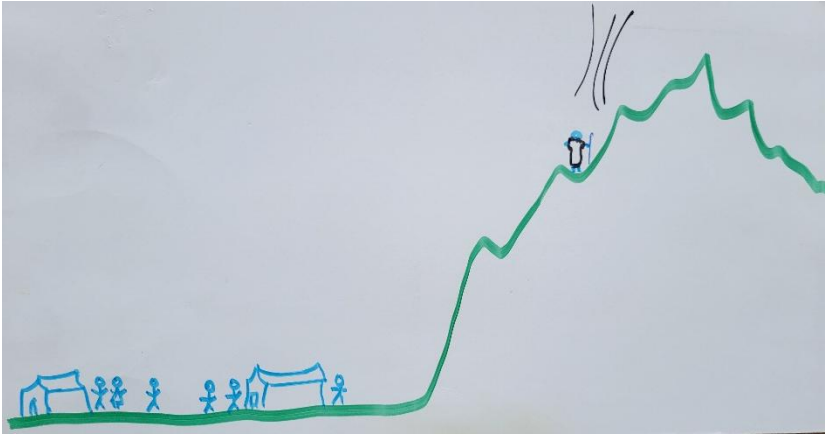


Exodus 19

At Mount Sinai

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FIRST TRIP UP the Mountain

Genesis 17:6, “I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make **nations** of you, **and kings** shall come from you.”

Genesis 35:11, “Also God said to him: “I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of **nations** shall proceed from you, **and kings** shall come from your body.

Malachi 3:17, “They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them **My jewels (סֵגֻלָּה)**. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.””

Titus 2:14, “who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own **special people (λαὸν περιούσιον)**, zealous for good works.

1 Peter 2:4-5; 9-10, “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.... 9But you are **a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people (λαὸς εἰς περιποίησιν)** that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Psalms 135:4, “For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His **special treasure (לְסֵגֻלָּתוֹ)**.”



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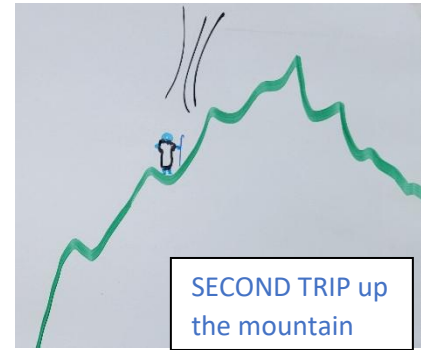
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⁹And the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that **the people may hear** when I speak with you, **and believe you** forever.” So Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.

¹⁰Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and **consecrate them** today and tomorrow, (1) and let them wash their clothes. ¹¹“And let them be ready for **the third day**. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

¹² (2) “You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do *not* go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. ¹³“Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot *with an arrow*; whether man or beast, he shall not live.’

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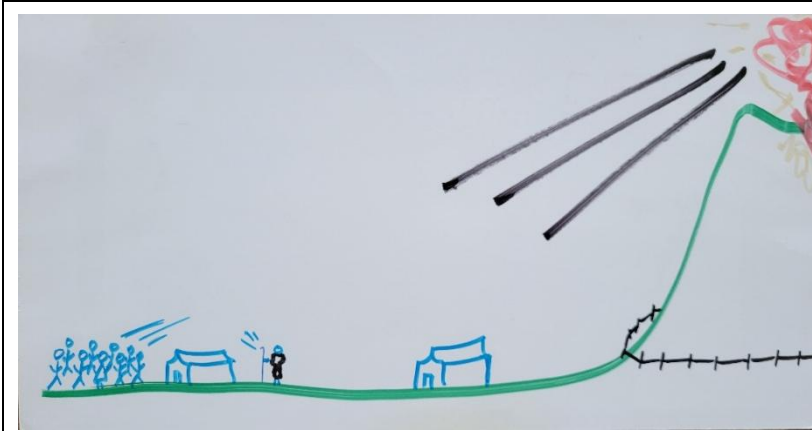


¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; (3) do not come near *your wives*.”



¹⁶Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.

¹⁷And Moses brought **the people** out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the **foot of the mountain**. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai *was* completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.



ORDER OF EVENTS

1. **Moses asked** the Lord for the words/covenant or instructions promised in verse 5.
2. **God answers** Moses by speaking aloud the Ten Commandments recorded in **Exodus 20:1-17**.
3. The people tell Moses to talk to God in **Exodus 20:18-20**

¹⁹And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

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And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and **Moses went up**.



4. **THIRD TRIP** Moses goes up the mountain and receives **Exodus 20:22-26, and 21:1-23:33** called the "Book of the Covenant" (24:7)

²¹And the Lord said to Moses, "**Go down** and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the Lord, and many of them perish. ²²"Also let **the priests** who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them." ²³But Moses said to the Lord, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.'" ²⁴Then the Lord said to him, "Away! **Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you**. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the Lord, lest He



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5. Moses is sent down to get Aaron and others and bring them up (**here and Ex 24:1-2**).
6. According to **Exodus 24:3-4**, BEFORE they go up, Moses tells the people the "Book of Covenant."
7. AND Moses builds an altar and sprinkles blood on the people **Exodus 24:5-8**.
8. THEN Moses, Aaron, Nabab, Abihu and the 70 elders go up (**Exodus 24:9-11**) and come down.
9. **FOURTH TRIP** according to **Exodus 24:12-18** Moses and Joshua (32:17) go up to get the tablets of stone and stay 40 days. But Moses alone "sees" the LORD (24:2).

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