

5. Moses and the Sinai Covenant

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2. *a) The importance of the wilderness period to the Israelites*
 - i. For purification against pagan influence*
 - ii. To worship God*
 - iii. To learn to accept Moses as their leader*
 - iv. To witness God's providence*
 - v. To be given the ten commandments*
 - vi. To realize the saving hand of God e.g. he saved them from the Amalekites*
 - vii. To be moulded into a special nation by God/ for God to use them to bring salvation to human kind*
 - viii. To strengthen them against future challenges*
b) It is important for Christians to keep promises;
 - i. Keeping promises minimized mistrust/ promote trust*
 - ii. It promotes cordial relationship between different parties*
 - iii. Keeping promises minimizes conflicts in the society*
 - iv. It strengthens family relations*
 - v. It promotes good relationship between man and God*
 - vi. Keeping promises enables one to feel happy/ not guilty of breaking promises*
 - vii. It is obeying the commandments of God/ Though shall not bear false witness*
 - viii. God himself keeps (fulfills) his promises to us, therefore we should emulate God's example*
 - ix. It enhances team work/ togetherness*

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4. a) *How Moses demonstrated his obedience to the God of Israel*
- i. *When asked to remove his sandals during his call- he obeyed*
 - ii. *When asked to throw down his rod, to pick it up, to put his hand in his bosom, to remove it..... he obeyed*
 - iii. *He accepted to carry out God's instructions in Egypt- leading to the ten plagues that faced the Egyptians*
 - iv. *He struck the waters of the Red Sea with his rod and a way was provided for the Israelites*
 - v. *In the provision of food and water for the Israelites as they journeyed through the wilderness- Moses obeyed God's instructions*
 - vi. *He prepared the Israelites to meet with God as instructed at Mt. Sinai*
- b) *Importance of Decalogue to Christians*
- i. *Teaches that there is only one God*
 - ii. *Helps Christians to worship the true God and not idols*
 - iii. *Helps Christians to honor leisure time*
 - iv. *Helps Christians to respect life as God given*
 - v. *Helps Christians to respect other peoples property*
 - vi. *Helps Christians to love their neighbors by not bearing false witness*
 - vii. *Helps Christians to be contented with what they have thus they avoid coveting*
 - viii. *Help Christians to live a chaste life by avoiding sexual immorality*
- c) *What Christians learn about God on the call of Moses in the wilderness*
- i. *Christians should obey God*
 - ii. *Christians should respond to God's call*
 - iii. *Christians have to repent before God*
 - iv. *Christians must humble themselves before God*
 - v. *Christians must believe God/ have faith in God*
 - vi. *Christians should present their needs before God*
 - vii. *Christians should not fear any challenges when called by God*
5. (a) *5 ways on how Moses was prepared by God to be the future leader of the Israelites*
- i. *His life was spared when he was rescued by pharaoh's daughter and brought up as a prince*
 - ii. *He was nursed by his own mother through Gods plan and design*
 - iii. *He acknowledges his family background and the true God through his mother who gave him his true identity as an Israel.*

- iv. *Life in the wilderness hardened him to be bold and to preserve hardships.*
- v. *He learnt to be patient, keen and responsible as a shepherd.*
- vi. *He learnt family responsibility through taking care of his own family and that of Jethro.*
- vii. *He acquired leadership qualities while living in pharaoh's palace.*
- viii. *He learnt literacy and numeracy skills while in the palace.*
- ix. *He was not stranger to pharaoh and Egypt hence he could approach him freely*

(b) 6 similarities between the Jewish Passover and Christian Easter

- i) *Both are annual events*
- ii) *Both involves sacrifice i.e. lamb and Jesus.*
- iii) *In both cases there is movement from slavery to freedom.*
- iv) *Both incidences are important historical events*
- v) *Both are central points to belief and worship of Judaism and Christianity respectively.*
- vi) *They both point towards God's saving power.*

(c) 4 reasons why Christians should live by laws of God

- i. *Laws help Christians to keep off idolatry*
- ii. *Laws help one to respect other people's property*
- iii. *They encourage sexuality uprightness/avoid sexual immorality*
- iv. *They help Christians to avoid telling lies and accusing other people falsely.*
- v. *They help Christians to respect life and not to take it away*
- vi. *By obeying laws Christians escape Gods judgment*
- vii. *By obeying laws Christians receive blessings from God*
- viii. *They enable Christians to develop obedience to everybody around and hence create a peaceful co-existence*

