

Let the Journey Begin

a study in the book of Exodus

God's Special Treasure - Exodus 19:1-6

Lesson 18

The children of Israel had moved on to the base of Mount Sinai. In this lesson, we will concentrate on God's first message to His people at this site. It is a message acknowledging to them the priority He has put upon them, simply because they are His people. As believers, we also, enjoy the names the LORD first called Israel. May your confidence in your relationship with the LORD be strengthened as you consider what a *special treasure* you are to Him.

Read Exodus 19:1-6

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to the *LORD, Moses, and Israel*.

Key Words: *LORD, Moses, Egypt/Egyptians, and children of Israel/Israel/house of Jacob*
3. Scan through the references to the LORD and record three things revealed about Him.

Read Exodus 19:1-2

1. Record the facts given in Exodus 19:1-2.
2. Scan through prior lessons and list some of the things Israel experienced from the time they left Egypt to this time of camping before Mt. Sinai.

3. Israel remained camped in this place for about one year. Record the words of Exodus 3:12.

- a. God spoke to Moses from the midst of the burning bush. (Exodus 3:4) Moses and the children of Israel returned to this site. The actual location of Mount Sinai is disputed to this day. What additional information is supplied in the following verses regarding the location of Mount Sinai?

Exodus 2:15

Exodus 3:1

Galatians 4:25

4. They arrived at Mount Sinai after *they had departed from Rephidim*. What two significant events occurred at Rephidim?

Exodus 17:1-6

Exodus 17:8

Read Exodus 19:3,4

1. The LORD called Moses *from the mountain*, giving to him a message for *the children of Israel*. What two things did He remind them that He had done for them?

2. *I bore you on eagles' wings...* (Exodus 19:4) What do the following verses say that adds to your understanding?

Isaiah 40:31

Isaiah 63:9

3. Reflect on Deuteronomy 32:10-11 as you record what God did for His people.

a. Describe what it is like for you to be personally carried by the LORD.

4. *...and brought you to Myself* (Exodus 19:4). Bask in that statement and record your response.

a. When the children of Israel finally entered the promised land, the LORD divided their land into *portions* according to the tribes. Each tribe had their own *portion*; land that they could call their own. Record the words of Deuteronomy 32:9.

1.) Consider the desire and love God has for His people, that He would consider us His *portion*. What are your thoughts?

Read Exodus 19:5

1. As the LORD related His intentions for His people, He expressed what He desired from them. What were they?

2. Record God's words to His people in Jeremiah 7:23.
 - a. Obedience was not the condition of becoming God's people. They were His people. Obedience is the condition of experiencing God's promises to His people. What have you learned about obedience and your relationship with the LORD?

3. Bask in the relationship God promised to them in Exodus 19:5. What did He say they would be?
 - a. Record the words of the following verses that express God's possessive love for His people.
Deuteronomy 7:6

Deuteronomy 26:18

Psalm 135:4

Malachi 3:17 (note jewels = treasure)

 - b. Lest we think this devotion of the LORD is only towards Israel, record the words of:
Titus 2:14

1 Peter 2:9

 - c. In your own words, describe your perception of a *special treasure*.

4. Note the words in Exodus 19:5, *above all people*. Note the words of Deuteronomy 7:7. These words remind us that God's people were not better than others, they were simply His. Being His, set believers apart to receive many benefits. What are some benefits we are assured of simply and only because we belong to Jesus?

5. Write the last phrase of Exodus 19:5.

a. What does Psalm 24:1 reveal that adds to your understanding?

b. What do you think God intends for us to understand when He states, *The earth is Mine*?

Read Exodus 19:6

1. Complete God's message to His people by filling in the blanks. *And you shall be to _____ a _____ of _____ and a _____.*

2. God's intention is that all of His people have direct access to Him and that we properly represent Him to others. What does Hebrews 4:16 invite all believers to do?

a. Express your appreciation for this privilege.

3. Reflect again upon 1 Peter 2:9 as you record the privilege of the believer as it relates to *priesthood*.

a. Add to your understanding the words of Revelation 1:6.

4. God also promised to make Israel and all believers a *holy nation* – a people for Himself. For what purpose did He do this? 1 Peter 2:9

a. What did Peter write about *God's own special people* in 1 Peter 2:10.

1.) How does this help you understand that God's calling is not based on our accomplishments?

Review Exodus 19:1-6

1. What have you learned in this lesson about:

God's care for His people

God's desires for His people

God's names/ titles for His people

2. How will you apply the truths of this lesson as it relates to God's calling in your life when you are not feeling *special* to anyone, especially to God?

*And they shall call them The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
And you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.
- Isaiah 62:12*

Observation Worksheet

Exodus 19:1-6 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. ² 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. ³ 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: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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."