

People Affirm Their Covenant with God

24:1 **T**HEN He said to Moses, “^aCome up to the LORD, you and Aaron, ^bNadab and Abihu and ^cseventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance. 2 “Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him.” 3 Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ¹ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, “^aAll the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!” 4 And ^aMoses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an ^baltar ¹at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the sons of Israel, ^aand they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. 6 And ^aMoses took half of the blood and put *it* in basins, and the *other* half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took ^athe book of the covenant and read *it* in the hearing of the people; and they said, “^bAll that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!” 8 So ^aMoses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “Behold ^bthe blood of the covenant, which the LORD has ¹made with you ²in accordance with all these words.”

9 Then Moses went up ¹with Aaron, ^aNadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and ^athey saw the God of Israel; and under His feet ¹^bthere appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, ²as clear as the sky itself. 11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and ^athey beheld God, and they ate and drank. **12** Now the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and ¹remain there, and ^aI will give you the stone tablets ²with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.” 13 So Moses arose ¹with ^aJoshua his ²servant, and Moses went up to ^bthe mountain of God. 14 But to the elders he said, “^aWait here for us until we return to you. And behold, ^bAaron and Hur are with you; whoever ¹has a legal matter, let him approach them.” 15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and ^athe cloud covered the mountain. 16 And ^athe glory of the LORD ¹rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He ^bcalled to Moses from the midst of the cloud. 17 ^aAnd to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a ^bconsuming fire on the mountain top. 18 And Moses entered the midst of the cloud ¹as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain ^aforty days and forty nights.

^a Ex. 19:24

^b Ex. 6:23; 28:1; Lev. 10:1, 2

^c Num. 11:16

¹ Or, *judgments*

^a Ex. 19:8; 24:7; Deut. 5:27

^a Ex. 17:14; 34:27; Deut. 31:9

^b Ex. 17:15

¹ Lit., *under*

^a Ex. 18:12

^a Heb. 9:18

^a Ex. 24:4; Heb. 9:19

^b Ex. 24:3

^a Heb. 9:19, 20

^b Zech. 9:11; Matt. 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 13:20

¹ Lit., *cut*

² Lit., *on all*

¹ Lit., *and*

^a Ex. 24:1

^a Ex. 24:11; Num. 12:8; Is. 6:5; John 1:18; 6:46

¹ Lit., *like a pavement*

^b Ezek. 1:26; 10:1; Rev. 4:3

² Lit., *and as*

^a Gen. 16:13; 32:30; Ex. 24:10

¹ Lit., *be*

^a Ex. 31:18; 32:15; Deut. 5:22

² Lit., *and*

¹ Lit., *and*

^a Ex. 17:9-14; 33:11

² Or, *minister*

^b Ex. 3:1

^a Gen. 22:5

^b Ex. 17:10, 12

¹ Lit., *is a master of matters*

^a Ex. 19:9

^a Ex. 16:10; Num. 14:10

¹ Lit., *dwelt*

^b Ps. 99:7

^a Ex. 3:2; Ezek. 1:28

^b Deut. 4:24; 9:3; Heb. 12:29

¹ Lit., *and*

^a Ex. 34:28; Deut. 9:9; 10:10

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.