

Moses' Writings

Moses attended Egypt's finest schools and was perhaps the world's most brilliant and educated person at that time. He well understood the importance of written words and the need to record events.

"Moses wrote all the words of the LORD" (Exo. 24:4) on tablets brought from Egypt (Exo. 35:22). God gave Moses the exact words to write. He was the human author, and God, the Holy Spirit, was the divine author.

Moses continued writing throughout the 40 years in the wilderness. His writings (first 5 books in the Bible) cover the first 2,500 years of man's history.

"And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished"—Deu. 31:24.

And Moses died.

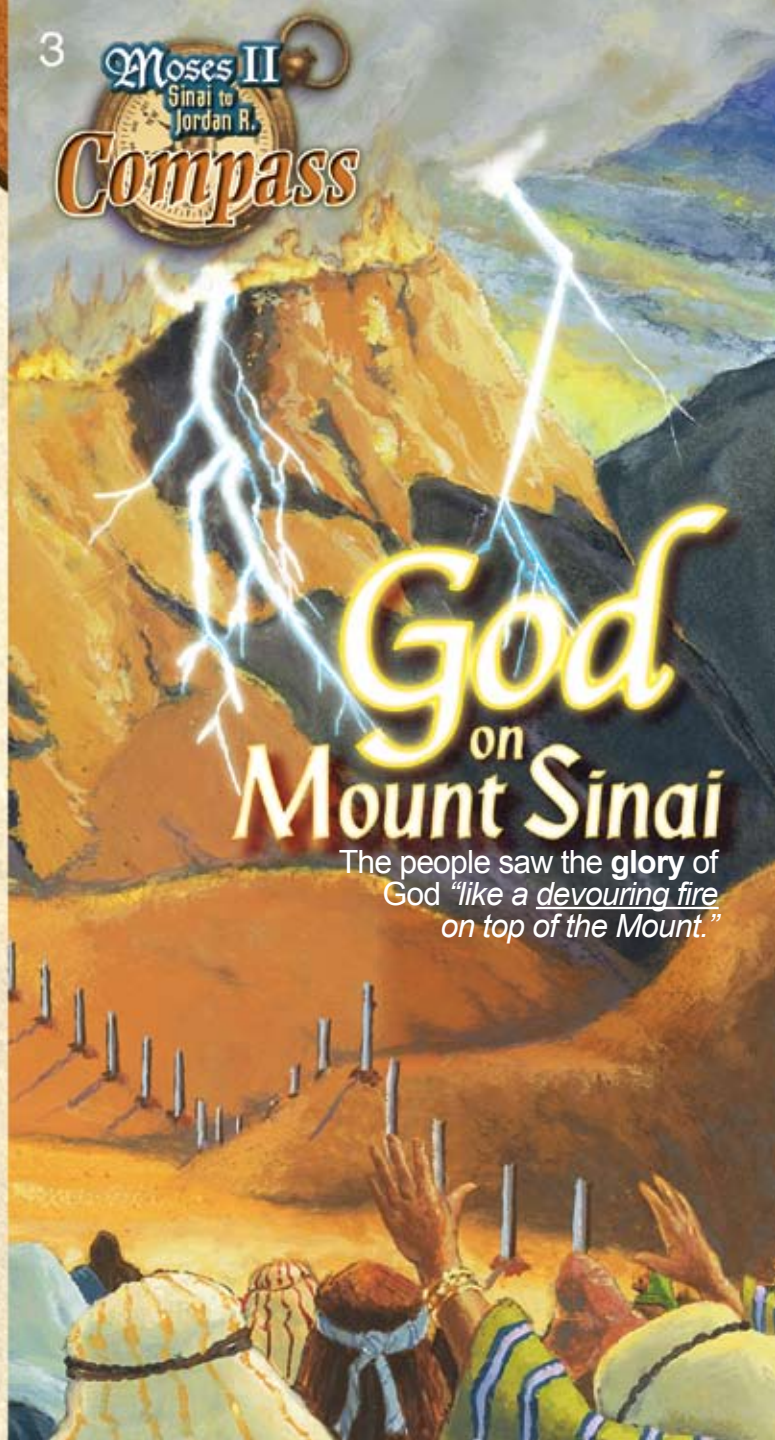
Scripture to read before next Sunday

Exodus 31:18–34:35

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God
on
Mount Sinai

The people saw the glory of
God "like a devouring fire
on top of the Mount."

Worry—Unbelief

Worry is the **gateway** to doubt, which leads to unbelief, and then controls the mind, heart, and actions.



ISRAEL'S BIG TEST

Israel's faith was tested when Moses remained on Mt. Sinai **40** days. Would their faith remain strong or would it fail? Would they keep their word to obey God, or would they disregard His commands and act like the heathens who do not know God? That was Israel's **big test**.

God knew Israel was weak, but Israel did not know it. The test would show them their weakness.

When God tests His people, it is not for Him to find out what we will do—He already knows. Tests are for us to learn how weak and frail we are. God's purpose in trials is for the Christian to learn to lean on the Lord.

Law—our Schoolmaster

In past years, a schoolmaster was a servant who accompanied a child to school and then left him there to be taught. In the same way, the Law is to bring sinners to Christ, for He is the only One who can forgive sin and save a soul.

Today's pagan culture teaches that

- sin should be tolerated,
- no one's conscience should be pricked by the 10 Commandments,
- no one should speak against sinful lifestyles,
- and no one needs God's forgiveness.

But, when people are convicted of sin, and then hear about Christ's sacrifice to cover their sin, they often are ready to accept Christ as Savior.

*"Wherefore the **law** was our **schoolmaster** to bring us unto **Christ**, that we might be justified by **faith**."*

—Gal. 3:24

Leviticus 19

Leviticus 19 lists some of God's laws for His people.

*"Thou shalt not **defraud thy neighbour**, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning"—Lev. 19:13.*

*"Thou shalt **not curse the deaf**, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD"—19:14.*

*"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt **not respect** the person of the **poor**, nor*

***honour** the person of the **mighty**: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour"—19:15.*

*"Thou shalt **not avenge**, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt **love thy neighbour** as thyself: I am the LORD"—19:18.*

*"Ye shall not make any **cuttings** in your flesh for the dead, nor **print** any **marks** upon you: I am the LORD"—19:28.*

*"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after **wizards**, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God"—19:31.*