

Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Ex. 21:1-27	Right-rulings
Tuesday:	Ex. 21:28-36	Right-rulings
Wednesday:	Ex. 22	Right-rulings
Thursday:	Ex. 23	Right-rulings; Land Sabbath; Weekly Sabbath; Annual Festivals
Friday:	Ex. 24	Appearing before Yahweh; Blood Covenant; Book of the Covenant read]

In parsha Yitro (17.2), we covered the giving and receiving of the 10 Commandments. In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson we will cover Mosheh meeting with Yahweh on the mountain, Yisra'el's participation in the blood covenant and Mosheh's reading of the Book of the Covenant to the people. Now, let's read Ex. 24.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh told Mosheh to bring Aharon, Nadab, Abihu and the 70 (**shiv'im**) elders (**zaken**) to Him to worship before Him - 24:1
- Yahweh wanted only Mosheh to draw near to Him - 24:2
- Mosheh conveyed to all the people all the right-rulings (**mishpatim**) that Yahweh had spoken - 24:3
- The people responded, "All the Words which Yahweh has spoken we shall do" - 24:3
- Mosheh wrote down all the Words of Yahweh - 24:4
- Early in the morning, Mosheh built an altar to Yahweh at the foot of the mountain - 24:4
- He also built 12 (**shtem esre**) standing columns (pillars) for the 12 tribes of Yisra'el - 24:4
- The young men offered ascending 'burnt offerings' and 'peace offerings' of bulls to Yahweh - 24:5
- Then Mosheh took (24:6-7):
 - half the blood and put it in basins
 - the other half of the blood and sprinkled it on the altar
 - the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of all the people



- Once again, the people responded by declaring, "All that Yahweh has spoken we shall do, and obey" - 24:7
- Mosheh then confirmed the people's covenant to obey all Yahweh's Words by sprinkling the blood from the basins upon the people - 24:8
- Mosheh, Aharon and his sons Nadab and Abihu and the 70 elders went up to meet with Yahweh - 24:9
- They saw the Elohim of Yisra'el in great splendor, with a pavement of sapphire stone beneath his feet, and the radiance of His presence as the brightness of the heavens - 24:10
- They ate and drank in His presence, and Yahweh's hand did them no harm - 24:11
- Yahweh then called Mosheh to come up to Him on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the Torah and His written commands, so that Mosheh could teach the people - 24:12
- Mosheh went up the mountain, accompanied by his assistant Yehoshua (Joshua) - 24:13
- Mosheh told the elders to stay below until they returned. He appointed Aharon and Hur to take charge while he was gone - 24:14
- For 6 (**shesh**) days, Yahweh's esteem dwelt on Mt. Sinai while Mosheh met with Him, and a cloud (**anan**) covered the mountain (**har**) - 24:15-16
- On the 7th (**sheva**) day Yahweh called out to Mosheh from the midst of the cloud. The children of Yisra'el saw the appearance of His esteem become as a consuming fire on the mountaintop - 24:17
- Mosheh made his way up the mountain in the midst of the cloud, and remained there for 40 (**arba'im**) days and 40 nights - 24:18



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- What are right-rulings (mishpatim)? (24:3)
- Ex. 24:5 talks about 2 offerings (the burnt and peace offering) that Yisra'el gave to Yahweh. The instruction for these offerings is detailed later, in Leviticus 1 & 3. Discuss what they are.
- What is the Book of the Covenant? (24:7)
- The Yisra'elites said that they would 'do and obey' (understand, pay attention, heed, hear, be obedient) before Yahweh had even revealed what His commands were (19:8; 24:3, 7). Is it required for us to understand before we do, or must we do in order to get understanding?
- Numbers have meaning. Discuss the significance of the number 40. (24:18)