



After

The TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 21 - 25

After God gave Moses the ten commandments, He began teaching him other things the children of Israel needed to learn, including how to treat servants, the consequences for violent behavior and the responsibilities each man had for his animal's behavior.

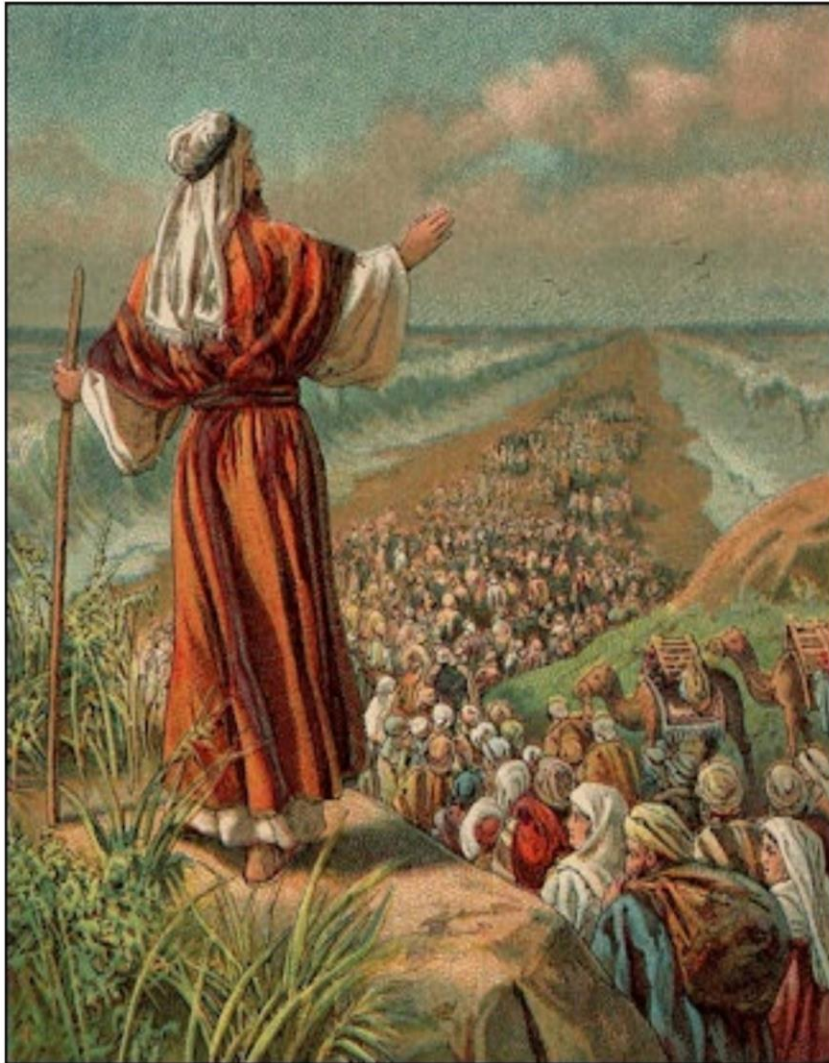
God taught Moses about how to treat strangers and people who did not live with them, how people should treat other people's property, punishments for killing, stealing or intentionally damaging someone else's property.

God taught Moses that widows and children without fathers should not be abused. He promised to punish anyone that would give them trouble.

God gave Moses special rules for the children on Israel lending money to the poor among the children of Israel.

God taught Moses the He must not be criticized in an abusive or insulting manner.





God taught Moses about justice for all the people. He taught Moses that no one should give a false report or plan with others to tell false stories about anyone. No one should join a gang to do evil. No one should show a man favor just because he is poor. No one should do anything to cause the death of an innocent or righteous man. No one should take a bribe to act in anyone's favor illegally or dishonestly.

God taught Moses that if someone finds a lost animal and knows who it belongs to, the animal should be returned to its owner, even if the owner is not a friend. Likewise, if someone sees an animal carrying too heavy a load, help him with it, even if the owner is an enemy.

Also you must not be harsh or oppressive to a stranger, because you know just how a stranger feels, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

God told Moses that He would send an angel ahead of the Israelites to prepare their way to the promised land. He told them to obey the angel and to not provoke Him because He would not forgive their sins. He promised that if the Israelites obeyed the angel and followed His word, then He would be an enemy to their enemies.

God told Moses that the angel would go ahead of them to the six nations that would stand against them. Moses needed to warn the Israelites not to bow down to their gods or serve them, or do anything according to their customs. The Israelites were told to defeat these nations completely and to tear down their sacred places. Moses was told that if they served the Lord, He would bless their food and drink, take sickness away from them, and bless them with long life.



God promised that the enemies of the Israelites would be cut off. The angel would cause confusion and fear to all the people in their path. Their enemies would turn their backs and run away. God promised to send hornets ahead of them to drive out some of their enemies. God would not drive all of their enemies out at one time because the land would become deserted and the wild beasts would become too many for them. God promised to drive their enemy out little by little, until their number increased, and they could fully take over the land. God promised them the land from the Red Sea to the sea of Philistia, and from the desert to the River. He also promised to deliver the people who lived there into the Israelites hands, so they could drive them out. God made it very clear that no peace treaty was to be created with them or with their gods. None of the people would be allowed to continue to live in the land, because they might make Israelites sin against God.

