

THE LORD'S - COVENANTS OF PROMISE

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Our Approach to the Study of Covenants

We are studying the **Covenants** for ourselves. [Not adopting an existing Theology on Covenants]

We are starting in Genesis and working forward through the Old Testament to understand how **they** are **Chronologically** and **Progressively Revealed** and how each **Covenant** builds on or does not build on each previous **Covenant**.

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COVENANT of **GOD**. A **Promise** of **God**, always initiated and established by **God**, **Gen 6:18, 9:9, 11, 17** between **God** and a **Person**, a **People** Group, or all **Living** things, **Gen 9:10, Gen 9:17**, according to **His Plan, Purpose, and Will**.

COVENANT of **GOD**, as “**Promises**”, often with “**I will**” or “**I shall**” statements, that “will come to pass”.

IF the **Covenant** specified certain binding **conditions** for **God** to fulfill both parties’ obligations then it was considered a **Unilateral** or **Un-Conditional Covenant**.

IF the **Covenant** specified certain binding conditions for **God** to fulfill, **God’s** Part, and separate **conditions** for **Man** to fulfill, **Man’s** Part, then it was considered a **Bi-lateral** or **Conditional Covenant**.

COVENANT of **GOD**, often has **offered burnt** (killed) offerings, **Gen 8:20, Gen 22:2, Ex 24:5, Rom 8:3**

COVENANT of **GOD**, often has “**a sign**” to “**remember**” or to **identify with**, that **Covenant**, **Gen 9:12**

COVENANT of **GOD**, is often identified as an “**everlasting** (perpetual) **covenant**”, **Gen 9:16, Gen 17:7, Jer 32:40**

COVENANT of **GOD**, may be **Ratified** with **Blood**, **Ex 24:5-8, Gal 3:15-17, Heb 9:15-22, 13:20**

COVENANT of **GOD**, may be **Ratified** by passing between cut animals, **Gen 15:10, 17, Jer 34:18**

COVENANT of **GOD**, may be **Ratified** by **Swearing** and/or by **Oath**, **Gen 26:3, 50:24, Num 14:15-16, Deut 7:6-9, Deut 9:5, 29:9-15, 1 Chron 16:13-18, Ps 105:6-11, Jer 11:1-5, Ezek 16:59-60, Lk 1:67-74, Acts 2:29-31, Heb 6:16-18**

An Overview of Exodus 19:1-24:18

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH THE SONS OF ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI

Working Outline > **Exodus 24:1-8** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

At Mount Sinai, the Covenant is Told, Agreed To, Written, and Ratified in Blood

Read Exodus 24:1-8

- I. 1 Then **He** said to **Moses**, “Come up (Mt. Sinai) to **the Lord**,
 - A. **you** and **Aaron**, **Nadab** and **Abihu** and **seventy** of **the elders of Israel** (Num 11:16, 25),
 1. and **you** (all) shall **worship** at a distance.
 - B. 2 “**Moses** alone, however, shall come near to **the Lord**,
 1. but **they** shall not come near,
 2. nor shall **the people** come up with **him**.”
- II. 3 Then **Moses** came and **recounted** (told) to **the people**
 - A. **all the words of the Lord** and **all the ordinances**; 19:1-23:33
 - B. and **all the people** answered with one voice and said,
 1. “**All the words** which **the Lord** has spoken **we will do!**” 19:8, 24:7
- III. 4 **Moses** wrote down **all the words of the Lord**. Deut 31:9
- IV. Then **he** arose early in the morning, and built an **altar** at **the foot of the mountain**
 - A. (altar) with **twelve** pillars for the **twelve tribes of Israel**.
- V. 5 **He** sent **young men** of **the sons of Israel**,
 1. and **they** (who) **offered burnt offerings** Lev 1:3, 13, 17
 2. and **sacrificed young bulls** as **peace offerings** to **the Lord**.
- VI. 6 **Moses** took half of **the blood** (of **bulls**) and put **it** in **basins**,
 - A. and the other half of **the blood** **he** sprinkled on **the altar**. Lev 1:5, 11
- VII. 7 Then **he** took **the book of the covenant** and read it in the hearing of **the people**;
 - A. and **they** said, “**All that the Lord** has spoken **we will do**, and **we will be obedient!**” 19:8, 24:3
- VIII. 8 So **Moses** took **the blood** (of basins) and sprinkled **it** on **the people**, and said, Heb 9:18-22, 1 Pet 1:2
 - A. “Behold **the blood** of **the covenant**,
 1. which **the Lord** has made with **you** (people)
 - a. in accordance with **all these words** (of **the Lord**).”

