

Exodus 34

1. Now it is time for the second set of tablets. What does God tell Moses to do in verse 1?

Why do you think God had Moses chisel or hew them from stone instead of doing it Himself?

How do we know the second set of tablets is the same as the first?

What is the last thing God says to Moses in verse 1?

How might you have reacted to this statement?

Why do you think God pointed this out to Moses?

Read James 1:20. What does this verse have to do with Moses' situation, if anything?

Does Moses have a problem with anger? Please explain.

How do you deal with anger?

2. What further instructions does God give Moses in verses 2 & 3?

Why do you think Moses was to go alone?

What do you think was going on in Moses' mind as he carved the new stone tablets?

What happened when Moses reached the top of the mountain?

What did the LORD proclaim to Moses?

What name did God use?

3. What did Moses ask God in 33:18?

What do you think the glory of God might look like?

God shows Moses His glory. What does the LORD proclaim as He passes in front of Moses?

God does not proclaim His might, His sovereignty, or His power. Instead, what does God reveal about Himself?

Have you experienced any of these aspects of God's glory? If so, please share.

In what way or ways has God demonstrated these qualities to Moses and to Israel?

4. God tells Moses that He is a forgiving God. What will God forgive?

What does He say He will do to the guilty?

Who are the guilty that will be punished?

Read the last part of verse 7 very carefully. What does it mean to you?

Why would God "punish" or "visit" the children and their children to the 3rd and 4th generations?

In what way do the sins of parents affect the children and the grandchildren?

5. Moses is going to make another appeal to the LORD that the LORD would go with them. What did the LORD just say about Himself that would give Moses hope?

What does verse 8 say Moses does?

What does Moses say to God?

What strikes you most about Moses' statement to God?

6. In verse 10, what does God say He is going to do?

What happened to the old covenant?

What does God say He will do for Israel?

What is Israel's responsibility in this covenant? (See verse 11.)

God says He will drive out all the nations before them. Many of these nations have been part of this land for a long time. What do you think of God's intentions to remove them so Israel can have the land?

Now God tells Israel their responsibility in this covenant. What does God tell Israel in verse 12?

7. What does God say to Israel in verse 14?

We learn a new name for God, one God Himself gives. What is that name?

What does it mean to you that God is a jealous God?

Can you give examples from the Bible or from your life that show that God is a jealous God?

Do you think jealousy has a place in relationships today? Please explain.

8. What warning does God give Israel in verse 15?

Why do you think God was so against Israel's making a treaty with these peoples? What does He say will happen?

What does it mean for a nation to prostitute itself?

Do you think God still feels the same way about Israel and her making treaties? Please explain.

If Israel is not to make treaties, what impact would this have on the situation in the Middle East?

Can we, as individuals, make "treaties" with people around us? Please explain.

Do you think Christians should compromise with people of other religions? Please explain

9. What does God tell Israel in verse 16?

What does God mean when He says the foreign daughters will prostitute themselves to their gods?

Read Deut. 31:16, Jer. 3:6, and Ez. 16:38. What do these verses mean and how do they relate to this warning?

What warning is repeated in verse 17?

10. With verse 18, God's words move from the law and warnings to the celebrations of feasts.

What is the difference between a feast and a holiday?

Why do you think God told Israel to "celebrate" the feasts instead of "keep" the feasts?

What is the first feast Israel is to celebrate?

Of what does this feast consist?

11. What does verse 19 say?

What does it mean to you that the firstborn belongs to God?

What relationship is there - if any - between the first feast and the firstborn?

What does the word "redeem" mean?

In what way does God redeem us?

What does verse 20 say?

Why was Israel to redeem only the firstborn males and not the females?

Does this mean the female was not important to God? Please explain.

How hard would it be for you to keep track of all the firstborn males of all your livestock?

The last part of verse 21 is interesting. What does it say?

What does this mean?

What does it mean for us?

12. Again, God talks about our need to rest. What does He repeat in verse 21?

Why do you think our taking one day of rest per week is so important to God?

13. Read verse 22. What are the second and third feasts?

What is the Feast of Weeks?

The Feast of Ingathering?

Why do you think God created these feasts?

What is repeated in verse 23?

14. God has told Israel what they are to do. What does God say He will do beginning in verse 24?

What does it mean to you that God says He will enlarge Israel's territory?

In what ways does God enlarge our territory today?

What does God promise in the last part of verse 24?

Why do you think God made this promise?

15. Verse 25 is talking about the Passover sacrifice. How do these instructions mirror God's instructions to Israel on the night of the first Passover?

What are firstfruits?

What does God say about our firstfruit offerings?

What are some firstfruit offerings we can bring to the LORD?

What else does God tell Israel in verse 26?

Why would God give this command?

16. God now speaks personally to Moses. What does God tell Moses in verse 27?

We were told earlier that the tablets were written by the finger of God. Why does God tell Moses to write down these words?

How long was Moses on the mountain with God?

How could Moses possibly remember all that God had told him?

What assurance do we have that we are reading the same words God spoke to Moses thousands of years ago?

How long had Moses gone without food or water?

What exactly did Moses write on the tablets?

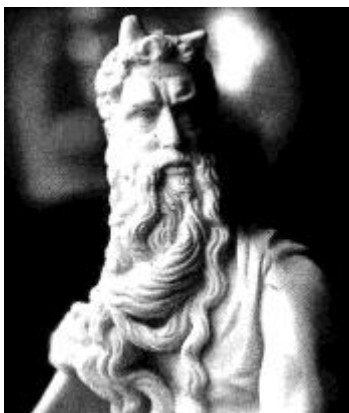
17. What do the people notice about Moses when he comes down from the mountain this time?

What does it mean to you that Moses did not notice this phenomena?

Why was Moses' face radiant?

How much time do you spend privately with God?

How can people know when you spend time with God?



What do you notice about this picture of Moses?

This is an interesting example of how the meaning can get lost in the translation. The word for "radiant" can also be used to mean "horns." Around 400 A.D. the transcriber wrote horns for radiant. Thus, Moses was depicted as having horns. How did you react to the statue when you first saw it?

How did the people react to the radiant glow on Moses?

Why would they be afraid?

How might you react if you entered church to find someone "glowing"?

How does Moses calm the people's fears?

In what did Jesus do something similar to calm His disciples?

What did Moses do when all the people came to him?

18. What did Moses do when he finished speaking to the people?

What did he do whenever he entered the LORD's presence?

Read 2 Cor. 3:7-18. What do these verses mean to you?

How can we reflect the LORD's glory?

Do you see yourself as being transformed in the likeness of God's glory? Please explain.

What is the biggest change you have seen in yourself?