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

Exodus 25:8-9 NIV

God made a covenant with the people and the people invited God into the camp to dwell with them.

The tent of meeting was in the middle of the camp with all the tribes all around.

Today God does not live in a tent or in a temple, He lives in our hearts.

Jesus died for us in our place.

As a follower of Jesus His Spirit dwells in you, not in a tabernacle.

'Everything you say we will do. Walk with us.'