

Exodus 19:1-6

¹ On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God.

The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Series: God’s Story: Finding Our Place in His Unfolding Plan

March 12, 2017 – Exodus 19:1-6 – God’s People, Then & Now

Defining the Relationship

In Genesis, what have you observed about how God relates to people? How has He related to Israel in Exodus?

Have you ever experienced a time in life where a relationship was unclear, and needed to be defined?

A Love Story: God’s Chosen People

Israel had been through a lot, before arriving at Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19. What has been their main worry, or question to God?

How does God define His relationship with Israel? How does this play out, throughout the Bible?

The Story Continues: God’s People Today

How does Peter describe the church’s identity and purpose in 1 Peter 2? What similarities do we see in God’s plan for His chosen people from Adam, to Abraham, to Israel, to the Church?

What happened, so that all nations could be part of God’s people? (Acts 2:38-39, Ephesians 2:11-22, Galatians 3:7-9, 26-29)

Their Story, Your Story

If we are to be priests and a holy nation, how shall we act toward one another (Colossians 3:12-17), and the world (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)?

Have you joined God’s people, by putting your faith in Jesus Christ? If so, where has He placed you, to serve others on His behalf, as His priestly representative?