



The LORD had said to Abram,

“Know for certain that your _____ will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. _____ I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they _____ come out with great possessions.” (Gen 15:13-14)

Centuries later, the book of *Exodus* documents the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abram.

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 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: ‘You yourselves have _____ what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, _____ you will indeed obey my voice and _____ my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’” (Exo 19:1-6)

- ☼ “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself” (19:4). In your own words, what is the LORD saying?

- ☼ What did the LORD want from the house of Jacob? “You shall be” ...
 - “My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine” -

 - “To me a kingdom of priests” -

 - “A holy nation” -

- ☼ “All the people answered together and said, ‘All that the LORD has spoken we will do’” (19:8). What is happening, especially in light of 19:5?

After “coming down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people” (19:11), God said...

“I am the LORD _____ God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. _____ shall have no other gods before me.” (20:1-3)

- ☼ How did this first of ten commandments listed in Exodus 20:1-17 form the backbone of the covenant God made with Israel?

The LORD gave a variety of instructions in Exodus 21-23 about the holiness he expected from his covenant people. In Exodus 24, the covenant was confirmed...

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we _____ do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the _____ and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be _____.” And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the _____ of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (24:3-8)

- ☼ What role is Moses playing in this covenant agreement? Galatians 3:19-20 might be a helpful reference here...
- ☼ Again we find an altar being built as a covenant is established. What was the point of altars like this in the Old Testament?
- ☼ What Moses did in Exodus 24:8 is probably difficult for most of us to imagine. What was he doing and why was he doing it?
- ☼ The writer of the *Letter to the Hebrews* makes some really important points for disciples of Jesus to understand in Hebrews 9:11-28. How has Exodus 19-24 helped us understand the promises and covenants of the Bible?