

# **THE EXODUS**

## **The Old Covenant**

**Exodus 19-20, 24**

**Lesson 8**

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# The Place of the Law of Moses

- ▶ Early controversy – Acts 15
- ▶ A rule of life for the Christian
- ▶ Not for the New Covenant era

# Key Passages on the Mosaic Law

- ▶ Genesis 12:1-3 – The Promise of God
- ▶ Jeremiah 31:31-34 – A New Covenant
- ▶ Galatians 3 – A temporary instrument
- ▶ Acts 15; Romans 8:1-8; 2 Cor. 3; Col. 2:3-23

# The Law of Moses

- ▶ Given at Mount Sinai to Israel
- ▶ Moral laws – Ceremonial laws – Civil laws
- ▶ Aaronic/Levitical priesthood

# The Purpose of the Law

- ▶ Depicts the spiritual exodus – salvation
- ▶ Reveal the character of God – holy, just, gracious

# The Law and Salvation

- ▶ Sin exposed – Romans 3:20
- ▶ The grace of God – Deut. 8:17-18; 18:15; 30:6
- ▶ The just shall live by faith – Deut. 8:1-4; 30:11-12; Romans 10:5-11



# Israel at Mount Sinai

- ▶ A sign: “serve God on this mountain” Exodus 3:12
- ▶ The promise – from Egypt to the Promised Land
- ▶ God’s power – “I brought you to *Myself*.” Exodus 19:4



# God's Word for Israel

- ▶ Obey My voice and keep My Covenant
- ▶ You will be a treasured possession
- ▶ You will be a kingdom of priests
- ▶ You will be a holy nation

# Two Covenants

- ▶ The Mosaic Covenant – Exodus 20 – Deut. 34
- ▶ The Everlasting Covenant
- ▶ God's word to Abraham – Genesis 17:3-14, 27
- ▶ Keep the Everlasting Covenant – Exodus 19:5
  - Treasured possession, kingdom of priests, holy nation

# The Revelation of the LORD on Sinai

- ▶ A pledge to keep the words of the LORD
- ▶ Faith comes by hearing the word of the LORD
- ▶ The Word of the LORD
  - Exodus 19:7, 25; 20:1; 24:3, 4, 7, 8, 12

# The People before Mount Sinai

- ▶ Personal preparation
- ▶ An unapproachable God
- ▶ God speaks with Moses in the hearing of the nation
- ▶ Moses called into the mountain
- ▶ Repeated warnings to the people to stay away

# Israel's Test

- ▶ They need the blessing of God
- ▶ They need to keep the Everlasting Covenant
- ▶ They need to obey
- ▶ They stand before an unapproachable God
- ▶ This is a test (Exodus 20:18-21)
- ▶ “Do not let God speak to us!”

# The Ten Commandments

- ▶ Index to the Law of Moses (Deut. 4:13)
- ▶ A “new” Covenant
- ▶ Promotes the Everlasting Covenant
- ▶ Two Great Commandments
  - Love for God
  - Love for neighbor

# The Ten Commandments

- ▶ 1. No other Gods before Me
- ▶ 2. No graven images
- ▶ 3. Not take the name of the LORD in vain
- ▶ 4. Keep the Sabbath as a holy day
- ▶ 5. Honor your father and mother

# The Ten Commandments

- ▶ 6. No murder
- ▶ 7. No adultery
- ▶ 8. Not steal
- ▶ 9. Not bear false witness against neighbor
- ▶ 10. Not covet



# The Old Covenant Sacrifice

- ▶ The Blood of the Covenant
- ▶ Fellowship with God
- ▶ God is a consuming fire, but safe