

Mountain of God (Sinai), Moses' Seven Ascents

Now, Moses came in unto the Mountain of God, to Horeb, so God called unto him, Moses! Moses! Do not draw nigh hither,—put off thy sandals from thy feet, for, the place whereon thou art standing, is, Holy Ground. (Ex. 3:1-5)

"My servant Moses,—In all my house, trusty, is he: Mouth to Mouth, do I speak with him, And plainly—not in dark sayings, And, the form of Yahweh, doth he discern" (Num. 12:7-8)

COVENANT AGREEMENT

1st

1.) [Ascent] Ex. 19:3-6 (**Yahweh's Covenant**); "And, when, Moses, had gone up unto God, then called Yahweh unto him, out of the mountain, If ye will, indeed hearken, to my voice, And keep my covenant, Then shall, As a kingdom of priests, And a holy nation. These, are the words, which thou shalt speak unto the sons of Israel."

[Descent] Ex. 19:7-8 (**Peoples Agree to the Covenant**); "Then came Moses, and called for the elders of the people,—and put before them all these words, which Yahweh had commanded him. And all the people responded together, and said, All that Yahweh hath spoken, will we do."

2nd

2.) [Ascent] Ex. 19:8-13 (**Moses as Mediator of the Covenant**); "And Moses took back the words of the people, unto Yahweh. Lo! I, am coming unto thee in the veiling of cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with thee... Moses—Go unto the people, and thou shalt hallow them today, and tomorrow,—and they shall wash their clothes; and shall be ready, by the third day,—for, on the third day, will Yahweh come down in the sight of all the people, upon Mount Sinai."

[Descent] Ex. 19:14-19 (**Yahweh's 1st Manifestation to the People**); "Then Moses went down out of the mount, unto the people,—and hallowed the people, and they washed their clothes... And it came to pass, on the third day, when the morning had come, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a heavy cloud upon the mount, and the sound of a horn, loud exceedingly,—and all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people, to meet God... Moses, spake and, God, responded to him with a voice."

3rd

3.) [Ascent] Ex. 19:20-24 (**Yahweh warning the people**); "Thus came Yahweh down upon Mount Sinai, unto the top of the mount,—and Yahweh called Moses unto the top of the mount, and Moses, went up. Then said Yahweh unto Moses, Go down, adjure the people,—lest they press through unto Yahweh, to see, and so there fall from among them a multitude; come up, thou and Aaron with thee."

[Descent] Ex. 19:25-20:20 (**10 Commandments of the Covenant Given**); Moses went down unto the people...And God spake all these words, saying: I, am Yahweh thy God...Thou shalt not have other gods, besides me....And they said unto Moses, Speak, thou, with us, and we will hear,—but let not God speak, with us, lest we die."

4th

4.) [Ascent] Ex. 20:21-24:2 (**Yahweh's Covenant Regulations Given**); "Moses, approached unto the thick gloom, where God was...Now, these, are the regulations [Regulations Ch. 21-23] which thou shalt put before them...Thou shalt not make, with them or with their gods, a covenant, etc etc...to Come up unto Yahweh—thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,—so shall ye bow yourselves down, from afar."

[Descent] Ex. 24:3-8 (**People Agree to the Covenant**); "So Moses came, and recounted to the people all the words of Yahweh, and all the regulations,—and all the people responded with one voice, and said, All the words which Yahweh hath spoken, will we do...Then wrote Moses all the words of Yahweh...then took he the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, All that Yahweh hath spoken, will we do, and will hearken. Then Moses took the blood, and dashed over the people,—and said, Lo! the blood of the covenant which Yahweh hath solemnised with you, over all these words."

5th

(Israel on Probation, 40 days and 40 nights)

5.) [Ascent] Ex. 24:9-32:14, Deu. 9:9-11 (**Yahweh Gives Instructions for His Tent of Meetings; Two Tablets Given**); "Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and they saw the God of Israel...And, the appearance of the glory of Yahweh, was like a consuming fire, on the top of the mountain,—in the sight of the sons of Israel...then abode I in the mountain, forty days and forty nights, food, did I not eat, and, water, did I not drink... Then said Yahweh unto Moses—Come thou up unto me, in the mountain, and remain thou there,—for I must give thee tables of stone, and the law, and the commandment, which I have written, to direct them...[Designing the Tent of Meetings; Ch. 25-31]...so shall they make all that I have commanded thee:—the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony; and the propitiatory...Then gave he unto Moses, as he finished speaking with him in Mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony,—tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

[Descent] Ex. 32:15-30 (**Covenant Broken, Failed Probation**); "The people said, Up, make for us gods...And Moses turned, and went down out of the mount, with the two tables of testimony in his hand,—tables written upon, on both sides of them, on this and on that, were they written...[Moses] saw the calf, and the dancings, the anger of Moses kindled, and he cast out of his hands the tables, and brake them in pieces, at the foot of the mountain."

6th

(Israel on Probation, 40 days and 40 nights)

6.) [Ascent] Ex. 32:31-33, Deu. 9:18, 25 (**Moses Bows to Yahweh for the People's Sin**); "So Moses returned unto Yahweh, and said,—Oh now! this people hath sinned a great sin, and they have made for themselves—gods of gold. Then lay I prostrate before Yahweh, as at the first, forty days and forty nights, food, did I not eat, and, water, did I not drink,—because of all your sin which ye had sinned, in doing the thing that was wicked in the eyes of Yahweh, to provoke him to anger.

[Descent] Ex. 32:34-34:3 (**Yahweh plagued the People**); "Now, therefore, go lead the people to the place of which I spake to thee, lo! my messenger, shall go before thee,—But, in the day when I do visit, then will I visit upon them, their sin...Him who hath sinned against me, must I blot out of my book. And Yahweh plagued the people,—for what they had done with the calf, which Aaron made...And Yahweh said unto Moses—Hew thee two tables of stone, like the first,—and I will write upon the tables, the words which were upon the first tables, which thou didst break in pieces;"

7th

(Israel on Probation, 40 days and 40 nights)

7.) [Ascent] 34:4-28, Deu. 10:1-5, 10 (**Covenant Reestablished, Two Tablets Given**); "So Yahweh passed before him, and proclaimed,—Yahweh, Yahweh, An El of raham, and hannun,—Slow to anger, and abundant in hesed and emet...Yahweh said—Lo! I, am about to solemnise a covenant,—in presence of all thy people, will I do marvelous things, which have not been created in any part of the earth, nor among any of the nations,—so shall all the people in whose midst, thou, art, see the work of Yahweh, for, a fearful thing, it is, which, I, am doing with thee...I, stayed in the mountain according to the former days, forty days, and forty nights,—and Yahweh hearkened unto me, at that time also, Yahweh, was not willing, to destroy thee."

[Descent] Ex. 34:29-35 (**Covenant Ratified**); "And it came to pass, when Moses came down out of Mount Sinai, with the two tables of testimony in the hand of Moses, when he came down out of the mount, that, Moses, knew not that the skin of his face shone...And Moses called together all the assembly of the sons of Israel, and said unto them,—These, are the things which Yahweh hath commanded, to do them."

Conclusion

Now, therefore, O Israel, what is, Yahweh thy God, asking of thee,—but to revere Yahweh thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahweh thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul...(Deu. 10:12-22)