6. a) *7 ways in which the Israelites worshipped God in the wilderness during the Exodus* KKC
- i. *Approached God altars with respect/reverence.*
 - ii. *They honoured the altar of God/kept it tidy*
 - iii. *They built an altar of earth and in cut stones for God in places where God appeared to them.*
 - iv. *All men folk presented themselves to God 3 times in a year.*
 - v. *Celebrated yearly festivals, the Passover, the Pentecost and tabernacle to honour God.*
 - vi. *Kept ten commandments to guide them in their daily license to God.*
 - vii. *Gave offering of various articles such as silver, gold, bronze, to God.*
 - viii. *Assembled /held the covenant ceremony at Mt. Sinai*
 - ix. *Observed the Sabbath as day of worship.*
 - x. *Prayed to God.*
 - xi. *Concentrated the tent of meeting.*
- b) *The new understanding Moses gave the Israelites about the nature of God from the Exodus*
- i. *God of their fore fathers – Abraham, Jacob and Isaac.*
 - ii. *Powerful than other gods – led them across the Red Sea on dry land.*
 - iii. *Holy – restriction on Mt. Sinai to avoid contact with people.*

- iv. *Provider – gave food/manna/quills etc.*
- v. *Personal God – initialed covenant ceremony on Mt. Sinai*
- vi. *Just God – punished idol worshipers*
- vii. *Demands total obedience – His instruction during the renewal of the Sinai covenant.*
- viii. *God is awesome – shown in peoples fear of Him at Mt. Sinai*
- ix. *God is omnipresent – moved with them in pillar of cloud/fire.*
- x. *God is jealous, expressed in the commandments.*

c) *6 reasons why Christians should not covet their neighbors property*

- i. *it's a caution against greed/selfishness*
- ii. *it instills the virtues of hard work/honesty*
- iii. *create satisfaction/contentment amongst them*
- iv. *it's away of self control*
- v. *to avoid the deliberate will to wish to posses what is coveted.*
- vi. *To create dependent trust in Gods in his providence.*

7. a) *Covenant making between God and the Israelites at Mt. Sinai Gen24:1-8*
- i. *At Mt .Sinai, God entered into a covenant relationship with the Israelites*
 - ii. *God promised to make the Israelites his own possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation if they obeyed him*
 - iii. *The Israelites unimarsly agreed to obey God*
 - iv. *God promised to meet the Israelites on the third day*
 - v. *They prepared to meet God by abstaining from sex, purifying themselves, washing their clothes and marking boundaries on the mountain*
 - vi. *On the third day, God appeared to them in form of thunder, lightening, earthquake, trumpet, thick cloud, fire and smoke*
 - vii. *The Israelites frightened the Israelites hence they asked Moses to be their mediator to speak to God on their behalf*
 - viii. *Moses prepared for a special ceremony for seal covenant*
 - ix. *He built an altar at the foot of Mt. Sinai and set up the 12 stones to represent the 12 tribes of Israel*
 - x. *Young men sacrificed oxen as fellowship offering*
 - xi. *Moses took hay of the blood of the animals and put it in basin*
 - xii. *Half of the blood was sprinkled on to the altar, a place of meeting with God*
 - xiii. *Moses then read the book of the covenant to the Israelites*
 - xiv. *Moses took the blood in the basin and sprinkled it on the people*
 - xv. *Moses told the people that the blood had sealed the covenant*
- b) *Israelites new understanding off God from the Exodus to the renewal of the covenant*
- i. *God is slow to anger*
 - ii. *God's compassionate*
 - iii. *Good leaves no sin unpunished/ just*
 - iv. *He is a jealous God who does not tolerate the worship of other gods*

- v. *He is all powerful/ omnipotent*
- vi. *He is the controller of a natural forces*
- vii. *God of*
- viii. *He is a faithful/ keeps his promises*
- ix. *He reveals himself through nature*

c) *Reasons why some Children disobey the commandment “Obey your parents”*

- i. *Affluence/ riches i.e. when children get more than their parents they disregard them*
- ii. *Permissiveness in the society allows one to do as he/she pleased feels*
- iii. *Urbanization it affects / influence children negatively*
- iv. *Traditional values towards parents are decaying*
- v. *Poor role models from parents*
- vi. *Drug abuse/ alcoholism*
- vii. *Expose to pornographic literature*
- viii. *Poor parental discipline / removal of cane from schools*
- ix. *Westernness i.e. when a child get modern education they become proud and disobey parents*
- x. *Children’s rights under the UN convention makes children to wise hence disobedience*
- xi. *Negative peer influence from the environment*

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a) *Describe the call of Moses.*

