

Exodus 19-40 Reflection

? Starting Questions:

- What do you think the original author was trying to get across?
- What does the passage say about God/man?
- How does the passage inform my response to God?

These are some of our starting questions, but when we approach Scripture we are often left with additional questions of our own. This is a good thing! Here are a few questions we had while reading. Feel free to answer them, or come up with a few of your own:

? (Cpt. 23:9) In light of the constant reminders to remember that they, the Israelites, were sojourners, how does that impact your heart? What is your story of redemption? Are/Were you a sojourner??

? The word "HOLY" appears frequently in this passage. What do we learn about God and man in light of its frequency?

! Literary Elements (Themes and Repetition):

① **Fire/Cloud:** The Cloud and Fire have represented God's presence on the Mountain and NOW they are among the people. The glory of the Lord was brought to the Israelites, and one day, the glory of the Lord would come to mankind through a God-child, Jesus. Keep an eye out for when God's presence comes to His people to see if you also notice these themes too!

① **Atonement:** Atonement is a word that is used throughout this story. The Israelites' need for atonement is discussed, but also God gives specific rules that tell them *who* can atone and *how* to atone. When looking at this theme, remember that we too have a need for atonement and we have a Great High Priest who has come to fulfill the law on our behalf: JESUS! Although the Messiah isn't mentioned on these pages, we see glimpses of Him and our need within the Israelites' story!

↻ **Prayer:** God, thank you for being a God who keeps His promises. We are overwhelmed with gratitude to you for bringing us out of our own Egypts and for forgiving us when we make our own golden calves. God, thank you for our true and better Adam, and our true and better Aaron. Thank you for our High Priest, Jesus Christ! Lord, help us draw near and hold fast to our confession that our Great High Priest proclaimed that "It Is Finished." We love you Jesus, Amen.