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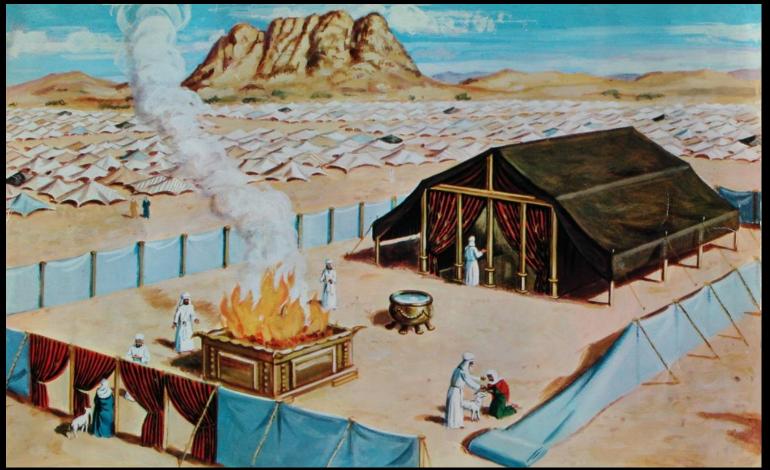
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And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet - Air: Cooking Fumes

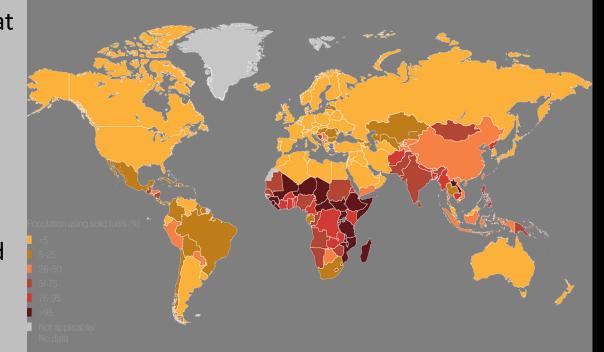
Cooking fumes have effects on the respiratory system

Exposure to cooking fumes is abundant both in homes and in professional cooks and entails a possible risk of deleterious health effects. When food is cooked at temperatures up to 300°C, carbohydrates, proteins, and fat are reduced to toxic products, such as aldehydes and alkalotic acids which can cause irritation of the airway mucosa. Cooking fumes also contains carcinogenic and mutagenic compounds, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and heterocyclic compounds. Exposure to cooking fumes has also been associated in several studies with an increased risk of respiratory cancer. Recently, the International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified emissions from high temperature frying as probably carcinogenic to humans. Chinese investigations have shown that exposure to cooking fumes at work can be associated with rhinitis, respiratory disorders, and impaired pulmonary function. Norwegian studies: it has been shown that cooks and kitchen workers had an increased occurrence of respiratory distress associated with work and increased mortality from airway disease.

Smoke that kills

Global exposure to household air pollution

All over the world, people cook over open fires, and burn solid fossil fuels while doing so. Being exposed to household air pollution (HAP), which is the result of incomplete combustion of these fuels, negatively impacts health.



