

## **Book of Books**

### **Lesson 3**

#### **II. Kept By The Law**

**Exodus 19:4-6. Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.**

#### **A. Gift of God's Covenant**

Fifty days after they escaped from Egypt the Israelites met God in a new way at Mount Sinai. Here God gave Moses the Law. Did God deliver the Israelites out of Egypt to bring them to Sinai, or even to Canaan? No. His purpose was to bring them to Himself. God wanted them out of sinful Egypt so they could walk in fellowship with Him. At Sinai, Israel made a covenant or agreement with God. God offered them the opportunity to be His people. They accepted. But there were responsibilities to God's covenant. The Israelites must live by the Ten Commandments and the other laws of Leviticus. These commandments clearly showed what was right and wrong. Why did God give the Law? God gave the Law to *keep* His people. From then until Christ came, the Law was like a school-master to bring people to Christ (*Galatians 3:24, 25*). Today we have a better way to be taught and guided as God's people (*John 14:16, 26; Romans 8:3, 4, 14-16*).

This covenant is the same as an agreement or testament. The name we give to the first 39 books of our Bible, "Old Testament," shows the old agreement God made with Israel. When Jesus came, the old covenant between God and man was set aside (*John 1:17*). Jesus brought the New Testament which was a new covenant between God and man.