

The Covenant is Inaugurated

Study 24: Exodus 24

1. In Exodus 19:1-8, the LORD tells Moses what He will do for Israel? What are the specific blessings, listed in this passage, that the LORD promises to do for Israel? According to the LORD, what must Israel do to receive these blessings?
2. How do the people of Israel respond after Moses tells them what God is promising to do for them (Exodus 19:8)? Why do you think the people responded in this way?
3. In Exodus 20:1-17, what did God command Israel to do to faithfully uphold the Covenant?
4. Read **Exodus 24:1-18**. In verse 3, Moses again tells the people of Israel the words and rules of the LORD. How do the people respond when they are told what God has commanded?
5. What does Moses do immediately after the people agree to do "*all that the LORD has spoken*" (v. 4)? What does Moses do the 'next morning'? What does Moses do with the "*Book of the Covenant*"? How do the people again respond when Moses reads the terms to them?
6. What was "*the blood of the Covenant*"? Where did Moses get this blood? What did Moses do with the blood of the covenant? What has now been officially inaugurated as a result of the people's agreement and the blood being thrown upon them? How big of a deal is this?
7. Can you think of any other covenant ceremony, within the Bible or outside the Bible, similar to this inauguration ceremony of God's Covenant with Israel? If yes, what is it?
8. What do Moses, Aaron, Aaron's sons, and the elders of Israel do after the Covenant is officially confirmed? What did these men see and experience during their adventure?
9. What will the LORD give Moses when Moses goes up to God on the mountain? What does Moses see and experience while there? How long did Moses stay on the mountain with God?