

Chapter 6

Answer Key for Double-Check Questions

1. *What name does God reveal to Moses? What does that name literally mean?*

God reveals the name Yahweh, which means “I AM.”

2. *Describe the events of Passover and what they mean for the Israelites.*

Passover is the night the Lord passed over the houses of the Israelites marked by the blood of the lamb, and spared their firstborn sons from death. The Israelites, the Chosen People, were delivered from bondage and slavery in Egypt to freedom.

3. *What is the Sinai Covenant?*

The Sinai Covenant is made between God and the Israelites at Mount Sinai. It establishes the Israelites as God's Chosen People.

4. *Explain the connection between the Mosaic Covenant and the Mosaic Law.*

The renewal of God's covenant and the Laws that go with that renewal are called the Mosaic Covenant or the Sinai Covenant. The laws by themselves are called the Mosaic Law or the Old Law.

5. *What significance does the Ark of the Covenant hold for the Israelites?*

The Ark of the Covenant housed the Ten Commandments. It was the symbol of God's saving presence among the Israelites. To be in the presence of the Ark was to be in the presence of God.

6. *What does it mean to the Israelites to be “holy”?*

First, it means being good, and second, it means being set apart or different.

7. *What does being “clean” versus “unclean” mean to the Israelites? Offer two examples in your response.*

“Unclean” does not mean being physically dirty. “Clean” is one's ordinary state, but this could be corrupted by an illness or doing something unclean, after which one would then be considered “unclean.” People were considered “unclean” if they touched someone who was bleeding or touched a dead body, if they had a disease, or if they ate certain foods that were considered unclean.

8. *What does Moses tell the Israelites shortly before they enter the Promised Land?*

Moses reviewed the laws he received from God at Mount Sinai (also called Mount Horeb). In his restatement of the law, Moses offers what Jewish people today call the Shema: “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength” (Deuteronomy 6:4–5).

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