Worksheet 5: Exodus 19

Read Exodus 19 in its entirety three times, each time in a different version (indicate which ones were read).

Then read the following commentaries on Exodus 19:

- W. H. Gispen, *Exodus* (Grand Rapids, 1982), pp. 178-84;

1. Compare and contrast the treatment of Exodus 19 in each of the commentaries. Note especially the following in each:

   a. Treatment of "historical" questions (e.g., at 19:1-2, on the location of Mt. Sinai)  
      (4 pts)

   b. Treatment of literary "sources" (i.e., J, E, D, P). How are they isolated and identified?  
      (4 pts)

   c. Treatment of "problem" passages (e.g., v. 19b or v. 25).  
      (4 pts)

2. What are the advantages and/or disadvantages in each commentary’s approach?  
Which commentary or commentaries would be most helpful in the tasks of exegesis?  
(8 pts)