

Exodus 19:1-3a

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God.

Exodus 19:3b-4

The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.”

Exodus 19:5-6

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Exodus 19:7-8

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

All the people answered together and said,
“All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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Leviticus 10:10-11

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Deuteronomy 4:5-8

See, I have taught you statutes and rules,
as the LORD my God commanded me,
that you should do them in the land
that you are entering to take possession of it.

Keep them and do them, for that will be
your wisdom and your understanding
in the sight of the peoples, who,
when they hear all these statutes, will say,
“Surely this great nation
is a wise and understanding people.”

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

For what great nation is there that has a god
so near to it as the LORD our God is to us,
whenever we call upon him?

And what great nation is there,
that has statutes and rules so righteous
as all this law that I set before you today?

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Hebrews 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers,
you need someone to teach you again
the basic principles of the oracles of God.

You need milk, not solid food,
for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled
in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.
But solid food is for the mature,
for those who have their powers of discernment
trained by constant practice
to distinguish good from evil.

A Royal Priesthood:

WE have received mercy!

WE have been made God's people!

in order that

WE might proclaim the excellencies of our Savior,
having been called and set apart to serve as his
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Jeremiah 7:28

And you shall say to them,
“This is the nation that did not obey
the voice of the LORD their God,
and did not accept discipline.

“Truth has perished;
it is cut off from their lips.”

It does not help that one of you would say:
“I will gladly confess Christ and His Word
on every detail, except that I may keep silent
about one or two things which my tyrants
may not tolerate.”

For whoever denies Christ in one detail or word
has denied the same Christ in that one detail
who was denied in all the details,
since there is only one Christ in all His words,
taken together or individually.

~Martin Luther

Revelation 1:1-2

The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave him to show to his servants
the things that must soon take place.

He made it known by sending his angel
to his servant John,
who bore witness to the word of God
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ,
even to all that he saw.

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud
the words of this prophecy,
and blessed are those who hear,
and who keep what is written in it,
for the time is near.

Revelation 1:4-5a

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him
who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are
before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of kings on earth.

Revelation 1:5b-6

To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom,
priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language
and people and nation, and you have made them
a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints together with all those
who in every place call upon the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous
will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral,
nor idolaters, nor adulterers,
nor men who practice homosexuality,
nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards,
nor revilers, nor swindlers
will inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

But you were washed,
you were sanctified,
you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:10-14

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Hebrews 10:10-14

But when Christ had offered for all time
a single sacrifice for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of God,
waiting from that time until his enemies
should be made a footstool for his feet.
For by a single offering he has perfected for all time
those who are being sanctified.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ,
having chosen us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before him,
in love.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated
and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh
by his death, in order to present you
holy and blameless and above reproach
before him.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin
who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe
all that I have commanded you.

“And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.”

Exodus 7:4

Pharaoh will not listen to you.
Then I will lay my hand on Egypt
and bring my hosts,
my people the children of Israel,
out of the land of Egypt
by great acts of judgment.

Revelation 1:7-8

Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all tribes of the earth will wail
on account of him.

Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”
says the Lord God,
“who is and who was and who is to come,
the Almighty.”

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him Who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

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