- *Was called while herding his father –in – law flock on Mt. Sinai.*
- *He saw a burning bush that was not being consumed.*
- *Moses heard his name being called.*
- *He was told no to move nearer.*
- *He was instructed to remove his shoes as he was standing on a holy ground.*
- *God told Moses he had chosen him to go and liberate them.*
- *Moses inquired the name of the God sending him and he was told it is “ I AM WHO I AM”.*
- *Finally Moses went to Egypt to carry out the task.*

b) *The conditions given to the Israelites during the renewal of the Sinai Covenant*

- *To obey what God commanded them.*
- *Not to make nay treaty with people of the land where they were going.*
- *To destroy their altars/smash their sacred stones/cut down their Asherah.*
- *Not to worship any idol/other god.*
- *To keep the feast of unleavened bread*
- *To rest on the seventh day.*
- *Not to intermarry with foreigners*
- *Not to make idols*
- *To offer to God the first fruits of their crops.*
- *To dedicate all their first born male children and first born male of their domestic animals to God*

c) *The importance of Modern day covenants.*

- *Modern day covenants promote peace.*
- *They help Christians to be organized as order is promoted.*
- *Covenants such as trade agreements help countries to develop economically.*
- *Unity between people is promoted for instance through reconciliation covenant enable people to develop trust in relationship.*
- *They promote understanding in the society.*
- *People are enlightened of their rights.*
- *Religious covenants encourage people to have the right relationship with God.*
- *Commitment to Christian principles enable people to face and overcome emerging daily challenges that are part of life.*
- *Secular covenants remind and encourage office bearers to serve the nation in the spirit of total loyalty.*

9. a) *The conditions that God gave the Israelites during the renewal of the Mosaic covenant*

- i. *They obey the Decalogue/ commandments*
- ii. *Not to make treaties with foreign nations*
- iii. *To destroy all idols and their high place*
- iv. *To observe the Jeinshi religious festival*
- v. *To offer the first harvest to the temple*
- vi. *Not to intermarry*
- vii. *To observe the Sabbath*
- viii. *To dedicate their first born to God*

b) *The worship practices that the Israelites adopted in the wilderness after the covenant*

- i. *Observing the Sabbath*
- ii. *Offering sacrifices and offerings to God*
- iii. *Observing God's commandments (the mosaic law)*
- iv. *Honoring the Ark of the covenant by placing it in the tabernacle*
- v. *Celebrating the Jewish religious festivals annually*
- vi. *Not having treaties with foreign nation*
- vii. *Not intermarrying with foreigners*

c) *The Israelites new understanding of the nature of God*

- i. *God is loving and caring*
- ii. *God is forgiving and merciful*
- iii. *God is moral and Holy*
- iv. *God punishes evil*
- v. *God cares for his chosen people*
- vi. *God is just*
- vii. *He fulfills his promises*
- viii. *He is powerful*

- ix. *God hates sin*
x. *God is concerned with the salvation of human being*
10. (a) *4 ways in which Moses early life prepared him for his future role*
i) *God used pharaoh's daughter to rescue Moses life*
ii) *Moses learnt skills of leadership in the palace*
iii) *He received the best education in the palace*
iv) *Moses learnt his true identify as a Jew and not an Egyptian*
v) *Learnt about Jewish and Egyptian gods*
vi) *Moses lived with shepherds –it hardened him and made him more responsible*
vii) *He married and had a family.*
- (b) *7 plagues Moses had to perform in Egypt before the Israelites could be released*
i) *Turning water into blood*
ii) *Frogs filling Egyptian land*
iii) *Swarms of flies*
iv) *Boils*
v) *Hail storm*
vi) *Swarm of locust*
vii) *Darkness filling the land*
viii) *Death of cattle*
ix) *Death of Egyptian first born sons*
x) *Gnats*
- (c) *5 lessons Moses learnt about God from his call*
i) *Yahweh is God of history*
ii) *God is loving and caring*
iii) *God is holy*
iv) *God is beyond human understanding (transcendent)*
v) *Gods chooses whomever he wills to carry out his plans*
vi) *God expects total obedience and faith*
vii) *God is all knowing/ omniscient*
viii) *God uses events to reveal himself*
ix) *God punishes the enemies of his people*
11. (a) *The role of Moses in the history of the Israelites:-*
- *He received God's call with a mission to liberate the Israelites*
 - *He performed extra-ordinary miracles for the purpose of overpowering Pharaoh to liberate to Israelites*
 - *He liberated and delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.*
 - *He led the Israelites throughout the wilderness during the Exodus.*
 - *He mediated between God and the Israelites who complained and asked him for provision*

