## פרשת משפטים פרק כד מעמד הר סיני עמוד א: מקבילות



## Parashat Mishpatim -

The story of *Matan Torah* (receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai) is revisited at the end of *Parashat Mishpatim*, where by means of a chiastic structure the last four *pesukim* describe:

Moshe on the mountain

God's presence on the mountain

The mountain enveloped by the cloud

The central purpose of this is, of course, the interaction and communication between Moshe and God, which appears in the middle.

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According to the Ramban, the experience of receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai was not a unique event in the annals of Jewish history. In fact, the rest of *Sefer Shmot* - whose focus is the erection of the *Mishkan* (the Tabernacle) - is a description of a structure whose purpose is to continue the relationship between God and His chosen people on a regular basis.

At the very end of *Sefer Shmot* (40:34-38), the Torah offers a short description of God's presence entering the *Mishkan* upon its completion. Note the language parallels that describe God's presence in the Tabernacle, as well as the cloud that fills the *Mishkan*. The point of this structure is, of course, to facilitate the communication between God and Moshe in the desert, and ultimately between God and the Jewish people. That *pasuk* appears immediately following, in the first passage in *Sefer Vayikra*.