

# **What is Covenant Theology?**

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**Part V Covenant with Moses**

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# **FRAMEWORK – Covenant of Redemption**



## **Covenant of Works**

Between God and man, requiring  
perfect, personal obedience,

OFFERING LIFE

AND

THREATENING DEATH

## **Covenant of Grace**

Between God and the ELECT, requiring FAITH,  
Offering FORGIVENESS

AND

ETERNAL LIFE

Secured by God's promise

( or oath) (e.g. John 3:16)

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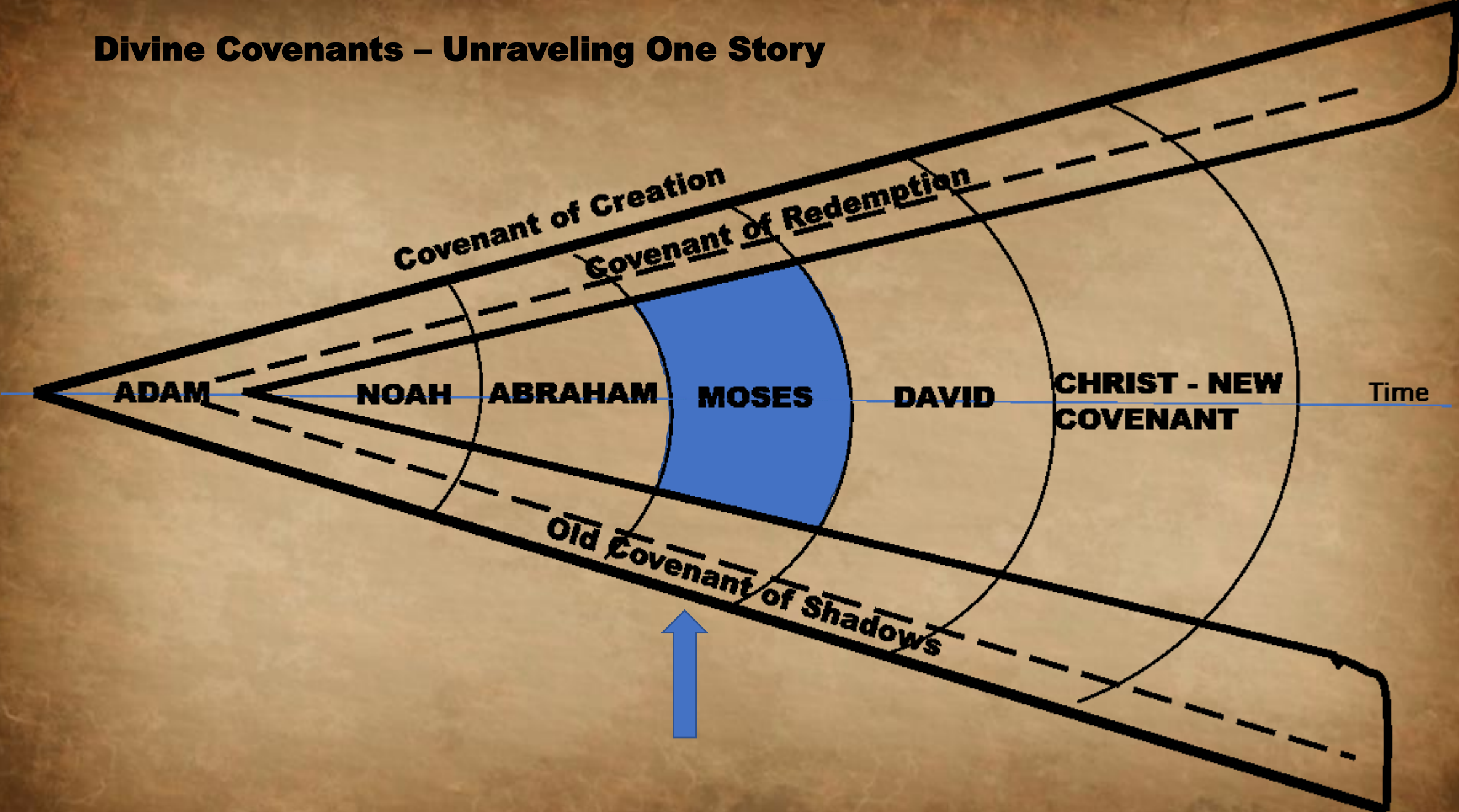
**Today's topic:  
Of Moses –  
The Covenant of Law**

