

Confirmation of the Covenant

Lesson #17

Exodus 23:20-24:19

The LORD gave Israel the Ten Commandments and how they were to be lived out in relationship to God and with one another. As they prepared to enter Canaan, the land promised to Abraham, they were assured the LORD's presence would go with them.

Preparing the Way - Exodus 23:20-33

1. The LORD said, *"I AM sending an angel ahead of you"*. What would this angel do? (Exodus 23:20)
 - Why?

2. What was Israel to do regarding this angel? (Exodus 23:21)
 - Then I will:

3. This Covenant called the Mosaic Covenant was conditional based on an "if/then" clause. What were God's conditions? (Exodus 23:22)
 - If:

 - Then I will:

4. The LORD emphasized for a second time that this angel would go ahead of them. What would this angel do? (Exodus 23:23)

5. Once Israel had entered the land, what warning did the LORD give? (Exodus 23:24)

6. The Israelites were to worship only the LORD their God. If they did this, what blessings did the LORD promise? (Exodus 23:25, 26)

7. How would the LORD deal with the nations currently living in Canaan? (Exodus 23:27, 28)

8. Why did the LORD say that He wouldn't drive these nations out all at once? (Exodus 23:29, 30)

9. What were to be Israel's borders? (Exodus 23:31a)

10. When the LORD handed the people of these nations over to Israel, what was Israel to do? (Exodus 23:31b)

11. What did the LORD say Israel must not do? (Exodus 23:32, 33)
 - Why?

Preparing for the Covenant Confirmation - Exodus 24:1-4

12. Who was to go up on Mount Sinai to confirm the covenant? (Exodus 24:1a)

13. What were they to do? (Exodus 24:1, 2)

- Who alone could safely approach the LORD?
- What were the instructions for the rest of the Israelites?

14. What was the response of the people to the LORD's instructions? (Exodus 24:3)
15. This was the second time the people had said this to the LORD. What had the LORD promised the first time? (Exodus 19:5, 6)
16. After this second confirmation what did Moses do? (Exodus 24:4a)

Covenant Confirmation - Exodus 24:4b - 8

Israel was fully informed of their part of the covenant and had agreed to their part; it was now time to confirm the covenant with the LORD.

17. What did Moses do early the next morning? (Exodus 24:4b)
18. Following this, what were the younger men of Israel giving the honor to do? (Exodus 24:5)
19. What did Moses carefully do with the bull's blood? (Exodus 24:6)
20. Following this, Moses read The Book of the Covenant (Exodus 20-23) to the people. For a third time, how did the people respond? (Exodus 24:7)

Ancient covenants were confirmed with blood as a graphic reminder of the penalty for breaking their part of the covenant agreement.

21. Moses took the bowls of blood and sprinkled it on the people. What did Moses say as the blood now sealed this covenant? (Exodus 24:8)

God's Presence - Exodus 24:9-19

22. Following this ceremony, Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the seventy elders went up on the mountain. What took place at that time? (Exodus 24:9, 10)

23. Why was this such a unique event? (Ex. 24:11)

24. **Think about it!** This was a very rare occurrence in all of Scripture. Why do you think God allowed it at this time?

25. Once again Moses was called up the mountain to meet with the LORD. What was the purpose for this meeting? (Exodus 24:12)

26. Who did Moses bring with him up the mountain? (Exodus 24:13)

27. The elders were told to wait until Moses returned. While he was gone, who did Moses leave in charge of the people of Israel? (Exodus 24:14)

28. When Moses went up on the mountain, how did the people know that he was in the LORD's presence? (Exodus 24:15, 16a)

29. How long did Moses have to wait before the LORD spoke to him? (Exodus 24:16b)

30. As the people looked up on the mountain, how did they perceive the LORD's "glory" which means His presence? (Exodus 24:18)

31. How long did Moses remain in the presence of the LORD? (Exodus 24:19)