Q1: Where are **all those persons**, to **worship** from, that are “to come up to **the Lord**”, in **verses 1-2** ?

A1: (1) **Aaron**, **Nadab** and **Abihu** and **the 70 elders of Israel** ?

(2) **Moses** ?

(3) **the people** ?

Overview of Events, Exodus 24:1-8

Then **Moses** tells **the people**, at the foot of **the mountain**,

all the words of the Lord and **all the ordinances**, given in 20:1-23:33

all the people answered with one voice and said,

“**All the words** which **the Lord** has spoken **we will do!**” 19:8, 24:7

Then **Moses** writes down **all the words of the Lord**, in **the book of the covenant**, 24:4

Then **Moses** built an **altar** at **the foot of the mountain**, with **12** pillars, for the **12 tribes of Israel**, 24:4

Then **Moses** sends **young men** of **Israel**,

(who) **offered burnt offerings** and **sacrificed young bulls** as **peace offerings**, 24:5, Lev 1:3, 13, 17

Then **Moses** put half **the blood** (of **bulls**) in **basins**, and the other half **he** sprinkled on **the altar**, 24:6, Lev 1:5, 11

Then **Moses** took **the book of the covenant** and read it in the hearing of **the people**, 24:7

Then **the people** said, “**All that the Lord** has spoken **we will do**, and **we will be obedient!**” 24:7, 19:8, 24:3

Then **Moses** took **the blood** (of basins) and sprinkled **it** on **the people**, **Read** Heb 9:18-22

and said, “Behold **the blood** of **the covenant**, which **the Lord** has made with **you**

in accordance with **all these words** (of **the Lord**).” (**Commands**, 20:1-17, **Ordinances**, 21:1-23:33)

GOD'S COVENANT WITH THE SONS OF ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI

Working Outline > Exodus 24:9–11 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Moses with 73 others, went up Mount Sinai, and saw the God of Israel

Read Exodus 24:9–11

- I. 9 Then Moses went up (Mt. Sinai)
 - A. with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel (73 people), 24:1
 - B. 10 and they saw the God of Israel; 24:11, Gen 16:13, 32:30, Isa 6:1, 5, Ezek 1:1, Num 12:8,
 1. and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, Ex 24:17, Ezek 1:26, 10:1
 - a. as clear as the sky itself., Rev 4:6, 21:8
 2. 11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel;
 - C. and they saw God, 24:10,
 1. and they ate and drank.

Can Man see God or Can Man Not see God ?

Hagar saw God, Gen 16:13, even remained alive after seeing Him

Jacob saw God, Gen 32:30, Face to Face, yet my life has been preserved

Isaiah saw God, Isaiah 6:1, 5, For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts

Ezekiel saw visions of God, Ezek 1:1, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

Moses spoke to God Face to Face, Ex 33:11, just as a man speaks to his friend

Moses spoke to God, Read Ex 33:18–23, “I pray You (Lord), show me Your glory!”