**(\*working terminologies and ideas)**

Reference: Elements attributed to Rev Richard Phillips ; Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC



**Divine Covenants – Unraveling One Story**



Reference: O Palmer Robertson: "Christ of the Covenants pg 167-200

# Reviewing the Past: Definitions

- **Covenant (ordinary)** –(Merriam Webster Dictionary)
  - a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement : COMPACT  
e.g. ... **international law, which depends upon the sanctity of covenants between rulers. — George H. Sabine**
  - : a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action  
e.g. **the deed conveying the land contained restrictive covenants**

## Divine Covenant

- **“A bond in blood – sovereignly administered” – O Palmer Robertson**  
e.g. ... **Covenant with Adam (after the fall), Covenant with Noah – the Covenant of Preservation, Abraham: The Covenant of Promise**



# The Contextual Story

Key Passages of God's covenant that will lead to Moses

1. The Covenant God made with Abraham was re-affirmed with **Isaac**  
(Genesis 26: vs 3 – 5)

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup> And the **LORD appeared to him** and said, “**Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you.** <sup>3</sup> **Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.** <sup>4</sup> **I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands.** And in **your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,** <sup>5</sup> **because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”**

# **The Contextual Story**

## **2. The Covenant God made with Abraham was re-affirmed with Jacob (Genesis 28: vs 10 - 16)**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

<sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring.

<sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

<sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”



# The Contextual Story

Recall a particular prophesy God provided to Abraham:

## Genesis 15: 12 – 16

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> **Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.** <sup>14</sup> But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

**Note: The Promise that God made to Abraham would be dormant for four hundred years, so the right man is BORN and CALLED to implement God’s work and execute that promise..(Exodus 3)**



