

1. The Covenant Renewed (34:9-11)
2. The Covenant Obligations (34:12-26)
  - a. What Not to Do: Other Covenants and the Worship of Idols (34:12-17; 23:32-33; Deu 4:24)
    - i. No Other Covenants (34:12; 23:32)
    - ii. No Other Sacred Objects or Places of Worship
    - iii. The Lord Whose Name is Jealous (34:14; 20:3; Deu 4:24)
    - iv. No Unfaithfulness to the Lord (34:15-16; 23:33)
    - v. No More Cast Idols (34:17)
  - b. What to Do: Covenant Worship and Feasts to the Lord (34:18-26)
    - i. The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover) (34:18; 23:15)
    - ii. Redemption of the Firstborn (34:19-20; 13:13-15)
    - iii. The Sabbath Day (34:21; 23:12)
    - iv. The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) and the Feast of Ingathering/Booths (34:22; 23:16)
    - v. Protection During Feasts (34:23-24)
    - vi. Requirements for Sacrifices (34:25-26; 23:18-19)
3. The Covenant Tablets (34:27-28; 34:1, 4)
4. Moses' Radiant Face (34:29-35)
5. The Lord's Abiding Glory in the New Covenant (Matt 17:1-8; Heb 1:3; 2 Cor 3:7-18)

“From the standpoint of Old Testament theology and salvation history, this text sets the stage for the rest of the history of Israel up until the exile. Israel entered into covenant with YHWH at Exod. 19–24. Israel’s status as the covenant people (and their very existence) was threatened by the golden calf of Exod. 32, but Moses’ intercession and the revelation of the compassion of YHWH allowed the covenant to be reaffirmed rather than abandoned. However, a central theme of Israel’s history, idolatry as a snare to Israel and a test of the forbearance of God, is set in motion. This will become a dominant strain of the Old Testament story.” —Duane A. Garrett

Reflection Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What does the Lord’s renewal of the Mosaic covenant reveal about his character?
2. What significant covenant obligations are repeated here and why? What is new in this section?
3. What metaphor does the Lord use for Israel’s unfaithfulness to the covenant? Where else do you see this metaphor in Scripture?
4. What was the significance of Moses’ radiant face? How is this event interpreted and applied by Paul in the context of the new covenant mediated by Christ?