

Exodus 19:14-25 **Visible Presence of God on the Mountain**
Moses instructs the people to prepare for the presence of God

14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. 15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not come near your wives."

16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. 19 And when the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.

20 Then the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to gaze at the LORD, and many of them perish. 22 Also let the priests who come near the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

23 But Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai; for You warned us, saying, 'Set bounds around the mountain and consecrate it.' "

24 Then the LORD said to him, "Away! Get down and then come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break out against them."

25 So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Moses came down from talking with God on the mountain and came to the people.
- ✧ Moses sanctified (set apart) the people and instructed them to:
 - ✧ Be ready for the third day.
 - ✧ Wash your cloths.
 - ✧ Do not come near your wives.
- ✧ The morning of the third day Yehowah visibly came down on the top of the mountain.
 - ✧ **Thunderings, lightnings, a thick cloud, and the very loud sound of the trumpet.**
 - ✧ **Yehowah descended upon the mountain in fire and the mountain was completely in smoke, its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the mountain quaked greatly.**
 - ✧ **The blast of the trumpet sounded long and grew louder and louder.**

- ✧ All the people in the camp trembled.
- ✧ Moses brought the people out of the camp to the foot of the mountain to meet Elohiym.
- ✧ Moses spoke and Elohiym answered him by voice so the people could hear. [Exodus 19:9]
- ✧ Yehowah called Moses to the top of the mountain and Moses went up.
 - This is the first time the people have seen Moses go up the mountain when it was on fire with the visible presence of Yehowah.*

This is also the third time Moses has gone up the mountain since they arrived in the desert of Sinai at the foot of the mountain. [Exodus 19:3, 8, and 20]

- ✧ Yehowah told Moses to go down and warn the people;
 - ✧ **Lest they brake through to gaze at Yehowah and many of them perish.**
 - ✧ **Let the priests who come near Yehowah sanctify themselves** (set themselves apart to be holy), **Lest Yehowah break out against them.**
- ✧ Moses said, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us saying, ‘Set bounds around the mountain and sanctify it.’”
- ✧ Yehowah told Moses to go down and bring Aaron up, but “Do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to Yehowah lest He break out against them.”
- ✧ Moses went down and gave these instructions to the people
- ✧ So the people are near the foot of the mountain but there are boundaries set so the people cannot touch the mountain.
- ✧ The people can hear the voice of God when He speaks to Moses. [Exodus 19:9]
- ✧ God is very visibly on the mountain in a most spectacular display of awesome power.
- ✧ The people have seen Moses go up to the top of the mountain into the fire of the presence of God and have seen him return with a message from God.
- ✧ Moses is now with the people near the foot of the mountain.