# **Mosaic Covenant Story**

## **Genesis 19 - 34**

### **Working Questions:**

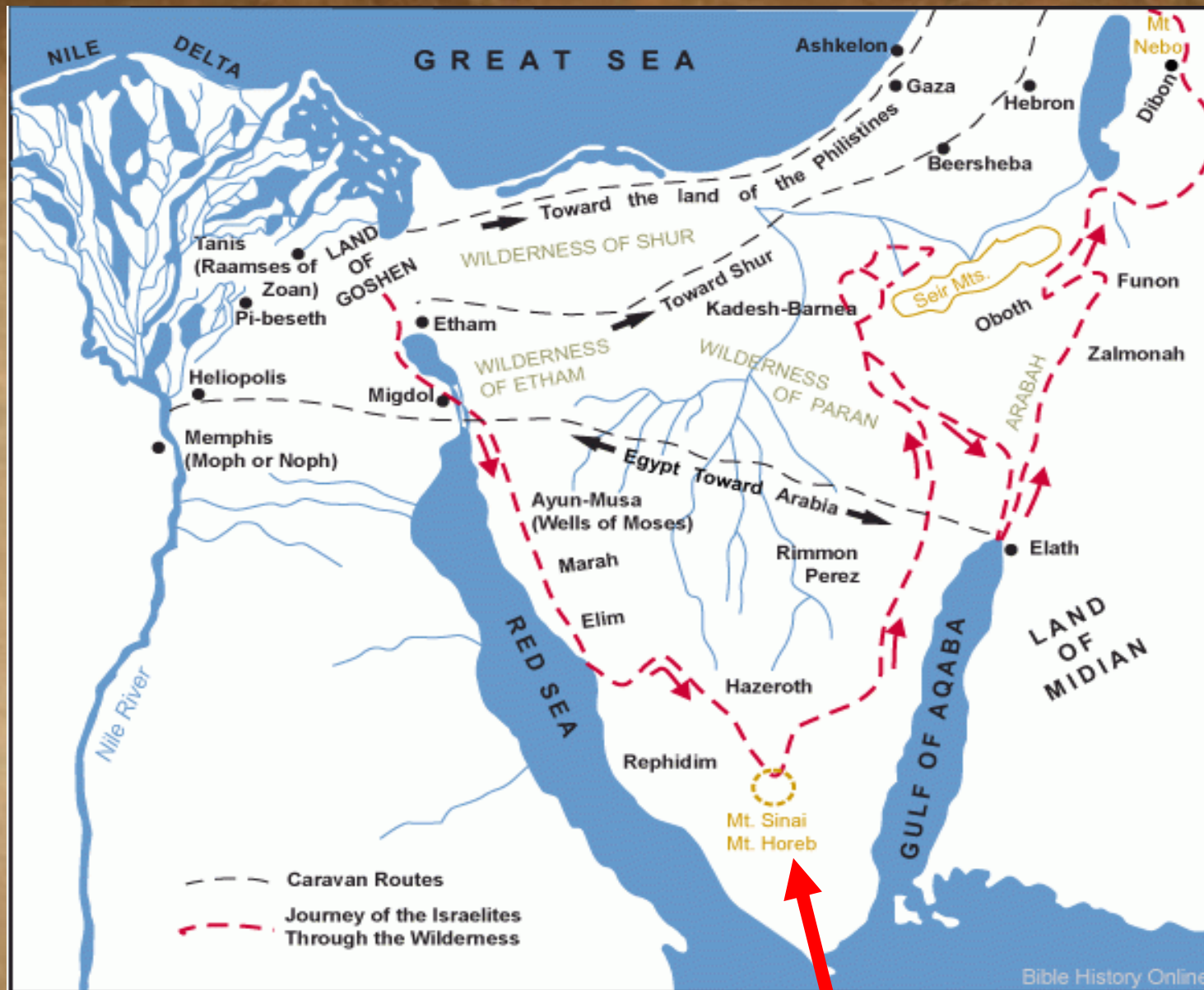
- 1. How was the Covenant established?**
- 2. The Promises**
- 3. How it connects to the New Covenant**

# **An Overview**

## **Key Events before Reaching Mount Sinai**

- **The conflict with Pharoah**
  - “Let my people GO.. So we may worship the Lord
  - The Lord hardens Pharoah's heart
- **The TEN Plagues**
  - The Tenth Plague – Death of First Born on houses that do not have blood on the door frame – death of Pharoah's firstborn
  - The Passover is established
- **The Parting of the RED SEA**





This map shows the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land under the leadership of Moses.

The Nile Delta is a triangular area of marshland about 150 miles from north to south, from Memphis to the Mediterranean, and about 150 - 200 miles wide.

**Map of the initial Route to Mount Sinai**

# **Covenant with Moses**

## **Covenant of the Law: at Mount Sinai:**

**Exodus 19: 3- 5**

### **PREAMBLE (basis /history – introductory context of Covenant):**

<sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

<sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

### **Stipulations for BLESSINGS (conditional)**

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, **if** you will indeed **obey my voice** and **keep my covenant**,

**I ....you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;**

**II .... <sup>6a</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests.....’**

**III .... <sup>6b</sup> and you shall be to me .....a holy nation.’**



# An Overview

## Key Passages of God's covenant with Moses (and the people)

Exodus 19: 1 – 9

### PEOPLE'S RESPONSE to God's CONDITIONAL STATEMENT:

God to Moses: These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

- <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the **people answered together** and said,

**“All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”**

And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

**GOD also planned to reveal HIMSELF to his people:**

- <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, **“Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”**

# The Lord SPEAKS the LAW

## Exodus 20: (Laws # 1 – 4 The Lord's relationship with the Israelites)

- And God spoke all these words, saying,
- <sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- **<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.**
- **<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image,** or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- **<sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,** for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- **<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.** <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.



