

Sinai Covenant-Belonging and Purpose

Timeline

1. God created the first humans from the _____.
2. _____, hated by his brothers was sold into slavery only to become a governor in Egypt.
3. God called upon _____ to lead God's people out of slavery into freedom.
4. _____ and _____ were called upon by God to leave their homeland and go to a land that God promised, where God would make of them a nation to bless all nations.
5. The people of Israel were enslaved in _____ many generations after Joseph and his brothers lived.

Exodus 19:1-8

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.²They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites:⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Exodus 20:1-21

Three sections

Relationship with God Ex 20:2-7

Societal relationships Ex 20:12-17

Sabbath, relates our experience of God to our experience with others Ex 20:8-11

God is ALREADY the Lord their God, who ALREADY has established a relationship; these and other commandments are the parameters of this relationship

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

6:1-3 Walk the walk, not just talk the talk... "so that it may go well with you"

6:4 *Shema* means "hear"; there is only one God, the Lord

Love-obedience, not affection; our response to all that God has been, has done

Heart=mind, will

Soul=inner emotions, desires, individual characteristics,

Heart and Soul=one's entire being

Might=strength

Small Group Discussion

Briefly look together through the books of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Look at headings to discover other guidelines and purity laws that God gave to the people.

What do we learn about God through the commandments God has given us, specifically the 10 Commandments?