

EPISODE 06

The Covenant Cut

Exodus 19 – 24 · Apostle Tommy E. Quick

Exodus 19:1 – 24:18 · Panorama 9, Act 1 of 3

Episode length: ~20 minutes

Companion PDF: Panorama 09 — Exodus 19–40 (open it now and keep it open all season)

One-sentence promise: "Deliverance brought a crowd out of Egypt. Covenant turns the crowd into a nation. Tonight we read how it was cut."

Cold open (00:00 – 01:00)

[OPEN][THEME]

HOST: In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. Welcome back to the CFADD Panorama Podcast. I am Apostle Tommy E. Quick. Season 2 opens at the mountain. We left Episode 5 at the foot of Sinai with a delivered people. Tonight we go up the mountain with Moses and watch a covenant get cut.

[PAUSE]

[MAP] This whole season runs on one Panorama — Panorama 9, The Covenant Cut at Sinai. Open it now. If you do not have it yet, pause the audio, go to cfadd.org/pentateuch, download Panorama 9, and come back. Keep this page open for Episodes 6, 7, and 8. We are reading the same map three weeks in a row. [THEME OUT]

Zone 1 — Banner Theme (01:00 – 02:00)

[ZONE 1]

HOST: The banner across the top of Panorama 9 reads — The Covenant Cut at Sinai. The theme line underneath: A delivered people becomes a covenant people, given law, pattern, and a portable dwelling — so that the God who walked in Eden may dwell in the camp. Read it again with me. Deliverance was the doorway. Covenant is the house. Tonight we read how God moved His people from doorway to dwelling.

Zone 2 — Macro Position (02:00 – 04:00)

[ZONE 2]

HOST: Find the Macro Position box just under the banner. This is the most important sentence on the page. It tells you where Panorama 9 sits inside the whole storyline.

The macro reads: This is the Restoration architecture of Exodus. The book is structured in three acts — Covenant Cut, Pattern of the Tent, and Calf to Glory. Genesis ended with a coffin in Egypt. Exodus ends with a cloud over a tent. Tonight is the hinge — the chapters where God turns a freed multitude into a worshipping nation by cutting a covenant in blood.

[SHIFT] Hear me — deliverance without covenant is just an escape. A people who only know what they have been delivered from is not yet a nation. Covenant is what tells you what you have been delivered to. That is what is happening at Sinai. God is not just paying off the Abrahamic promise. He is forming a household into a holy nation.

Zone 3 — Color-Coded Outline Bar (04:00 – 06:30)

[ZONE 3]

HOST: Look at the outline bar in the middle of Panorama 9. The whole bar has three large bands — gold for Covenant Cut, navy for Pattern of the Tent, crimson opening into cloud for Calf to Glory. Tonight we walk the gold band only. Move your eye to the gold band and listen.

The gold band breaks into six chips, left to right.

Chip 1 — Sinai approach. Israel arrives at the mountain. God tells Moses the terms: a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. The people answer, all that the LORD hath spoken we will do.

Chip 2 — The Decalogue. Ten words spoken from the mountain. Thunder, lightning, smoke, trumpet. The people hear God Himself.

Chip 3 — The retreat. The people back away from the voice. They ask Moses to be the mediator. The shape of priesthood is born.

Chip 4 — Book of the Covenant. Case law. The ten words become daily life — slavery laws, property laws, festival laws, mercy laws.

Chip 5 — Ratification. Moses builds an altar. Twelve pillars. Blood is split — half on the altar, half on the people. Behold the blood of the covenant.

Chip 6 — The meal. Seventy elders go up the mountain, see God, eat and drink in His presence. Then Moses ascends alone for forty days.

[SHIFT] Notice the rhythm — words, then law, then blood, then meal. That is the order of every biblical covenant. It is the order of the Last Supper. It is the order of Communion. Sinai is the prototype.

Zone 4 — Structural Flow (06:30 – 09:00)

[ZONE 4]

HOST: Zone 4 of Panorama 9, Act 1, walks the Structural Flow of Exodus 19 to 24.

- Arrival at Sinai; covenant proposal accepted.
- The Decalogue spoken from the mountain — the ten foundational words.
- The people retreat; Moses approaches the thick darkness as mediator.
- Book of the Covenant — case law expanded for camp life.
- Covenant ratified by blood and meal; elders eat in God's presence.
- Moses ascends; forty days into the cloud for the pattern.

HOST: Walk that flow with me one more time slowly. Mountain. Words. Retreat. Law. Blood. Meal. Cloud. Six movements. One covenant. The whole arc of Christian worship is already in this passage — proclamation, conviction, mediation, instruction, atonement, communion, ascent.