HAP is the fourth biggest health risk in the

4.3 million

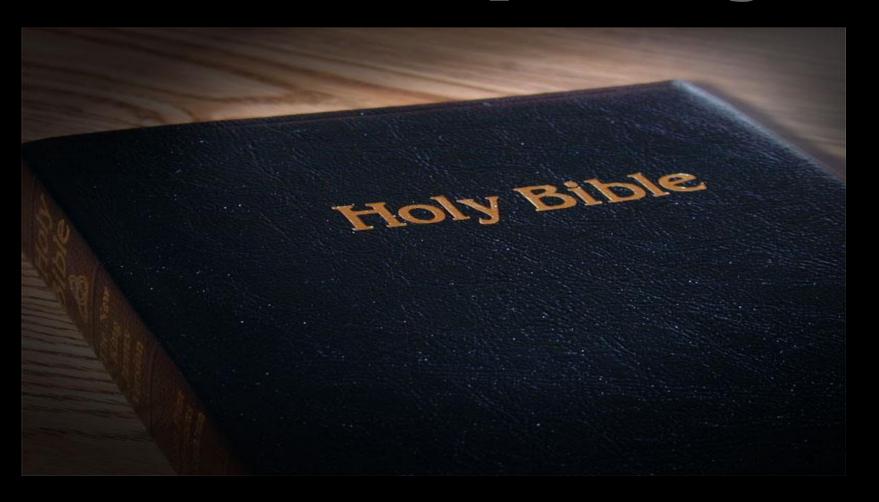
People per year die worldwide from exposure to cookstove smoke* 7.7

Percent of global mortality due to household air pollution 500.000

Deaths per year due to ambient air pollution caused by traditional cooking



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Genesis 27:14



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The meaning of a Covenant

Covenant

noun

an agreement.

- "there was a covenant between them that her name was never to be mentioned"
- verb

agree by lease, deed, or other legal contract.

• "the landlord covenants to repair the property"



Covenants - Promises of God's Love

Covenant is one of the most important theological ideas in biblical theology. It is reflected in the traditional labels Old and New Testaments, i.e., covenants. The concept exists at significant points in the Bible's storyline and is the theological glue that binds promise to fulfilment. So the biblical history of salvation and the unfolding of God's covenants are almost synonymous. Let's learn about the covenants in the Bible, like God's covenant with Abraham, and then how these are fulfilled in Christ.



Covenants in the Old Testament

A Covenant is a solemn promise, fortified by an oath, concerning future action. The oath might be expressed in words or in a symbolic action. A covenant is more than a mere impersonal contract, in which two parties agree to an exchange of goods and services. A covenant binds persons together beyond the mere contractual agreement.

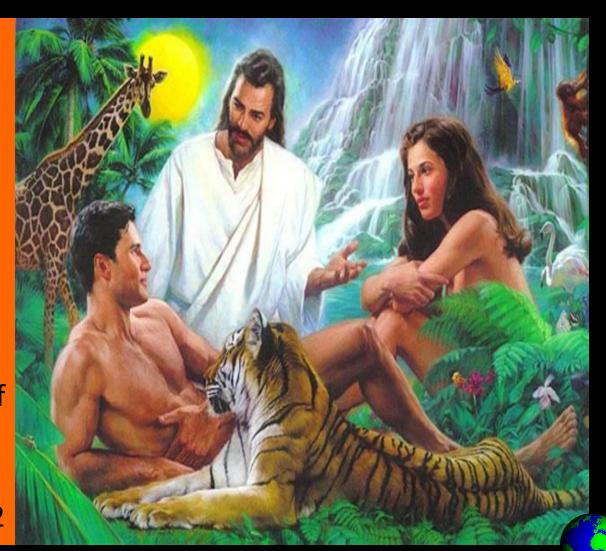
Marriage is a prime example. While marriage has "contractual" elements and promises, it is a covenant that binds two persons together. Marriage obviously binds two persons in a unique way (Genesis 2:24), but all covenants bind persons together in some way. Covenants are much more than contracts because they establish a family bond and relationship.



The Covenant with Adam

God's First Covenant is with man (Adam and Eve):

- 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
- **3** And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.
- **23** And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.
- 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2