“I Myself will make all My goodness (glory) pass before you, Ex 33:19

“You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live !” , Ex 33:20

while My glory is passing by,

I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand, until I have passed by, Ex 33:22

“Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, Ex 33:23

but My face shall not be seen.” Ex 33:23

Conclusion:

I don't think anyone has seen God's Face and lived, 33:20

but Moses saw God's back and lived, 33:23

and Moses spoke to God Face to Face, 33:11, but Moses didn't see God Face to Face

As far as speaking to God Face to Face,

I think this referring to a direct conversation with another person, in one's presence,

“just as a man speaks to his friend”, Ex 33:11, Gen 32:30

In this instance, 33:11, the phrase “Face to Face” is a figure of speech

indicating they were in each other's presence, but not in each other's sight.

Jesus was God in the flesh (John 1:1, 1:14) so when people saw Him, they were seeing God.

So, yes, God can be “seen” and many people have “seen” God.

At the same time, no one has ever seen God revealed in all His glory.

In our fallen human condition, if God were to fully reveal Himself to us,

we would be consumed and destroyed.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH THE SONS OF ISRAEL AT MOUNT SINAI

Working Outline > **Exodus 24:12–18** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Moses called up Mount Sinai, for stone tablets, with the law and the commandment

Read Exodus 24:12–18

- I. 12 Now **the Lord** said to **Moses**,
 - A. “Come up to **Me** on **the mountain** and remain **there**,
 - B. and **I will** give **you the stone tablets** with **the law** and **the commandment**
 1. which **I** have written for **their** instruction.”
- II. 13 So **Moses** arose with **Joshua his** servant, and **Moses** went up to **the mountain** of **God**.
 - A. 14 But to **the elders he** (**Moses**) said, “Wait here for **us** (**Moses, Joshua**) until **we** return to **you**.
 1. And behold, **Aaron** and **Hur** are with **you**;
 2. **whoever** has a legal matter, let **him** approach **them**.”
- III. 15 Then **Moses** went up to **the mountain**, and **the cloud** covered **the mountain**. Ex 19:9
 - A. 16 **The glory of the Lord** rested on **Mount Sinai**, Ex 16:10, 14:10
 1. and **the cloud** covered **it** for **six days**;
 - B. and on **the seventh day** **He** called to **Moses** from the midst of **the cloud**. Ps 99:7
- IV. 17 And to the eyes of **the sons of Israel** the appearance of **the glory of the Lord**
 - A. was like a consuming **fire** on **the mountain** top. Ex 3:2, Deut 4:24, 9:3, Heb 12:29
- V. 18 **Moses** entered the midst of **the cloud** as **he** went up to **the mountain**;
 - A. and **Moses** was on **the mountain forty days** and **forty nights**. Deut 9:9

Moses is told to come up to the Lord on Mount Sinai and he went up, 24:12, 13, 15, 18

Q1: In **verse 12**, What was **the Lord** to give **Moses** when **he** was up on **the mountain** ?

A1:

The Stone Tablets > and the writing on **the tablets**

tablets called “**the tablets of testimony**”, Ex 31:18, 32:15

tablets called “**the tablets of the covenant**”, Deut 9:9

two tablets, Deut 5:22, were made of **stone**, Deut 5:22, 9:9 Ex 31:18

the tablets contain **the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments**, Ex 34:28, Deut 4:13

tablets “written by the finger of God”, Ex 31:18,

tablets “the writing was **God’s** writing engraved on **the tablets**”, Ex 32:16

tablets were written on both sides, Ex 32:15, (assume 2 or 3 commands per **tablet** side)

Two sets of Tablets

1st time, **Moses** was on **the mountain forty days** and **forty nights**, no bread or water, Deut 9:9

1st set of **tablets** are given by **God** to **Moses**, **God** made and wrote, Ex 24:12, 31:18, but **Moses** shattered, 34:1 Exodus 31:18

18 When **He** had finished speaking with **him** upon **Mount Sinai**,

He gave **Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone**, written by the finger of **God**.

Exodus 32:19, Deut 9:12-17

19 It came about, as soon as **Moses** came near the camp, that **he** saw **the calf** and **the dancing**; and **Moses’** anger burned, and **he** threw **the tablets** from **his hands** and shattered **them** at the foot of **the mountain**.

