The Return of Jesus:

The Proposal

'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.' This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."

Exodus 19:4-6 (NLT)

So Moses returned from the mountain and called together the elders of the people and told them everything the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ And all the people responded together, "We will do everything the Lord has commanded." So Moses brought the people's answer back to the Lord.

Exodus 19:7-8 (NLT)

Oh, that they would always have hearts like this, that they might fear me and obey all my commands! If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever.

Deuteronomy 5:28-29 (NLT)

| Then the Lord told Moses, "Go down and prepare the people for my arrival. C | Consecrate them |
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| today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing. 11 Be sure they are re | eady on the third |

day, for on that day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai as all the people watch.

Exodus 19:10-11 (NLT)

Mark off a boundary all around the mountain. Warn the people, 'Be careful! Do not go up on the mountain or even touch its boundaries. Anyone who touches the mountain will certainly be put to death. ¹³ No hand may touch the person or animal that crosses the boundary; instead, stone them or shoot them with arrows. They must be put to death.' However, when the ram's horn sounds a long blast, then the people may go up on the mountain."

Exodus 19:12-13 (NLT)

On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn, and all the people trembled.¹⁷ Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently. ¹⁹ As the blast of the ram's horn grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God thundered his reply.

Exodus 19:16-19 (NLT)

| The Chuppah = The Wedding _ | |
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The Lord spread a cloud above them as a covering and gave them a great fire to light the darkness.

Psalm 105:39 (NLT)

Then the Lord will provide shade for Mount Zion and all who assemble there.

He will provide a canopy of cloud during the day and smoke and flaming fire at night, covering the glorious land.

⁶ It will be a shelter from daytime heat and a hiding place from storms and rain. Isaiah 4:5-6 (NLT)

| The | Ketuba = | The | Marriage | | |
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But if you are careful to obey him, following all my instructions, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will oppose those who oppose you.

Exodus 23:22 (NLT)

You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness. ²⁶ There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives.

Exodus 23:25-26 (NLT)

Then Moses went down to the people and repeated all the instructions and regulations the Lord had given him. All the people answered with one voice, "We will do everything the Lord has commanded."

Exodus 24:3 (NLT)

Early the next morning Moses got up and built an altar at the foot of the mountain. He also set up twelve pillars, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he sent some of the young Israelite men to present burnt offerings and to sacrifice bulls as peace offerings to the Lord.

Exodus 24:4 (NLT)

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Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel climbed up the mountain. ¹⁰ There they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there seemed to be a surface of brilliant blue lapis lazuli, as clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ And though these nobles of Israel gazed upon God, he did not destroy them. In fact, they ate a covenant meal, eating and drinking in his presence!

Exodus 24:9-11 (NLT)

In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven's Armies
will spread a wonderful feast
for all the people of the world.
It will be a delicious banquet
with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.

There he will remove the cloud of gloom,
the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken! Isaiah 25:6-8 (NLT)

Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

Matthew 26:29 (NLT)

| The Fifth Com | ponent = The visible | of the marriage |
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The people of Israel must keep the Sabbath day by observing it from generation to generation. This is a covenant obligation for all time. ¹⁷ It is a permanent sign of my covenant with the people of Israel. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day he stopped working and was refreshed."

Exodus 31:16-17 (NLT)