

## Session 17

### Old Testament Survey Course

Ex 17:8 Battle with Amelak. Descendants of Esau.  
Why did they fight?

Moses picks Joshua (first mention) as a military leader. Men had no military training or experience.

Moses, Aaron, and Hur. Israel triumphs.

LORD tells Moses to WRITE the description of the battle for Joshua and read it to him. Importance of written and oral history.

Moses builds an altar as a memorial. "The LORD is my banner." Yawheh Nissi.

Ex 18:

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brings Zipporah and Moses' two sons Gershom and Eliezer.

Moses tells him about all God did to deliver them from Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Now Jethro knows that God is greater than all the other gods (has become a believer). He rejoices.

Moses was judge of all the people; telling them about God and His Law and judging disputes. Jethro says this is too much for one man. Will wear out. Recommends that Moses judge important cases and lesser judges judge minor problems. Moses agrees.

Ex 19:3 **Covenant** with the people.

<sup>3</sup>And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. <sup>6</sup>And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

This is at base of Mt. Sinai 3 months after leaving Egypt.

God lifted Israel up and made them a holy nation by His Plan, not because of anything good in them.

“All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

Ex 19:9 And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.”

Base of Mt. Sinai. No one could touch the mountain, wash their clothes, no intercourse for 3 days.

**Theophany** : mountain covered with the cloud; trumpet blasts, thunder, lightning, quakes. Trumpet gets louder and louder. AWESOMENESS of God!

God warns Moses that the people may try to get too close; they will die!

He is Holy, the people are sinful. Sin prevents us from looking on the Holiness of God.

We can only approach in the manner He prescribes.