

The Tabernacle

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1. *Exodus 19:1-8* God calls Israel to Himself
2. *Exodus 20:1-17* God gives 10 Commandments, verbally
3. *Exodus 21-23* God gives Israel their civil Law
4. *Exodus 24:1-7* Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, but Moses alone is to approach the Lord; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him." 3 When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "**Everything the Lord has said we will do.**" 4 Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. 6 Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "**We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.**" NIV (emphasis added)
5. *Exodus 32:1-10* Israel totally disobeys; tablets broken; later replaced (34:1)
6. *Exodus 25-27* God gives exact plans for His Tabernacle of Grace

Sinners and the Holy God...Ex.19-32

1. Who *initiates* these instructions to Israel? **Ex.19:3; Rom.3:9-18; Jn.4:19**

2. And what are the first commands God gives? **Ex.20:1-17; Mt.22:34-40**

3. What is added further, for the nation of Israel? Ex.21:1, 12, 16, etc.

4. After hearing *all the Lord's commands*, what is their response? **Ex.24:1-7; James 2:8-11**

What *should* the people's response have been? **Lu.18:9-14**

5. While God was giving the Law and the Tabernacle plans, what has Israel done? **Ex.32:1-10**

6. Fortunately for them/us, what did the Lord give in *addition* to the Law? **Ex.25:1-8, 22**

APPLICATIONS:

Why is the response of the Jews to the demands of the Law so tragic? **Rom.3:19-20**

By giving the Law *first*, then the Tabernacle, what was the Lord teaching us? Is.64:6-7

The Law shows us what *true righteousness is*. How does that impact you?

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1. Who initiates these instructions to Israel? **Ex.19:3; Rom.3:9-18; Jn.4:19**
The Lord calls Moses to Him. There is NO ONE who seeks for God, not even one!
2. And what are the first commands God gives? **Ex.20:1-17; Mt.22:34-40**
He gives the Ten Commandments. The foremost is to love the Lord w/heart/soul/mind.
3. What is added further, for the nation of Israel? Ex.21:1, 12, 16, etc.
The Lord adds the civil laws. These are primarily dealing with person-to-person issues.
4. After hearing *all the Lord's commands*, what is their response? **Ex.24:1-7; James 2:8-11**
No problem! We will do everything the Lord has said!! But... absolutely not possible!!
- What *should* the people's response have been? **Lu.18:9-14**
They should have immediately begged for God's mercy! Confessing they were sinners!
5. While God was giving the Law and the Tabernacle plans, what has Israel done? **Ex.32:1-10**
Within days of 'We will obey...', they break the very first command... totally!
6. Fortunately for them/us, what did the Lord give in *addition* to the Law? **Ex.25:1-8, 22**
He gives exact instructions for building a Tabernacle, where God would dwell w/them!

APPLICATIONS:

- Why is the response of the Jews to the demands of the Law so tragic? **Rom.3:19-20**
The truth is the Law condemns us. But 'law-keepers' think they're the righteous ones!
- By giving the Law *first*, then the Tabernacle, what was the Lord teaching us? Is.64:6-7
We must understand our own sinfulness before we're ready to accept His Grace!
- The Law shows us what *true righteousness is*. How does that impact you?