

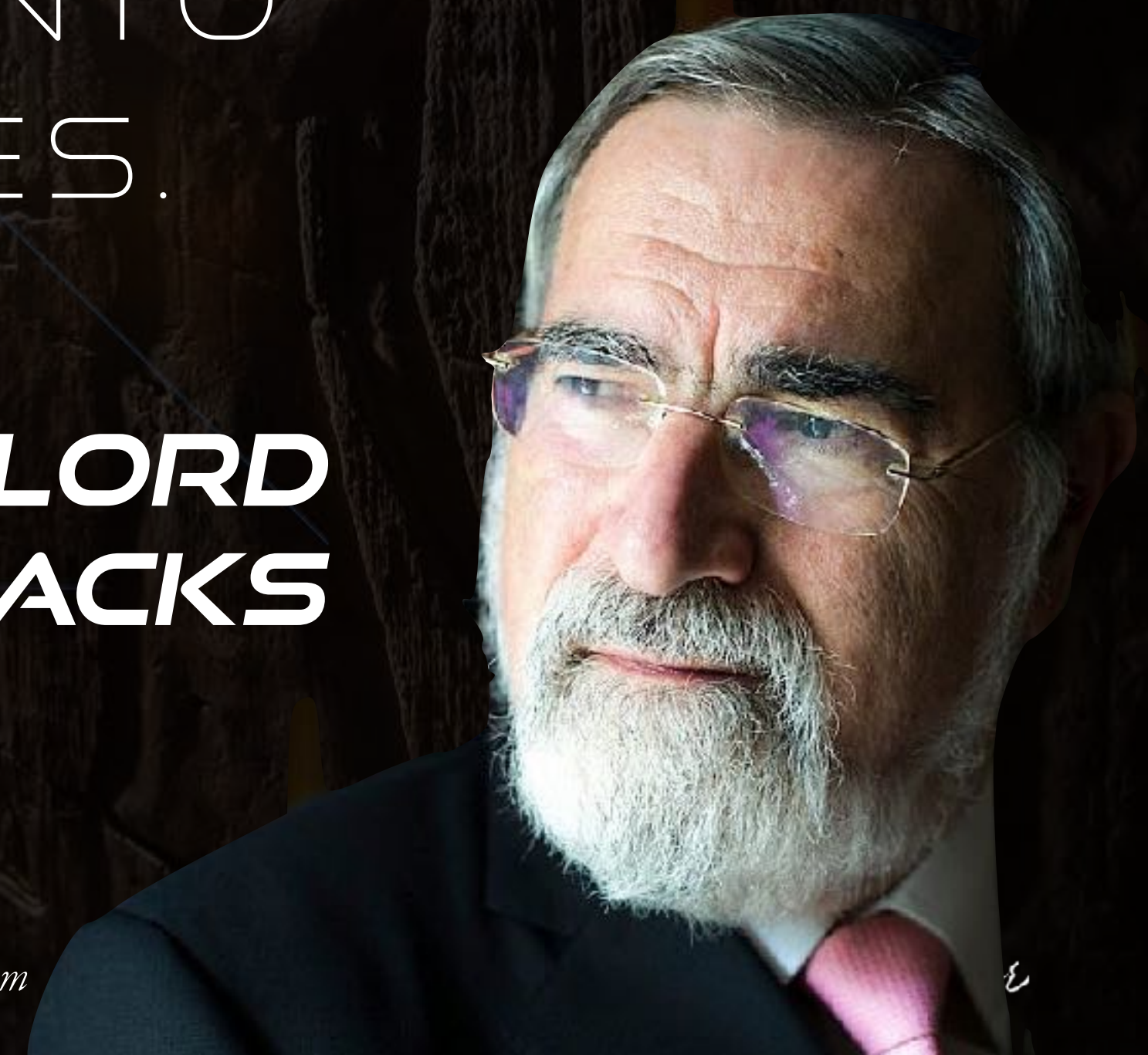


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PT.2 | POLITICS OF RESPONSIBILITY

THE EXODUS NARRATIVE IS NOT A SIMPLE
STORY OF GOOD VERSUS EVIL. IT IS A
**CRITIQUE OF THE POLITICS OF POWER,
EMPIRES**, HIERARCHICAL SOCIETIES AND
THE DIVISION OF POPULATIONS INTO
FREE HUMAN BEINGS AND SLAVES.

