

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S WORSHIP

Exodus 24:1, 2, 24:9 - 25:9, 35:4 - 29, 36:2 - 7

After the Israelites had accepted God's *moral laws* which were to guide them in their relationships to God and to man, and the civil or *judicial laws* which were to guide them in their national government, God then gave *ceremonial laws* which were to govern their worship. Read now to see just what their worship was to be like, and how it resembled and differed from ours today:

A. Instructions to the Leaders of Israel: Read Exodus 24:1, 2, 9-18

1. What two things did God instruct certain of the leaders of Israel to do? Exodus 24:1a, b

2. List the names of those included in this group: _____, the chief *political* leader of the nation; _____, the chief *religious* leader of the nation; and _____ and _____, the two oldest sons of Aaron (Leviticus 10:1), who would be his helpers during his lifetime, and become his successors upon his death; and _____ (how many?) of the elders or lesser political leaders of Israel (See Exodus 18:25, 26).
3. After they obeyed this command, leaving the people at the foot of the mount (verse 9), what were they privileged to see? Exodus 24:10

4. Who alone was to come near the Lord? Exodus 24:2

5. Who accompanied him part of the way up the mountain? Exodus 24:13

6. What did Moses tell the elders to do? Exodus 24:14a

7. What happened as Moses ascended the mountain? Exodus 24:15, 16a

8. As this continued for six days (Exodus 24:16b), what did it look like to the people of Israel gathered at the foot of the mountain? Exodus 24:17

9. What two things took place on the seventh day? Exodus 24:16c, 18a

10. How long did Moses continue there at this time? Exodus 24:18b

B. Instructions to Moses on the Mountain: Read Exodus 25:1-9

1. What did God say the people of Israel were to do? Exodus 25:2a

2. Who among them was to do this? Exodus 25:2b

3. Read through the list of items which might be included in this offering, Exodus 25:3-7. What were they to do with these articles? Exodus 25:8a

NOTE: A *sanctuary* is a consecrated place, or a place set apart or devoted to the service or worship of God.

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4. What was to be the purpose of this sanctuary? Exodus 25:8b
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C. The People's Response to God's Instructions: Read Exodus 35:4-36:7

1. Although Moses' giving God's instructions to the people was delayed by their breaking His law (Exodus 32) and another 40 days on the mountain (Exodus 24:28) during which time he earnestly prayed to God for them (Deuteronomy 9:18), he finally gave them. What two things did he say the people might do to help build the sanctuary for God among them?
 - a. Exodus 35:5 _____
 - b. Exodus 35:10 _____
2. What did the people do after this? Exodus 35:21-29

3. Where did the people get all the materials which they brought? (Compare Exodus 35:21 with 12:35, 36)

4. What was the result of the offering which was taken? Exodus 36:5, 7

5. Therefore, what did they have to tell the people to do? Exodus 36:6

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why would such a holy and powerful person as God want to dwell among sinful people such as the Israelites?

1. Does God want a sanctuary to dwell among people on earth today?
(See Acts 7:48, 49)
What does He want? (See 2 Corinthians 6:16b)