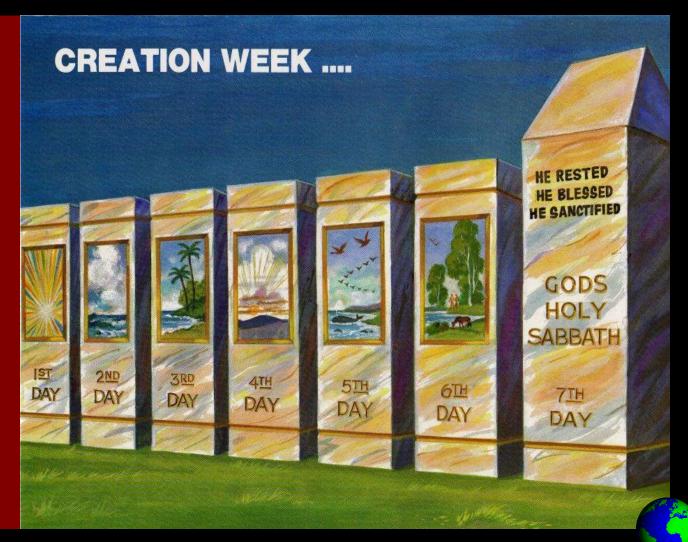
The Covenant with Adam (cont'd)

The Blessing: Their descendants will fill the earth and subdue it.

The Condition/Curse: Do not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil for death will result.

The Sign: The Sabbath (the Holy Day)

The Family Form: Marriage



THE UNIVERSAL/NOAHIC COVENANT

- 8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,
- **12** And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:
- 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
- 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:
- **15** And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. Genesis 9



THE UNIVERSAL/NOAHIC COVENANT (cont'd)

While God announces his covenant with Noah and all creation prior to the flood (Genesis 6:18), he establishes it after the deluge subsides (Genesis 8:20-9:17). The first mention of this covenant simply highlights God's plan to preserve Noah and the others in the ark (Genesis 6:18). God's covenant with Noah reaffirms his original creational intent that the flood had "disrupted." So he solemnly promises that a suspension of the natural order will never again interrupt (Genesis 8:21-22; 9:11–15) the fulfilment of humanity's creational mandate (Genesis 1:26-30; 9:1-7).



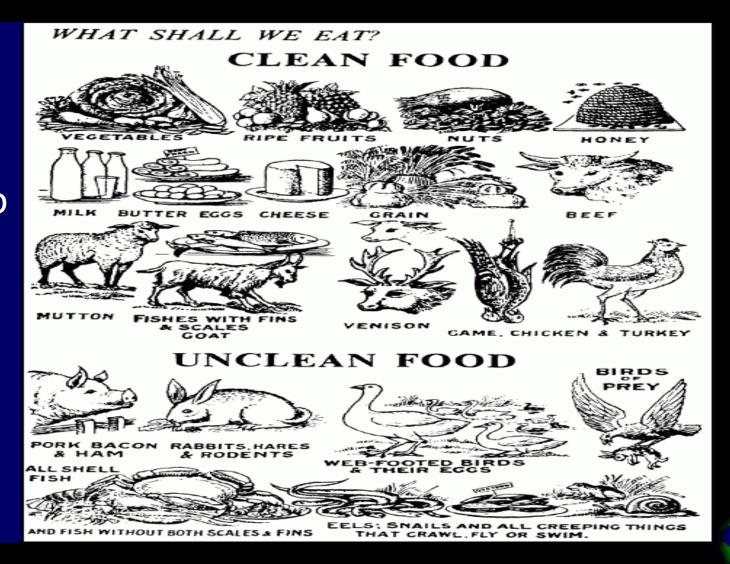
THE UNIVERSAL/NOAHIC COVENANT (cont'd)

The Blessing: God will never flood the entire earth again.

