

Exodus

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God promises His presence and blessing as the people keep this covenant.

- The Angel of Yahweh (see Genesis 16 and 22; Exodus 3:2; Judges 6)
 - A physically observable presence of God. “The Angel of Yahweh was not all there was to God but was a true and real representation of him, much as a videoconferencing call brings a valuable sense of the presence of an individual into a room through a video screen and speaker—visibility and voice—even though the individual is not actually *fully present thereby*.” (*The American Commentary: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture: Exodus Vol. 2*, Douglas K. Stuart, B&H Publishing Group, 2006, page 113)

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- The Angel of Yahweh (see Genesis 16 and 22; Exodus 3:2; Judges 6)
 - Two statements are made here that would indicate that this is The Angel of Yahweh rather than an angel (created being) sent from God.
 - Has the ability to withhold pardon for transgressions
 - “my name is in him” indicating an inseparable identification with Yahweh.
 - Has authority to command obedience.

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- The requirement of God’s people is obedience.
 - Do not disobey or rebel 23:21
 - Do not serve the gods of the displaced people but destroy every object of their worship 23:24,32-33
 - Drive the people from the land.23:31
 - Make no covenant with the people of the land. 23:32

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- God's promises
 - I will fight for you. 23:22
 - I will blot out the people of the land. 23:23
 - Health 23:25
 - Fertility and length of life 23:26
 - Terror in the hearts of the people of the land 23:27 (see Joshua 2:8-11)

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- God's promises
 - God will drive out the people of the land 23:28-30
 - It is well-documented that the emblem of the hornet was used by a line of Egyptian Pharaohs.¹ This therefore could refer to God using the Egyptians to drive out some of the people before the Israelites. (see Joshua 24:12 for the fulfillment)
 - God reveals the general boundaries of the land. 23:31 (see Numbers 34:1-12 for the detailed description.

¹Revival: Egyptian Antiquities in the Nile Valley (1932): A Descriptive Handbook
By James Baikie

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Establishment of the Covenant 24:3-8

- Moses relayed the decrees given to him by God
- The people pledged their obedience.
- Moses built an altar and 12 pillars for each of the 12 tribes.
- Offered burnt offering and peace offerings
 - Offerings to God go back to Cain and Abel
 - Burnt offerings first mentioned when Noah offered burnt offerings after the flood. Genesis 8:20
 - This is the first mention of peace offerings.

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- Moses again read the Book of the Covenant to the people and they responded again with their pledge of obedience.
- Moses divided up the blood and threw part against the altar and the other half on the people. This will be repeated when the tabernacle is completed and the priests consecrated. (see Hebrews 9:11-28)
 - This covenant was established by the blood of animals. The new covenant was established by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Summons of Moses and others to the mountain 24:1-2; 9-18

- Before Moses came to the people with the book of the Covenant, God commanded him to bring Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 elders of Israel before him on the mountain.
- The rest of the people were forbidden to come near the mountain

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- After the covenant was established they went up
 - They saw the God of Israel
 - Only describes His feet and the pavement on which He was standing (compare Ezekiel 1:26-28; Revelation 4:6)
 - God tells Moses in Exodus 33:20 that man cannot see His face and live.
 - They were in the presence of God yet lived to tell about it.
 - Having a meal between the parties of a covenant would have been a part of the process of establishing the covenant as much as the sacrifices and burnt offerings.

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- God summons Moses to come up on the mountains
 - God will give Moses tablets of stone with the law and commandments the Israelites are to follow
 - Moses places Aaron and Hur in charge along with the 70 elders
 - Moses and his assistant Joshua go further up the mountain
 - One the seventh day God summons Moses alone to His presence.
 - Moses is Gods presence on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.