Zone 5 — Thematic Shifts (09:00 – 11:30)

[ZONE 5]

HOST: Two shifts to feel tonight.

[SHIFT] Shift one — Mountain to Mediator. God speaks the ten words directly to the whole people. The people cannot take it. They back away and say to Moses, speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. Read that slowly. The people are not asking for less God. They are asking for a mediator. And God says — good idea. The shape of priesthood is born in chapter 20 before any priest is ordained in chapter 28. Every priest after this points to the One Mediator who is yet to come.

[SHIFT] Shift two — Blood at the altar to bread at the table. Chapter 24 has two scenes most teachers separate. They belong together. First, Moses sprinkles the blood — half on the altar, half on the people. Then he takes the elders up the mountain and they eat and drink in God's presence. Blood, then bread. Altar, then table. That is the gospel rhythm. Hold this. You will see it again in Exodus 32 when the camp tries to skip the altar and go straight to a feast around a calf. The order matters.

Zone 6 — Literary Divisions (11:30 – 13:30)

[ZONE 6]

HOST: Zone 6 names this as Panel A of Panorama 9 — Covenant Cut. The genre tag on the page reads: covenant making, theophany, legal corpus, ratification ceremony. The hinge verses are 19:5 to 6 and 24:7 to 8.

19:5 to 6 — 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.

24:7 to 8 — And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant.

[PAUSE]

Two hinges. One offer, one acceptance. Underline them both on your Panorama if you have a pen.

Zone 7 — Ministry Layer (13:30 – 16:30)

[ZONE 7][MINISTRY]

HOST: Same six chips, every episode. Walk them with me.

Doctrine in the text. God's law is the gift that follows His deliverance, not the price that earns it. Read Exodus 20 verse 2 before you read verse 3. I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. That is verse 2. Then verse 3 begins the ten words. Grace before law. Always.

Family principle. The fifth commandment ties household honor to national longevity. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land. CFADD's whole work is built on that verse. The family is the load-bearing wall of the covenant nation. If the wall cracks, the house comes down — not because God is angry but because gravity is real.

Kingdom principle. A kingdom is legitimate by Presence, not by power. Pharaoh had power. He did not have Presence. Sinai is where Israel learns the difference.

Cultural application. Where blueprint is given but not built, the camp gets vulnerable. We are about to see that next episode — forty days of waiting on revelation was long enough for the people to build a calf. The cure is not less revelation. The cure is faster obedience.

Prayer declaration. Lord, cut the covenant in me. Speak the ten words over my household. Sprinkle the blood, set the table, and let me eat in Your presence.

Rebuilder's charge. Before you build anything else this week — your ministry, your business, your household — cut the covenant first. Altar before table. Blood before bread. That is the order.

Zone 8 — Christward Trajectory (16:30 – 18:30)

[ZONE 8][CHRISTWARD]

HOST: The gold-framed panel on the right side of the page is the Christward Trajectory for Act 1. Two lines to land tonight.

Line one. The blood Moses sprinkled at the foot of Sinai is the blood Jesus names at the Last Supper. This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. That phrase — blood of the testament — is a direct echo of Exodus 24:8. The covenant Moses cut in bull's blood is the covenant Christ cuts in His own blood. Same word. Same shape. Better blood.

Line two. Moses goes up into the thick darkness alone for forty days because the people cannot. Hebrews 12 says we have come not to that mountain that burned with fire, but to Mount Zion, to Jesus the Mediator of a better covenant. The mediator at Sinai was a placeholder for the Mediator at Calvary.

[PAUSE]

That is Act 1. Covenant cut. Words spoken. Blood sprinkled. Table set. Mediator ascending. Next episode we go inside the cloud with Moses and see the pattern of the tent.

Outro (18:30 – 20:00)

[CTA][THEME]

HOST: If this episode fed you, share it with someone whose deliverance has not yet turned into covenant. The map is at cfadd.org/pentateuch — Panorama 9, keep it open. Next week, Episode 7, Pattern of the Tent, same Panorama, second act. I am Apostle Tommy E. Quick. Build the house. [THEME OUT]

Show notes

Title: The Covenant Cut

Run-time: 20 minutes

Range: Exodus 19:1 – 24:18

Panorama: 9 (Act 1 of 3)

What you will hear:

- Why Sinai is where a delivered crowd becomes a covenant nation
- The shape of priesthood being born in Exodus 20 before any priest is ordained

- The order of every biblical covenant — words, then law, then blood, then meal
- Why grace before law is the right reading of Exodus 20 verse 2

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