2nd time, **Moses** was on **the mountain forty days** and **forty nights**, Ex 34:28, no bread or water, Deut 9:18

2nd set of **tablets** are cutout by **Moses** like **former ones**, Ex 34:1, 4, and written by **God**, Ex 32:15-16, Deut 10:1-5 Exodus 34:28, Deut 9:18

28 So **he** was there with **the Lord** **forty days** and **forty nights**; **he** did not eat bread or drink water.

And **he** (**Lord**, Deut 10:2) wrote on **the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments**.

The First Time **Moses** was on **the mountain** for **forty days** and **forty nights**.

The Lord instructs **Moses** on **How to Build a Tabernacle for Him**, Exodus 25:1–31:18

- I. **The Lord** instructs **Moses** to Build a **Tabernacle** for **Him**, 25:1–31:18,
 - A. Construct a **Sanctuary** for **Me**, that **I** may dwell among **them**, 25:8 (Purpose for Tabernacle)
 - B. Construct **According to** all **I** show **you**, 25:9
 1. as the pattern of the **tabernacle** and of all **its furniture**, 25:9
 - C. Raise Contributions of **the materials** from every **man**, 25:1-7
 - D. Construct **The Ark** and **Mercy Seat**, 25:10–22
 - E. Make **The Table for the bread**, 25:23–30
 - F. Make **The Lampstand**, 25:31–40
 - G. Make **Ten Curtains**, 26:1–14
 - H. Make **The Tabernacle Boards**, 26:15–30
 - I. Make **The Veils**, 26:31–37
 - J. Make **The Bronze Altar**, 27:1–8
 - K. Make **The Court of the Tabernacle**, 27:9–19
 - L. Make **The Oil for Lamps**, from Olives, 27:20–21
 - M. Make **The Holy Priests' Garments**, 28:1–43
 - N. Consecrate **The Priests** to minister, 29:1–46
 - O. Make **The Altar of Incense**, 30:1–10
 - P. Give **The Atonement Money**, as a Ransom, 30:11–16
 - Q. Make **The Laver (Basin) of Bronze**, 30:17–21
 - R. Make **The Holy Anointing Oil**, 30:22–33
 - S. Make **The Incense**, a perfume, 30:34–38
 - T. Call **The Builders** and **Skilled Craftsmen**, 31:1–11
 - U. Observe **The Holy Sabbath** as a perpetual **Covenant**, 31:12–18

The Second Time **Moses** was on **the mountain** for **forty days** and **forty nights**.

The Lord **Renews the Covenant with Moses and Israel**, Exodus 34:1-28

27 Then **the Lord** said to **Moses**, “Write down **these words**, (34:1-26)

for in accordance with **these words** **I** have made a **covenant** with **you** and with **Israel**.” Ex 34:27

Moses has **the People** Construct the **Tabernacle**, Exodus 35:1–39:31

Moses Examines the finished **Tabernacle** and **Blesses the People**, Exodus 39:32-42

The **Tabernacle** Erection Instructions Given to **Moses** by **the Lord**, Exodus 40:1-16

Moses Erects the **Tabernacle**, Exodus 40:17-33

Moses begins to Erect the **Tabernacle**, on 1st day of 1st month (Nisan, Mar-Apr), Ex 40:2

on 1st day of 1st month of the 2nd year (after leaving Egypt, Ex 12:2, 13:5), Ex 40:17

The glory of the Lord filled the **Tabernacle**, Exodus 40:34–38

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and **the glory of the Lord** filled the tabernacle.

35 **Moses** was not able to enter the tent of meeting

because the cloud had settled on it, and **the glory of the Lord** filled the tabernacle.

