

“STAYING READY”

EXODUS 19

Much in life can get overlooked, especially beside loud and splashy things. Exodus 18 is the “delegation chapter” that has impacted the world over. Exodus 20 is the Ten Commandments, which have been written on every heart in this world. But in between, Exodus 19 is largely overlooked despite its powerful message.

GOD’S PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE

① His C _____ (19:3-8)

Notice the designations:

◇ *house of Jacob/children of Israel* → _____.

◇ *bore on eagles’ wings* → _____.

◇ *special treasure* → _____.

◇ *kingdom of priests/holy nation* → _____.

② Their C _____ (19:9-15)

If the first facet was all about their _____, this second facet is all about their _____. It was not just about who they were; now it was about how they should live.

This intense stem and perfect tense denote the seriousness of this request regarding their conduct. They must _____, both inwardly and outwardly (James 4:8).

Ironic, isn’t it, that on the _____ day the Son of God came up from the grave and appeared to His followers while here, on the _____ day, God would come down and appear to His people?

The Israelites must be super-focused on the impending presence of God.

③ His C _____ (19:16-25)

God is not some distant force but very much up close and in person, although being too close to Him would be harmful to Israel’s health.

CONCLUSION

In light of who they are as the chosen, they are called to live in cleanness from sin as they await His coming. That has distinct parallels to how we should live today in His plan for us.

Israel, due to sin and unbelief, _____ this privilege. That became a blessing for Gentiles, who through belief are now His covenant people and are to live in honorable conduct until the day of His coming (1 Peter 2:9-12). Israel remains the apple of God’s eye, but for a time the church has been inserted into the equation as His chosen generation. May we learn from Israel and not allow sin or unbelief to distract us from living as His people in this world. He has chosen us to be saved, so let us live as His _____. He is returning one day, always sooner than we think.