

## EXODUS 19 – GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN.

### I. Israel camps at Mount Sinai (1-9).

Israel stayed in **the Wilderness of Sinai** until [Numbers 10](#). More than 57 chapters of Scripture are devoted to what happened to Israel in the year they camped at Mount Sinai.

*[Exodus 3:12](#) - So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."*

Sinai was the place where Moses met God at the burning bush. There is significant evidence – both historic and archaeological – to associate the Arabian mountain *Jebel al-Lawz* with the site of Mount Sinai.

Moses, led by God, went up on the mountain to meet with God as he had before – and the Lord spoke to Moses again. **The covenant God made with Israel involved law, sacrifice, and the choice to obey and be blessed or to disobey and be cursed.**

God wanted them to be a people with a unique place in His great plan, a people of great value and concern to God. It wasn't as if God ignored the rest of the world (**for all the earth is mine**), but that He was determined to use Israel to reach the earth.

### II. Preparation to meet God (10-15).

God was going to appear to Israel in a spectacular way; and before this could happen, the people had to prepare themselves. Moses had to make a boundary, the people had to keep clean, and come only on trumpet invitation.

God wanted the people to demonstrate their desire for purity by putting on clean clothes and restraining desires, even legitimate desires.

### III. Meeting God ([16-19](#)).

The whole environment spoke of God's presence in a terrifying sense; trumpet sound from heaven, thunder, lightning, a thick cloud, smoke and an earthquake. Moses then led the people up to the barrier at the base of Mount Sinai, where they could see, smell, hear and feel God's presence on the mountain.

When Moses went up, he was told to go back down and warn the people again about respecting the holiness of His presence on Sinai, and return with Aaron.

Sinai speaks of terror, desert, barriers and access to only God through Moses and Aaron.

At Sinai is a call to obedience, being set apart to the LORD and cleanliness.

1 Peter 2:9-12 - But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The Israelites were at Mt Sinai, we Christian are on Mt Zion;

Hebrews 12:22-29 - But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.