

出エジプト記 24 章7節の「契約の書」

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ABSTRACT Yosiyuki MUCHIKI, “On the Book of the Covenant in Exodus 24:7” When the first covenant was made between God and Israel, Moses did two things. First he proclaimed “all the Lord’s words” (כָּל־דְּבַר־יְהוָה) and “all the rules” (כָּל־הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים). That is to say, he made plain the requirements of the covenant laid on the people. After they all agreed to them, he wrote down “all the Lord’s words”, with no mention of “the rules”. Next he took one part of the sacrificial blood and poured it out on the altar. Before pouring out the other part of the blood on the Israel people, he took “the Book of the Covenant” and read it aloud to the people. Here we suddenly come across “the Book of the Covenant” without any explanation of what it is. In the context of the Sinai narrative these two expressions, “all the Lord’s words” and “all the rules” are very uniquely used and seem to indicate two particular documents. It is most likely that “all the Lord’s words” stands for the ten commandments, and “all the rules” represents the rules which are described in chapters 21-23. Thus Moses first recounted the both documents before the people, and then the next morning he read aloud only “the lprd’s words,” which was most likely the ten commandments.