

## Exodus: Redeemed for the Glory of God Chapters 19-20:11 The Giving of the Law

1. Where are we in Redemptive History?
2. What does the word “Exodus” mean?
3. Why is the exodus such an important story to understand?
4. In what ways does this book point to Christ?
5. What has happened in Exodus so far?

### Setting the Scene for the Giving of the Law (19)

<sup>2</sup> They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."...<sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses. "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever."... "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments <sup>11</sup> and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup> And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup> No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot;<sup>1</sup> whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."... On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup> Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. <sup>19</sup> And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. <sup>20</sup> The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

6. God tells the Israelites to be obedient. How does he preface this command?
7. What does he tell them will happen if they obey his commandments?
8. What does God call his people to? (1 Pet 2: 9-12)
9. How does God appear and sound to his people? What do these things represent?
10. How are the people to prepare themselves? What warning does the Lord give?
11. Is the Lord exhibiting his transcendence or his immanence?
12. Do we approach God at Mt. Sinai just as the Israelites did? (see Hebrews 12:18-24)

### The Giving of the Law (20)

And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before<sup>1</sup> me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands<sup>1</sup> of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

13. What precedes the giving of the law? How might this affect how one hears or receives the law?

### **Read Exodus 20:1-3**

14. The average American Christian does not struggle with religious worship of other gods? How would you apply this commandment to today?

15. What does this tell us about what it takes to fully obey the 10 Commandments? So how does the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment apply today?

### **Exodus 20:4-6**

16. Both the first and second commandments deal with worship. What is the difference between the two?

17. What is wrong with images? Should we have pictures of Jesus?

18. How does this commandment command us to worship God? How does this commandment change your view of worship and your role in it?

### **Read Exodus 20:7**

19. Is that all this commandment is saying? Don't swear falsely by God's name?

20. What is the significance of the name of God? How are we to view God's name?

22. How does this relate to what it means to be a Christian, or to bear the name of Christ?

### **Read Exodus 20:8-11**

23. What is the fourth commandment?

24. Is this something we should follow today? Why? How?