## Exodus 23:14-17 (3) Feasts to Yehowah requiring attendance by all males

14 "Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year:

<sup>15</sup> You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty);

<sup>16</sup> and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.

17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ☆ We remember that the Children of Israel were eyewitnesses as God spoke the moral law in the hearing of Israel. We find that the Children of Israel are standing far back from the mountain while Moses is standing near, but the Children of Israel can still hear the words being spoken by God. [Exodus 20:21]
- ☆ The Feast of <u>Unleavened Bread</u> is the feast immediately following the night of the Feast of Passover in the month God appointed as the first month of the year for Israel because it was in that month that God brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- ☆ The Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors, is the Feast of Weeks, and it is the <u>Feast</u> of <u>Pentecost</u> which comes 50 days after the Feast of Passover.
- ☆ The Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year is the <u>Feast of Succoth</u> (Tabernacles) in the seventh month.
- These three times each year God requires all the males of Israel to appear before Him rejoicing in the blessings He has provided. [Leviticus 23:39-41, Deuteronomy 16:1-17, Deuteronomy 26:1-11]
- ☆ All these words were heard by Moses and by the Children of Israel as God spoke from heaven, while His awesome presence was visible on the mountain in the most spectacular display of power. [Exodus 19:9-19, 20:18, 20:22]