

EARLY EVENTS AT MT. SINAI

Exodus 20

Following God's spectacular appearance on Mt. Sinai, He spoke with Moses in the hearing of all Israel as He had promised. Discover now what he said, and the people's reaction to His words:

A. God's Words at Mt. Sinai: Read Exodus 20:1-17

1. Of what did God remind the Israelites first of all? Exodus 20:2

2. Therefore, what did He tell them they must do? Exodus 20:3

2. For what three things of God's must they show absolute respect?

Exodus 20:4-11

a. vs. 4-6 His _____

b. vs. 7: His _____

c. vs. 8-11 His _____

4. For who else must they also show utmost respect? Exodus 20:12

(Notice that these would be God's representatives on earth to their children).

5. What five things must the Israelites not do to each other? Exodus 20:13-17

a. 13 _____

b. 14 _____

c. 15 _____

d. 16 _____

e. 17 _____

6. What name is commonly given to the rules in this chapter?

7. By observing these rules, with who would each Israelite keep his relationships right?
(See Matthew 22:37, 39)

B. The People's Reaction to God's Words: Read Exodus 20:18-20

1. As the Israelites saw the events on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20:18a), what did they realize?
Deuteronomy 5:24

2. Therefore, what did they do? Exodus 20:18b

3. What two requests did they then make of Moses? Exodus 20:19a, b

a. _____ b. _____

4. How did Moses begin his answer to them? Exodus 20:20a

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5. For what three reasons did he say God had spoken in this way?

Exodus 20:20b-d

- a. 20b _____
- b. 20c _____
- c. 20d _____

C. God's Further Words to Moses: Read Exodus 20:21-26

1. As the people stood afar off from God, what did Moses do? Exodus 20:21

2. What did God tell Moses to tell the Israelites? Exodus 20:22

3. Therefore, what two things must the Israelites not do? Exodus 20:23

4. What two kinds of altars might they make unto God? Exodus 20:24a, 25

a. _____

b. _____

NOTE: Hewn is the past tense of *hew*. To cut by blows with an ax or other sharp instrument.

5. What must they not make for God's altars? Exodus 20:26

NOTE: Altars of hewn stone, and altars with high steps up to them, were often made for the worship of heathen idols.

6. What were the Israelites to do on the altars they made for God?

Exodus 20:24b

7. What two things did God promise to do in all places where He would record His name?

Exodus 20:24c

8. What must be done to anyone who sacrificed to any god besides the Lord? Exodus 22:20

9. Read a summary of the events of this memorable day in Deuteronomy 5:23-33

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was there any difference between God and the idols of the heathen nations? Why did God speak to Israel from heaven as He did? What did He hope to accomplish? (See Deuteronomy 4:35, 5:29; Exodus 20:20). *Was* this accomplished?

2. Am *I* convinced that the Lord is God, and there is no other god besides Him? Do I fear Him, so that I want to keep His commandments instead of sinning?