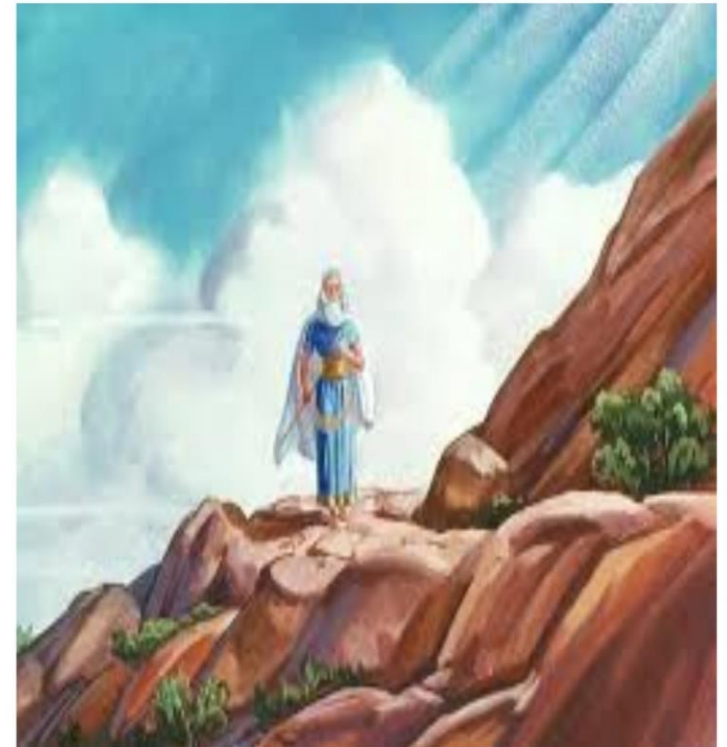


Later, the Angel went to Moses, and said, “Come up to the Lord. Bring Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel with you, and worship God from a distance. Afterward, you alone will go near the Lord.”

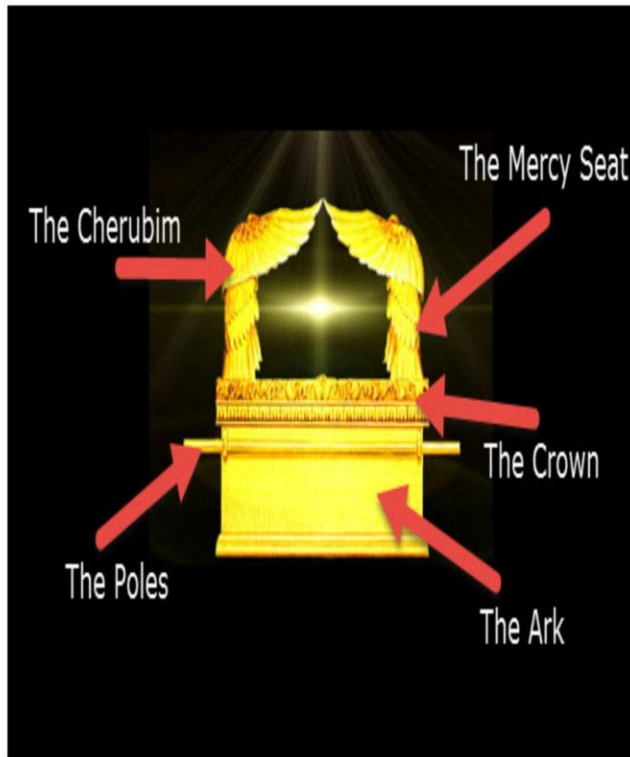
Moses gathered the men, just as the Angel requested and they worshipped God. They all saw God. Under God’s feet was a smooth, paved sheet of sapphire stone. It was very clear to all of them. God did not lay His hand on the nobles of the children of Israel. They saw God, and they ate and they drank.

Afterwards, the Lord called to Moses, “Come up to Me on this mountain and I will give you stone tablets containing the law and commandments which I have written, so that you may teach the people.”

Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain. Moses said to the elders, “Wait here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will wait with you. If any man has a problem, let him go to them.” Then Moses went up onto the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.



The glory of the Lord rested on the mountain, Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six full days, while Moses waited for instructions. On the seventh day God called to Moses from the cloud. The sight of the glory of the Lord looked as bright as fire on the top of the mountain. All of the children of Israel could see it in the distance. Moses went into the cloud and up onto the mountain and he was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.



The Lord told Moses to “Speak to the children of Israel and tell them to bring Me an offering. Only accept the offering from those who give it willingly, with their heart. The offering will be used to make a sanctuary for Me, so that I can dwell among them. I will show you the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings.”

The Lord said, “First, tell my children to make an ark of acacia wood. Make It three and three-fourth feet long, two and one-fourth feet wide, and two and one-fourth feet tall. Overlay it with pure gold, inside and out. Make a molding of gold all around it. Create four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners, two rings on one side, and two rings on the other side. Make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. Put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, so that the ark can be carried by them. The poles are to be put in the rings of the ark so they cannot be taken from it. You shall put the Testimony that I will give you into the ark.”

The Lord said, “Next, make a mercy seat from pure gold, three and three-fourth feet long and two and one-fourth feet wide. Make two cherubim (angels) of hammered gold, at the two ends of the mercy seat. Put one cherub at each end. Make both cherubim of one piece of gold with the mercy seat. The cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another. The faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. Put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and put the Testimony that I will give you inside. Wherever the ark is, I will meet with you there, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony. I will speak about everything I will give you as commandment to the children of Israel.”



The Mercy Seat

The Lord said, “Then, make a table of acacia wood, three feet long, one and a half feet wide, and two and one-fourth feet tall. Overlay it with pure gold and make a molding of gold all around it. Make a frame that is three and one-fourth inches all around it and make a gold molding for the frame all around it. You shall make four rings of gold for it, and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs. The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. Make its dishes, pans, pitchers, and bowls for pouring, all of pure gold. Set the showbread on the table before Me always. Also make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be of hammered work. I will give you details of how it will be decorated.”

