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#### Redemption

#### PURPOSE of Exodus:

- 1) To explain how the God of creation, promise, and the patriarchs redeemed the nation of Israel out of bondage in Egypt and made them his special people to the world through a covenant with them at Sinai.
- 2) To provide a living laboratory that is instructive to us today as we understand our nature and our redeemer

#### RATIFICATION OF THE MOSAIC COVENANT

- 1. PARTIES (YHWH AND ISRAEL) (Exod 19:3-6; 24:3-8)
- 2. ISRAEL'S SPECIAL ROLE (Exod 19:5-6)
- 3. CONDITIONAL Obedience (Exod 19:8; 24:7)
- 4. TIMING As long as the Covenant is in *EFFECT* (Deut 29:1, 14-15; 30:1-20)
- 5. BLESSINGS AND CURSES (Lev 26; Deut 27-30)

# TEN COMMANDMENTS Exodus 20:1-17

## The Purpose of the Law

- Clearly state the righteous requirements of God
- Enable Israel to serve as His representatives
- A tool to lead people to repentance from the heart
  - Recognize inability to meet God's standard
  - Live humbly before God
  - Love God their redeemer and love people
- To live joyfully in the land under his Lordship

# God's Manfestation to Israel at Sinai



#### TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. THE ONLY ONE GOD (Exod 20:2-3)
- 2. THE ONLY TRUE GOD (Exod 20:4-5)
- 3. THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES (Exod 20:7)
- 4. THE ONLY ONE CREATOR KEEP THE SABBATH DAY HOLY (EXOD 20:8-11)
- 5. HONOR FATHER AND MOTHER
- 6. DO NOT MURDER
- DO NOT COMMIT ADULTRY
- 8. DO NOT STEAL
- 9. DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS
- 10. DO NOT COVET NEIGHBORS WIFE, SERVANTS OR POSSESSIONS

# The Decalogue & Deuteronomy

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DECALOGUE	COMMANDMENT	DEUTERONOMY	DESCRIPTION
5:6-10	I-II	12:1—13:18	Worship
5:11	III	14:1-21	Name of God
5:12-15	IV	14:22—16:17	Sabbath
5:16	V	16:18—18:22	Authority
5:17	VI	19:1— 22:8	Homicide
5:18	VII	22:9—23:18	Adultery
5:19	VIII	23:19—24:7	Theft
5:20	IX	24:8— 25:4	False Charges
5:21	X	25:5-16	Coveting

### History of Events of Exodus

- Ex 19-20 Spoken decalogue
- Ex 24 Multiple trips up Mt Sinai but only Moses enters cloud of God's glory
- Ex 25-31 Plans for tabernacle and priestly service, ending in God giving Moses stone tablets after 40 days
- Ex 32-33 Golden calf incident, Moses plead with God 40 days. (Deut 9:13-21)
- Ex 34 Moses cuts new stone tablets and spends 40 days on Mt Sinai
- Ex 35-40 Tabernacle built using gifted men and gracious gifts of people and journey resumed.

#### **Grumbling to Canaan**

- Pharaoh's pursuit—'there are no graves in Egypt?' Ex 14: 10-12, 14:30-31
- Waters of Marah—'die of thirst' Ex 15:23-24, 25-26
- Lack of Meat—Ex 16:3, 13-16
- Lack of Water—Ex 17:2-3, 6-7
- Taberah— Physical hardship, Num 11:1 (fire of the LORD)
- Kibroth-hattavah—Num 12, Desire for meat/fish/melons/garlic (LORD gave quail a yard deep and a 5 miles diameter (plague for greediness)

### **Grumbling to Canaan**

- Miriam and Aaron mutiny—God defends Moses and give Miriam leprosy, Moses prays and God heals her
- At Kadesh-Barnea (Num 13) 12 spies sent into Canaan—10 bring bad report and urge disobeying God, the 10 are killed by God and God says all over 20 yrs old will die in wilderness over next 39 yrs before they have another chance to enter promised land.
- Korah mutiny (Num 16)—Earth opened and swallowed them
- People complain of judgement of Korah—God sends plague that was stopped when Aaron made atonement with incense.
- Lack of water at Meribah—Moses strikes rock rather than speaking to it as commanded by God. Miriam died there.

## **Grumbling to Canaan**

- Mt Hor (West of Edom)—Aaron dies and Eleazar made priest.
  Israel defeats King of Arad and goes around Edom
- People complain of physical hardship and speak against God and Moses. God sends fiery serpents. Moses constructs brass serpent on pole and people look on it to be saved. Num 21
- Continue to Amorite area N of Moab at Arnon, border of Sihon to S and Og to N. Both defeated by Israel.
- Incident of Balaam and Moab. Israel men and Moabite women, worship Baal Peor. God sent plague. Stopped after 24K men died and Phinehas killed man and his Moabite bedmate. Num 25

### **Grumbling Problem**

- Our natural tendency is to be unthankful to God, and self-righteous
- We want to be in control, to effectively replace God
- We seek self glory and this conflicts with others seeking the same thing
- We attempt to manipulate others to get our desires fulfilled
- We fail to keep our focus on Christ

### Solution to Grumbling

- Trust in God's goodness, faithfulness, sovereignty and in everything
  - If God gave us Christ, He will not withhold good from us
  - Our future is secure and glorious
  - We have the HS, new life and can walk in the Spirit
- Don't think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think

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