

## Exodus 19:1-8 **Arrival at Mount Sinai (Horeb, the Mount of God)**

<sup>1</sup> In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. <sup>3</sup> And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying,

"Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You 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, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; 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 which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

<sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.

<sup>8</sup> Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The Children of Israel left Rephidim and came and camped before the mountain in the Wilderness (desert) of Sinai in the third month after they had left the land of Egypt.
- ✧ The first thing Moses did when they arrived at the site from which he had seen the burning bush and heard the voice of God, was to go up the mountain to God.
- ✧ Yehowah called to Moses from the mountain and gave him a very brief message for the Children of Israel:
  - ✧ God has appointed Israel as eyewitnesses of all that He had done in Egypt to bring Israel out from under the bondage of the Egyptians, as well as eyewitnesses of His provision through all their adversity bringing them to Himself at His holy mountain.
  - ✧ God's first covenant with the people of Israel is conditional on their obedience;
    - ❖ **"If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant;**
    - ❖ **Then** you shall be a **special treasure to Me above all people;** [Deuteronomy 7:6, 14:2]
    - ❖ For all the earth is Mine. [Psalm 50:12, 24:1, 1 Corinthians 10:26 and 28]
    - ❖ **And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**" [1 Peter 2:9]
- ✧ God's covenant is always dependant on our response to obey and accept God's provision, His way. This applies both for this present life, for our Salvation, and also for our future life in Glory.
- ✧ God's desire for His obedient people applies to the Church as well as to Israel. [See New Testament references above]
- ✧ Moses came down the mountain and gave the message to the people.
- ✧ The people responded:
  - ✧ "All that Yehowah has spoken we will do.
- ✧ Moses went back up the mountain and reported to God the response of the people.
- ✧ This is the second time Moses has been up the mountain in the presence of God since they arrived in their encampment in the desert of Sinai at the foot of Mount Horeb (Sinai).