

Exodus 19

November 27th, 2020

Study Guide

Pray: Ask God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read through the designated chapters this week.

Read through **Exodus 19**. Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

1. In the third month after leaving Egypt, the entire nation of Israel approached the desert of Sinai (**verse 1**). What promise from **Exodus 3:12** had been fulfilled?
2. Before anything else, God calls Moses up to convey His message for the people. What do you think God meant by saying he carried them on eagles' wings (**verse 4**)? (See also **Deuteronomy 32:11** and **Isaiah 40:31** for help in understanding this imagery.)
3. What did God expect of Israel as their part of the covenant He was going to make with them at Sinai (**verse 5**)?
4. In **verses 5–6**, God speaks of Israel with certain identification. How does God describe the Israelites?
5. The Lord was establishing a kingdom, a people who would acknowledge Him as King. They were all to be priests, people who are mediators or “go-betweens” between God and people. We are called to be priests today. In your own words, summarize the wonder and beauty of that calling and in what ways we serve and are empowered to serve as mediators between God and people.

On eagles' wings.

Eagles are born to soar. But they are reluctant learners, preferring to stay safely in the nest. While a fledgling eagle learns to fly, the parent eagle flies beneath with wings spread wide, to catch them if they fall.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Revelation 1:5-6

6. The people of Israel talked to God through Moses. What do the following verses say about how and why we can approach God today?

Matthew 6:9

Romans 5:1-3

Romans 8:15

7. What do you think the two days of outward preparations were meant to teach the people (**verses 10-11**)?
8. **Read Exodus 19:16–25.** God's holy presence came down in an unforgettable scene. Israel's encounter with God at Mt. Sinai was frighteningly, fearsomely *awesome*. What was happening high above, all around, and underneath their feet? Describe all you notice and what they would have seen and heard and experienced.

In New Testament times, as the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, Peter reminds us...

“⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV).”

Suggested Prayer:

Dear Lord, You are King of kings and Lord of lords! You call me as Your daughter and welcome me into Your Throne Room to enjoy Your awesome presence. Thank you for telling me I am precious in Your eyes and reminding me that You long for special time with me. Thank you for your unfailing love. Help me to reflect your love and share it with others this week! Amen