- *He endured suffering for the sake of the Israelites who complained and asked him for provision*
- *He led the Israelites into making the Sinai covenant with God*
- *He was given 10 commandments by God to guide the Israelites to live according to the covenant.*
- *He sought God's providence for Israelites e.g. manna & water*
- *He made the Israelites renew the covenant with God*
- *He protected Israelites against hostile desert tribes e.g. the Amalekites*
- *He led them during the crossing of the Red sea*

(b) The conditions given by God to the Israelites during the renewal of the Sinaic covenant:-

- *To obey God*
- *Not to make any treaties with other tribes*
- *To destroy the altars of gods of other tribes & places of idol worship*
- *Not to make or worship other gods*
- *To observe 3 main festivals feast of unleaven bread feast of weeks and the feast of the ingathering*
- *To celebrate Sabbath & keep it holy*
- *No to intermarry with foreigners*
- *To dedicate first born males to God*
- *To give the first fruits of their fields and flocks to God*
- *To give a tenth of their produce to God*

(c) Importance of covenants in today's society

- *Fosters commitments*
- *Fosters trust in one another*
- *Protects the parties from exploitation*
- *Fosters faithfulness & accountability*
- *Promotes peaceful & harmonious living*
- *Promotes moral uprightness*
- *Bounds one loyalty to their promises*
- *Promotes communal living as the witnesses to the covenant have the collective responsibility to ensure no one breaks it.*

12. *(a) Ways through which God manifested Himself are:*

- ◆ *Pillar of cloud/thick cloud*
- ◆ *Earthquakes*
- ◆ *Trumpet blast*
- ◆ *Thunder*
- ◆ *Lightning*
- ◆ *Pillar of fire during the night*
- ◆ *Smoke /fire*
- ◆ *Ten commandments*

(b) *The Sinai covenant was sealed (Exodus 24:4-8) through:-*

- ◆ *Moses built an altar of 12 pillars to represent the 12 tribes of Israel*
- ◆ *He then sent young men to offer/sacrifice oxen to the Lords as burnt offering*
- ◆ *He took half of the blood and poured in a basin*
- ◆ *Half of the blood was sprinkled in tee altar*
- ◆ *He then took the book of th covenant and read it to the Israelites*
- ◆ *The people promised to obey God*
- ◆ *He took the remaining blood and sprinkled it upon the people*
- ◆ *The blood was the covenant that the Lord made with the people*
- ◆ *God promised to bless them, if they obey Him*
- ◆ *A new relationship was established between God and the Israelites*

(c) *7 leadership qualities a modern Christian leader should learn from Moses are;-*

- ◆ *A leaders should have confidence in God*
- ◆ *He should be courageous/brave*
- ◆ *He should be wise/educated/talented/intelligent*
- ◆ *He should be humble/compassionate/loving*
- ◆ *He should obey/respect God*
- ◆ *He should be determined/endure*
- ◆ *He should be diplomatic*
- ◆ *He should be inquisitive*
- ◆ *He should be patient*

13. a) *6 commandments given to the Israelites that teach how to relate to one another*

- *Honour your father and mother*
- *You shall not kill*
- *You shall not commit adultery*
- *You shall not steal*
- *You shall not bear false witness angst your neighbours*
- *You shall not covet your neighbours property or wife*

b) *4 ways in which Moses early life prepared him for his future role as a leader*

- *he was brought up in pharaoh's house and learnt leadership skills*
- *his expensive as an Egyptians prince helped him to handle pharaoh*
- *his Egyptian education helped him to write the Decalogue*
- *he was brought up by his mother so he was familiar with the customs of the Jews*
- *his experiences in the desert hardened him to be bold to persevere hardships*
- *he as a shepherd of his father in law and this helped him to be keen and responsible*
- *he married while in Midian this helped him to show love, tolerance and concern for the Israelites*