The Condition/Curse: Do not drink the blood of animals or shed human blood

The Sign: A Rainbow

The Family Form: Traditional Family



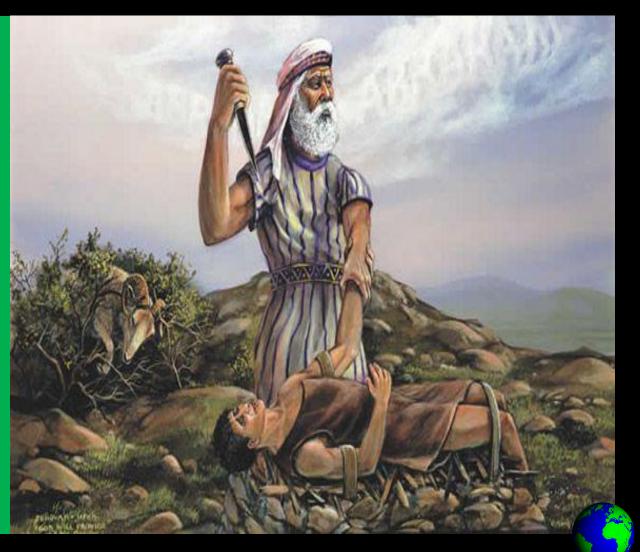
THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- **9** And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.
- **10** This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.
- 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed. Genesis 17



THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (cont'd)

Even though the promise of nationhood is not altogether absent in Gen 17, stress is placed on "nations," "kings," and a perpetual divine-human relationship with Abraham's "offspring" (). Significantly, particular focus is placed on Isaac (Genesis 1721; Génesis 21112) as the one through whom this covenant will be perpetuated, highlighting what was at stake in the divine test of Gen 22. There Abraham's obedient faith senesis 22:16b.18b) met the demands of Gen 17:1 (;), thus prompting God to ratify the promises of Gen 17 (Genesis 22:17–18a; 26:4) by a solemn oath (Genesis 22:16a; 26:3).



THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (cont'd)

Blessing: Land and many blessed descendants

Condition/Curse: Circumcision

Sign: Circumcision

Family Form: Tribe



Examples Covenants with other Patriarchs

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. — Genesis 28



Examples Covenants with other Patriarchs

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

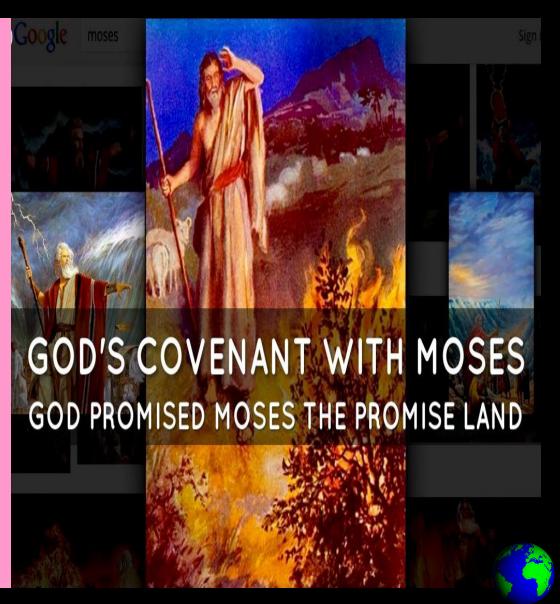
9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

- Genesis 37



THE MOSAIC COVENANT

- 12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.
- 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.
- 15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.
- **16** Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.
- **18**And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. Exodus 31



THE MOSAIC COVENANT (cont'd)

God established the Mosaic covenant just after a significant development anticipated in Genesis 15 had taken place: the emancipation of Abraham's descendants from oppression in a foreign land (Genesis 15:13–14; Exodus 19:4–6; 20:2). The focus at Sinai is less on what Abraham's descendants must do in order to inherit the land and more on how they must conduct themselves within the land as the unique nation that God intended them to be (Exodus 19:5-6). In order to be God's "treasured possession," "kingdom of priests," and "holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6),



THE MOSAIC COVENANT (cont'd)

