

ויקח ספר הברית

What Did Moshe Write – At The Foot of Sinai?

(1) שמות פרק כ, טו-כג

(טו) וְכָל-הָעָם רֹאִים אֶת-הַקּוֹלֹת וְאֶת-הַלְפִיזִים וְאֵת קוֹל הַשֹּׁפָר וְאֶת-הַהָהָר עֹשֵׂן וַיֵּרָא הָעָם וַיִּזְעוּ וַיַּעֲמֵדוּ מֵרָחֵק: (טז) וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר-אַתָּה עִמָּנוּ וְנִשְׁמָעָה וְאַל-יְדַבֵּר עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים פֶּן-נָמוּת: (יז) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעָם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵבְעִבּוֹר נִסּוֹת אֲתֶכֶם בְּאֵי הָאֱלֹהִים וּבַעֲבוּר תִּהְיֶה יְרֵאתוֹ עַל-פְּנֵיכֶם לְבִלְתִּי תַחֲטְאוּ: (יח) וַיַּעֲמֵד הָעָם מֵרָחֵק וּמֹשֶׁה נָגַשׁ אֶל-הָעֶרְפֶּל אֲשֶׁר-שָׁם הָאֱלֹהִים:

(יט) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה כֹּה תֹאמַר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אַתֶּם רְאִיתֶם כִּי מִן-הַשָּׁמַיִם דִּבַּרְתִּי עִמָּכֶם: (כ) לֹא תַעֲשׂוּן אֵתִי אֱלֹהֵי לְסָף וְאֵלֹהֵי זָהָב לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם: (כא) מִזְבַּח אֲדָמָה תַעֲשֶׂה-לִּי וּזְבַחְתֶּם עָלָיו אֶת-עֹלֹתֶיךָ וְאֶת-שְׁלֹמִיךָ אֶת-צֹאנְךָ וְאֶת-בְּקָרְךָ בְּכָל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אֲזַכִּיר אֶת-שְׁמִי אָבוֹא אֵלֶיךָ וּבְרַכְתִּיךָ: (כב) וְאִם-מִזְבַּח אֲבָנִים תַעֲשֶׂה-לִּי לֹא-תִבְנֶה אֹתוֹן גְּזִית כִּי חֲרַבְךָ הַנִּפְתָּ עָלֶיךָ וְתַחֲלָלָהּ: (כג) וְלֹא-תַעֲלֶה בְּמַעֲלֹת עַל-מִזְבְּחִי אֲשֶׁר לֹא-תִגָּלֶה עֲרוֹתְךָ עָלָיו:

(2) שמות פרק כא, א...פרק כג, יט-לג

וְאֵלֶּה הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׂם לִפְנֵיהֶם... (יט) רְאֵשִׁית בְּכוֹרֵי אֲדָמַתְךָ תָּבִיא בֵּית ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ לֹא-תִבְשֵׁל גְּדֵי בַחֲלָב אִמּוֹ: (כ) הִנֵּה אֲנִי שֹׁלַח מִלְאָךְ לִפְנֶיךָ לְשִׁמְרֶךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ וְלְהַבְיִאֲךָ אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הִכַּנְתִּי... (לב) לֹא-תִכְרַת לָהֶם וְלֹא-לֹהִיָּהֶם בְּרִית: (לג) לֹא יִשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ פְּרִי-יַחֲטִיאוּ אֹתְךָ לִי כִּי תַעֲבֹד אֶת-אֱלֹהֵיהֶם כִּי-יִהְיֶה לְךָ לְמוֹקֵשׁ:

(3) שמות פרק כד, א-יח

(א) וְאֶל-מֹשֶׁה אָמַר עֲלֶה אֵלַי ה' אֹתָהּ וְאֶהְרֶן נֹדֵב וְאֶבְיָהוּא וְשִׁבְעִים מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתֶם מִרְחֹק: (ב) וְנִגַּשׁ מֹשֶׁה לְבָדוֹ אֶל-ה' וְהֵם לֹא יָגִשׁוּ וְהָעָם לֹא יַעֲלוּ עִמּוֹ: (ג) וַיָּבֵא מֹשֶׁה וַיְסַפֵּר לָעָם אֶת-כָּל-דְּבָרֵי ה' וְאֵת כָּל-הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים וַיַּעַן כָּל-הָעָם קוֹל אֶחָד וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר ה' נַעֲשֶׂה: (ד) וַיִּכְתֹּב מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-דְּבָרֵי ה' וַיִּשְׁכֵּם בַּבֶּקֶר וַיְבִין מִזְבַּח תַּחַת הַהָהָר וּשְׁתֵּים עָשָׂר מִצִּבְּהָ לְשִׁנָּים עֶשְׂרֵת שְׁבֻטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (ה) וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת-נִעְרֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת וַיִּזְבְּחוּ זִבְחִים שְׁלָמִים לַה' פְּרִים: (ו) וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה חֲצִי הַדָּם וַיִּשֶׂם בְּאֵגָנֹת וְחֲצִי הַדָּם זָרַק עַל-הַמִּזְבֵּחַ: (ז) וַיִּקַּח סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר ה' נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע: (ח) וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת-הַדָּם וַיִּזְרַק עַל-הָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה דַם-הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר פָּרַת ה' עִמָּכֶם עַל כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה: (ט) וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה וְאֶהְרֶן נֹדֵב וְאֶבְיָהוּא וְשִׁבְעִים מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (י) וַיֵּרְאוּ אֶת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַתַּחַת רַגְלָיו כִּמְעִשֵׂה לְבַנְת הַסַּפִּיר וְכַעֲצַם הַשָּׁמַיִם לְטָהָר: (יא) וְאֶל-אֶצְלֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא שָׁלַח יָדוֹ וַיַּחֲזוּ אֶת-הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּאֲכָלוּ וַיִּשְׁתּוּ: (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה עֲלֶה אֵלַי הַהָרָה וְהִי-שִׁם וְאֶתְנֶנָּה לְךָ אֶת-לְחַת הָאָבֶן וְהַתּוֹרָה וְהַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר כָּתַבְתִּי לְהוֹרֹתֶם: (יג) וַיִּקַּם מֹשֶׁה וַיְהוּשֶׁע מִשְׂרָתוֹ וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָהָר הָאֵלֶּהִים: (יד) וְאֶל-הַזִּקְנִים אָמַר שְׁבוּ-לָנוּ כִּזְכָּר עַד אֲשֶׁר-נָשׁוּב אֵלֵיכֶם וְהִנֵּה אֶהְרֶן וְחוּר עִמָּכֶם מִי-בְּעַל דְּבָרִים יִגַּשׁ אֲלֵהֶם: (טו) וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָהָר וַיְכַסּוּ הָעַנָּן אֶת-הָהָר: (טז) וַיִּשְׁכַּן כְּבוֹד-ה' עַל-הָהָר סִינַי וַיְכַסְּהוּ הָעַנָּן שְׁשֵׁת יָמִים וַיִּקְרָא אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מֵתוֹךְ הָעַנָּן: (יז) וּמִרְאֵה כְבוֹד ה' כָּאֵשׁ אֹכֵלַת בָּרָאשׁ הָהָר לְעֵינֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: (יח) וַיָּבֵא מֹשֶׁה בְּתוֹךְ הָעַנָּן וַיַּעַל אֶל-הָהָר וַיְהִי מֹשֶׁה בְּהָר אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה:

Questions:

- 1) Where did משה go to receive these laws?
- 2) Why are these laws followed by a warning and promise about the מלאך who will accompany them?
- 3) Why did משה tell the people the laws...twice?
- 4) Why did they answer נעשה after the first time – and נשמע after the second?

20:14 And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the horn, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled, and stood afar off. 15 **And they said unto Moses: 'Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.'** 16 And Moses said unto the people: 'Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before you, that ye sin not.' 17 **And the people stood afar off; but Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.**

18 And the LORD said unto Moses: Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel: Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 19 Ye shall not make with Me--gods of silver, or gods of gold, ye shall not make unto you. 20 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen; in every place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come unto thee and bless thee. 21 And if thou make Me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast profaned it. 22 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto Mine altar, that thy nakedness be not uncovered thereon.

21:1 Now these are the ordinances which thou shalt set before them...23:19 The choicest first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

20 Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared... They shall not dwell in thy land--lest they make thee sin against Me, for thou wilt serve their gods--for they will be a snare unto thee.

24:1 And unto Moses He said: 'Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off; 2 and Moses alone shall come near unto the LORD; but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him.' 3 **And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said: 'All the words which the LORD hath spoken will we do.'** 4 **And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD,** and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent the young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the LORD. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins; and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. 7 **And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the hearing of the people; and they said: 'All that the LORD hath spoken will we do, and obey.'** 8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said: 'Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you in agreement with all these words.' 9 Then went up Moses, and 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 the like of a paved work of sapphire stone, and the like of the very heaven for clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel He laid not His hand; and they beheld God and did eat and drink.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Come up to Me into the mount and be there; and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou mayest teach them.' 13 And Moses rose up, and Joshua his minister; and Moses went up into the mount of God. 14 And unto the elders he said: 'Tarry ye here for us, until we come back unto you; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whosoever hath a cause, let him come near unto them.' 15 And Moses went up into the mount, and the cloud covered the mount. 16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 And the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mount; and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.