# **The Lord SPEAKS the LAW**

Exodus 20: (Laws # 1 – 4 The Law –the relationship between others)

- **12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**
- **13 “You shall not murder.**
- **14 “You shall not commit adultery.**
- **15 “You shall not steal.**
- **16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- **17 “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”**

# **Moses conveys God's Law to people**

## **Exodus 20: 18 - 21**

- <sup>18</sup> Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, **the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off**
- <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, **“You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”**
- <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, **“Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”**
- <sup>21</sup> The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.



# **FAST FORWARD Summary Ordinance of the Covenant God dictates to Moses:**

Exodus 20 The Ten Commandments - People fear God's voice and would rather hear Moses instead

Exodus 21 – 22 Laws about Slaves, Laws about Restitution

Exodus 22:16 – 23 Laws about Social justice

Exodus 23: 10 – 19 Laws about the Sabbath and Festivals

## **Exodus 23 PROMISES**

Conquest of Promised Land : I will send an angel before you to guard you on your way” ....Listen to him and OBEY his voice...If you do this, I will be an enemy to your enemies...

“I will Preserve You” , “You will not get sick” I will bless your food and water”

“You will not miscarry or be barren in the land”,

“I will be terror to your enemies; and throw confusion on them before you”

“I will send hornets on them” “I will drive them out carefully, so you can flourish in the land”, “I will set the border of your land from the Sea of the Philistines and from the wilderness to the Euphrates”...

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**Exodus 24 The People Respond, Moses is a WITNESS:**

<sup>3</sup> Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.<sup>[a]</sup> And all the people answered with one voice and said,

**“All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”**

<sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.



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<sup>5</sup> And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> And Moses took. **half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar**

<sup>7</sup> Then he took the **Book of the Covenant** and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said,

**“All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”**

<sup>8</sup> And **Moses took the blood and threw it on the people** and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”



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**Exodus 24 : 1 – 18 The Covenant Confirmed**

**Exodus 25: 1 – 9 Contributions for the Sanctuary**

**Exodus 25: 10 -22 Constructing the Ark of the Covenant**

**Exodus 25: 23 – 30 Constructing the Table for Bread**

**Exodus 25: 31 – 40 The Golden Lampstand**

**Exodus 26: 1 – 26 The measurement and building of the Tabernacle**

**Exodus 27: 1 – 8 The Bronze Altar**

**Exodus 27: 9 – 19 The Court of the Tabernacle**

**Exodus 27: 20 – 21 Oil for the Lamp**

**Exodus 28: 1 – 43 The Priest's Garments**

**Exodus 29: 1 – 46 Consecrating of the Priests**

**Exodus 30: 1 – 10 The Altar of Incense**

**Exodus 30: 11 – 16 The Census Tax**

URL: <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/gods-covenant-through-moses>

**FAST FORWARD** Summary Ordinance of the Covenant God dictates to Moses:

**Exodus 30: 17 – 21 The Bronze Basin**

**Exodus 30: 22 – 38 The Anointing Oil and Incense**

**Exodus 31: 1 – 11 Ohaliab and Bazelel - God's call to two highly skilled Craftsmen**

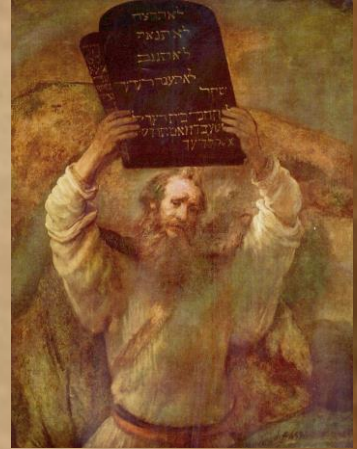
**Exodus 31: 12 – 18 The Keeping of the Sabbath**