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ESTABLISHING A NATION



***1. COSMIC
DESTINY***



***2. CYCLICAL RISE
AND FALL***



***3. MORAL ADHERENCE
TO GOD'S LAW***

***ISRAEL'S NATIONAL
FUTURE WAS TETHERED
ONLY TO MORAL
ADHERENCE AND
CONNECTION TO GOD.***



MOSES: A MAN OF JUSTICE



**1. DEFENDING
ISRAELITE
AGAINST AN
EGYPTIAN**



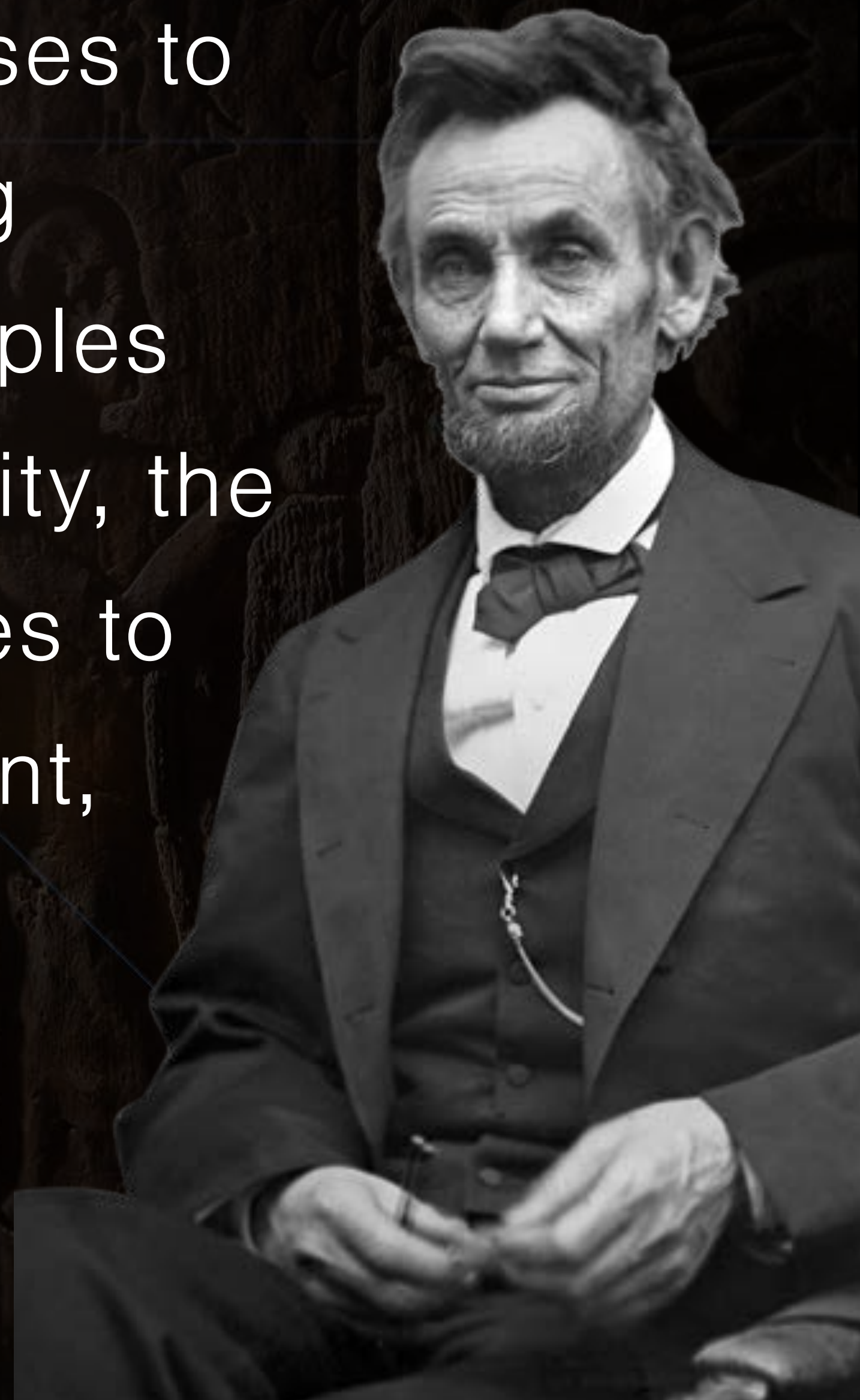
**2. DEFENDING
AN ISRAELITE
AGAINST AN
ISRAELITE**



**3. DEFENDING
JETHRO'S DAUGHTER
AGAINST A
MIDIANITE**

We are a nation formed by a covenant, by dedication to a set of principles, and by an exchange of promises to uphold and advance certain commitments among ourselves and throughout the world. Those principles and commitments are the core of American identity, the soul of the body politic.... If we fail in our promises to each other, and lose the principles of the covenant, then we lose everything, for they are we.