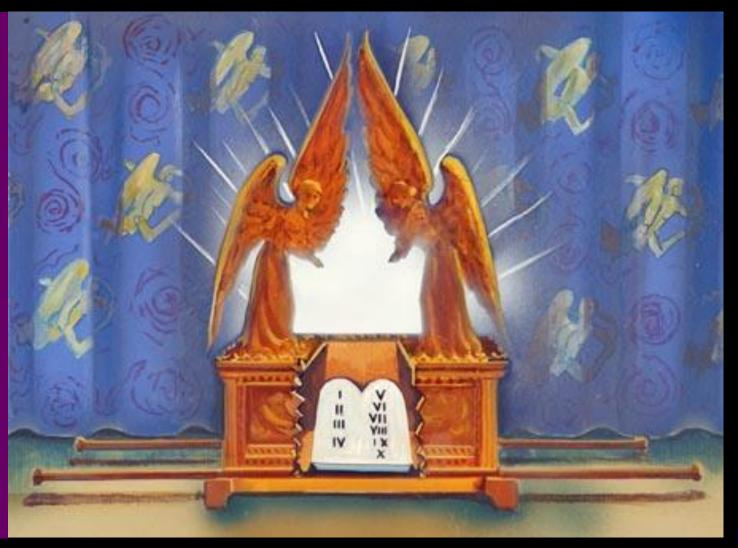
Blessing: Becoming God's chosen people

Condition/Curse:

They MUST keep God's law - the Commandments

Sign: The 10 Commandments

Family Form: A holy nation





THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

A record of the origin of Jesus Christ, the son of David – Matthew 1:1-17.



THE DAVIDIC COVENANT (cont'd)

After Sinai, the next major covenantal development comes with Nathan's message to David 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17. David intends to build a "house" (i.e., temple) for God, but God promises to build a "house" (i.e., dynasty) for David. Neither 2 Samuel 7 nor 1 Chronicles 17 explicitly describes God's promise as a "covenant," but several other texts do (2 Samuel 23:5; 2 onicles 7:18; 13:5; Psalms



THE DAVIDIC COVENANT (cont'd)

Blessing: God becomes our Father, and we become His children

Condition/Curse:

Chastisement with the rod of men

Sign: Throne

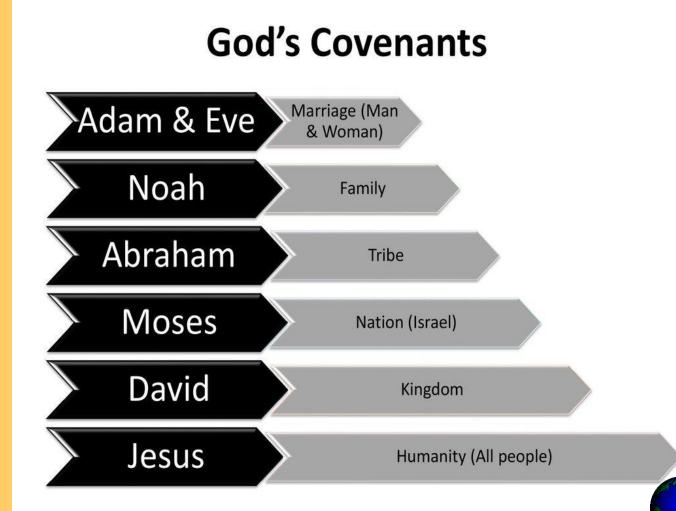
Family Form: Kingdom





Similarities: God's Covenant with Abraham & David

- God promises both a great name (Genesis 12:2; 2 Samuel 7:9).
- In the future both will conquer their enemies (Genesis 22:17; 2 Samuel 7:11; Psalms 89:23);
- Both have a special divine-human relationship (Genesis 17:7–8; 2 Samuel 7:24; Psalms 89:26).
- A special line of "offspring" perpetuates both of their names (Genesis 21:12; 2 Samuel 7:12–16).
- The descendants of both must keep God's laws (Genesis 18:19; 2 Samuel 7:14; Psalms 89:30–32; 132:12).
- The offspring of both would mediate international blessing (Genesis 22:18; Psalms 72:17).



The Covenant of Christ

God's Sixth Covenant is made through Jesus Christ. This covenant is established at the Last Supper and is brought to completion through the Suffering, Death on the cross, and Resurrection of our Lord.