# Covenant with Moses : Covenant of the Law: **COVENANT BROKEN**

Context: Moses was in Mount Sinai for **FORTY DAYS**

- a. receiving the DETAILS of the Ordinances
- b. receiving the two tables of the testimony;  
TABLETS of TESTIMONY, tablets of stone  
written with the finger of God ( 31: 18)



Exodus 32 – The Golden Calf

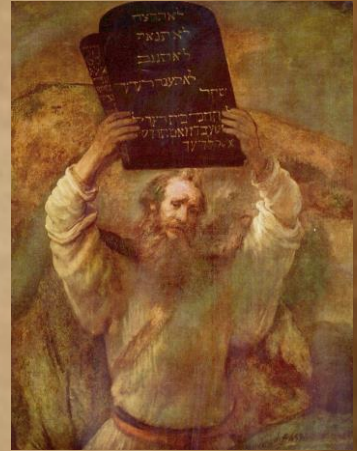
- a. In FORTY DAYS, People became restless and told Aaron to build a statue made from gold ( 32: 1 – 7), and began to eat and play .
- b. The Lord is ANGRY; wanting to destroy the “stiff necked” people.
- c. **The LORD proposes that the line of redemption runs through MOSES instead (32: 10)**



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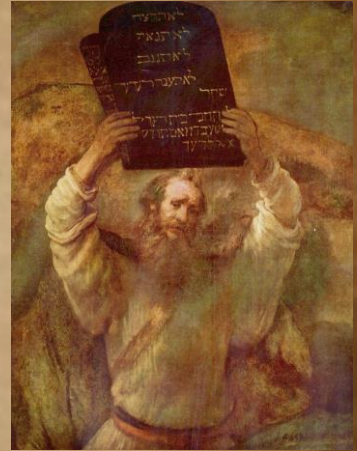




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# **Covenant with Moses : Covenant of the Law: Covenant Re-Established**

**Question:**

**What becomes of the covenant, since it was broken?**

**What becomes of the covenant before it was even completed?**

**i.e. The full details of the ordinances and provisions, and  
building a worship place even in the Exodus Journey**

**ANSWER:**

**The LORD RENEWS the COVENANT**

**They are to leave Sinai**

**The Lord will KEEP his promise of the LAND to their Offspring ( 32:1)**



# **Covenant with Moses : Covenant of the Law: Covenant Re-Established**

## **EXODUS 34**

**Vs 1 – 9 God tells Moses to cut two stone tables and bring it up to Mt Sinai**

**The LORD begins the formal process to establish the COVENANT:**

**The Blessing:**

**32: 5 <sup>5</sup> The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,**

- a) <sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for thousands,**
- b) forgiving iniquity and**
- c) Forgiving the transgression and sin**

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**Moses' Response:**

**34: 8-9** <sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. <sup>9</sup> And he said, “If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and **take us for your inheritance.**”

# **Covenant with Moses : Covenant of the Law: Covenant Re-Established**

EXODUS 34:10

The Covenant Renewed

- <sup>10</sup> And he said, **“Behold, I am making a covenant.**
- Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation.
- And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.



# **Covenant with Moses : Covenant of the Law: Covenant Re-Established**

**EXODUS 34:10**

**The Covenant Renewed:**

**The Lord's CONDITIONAL Promise and Stipulations:**

- 1) <sup>11</sup> “Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- 2) <sup>12</sup> Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst.
- 3) <sup>13</sup> You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim <sup>14</sup> (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),
- 4) <sup>17</sup> “You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal.

