

## **Study #1 Bible Reading: Exodus 19:1-9, 20:1-17, 31:18**

19:1 Two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they went into the Sinai desert. 2 Starting from Rephidim, they came into the Sinai desert, and there Israel camped in front of the mountain.

3 Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain: "Say to Jacob, and tell the Israelites: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to Me. 5 And now, if you will listen closely to Me and keep My covenant, among all the nations, you will be a treasure to Me although the whole world is Mine. 6 You will be a kingdom of priests and a holy people to Me.' Tell Israel that."

7 Moses went and called the elders of the people and laid before them all these matters the LORD ordered him to do. 8 All the people answered together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." And Moses went to report to the LORD what the people said. 9 "I am coming to you in a thick cloud," the LORD told Moses, "so that the people will hear Me talk to you and will always believe you." Then Moses reported to the LORD what the people said.

20:1 God spoke all the following words; 2 "I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves. 3 Do not have any other gods besides Me. 4 Do not make an idol for yourself or any likeness of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath, or in the water below. 5 Do not worship or serve them, because I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I punish the children for their fathers' sins, if they hate Me, to the third and fourth generation, 6 but I am kind to thousands of those who love Me and do what I order.

7 "Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God, because the LORD will not let anyone who misuses His name go unpunished.

8 "Remember to keep the Sabbath day [rest day] holy. 9 Six days you should labor and do all your work, 10 but on the seventh, the rest day of the LORD your God, do not do any work - you, your son, daughter, male or female slave, your cattle, and your foreigner who is within your gates. 11 In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, and on the seventh day He rested. This is why the LORD blessed the rest day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long on the land the LORD your God is giving you.

13 "Do not murder.

14 "Do not commit adultery.

15 "Do not steal.

16 "Do not lie concerning your neighbor.

17 "Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female servant, his ox, donkey, or anything that is his."

31:18 When He finished talking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets with the Word of Testimony, stone tablets inscribed with God's finger.