Read the Following

Accounts: Matthew 26:17-35,

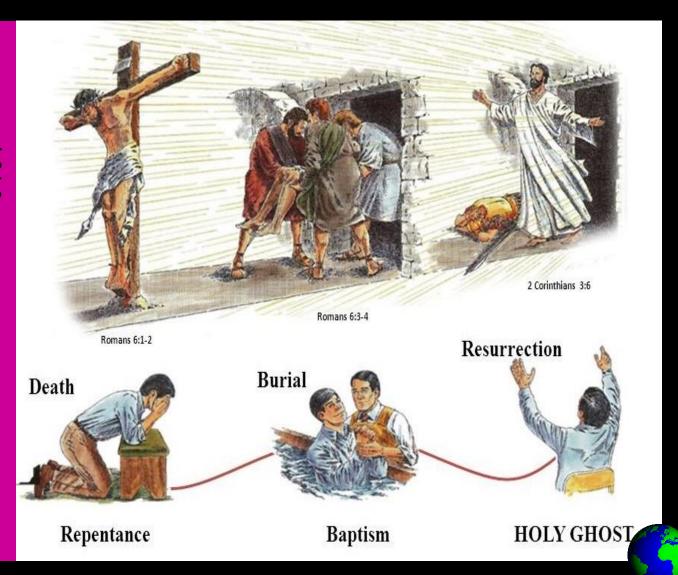
Mark 14:12-31, Luke 22:7-38,

John 13:1-38.



The Covenant of Christ

Notice how the covenant form progresses with each of God's six covenants - Marriage, Family, Tribe, Nation, Kingdom, and Church. What God is doing here is not only building up man's relationship with Him using signs, He is revealing more and more of Himself to us with each and every covenant, until at last He has revealed Himself fully in Jesus Christ. Even though man may have broken the covenants, God has remained true (faithful) to each of them. Since Christ has established the eternal covenant of God's love that we renew each time we participate in the Lord's supper, we are part of His Church, which is on earth.



The Covenant of Christ

Blessing: All who believe and obey Him become the new chosen people.

