

COVENANT AT SINAI

Exodus 19

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this covenant doesn't ignore other nations
Ex 19:5
cf. Rom 3:29

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this covenant offers a theocratic kingdom to Israel
Ex 19:6

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first mention of the word "kingdom" found in the offer of this covenant—a kingdom "unto Me" (Law of First Mention)
Ex 19:6

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this covenant makes Israel a "kingdom of priests"—a mediator for all other nations (e.g., OT & NT)
Ex 19:6

1

prearranged rendezvous with God at Mt. Sinai
Ex 3:12
("the sign" = "you (plural) shall serve Me")

2

line of march was straight to Mt. Sinai
Ex 19:1-2

3

first thing Moses does is climb Mt. Sinai to find out what the sign is
Ex 19:3-6
("serve" is more than sacrifice)

4

God appeared to Israel as a unique theophany on Mt. Sinai

- different than all theophanies before (not intimate or friendly)
- unprecedented grandeur (thunder, lightning, cloud, smoke, fire, shaking, trumpet)
- miracles visible to entire nation
- unforgettable display of power
- preparation for the covenant and theocratic kingdom

Ex 24:17

SINAI
more wilderness than desert triangle
23,500 square miles
size of West Virginia
variety of terrain
40,000 bedouin
75,000 population
uncultivated (except in north)
most besieged territory (50 invading armies)
strategic land bridge

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God offers a covenant to Israel through Moses
Ex 19:4-6

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two days of sanctification, third day God appears to nation
Ex 19:10-11