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**5) <sup>18</sup> “You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread.....**

**6) <sup>19</sup> All that open the womb are mine, all your male livestock, the firstborn of cow and sheep. <sup>20</sup> The firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before me empty-handed.**

**7) <sup>22</sup> You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.**

**8) <sup>25</sup> “You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover remain until the morning.**



# **Covenant with Moses : Covenant of the Law: Covenant Re-Established**

EXODUS 34:10

The Covenant Renewed:

The Lord's **CONDITIONAL** Promise and Stipulations:

8) <sup>27</sup> And the Lord said to Moses,

**“Write these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”**

<sup>28</sup> So he was **there with the Lord forty days and forty nights**. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words

of the covenant, the **Ten Commandments**

# I Take Home: Five Divine Promises **STILL IN EFFECT** – A review

- 1) Recall: Exodus 19: 5 (This is now the grafted Jew & Gentile elect – the Church (Romans 9:24 – 26)

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my **treasured possession among all peoples**, for all the earth is mine;

- 2) Recall: Exodus 19: 6

and you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests**.’..... These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

- 3) Recall: Exodus 19: 6b

and you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

COMPARE to

I Peter 2: 9 – 10

<sup>9</sup> But you are **a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> **Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



# **Take Home: Five Divine Promises STILL IN EFFECT**

## **4) God will defend us from enemies**

<sup>22</sup> “But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

**In NT:**

**I Peter 5: 6- 10**

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

# **Take Home: Five Divine Promises STILL IN EFFECT**

## **5) God is merciful and gracious**

**Exodus 34: 6 – 7**

**<sup>6</sup> The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,**

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**Compare with:**

**Romans 2: 4 .... riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**

**Titus 3: 4- 7... goodness and kindness of God, our Savior appears. He saved us, not because of anything we had done in righteousness, BUT ..according to his mercy..**



# **II Jesus- In HIM the fulfillment of the Law is complete**

## **A. The Law in the New Testament**

Matthew 22:36-40

English Standard Version

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

<sup>38</sup> This is the **great and first** commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And a **second** is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

## B. The letter of the Law and Intent of the Law

....portions from the “Sermon on the Mount” ....two examples....:

Matthew 5: 17 ..” 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;  
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

### Letter of the Law(Exodus 20)

- 13 “You shall not murder.

(& also. ...Deuteronomy 5:17)

### Intent of the Law (Matthew 5)

#### Anger

- 21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘**You shall not murder**’; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’
- 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell fire.
- 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.
- 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Jesus dissects this sin into  
three components:

- 1) Anger
- 2) Retaliation
- 3) Treatment of Enemies



Question: Why did He expound  
on this Sixth Commandment?



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Jesus dissects this sin into  
three components:

- 1) Anger
- 2) Retaliation
- 3) Treatment of Enemies

Question: Why did He expound  
on this Sixth Commandment?



### Intent of the Law (Matthew 5)

- Retaliation
- 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.
- Love Your Enemies
- 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## B. The letter of the Law and Intent of the Law

....portions from the “Sermon on the Mount” ....two examples....:

Matthew 5: 17 ..” <sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;  
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

### Letter of the Law (Exodus 20)

- <sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.”

• (& also. ...Deuteronomy 5:18)

**Jesus dissects this sin into two components:**

- 1) Lust
- 2) Divorce

**Question: Why did He Expound on this Seventh Commandment?**



### Intent of the Law (Matthew 5)

#### Lust

- <sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

#### Divorce

- <sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery



# **III Jesus- In HIM the fulfillment of the Law is complete**

## **The Law in the New Testament**

Jesus came not to destroy the Law and the Prophets but to FULFILL THEM

Hebrews 8: 6 – 13

**<sup>6</sup> But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.**

**<sup>7</sup> For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.**

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<sup>8</sup> For he finds fault with them when he says:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah,

<sup>9</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers  
on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the  
land of Egypt.

