"God's Treasured Possession!"

The Book of Deuteronomy-Old Israel and New Israel = The Church

Lesson 10 for us:

"The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God"

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- (1) "At that time **the Lord** said to me, 'Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood. (2) And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.' (3) So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. (4) And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that **the Lord had spoken** to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And **the Lord gave** them to me.
- (5) Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as **the Lord commanded** me." (6) (The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place. (7) From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with brooks of water.
- (8) At that time **the Lord set apart** the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of **the covenant of the Lord** to stand **before the Lord** to minister to him and to **bless in his name**, to this day. (9) Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers. **The Lord is his inheritance**, **as the Lord your God** said to him.)
- (10) "I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and **the Lord listened** to me that time also. **The Lord was unwilling** to destroy you. (11) And **the Lord said to me,** 'Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.'
- (12) "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, (13) and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? (14) Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.
- (15) Yet **the Lord set his heart in love** on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. (16) Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. (17) For **the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.** (18) He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.
- (19) Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. (20) You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. (21) He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. (22) Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Study Notes:

- 1. The Ark of the Covenant (Ex 16:34; 25:16-21; 31:18; ch 34; 40:20; Num 1:50; 2 Chr 5:10; 6:11)

 This was where the presence of God would now meet them. It was placed in the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle and later in the temple. Whenever Israel moved across the desert, it went before them, the presence of the Lord hovered over the Ark. Inside were the 10 Commandments, some manna, the staff of Aaron that budded. The cover was called the mercy seat, it was two carved angels with wings called cherubim, covered in gold, facing each other, with their wings angled toward each other. The high priest would sprinkle the blood from the censor, over the mercy seat, God would see the blood and forgive his people on the Day of Atonement. Jesus is now the true High Priest who sprinkled his blood over the mercy seat of the cross on Good Friday, which is our Day of Atonement. Jesus' body is now our Ark, he always goes before us, and in Him we find the presence of God among us in Word and Sacrament. (Hebrew chapter 9)
- 2. Fear the Lord your God and love only him. (Gen 20:11)
- 3. Circumcise your hearts (Gen 17:10; Rom 2:28,29; 1 Cor 7:19; Gal 5:6; 6:15; Php 3:3; Col 2:11,12)
- 4. Hold fast to the Lord your God (Ex 20:7; Josh 23:8; Ruth 1:14; Ps 119:31; Is 38:3; Mt 4:10)
- 5. The nation of Israel began with 70 people and now are great in number (Gen 46:26,27)
- 6. The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe

(Ex 23:8; Lev 19:16; Josh 22:22; Ps 48:1; 68:35; 135:5; 136:2,3; Dan 2:47; 9:4; 11:36; Mal 2:9; Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25; Tim 6:15; 1 Pet 1:17; Rev 17:14; 19:16)

Life Application:

- 1. When do we confess each week in the liturgy that the Lord our God is God of gods and Lord of lords?
- 2. How do we experience every day that, the Lord, He is our praise, He is our God, who has done for us these great things that your eyes have seen?