- *his early experience in Egypt helped to demonstrate the power of Yahweh*
- c) *6 reasons why God made a covenant with the Israelites on Mount Sinai*
- *because God is faithful to his promise*
 - *God wanted to guide them on how to relate with him*
 - *God wanted them to remember that he was powerful and had rescued them to come and worship him at mt. sinal*
 - *God wanted to guide them on how to relate to each other*
 - *God expected that after the covenant the Israelites would obey and have faith in him whole heartedly*
 - *God wanted to enable the Israelites to enjoy his blessings*
 - *God wanted to provide guidance to the people as they entered Canaan*
14. *5 reasons why the Pharaoh was reluctant to release the Israelites from Egypt*
- *He wanted free labour*
 - *He was revenging. At one time the Egyptians were ruled by Semitic Pharaohs*
 - *He wanted the Israelites to continue worshipping him as God*
 - *God was using him to fulfill the promise he had made to Abraham*
15. a) *10 moral teachings contained in the ten commandments*
- *It stresses respect of parents and elders*
 - *It stresses people to respect and not use God's name in vain*
 - *It stresses love of God and other people in the society*
 - *It tells us to respect other people's property and not to steal*
 - *It wants us to speak the truth all the time*
 - *It wants us to be faithful to our marriage partners*
 - *It wants us to be contented with what God has given us and not covet*
 - *It directs us to work hard for six days then rest on the seventh day*
 - *It directs us to respect human life. We should preserve it*
 - *It directs us to worship only one true God and not to be involved in devil worship*
- b) *5 ways the Israelites worshipped God in the wilderness*
- *They worshipped Yahweh as the only God*
 - *They celebrated the three yearly feasts i.e. Passover, Pentecost and the feast of tabernacle*
 - *They build an altar for God where they sacrificed the holocaust and communion sacrifices*
 - *They observed the ten commandments to guide them in their day to day living*
 - *They observed the Sabbath and kept it holy*
 - *They prayed, sung and danced to God*
 - *They paid tithes*
 - *They moved from place to place with the ark of the covenant where the stone tablets containing the 10 commandments were kept)*

c) 5 ways Christians worship God today

- They read the Bible
- Priests interpret the scriptures for them
- They attend church service on Sundays
- They observe important events in the history of Christianity e.g. Easter, Christmas e.t.c.
- They sing songs of praise and dance to God
- They undergo baptism
- They give offerings to God
- They lead exemplary Christ like life

16. (a) 7 nature of God as revealed on Mt. Horeb when Moses was called by God

- i. God fulfills his promises
- ii. God is holy
- iii. God can use anyone to pursue his purpose
- iv. God is powerful
- v. God is loving
- vi. God is protector
- vii. God is omnipresent
- viii. God cannot be described using human terms / He is spirit
- ix. God forgives
- x. He reveals himself through natural phenomena

(b) God cared for the Israelites during the Exodus ;

- i. Liberated Israelites from slavery in Egypt
- ii. He helped the Israelites to cross the Red sea
- iii. He made the Egyptian soldiers to perish in Red sea
- iv. Provided water/manna /quails to satisfy their needs
- v. Helped the Israelites to defeat the desert tribes e.g Amelikites
- vi. Led Israel by a pillar of fire at night and pillar of cloud during day time
- vii. He gave Israel 10 commandments to safeguard them and relate with God
- viii. Hr accepted to renew the covenant with Israel after breaking it/ forgave Israel after worshipping the Golden Calf
- ix. He dwelt among the Israelite through the Ark. of the covenant
- x. He provided leaders e.g Moses /Harun/Joshua

(c) 6 reasons why some Christians have lost faith in God today

- i. Their prayers are not answered
- ii. Why they suffer and die and yet non-Christians prosper and lead good life
- iii. Why there should be prolonged poverty/starvation/famine and drought
- iv. Wrangling in Church leadership
- v. Bad examples by Church leaders due to corruption/immorality

- vi. *Over delaying of Jesus coming*
- vii. *God's failure to punish law –breakers*
- viii. *Some leaders fail t condemn evils in society/compromising abuse of justice by leader*

17. (a) *Ways how Israelites worshipped God.*

- *Sacrifices*
- *Festivals*
- *Altars*
- *Tent of meeting.*
- *Offerings*

(b) *Why Sinai Covenant was broken.*

- *Moses overstayed on the mountain.*
- *Haron was a weak leader.*
- *They needed a visible God.*
- *They had not forgotten the worship of gods.*
- *They had lost faith in God and Moses.*
- *They hoped that the golden calf would represent the same strength and fertility in the Egyptian gods.*

(c) *Why Christians can't follow the laws of God.*

- *Lack of faith.*
- *Worldly pleasures.*
- *Poverty*
- *Lack of exemplary Christian leaders.*
- *Influence from non-Christians.*
- *Indulgence in traditional beliefs and practices.*
- *Influence of western culture.*
- *Negative influence of the media.*
- *Lack of committed Christian community*
- *Political persecution.*
- *Due to lack of quick response by God to their prayers.*
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- v. *Not to intermarry with people of other tribes*
- vi. *To breakdown cananites altar, smash the sacred stones and cut down their Asheral*
- vii. *Not to make cast idols & images*
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