

24:9-11

Then not only related to time, but also related to cause. **Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of ^ksapphire stone, and it was like the very ²heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand.** This is can be a statement of chastisement (Exodus 3:20 uses this term for God to “smite” the Egyptians). Why did God not smite them? Moses, the great picture of Jesus, has something to do with the answer. Why would God smite them any way? Habakkuk 1:12-13 tells us God cannot look at evil. This nation is filled with evil and the covenant of 24:1-8 under Moses bought some time. 1 Timothy 6:16 tells us these men have no basis for approaching God...unless there is a blood covenant to satisfy God. This gives us a wonderful forecast of Jesus bringing blood (Hebrews 9:7) to keep us before the Father. It is still the only hope for fellowship with Jesus (1 John 1:6-9). **So they saw God, and they ate and drank.** And so shall we (Revelation 19:7) because of the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5).

24:12

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”

24:13-15

So Moses arose with ^rhis assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur Who first showed up in Exodus 17:10. *are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them.”* ¹⁵ Then Moses went up into the mountain, and ^ta cloud covered the mountain.

24:16-18

Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. Perhaps this means that the **glory** was no longer visible when Moses was on the **Mount** for 40 days and 40 nights (the first time) leading to the drama beginning in 32:1. **And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸ So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And ^wMoses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.**

^k Ezek. 1:26; Rev. 4:3

² Lit. *substance of heaven*

^r Ex. 32:17

^t Ex. 19:9; Matt. 17:5

^w Ex. 34:28; Deut. 9:9; 10:10