

# Scripture

## Exodus 19:1-11 (NLT)

### The Lord Reveals Himself at Sinai

- 1 Exactly two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai.
- 2 After breaking camp at Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and set up camp there at the base of Mount Sinai.
- 3 Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "*Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel:*

**4** *‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. 6 And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’ This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.”*

**7** So Moses returned from the mountain and called together the elders of the people and told them everything the Lord had commanded him.

8 And all the people responded together, “*We will do everything the Lord has commanded.*”  
So Moses brought the people’s answer back to the Lord.

9 Then the Lord said to Moses, “*I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear me when I speak with you. Then they will always trust you.*”

Moses told the Lord what the people had said.

- 10 Then the Lord told Moses, *“Go down and prepare the people for my arrival. Consecrate them today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing.”*
- 11 *“Be sure they are ready on the third day, for on that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai as all the people watch.”*