***JOHN SCHAAAR'S SUMMARY OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S THINKING***





EXODUS 14:11-14

HASHEM FIGHTS FOR THEM

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SUSTAINING FREEDOM



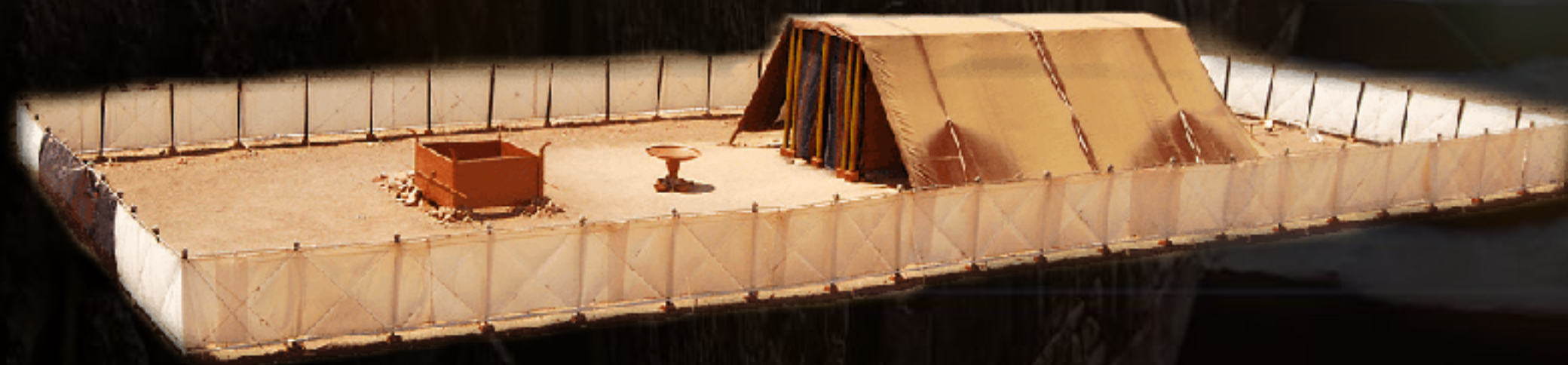
1.
BATTLE



2.
COVENANTAL
PROCLAMATION



3.
COVENANTAL
DOCUMENTS



4.
TABERNACLE
CONSTRUCTION



5.
GLORY
REVELATION

***FOR EVERY COVENANT
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A HUMAN
CONTRIBUTION MUST
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EXODUS 17:8-11

HASHEM FIGHTS WITH THEM

[8] Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. [9] So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” [10] So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. [11] Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.



EXODUS 17:12-13

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[12] But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. [13] And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.
(ESV)



EXODUS 19:16-18

HASHEM SPEAKS THE COVENANT

[16] On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. [17] Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. [18] Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. (ESV)



EXODUS 20:1-5

HASHEM SPEAKS THE COVENANT

[1] And God spoke all these words, saying, [2] “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. [3] “You shall have no other gods before me. [4] “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [5] You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,



EXODUS 24:1-3

MOSES SPEAKS THE COVENANT

[1] Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. [2] Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.” [3] Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” (ESV)



EXODUS 24:12-13

HASHEM WRITES THE COVENANT

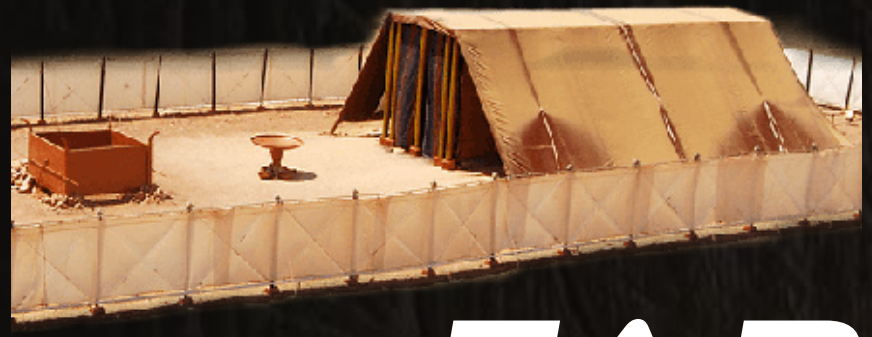
[12] The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” [13] So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. (ESV)



EXODUS 34:27-28

MOSES WRITES THE COVENANT

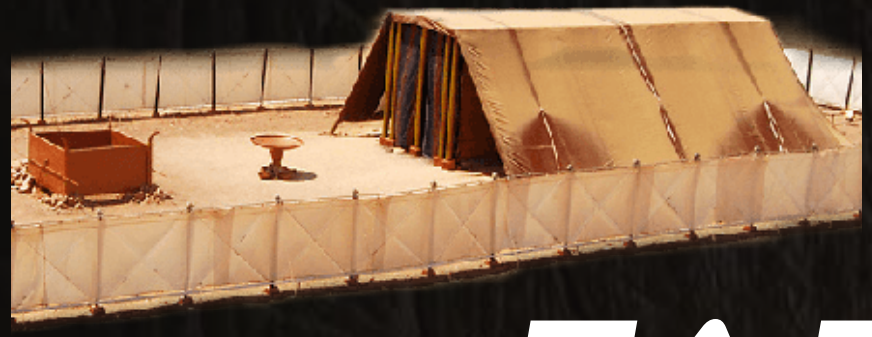
[27] And the LORD said to Moses, “Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” [28] So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. (ESV)



EXODUS 25:1-2, 8-9

TABERNACLE BEFORE GOLDEN CALF

[1] The LORD said to Moses, [2] “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me... [8] And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. [9] Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (ESV)



EXODUS 35:10, 30-31

TABERNACLE AFTER GOLDEN CALF

[10] “Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded:... [30] Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; [31] and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, (ESV))



EXODUS 24:15-17

GLORY REVEALED ON SINAI

[15] Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. [16] The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. [17] Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.



EXODUS 40:34-38

GLORY REVEALED IN TABERNACLE

[34] Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [35] And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [36] Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. [37] But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. [38] For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

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COVENANT MAKES THE
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