**For they did not continue in my covenant,**  
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.



Jesus came not to destroy the Law and the Prophets but to  
**FULFILL THEM...other sources:**

**Hebrews 8: 6 – 13**

<sup>10</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, declares the Lord:

**I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts,  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

<sup>11</sup> And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor  
and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'  
for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

<sup>12</sup> **For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more."**

<sup>13</sup> In **speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one  
obsolete**. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish

## IV Refrain: Covenant with Moses- The Mosaic (Old) Covenant

- **The MOSAIC LAW a pointer=> to the New Covenant:**

**It is the COVENANT of GRACE**

- **God reestablished the covenant with Moses and the people...even though they broke the covenant – breaking the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment – no other God(s) and no idols**
- **He remembered the covenant with Adam, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob..to redeem A people to HIMSELF**



## IV Refrain: Covenant with Moses- The Mosaic (Old) Covenant

- **The MOSAIC LAW a pointer=> to the New Covenant:**
  - **We see greater fulfillment of the Covenant when Isaiah writes: (Isaiah 53: 5 – 6)**

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> **All we like sheep have gone astray;**

**we have turned—every one—to his own way;**

**and the LORD has laid on him**

**the iniquity of us all.**

## IV Refrain: Covenant with Moses- The Mosaic (Old) Covenant

- **The MOSAIC LAW a pointer=> to the New Covenant:**

- **ONE QUESTION:**

**“If the Mosaic Covenant is a Covenant of Grace, why did God design this covenant for a People to receive Blessings **on the condition of OBEDIENCE**, and endure the punishment of curses when they broke his ordinances?**

**A: 1. Establish that God showed mercy in pulling Israelites out of Egypt unconditionally. He did NOT return the people to Egypt when they built the statue of a calf.**

**2. God established rules to worship him within the context of that relationship.**

**3. In the same manner, we are justified in Christ (Roman 8:1, Eph 2:1 – 10). We are to abide in Him, and avoid unbelieving hearts, leading to falling for deceitful sin... (Hebrews 3:12-14, 15-19, 4:11).**



# **Summary: Covenant with Moses-The Mosaic (Old) Covenant**

- **Biblical Reference (Exodus 20, 24 Leviticus 1, Deuteronomy 5)**  
“All the people answered with one voice and said, ‘All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do...and we will be obedient’”  
(Exodus. 24:3 ,7b).
- **Participating Parties: God and Israel**
- **Covenant Relationship Type: Suzerain - Vassal**
- **Covenant Conditions and Obligations: Obedience to God’s Law**
- **Sanctions and Curses: Removal of blessings and privileges and God’s curse (Deuteronomy 27–28)**
- **Promise and Blessing: “I will be your God, and you will be my people”**
- **Provisions: Sacrifices of atoning Blood (...continuously....)**  
**Leviticus 1, (negation of..) Hebrews 7:27,10:11**
- **Sign/ Token: Sabbaths Feasts**

# **Summary: Covenant with Moses-The Mosaic (Old) Covenant**

- **WHAT does it mean to ME?**

**1. The Church is the new Israel, that is grafted into ONE people of God (Hebrews 8:8-12, Romans 11:11-24)**

**2. I love the law, ...Delight in the law... WHY?**

- **Joshua 22:5 – observe ..law that Moses gave love the Lord your God and walk in all of his ways...**
- **Psalm 19: 9 – 11**

Beth

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

<sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.



# **Summary: Covenant with Moses-The Mosaic (Old) Covenant**

- **WHAT does it mean to ME?**

## **2. I love the law, ...Delight in the law... WHY?**

- **Psalm 119:65 ..” Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.”**
- **Romans 13:8 ..”Fulfilling the Law Through Love”**  
**Contrast: Job 31:33...if I have concealed my transgressions as others do by hiding my iniquity in my heart...**
- **Romans 13:10..”Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”**
- **Galatians 5; 14 ..” For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**
- **James 2:8 ..” If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.”**

# **Summary: Covenant with Moses-The Mosaic (Old) Covenant**

- **WHAT does it mean to ME?**

## **3. “further up and further in”..\***

- **John 14:1 (to whom was Jesus addressing this revelation?)**
- **Heb 11:10 (what Abraham sought)**
- **Rev 21:1 – 3 (who are these people?)**



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# Questions