Exodus 34:19-28 Final instructions at end of 2nd 40 days with God

- 19 All that open the womb are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep. 20 But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty-handed.
- 21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.
- 22 And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end. 23 Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders; neither will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your God three times in the year.
- 25 "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be left until morning.
- 26 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God.

You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

- 27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."
- 28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Consecration of the Firstborn reasserted

- ➡ When God killed all the firstborn of Egypt as the final plague to free the Children of Israel,
 He laid claim to all the firstborn of Israel and established the concept of Redemption. [Exodus
 13:1-2, 13:11-15, 22:29-30]
 - ♦ The repetition of the command illustrates its importance to God.
 - ♦ This is an act of God that God does not want us to forget. Everything God does has a purpose that reveals something about His character and His plan in the affairs of mankind.
- ★ When Yehowah brings you into the land of Canaan as He swore to your fathers, and gives it to you:
 - ♦ Then you shall set apart all that open the womb, every firstling that comes from an animal, the males shall belong to Yehowah.
 - ♦ The firstling of a donkey shall be redeemed with a lamb, or you shall break its neck.
 - ♦ The firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. [Exodus 13:11-14]
 - ♦ None shall appear empty handed.

Here God set the precedent of Redemption pointing forward to the time when all mankind would be offered Redemption to God through the blood of His Son the Lamb of God, Whom God Himself sacrificed on the cross of Golgotha. [Luke 21:28, Romans 3:24, Romans 8:23, 1 Corinthians 1:30, Ephesians 1:3-7, Colossians 1:13-14, Hebrews 9:11-15]

- ❖ It is a testimony to the generations to come that when they ask, they will be told, "By strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and when Pharaoh would not let us go, Yehowah killed all the firstborn of the land of Egypt."
- ❖ This is the reason we sacrifice all the firstborn animal males that open the womb to Yehowah, but the firstborn of our sons, we redeem. None shall come empty handed. Redemption has a price. Our redemption cost God His only son's life.
- ❖ For by strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt. This is repeated many times in Scripture demonstrating that God clearly wants us to remember what He did in Egypt.
- → The reference to the deliverance from Egyptian bondage will remain the identifying act of God throughout all generations, until He sets up His kingdom, and then He will be known as the God Who brought His people back from all the nations to which they have been scattered. [Ezekiel 39:7, 21-24, and 25-29]

Sabbath rest repeated

 ☆ Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. [Exodus 20:8-11]

In this commandment God goes back to the original days of creation [Genesis 2:1-3] and reminds us that in the precedent He established by resting on the seventh day when He made that day holy, He intended for man to follow His example and make the seventh day a day of rest to honor God throughout all time.

This commandment applies to everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. It was established from the very beginning and given to the Gentiles long before it was stated as a commandment for Israel at Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb).

- ♦ God really does want His people to follow His example and rest on the seventh day.
- ♦ God did not rest after six days of creation because He was fatigued, He did it for our good as an example for mankind to follow because He knew the weaknesses of man. [Mark 2:27]
- ♦ The Sabbath was given as a sign between God and man throughout all generations for the purpose; "That you may know that I am Yehowah Who sanctifies you." [Exodus 31:13]
- → God wants us to use the seventh day to reflect on the God of Creation and know that it is
 He Who sets us apart from all the rest of creation to know Him.
- → The Sabbath day was made Holy by God Himself.
- ♦ Since the nation of Israel was called by God to be used as an example to the nations of the world through whom God is revealing Himself to the Gentiles, it is imperative that they model His laws, so the violation of the Sabbath carries the death penalty for the Children of Israel. [Exodus 31:14-15]
- ♦ The Sabbath day is a sign between God and the Children of Israel forever. [Exodus 31:17]
- ♦ Because God in six days made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.
- ♦ God again confirmed that all Creation took six days as we know days to be, that is six turns of the earth, and not the extended eons of time claimed by the evolutionists.
- ❖ In His great love for mankind, God wants us to take time out of our busy week to meditate on the greatness of His creation and to know Him as He is revealed in nature around us.
- ♦ A day to consider God is a gift of immeasurable worth both for the body, mind, and soul. It should not be wasted by our selfish disregard of our Creator by being so immersed in the cares of the world that we miss out on the Heavenly calling.

♦ Remember, there is a Sabbath Rest for the Saints of God called the "Kingdom of Heaven" which will be followed with an eternity in the New Heaven and New Earth of Revelation chapters 21 and 22.

Final commandments repeated

Three Feasts to appear before God

- The Feast of <u>Unleavened Bread</u> (<u>Feast of Firstfruits</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. [Exodus 23:14-17]
 - ♦ The timing of the Feast of Firstfruits is established in Leviticus 23:10, the accomplishing of the act setting the precedent is established in Joshua 5:10-12 when they first ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan.
- The **Feast of Harvest**, the firstfruits of your labors, is the **Feast of Weeks**, and it is the **Feast of Pentecost** which comes 50 days after the Feast of Passover.
- **▽** The **Feast of Ingathering** at the end of the year is the **Feast of Succoth** (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]
- ❖ God promises to cast out nations, enlarge Israel's borders, and protect their property when they go to present themselves before God the three times each year.

Blood of God's sacrifice

- ❖ No leavening shall be offered with the blood of God's sacrifice. [Exodus 23:18, 34:25]
 - ♦ The only offerings that may be made with leavening are the two loaves of the firstfruits
 offering which are a wave offering and not to be burned in the fire, they are for the priest..
 [Leviticus 23:17, 20]

Passover no leftovers

Remnants of Passover Feast shall not be left over until morning. [Exodus 12:10, 23:18, 34:25]

Firstfruits

⇔ Bring the first of the Firstfruits of your land into the house of Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God). [Exodus 23:19, 34:26]

Mother's Milk

- ♦ You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk. [Exodus 23:19]
 - ❖ It is a pagan practice to search out the mother of the young goat so you can boil the goat in its own mother's milk. This is not a command to not boil the goat in milk, but rather not to search specifically for its mother's milk.
 - ♦ This would be a form of witchcraft and idolatry.
 - ♦ Jewish tradition forbids having dairy products on the same table with a meat dish. That tradition is an over kill of this commandment, and is a commandment of man and not of God.

Tablets of Stone after forty days and forty nights [Exodus 34:27-28]

- ❖ God commanded Moses to write these words, because in the tenor of these words God has made a covenant with Israel.
- ♦ Moses was there on the mountain with God a second 40 days and 40 nights, he neither ate bread nor drank water.
- ❖ God wrote on the stone tablets Moses had cut out, the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.