

Exodus 24:1-14 **Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and 70 Elders saw God**

¹ Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

³ So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

⁹ Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. ¹¹ But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

¹³ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

¹⁴ And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

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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. [\[Exodus 20:21\]](#)
- ✧ God instructed Moses to come up to Yehowah and to bring with him by name, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. Moses is to come near Yehowah, but the others will worship from afar.
- ✧ God has spoken all the moral law to Moses with the Children of Israel listening from afar, so Moses returned to the people and recited all the words of Yehowah and all His judgments to the people.
- ✧ All the people responded, "**All the words Yehowah has said we will do.**"
 - ✧ This is the third time the Children of Israel have promised to do all that God may command. [\[Exodus 19:8, 20:19, and 24:3, 7\]](#) it is also after they have heard the Ten

Commandments and the Moral Law, once from the voice of God Himself and also from the mouth of Moses. [Exodus 20:1 through 23:33, and 24:3]

- ✧ The command against idolatry has been spoken to them 10 times, 5 from the mouth of God Himself as He spoke the law, and 5 times as Moses repeated them to them orally.
- ✧ **Moses then wrote all the words of Yehowah in a book**, which is the “**Book of the Law**” or the “**Book of the Covenant**”
- ✧ Moses rose early in the morning and built an **ALTAR** at the foot of the mountain and set up **12 PILLARS**, one for each of the tribes of Israel.
- ✧ Then Moses had young men of the Children of Israel to offer burnt offerings and peace offerings to Yehowah. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar
- ✧ Then Moses took the “Book of the Covenant” and read it in the hearing of the people.
 - ✧ This is the 15th time they have heard the commandments regarding idolatry, and the 3rd time they have heard the words of the Moral Law.
- ✧ The people said, “**All that Yehowah has said we will do, and be obedient.**” This is now the 4th time the Children of Israel have promised to obey all that Yehowah may command.
- ✧ Moses then took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “**Behold, the blood of the covenant which Yehowah has made with you according to all these words.**”
- ✧ Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up to God and **they saw Elohey Yisrael** (the God of Israel). Under the feet of God was a paved work of Sapphire Stone, like the very heavens in its clarity.
- ✧ So **they saw Elohiym**, they ate and drank, and God did not lay His hand on them.
- ✧ Then Yehowah said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there, and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”
- ✧ All those with Moses heard God’s command to Moses to stay on the mountain.
- ✧ Moses instructed the elders of Israel to “Wait here for us until we come back to you.”
- ✧ Then Moses instructed them to have anyone with a problem to come to Aaron and Hur for help.
- ✧ So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua and went up the mountain of Elohiym.
- ✧ All of this was witnessed by the Children of Israel and by their leaders before Moses went into the cloud on the mountain to spend the 40 days with God.
- ✧ Moses has been up on the mountain in the presence of God 5 times and the leaders of Israel were up once where they saw God. And God has not harmed any of them.
- ✧ When they make the Golden calf [Exodus 32:1-6] they have no excuse.