**Kingdom Life**

 **Matthew 25: 31-46**

**1 On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 3Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 4‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, 6but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” 7So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. 9Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after.” When Moses had told the words of the people to the Lord, 10the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes 11and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. 13No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain.” 14So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes.**

 **I. Terms to Know**

**Israelites** - God's chosen people.

**Moses** - a Hebrew baby who was nearly killed but was adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter and became a leader who freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

**house of Jacob** - the nation of Israel.

**covenant** - an agreement between God and His people.

**treasured possession** - being God's precious child.

 **priestly kingdom**; **holy nation** - specially selected by God to have a unique relationship with Him

 **summoned** - to call for someone or something to come or appear.

 **consecrate** - to make something holy or to dedicate it to a higher purpose.

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 **Egypt**

 **Rephidim -**

 **Sinai -**

**II. Exodus 19:1-14 describes the Israelites arriving at Mount Sinai, three months after leaving Egypt, where God calls to Moses from the mountain and reveals his plan to make them a special people, a "treasured possession," if they obey his covenant and keep his commandments, emphasizing the great deliverance he provided by bringing them out of Egypt on "eagle's wings." Key points:**

* **Location: The Israelites camp at the base of Mount Sinai.**
* **Moses' ascent: Moses goes up the mountain to meet with God.**
* **God's message: God reminds the Israelites of his power and how he delivered them from Egypt.**
* **Covenant offer: God proposes a covenant with the Israelites, promising to make them a special people if they obey his laws.**
* **People's response: The Israelites agree to obey God and uphold the covenant.**

**III. Questions**

**1. After Israel came into the wilderness, where had they departed from?**

**2. How did the Lord tell Moses He would come to speak?**

**3. What was Moses told to do, today and tomorrow?**

**4. When would the Lord come down in the sight of the people?**

**5. What would happen to those who touch the mount?**