

LAW AND NARRATIVE IN EXODUS

(Exodus 19:3-40:38)

Section 1: The Decalogue

- A Narrative introduction:
Theophany on Sinai; people keep their distance (19:3-25)
- B Laws:
The Decalogue is given (20:1-17)
- A' Narrative conclusion:
Theophany on Sinai; people keep their distance (20:18-21)

Section 2: The Book of the Covenant

- A Narrative introduction:
Altar and sacrifice instructions for the upcoming treaty ceremony (20:22-26)
- B Laws:
The Book of the Covenant is given (21:1-23:19)
- A' Narrative conclusion:
Altar built for, and sacrifices made at the treaty ceremony (23:20-24:11)

Section 3: The Tabernacle-Priesthood Regulations

- A Narrative introduction:
Moses ascends for tablets; tells others to wait; Aaron put in charge (24:12-18)
- B Laws:
The tabernacle-priesthood regulations are given (25:1-31:17)
- A' Narrative conclusion:
Moses receives tablets; people do not wait; Aaron leads rebellion (32:18-34:28)

Section 4: Building the Tabernacle

- A Narrative introduction:
Moses' face shines from God's glory (34:29-35)
- B Laws fulfilled:
The tabernacle is constructed, detail by detail (35:1-40:33)
- A' Narrative conclusion:
God's glory so intense that even Moses cannot enter tabernacle (40:34-38)