36 Throughout all **their** journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle the sons of Israel would set out;

37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then **they** did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

38 For throughout all **their** journeys, the cloud of **the Lord** was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

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Moses set before **them**, all these words which **the Lord** had commanded **him** in Ex 19:3-8.

(**the Lord** gives the **Conditions** of **the Covenant**) Ex 19:5

if **you** will indeed **obey My voice**, Ex 15:26, and **keep My covenant**

(**the Lord** gives the **Commands** of **the Covenant**) Ex 20:1-17

(**the Lord** gives the **Provisions** of **the Covenant**) Ex 19:6

then **you** shall be **My own** possession, among **all the peoples**

and **you** shall be to **Me** a kingdom of priests and a **holy nation**.

(**All the people** **Promise to do** the **Commands** of **the Covenant**) Ex 19:8

All the people answered, "All that **the Lord** has **spoken we** will do !", Ex 24:3, 24:7, Deut 5:27, 26:17
commanded in Ex 19:3-8.

(**the Covenant** is **Ratified** with **Blood**) Ex 24:1-8

(**All the people** **Disobey** **the Covenant**) Ex 32:1-6

(**All the people** **Corrupt themselves**, by worshiping idols, **the Lord** is angry) Ex 32:7-10

(**Moses** intercedes for **the people**, by entreating **the Lord**) Ex 32:1-6

(**the Lord** **Renews** **the Covenant** with **the people**) Ex 34:1-28

Mosaic Covenant – Ex 19:1 - 34:28

Conditions of **the Covenant**:

if **you Israel** will indeed **obey My voice**, Ex 19:5, Ex 15:26,

if **you Israel** **keep My covenant**, Ex 19:5

Provisions of **the Covenant**:

then **you Israel** shall be **My own** possession, among **all the peoples**, Ex 19:5

then **you Israel** shall be to **Me** a kingdom of priests, Ex 19:6

then **you Israel** shall be and a **holy nation**, Ex 19:6

Agreement to **the Covenant**:

Moses gives **the elders** and **the people**, all the words of **the Covenant** commanded, Ex 19:7

All the people answered, "All that **the Lord** has **spoken we** will do !", Ex 19:8

Commands and Ordinances of **the Covenant**:

The Lord gives the **Ten Commandments**, of **the Covenant**, Ex 20:1-17

The Lord came to **Test the people**, in order that, **they** **Fear Him** and **Not Sin**, Ex 20:20

The Lord gives all the **Ordinances**, Ex 24:3, of **the Covenant**, Ex 21:1 – 23:33

The Recounting, Agreeing, Writing, and Ratifying in **Blood** of **the Covenant**:

The People **Promise** to do the **Commands** and **Ordinances** of **the Covenant**, Ex 24:3, Deut 5:27, 26:17

Moses writes down **all the words** of **the Covenant**, Ex 24:4

Moses builds an **altar**, with 12 pillars, for the 12 **tribes of Israel**, Ex 24:4

Young Men, offer **burnt offerings** and **sacrifice young bulls** as **peace offerings**, Ex 24:5, Lev 1:3, 13, 17

Moses puts half **the blood** (of **bulls**) in **basins**, and the other half **he** sprinkled on **the altar**, Ex 24:6, Lev 1:5, 11

Moses took **the book of the covenant** and **read** it in the hearing of **the people**, Ex 24:7

The People say, "All that **the Lord** has spoken **we** will do, and **we** will be obedient !", Ex 24:7, 19:8, 24:3

Moses took **the blood** (of basins) and sprinkled **it** on **the people**, Ex 24:8, Heb 9:18-22

says, "Behold **the blood** of **the covenant**, **the Lord** has **made** with **you** in accordance with **all these words**."

Disobeying **the Covenant**, Ex 32:1-6

All the people **Corrupt themselves**, by worshiping idols, and **the Lord** is angry, Ex 32:7-10

Moses intercedes for **the people**, by entreating **the Lord**, Ex 32:1-6

Renewing **the Covenant** with **the people**, Ex 34:1-28