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The Ratification of the Sinai Covenant

24: 1-18



In the sense of direct revelation, this was a high point for **the people of Isra'el**. In the 1,500 years of their subsequent history it has never been matched. Yet, in the midst of the forty days and forty nights, they managed to rebel and build **themselves** a golden calf. However, the experience that was available to **them** only through **their** leaders, is now directly available to you and I forever. That is what the Tabernacle is all about, **the word became flesh and lived for a while**, or tabernacled, **among us (John 1:14)**.

The actual ritual that finalized the covenant between **God** and **Isra'el** is highlighted by the literary structure in **verses 1** through **11**, where the first letter is parallel to the second letter, and so on, with the letter **D** being the turning point.

A **Moses and the elders** instructed to ascend and worship (**verses 1-2**)

B **Everything God has said we will do** (verse 3)

C **Moses wrote down everything God had said** (verse 4a)

D Sacrifices and blood ceremony (**verses 4b-6**)

C The words of **the Book of the Covenant** read by **Moses (verse 7a)**

B **We will do everything God has said; we will obey (verses 7b-8)**

A **Moses and the elders** ascend and worship (**verses 9-11**)⁴⁵⁶