Condition/Curse:
Belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

Sign: The Lord's Supper

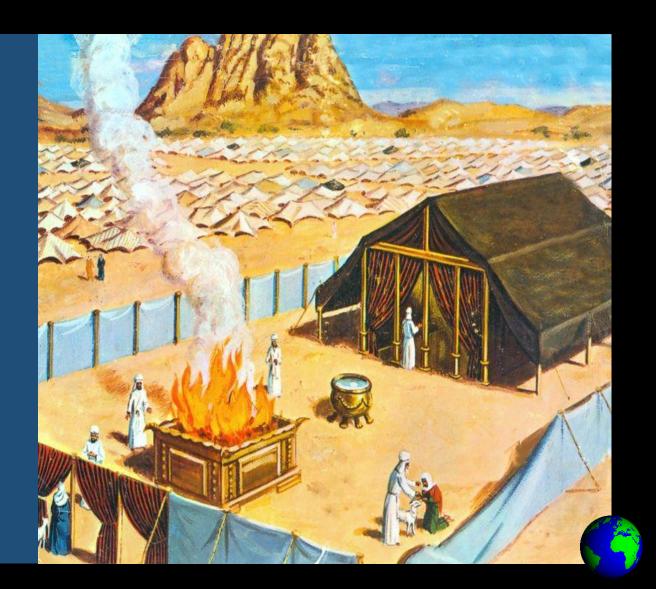
Family Form: The Church



The New Covenant - Introduction

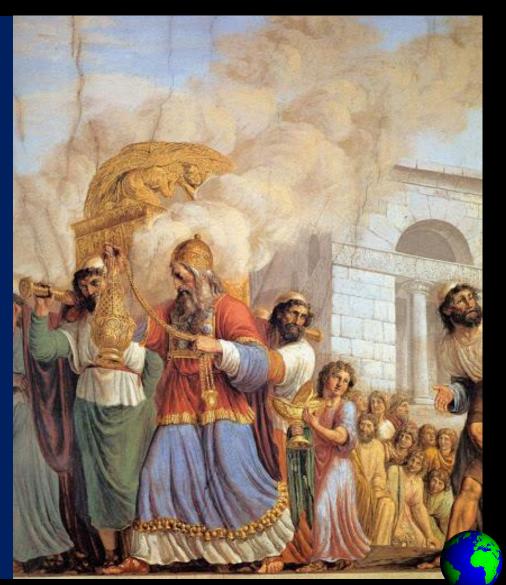
One of the biggest hurdles to overcome in understanding the sanctuary is the new theology on interpreting the new covenant. For the last few decades this "new covenant" theology has infiltrated Christianity and undermined the truth.

- 1. Yes, there is a "new covenant", but are the distinctions between the "old" and the "new" two radically different ways of salvation?
- 2. How can we believe this?
- 3. Two plans of salvation— the old covenant a plan of works, the new covenant a plan of grace?



The New Covenant - Introduction

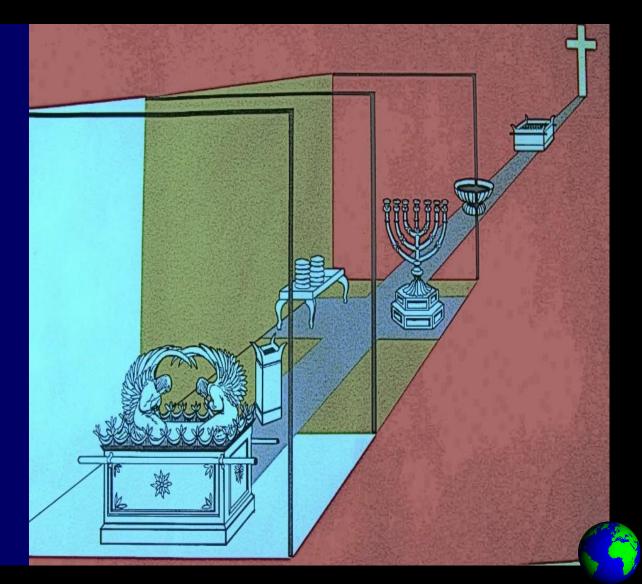
This "new covenant theology maintains that somehow God has two different plans of salvation. One for Israel and another for Christians. Somehow the people of the old testament were under a covenant that required them to work their way to heaven by keeping the commandments. Finally, after hundreds of years, God figured out that this won't work, so now He came up with a totally different plan, called the new covenant, where He'll take anyone to heaven if they just believe Christ gave them the ticket to be admitted. Under the new covenant the commandments are supposedly no longer of any binding nature upon the Christian. The old covenant, so they say, required people to obey if they wanted to be counted as God's people. They had to earn God's favour. Thus the old covenant is defined as being built on the ten commandments and obedience, but the new covenant is built on love and grace.



The New Covenant - Introduction

- Would God really expect people for 4000 years to do the impossible?
- And then punish them because they failed?

Some say, "In the Old Testament there was no mercy, they either obeyed or they were lost." But, if one looks up the word mercy in the old testament, and it was all over the place! Others don't go quite that far, but they still hold to the theory that Israel was saved by keeping the ten commandments. In simple words, they say in the Old covenant the plan was "obey and live" in the new covenant the plan is "believe and live".



FROM THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD

1 Peter 1:18: Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as with silver and gold, from the futile ways inherited from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Revelation 13:8: Jesus is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Ephesians 1:4: According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Matthew 25:34: Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:



God reveals His everlasting covenant with man -That covenant promises:

1. The One Who Created mankind, would take mankind's sins upon Himself, and die in our place. This was illustrated by the sacrificing of the lamb.

2. Sins and iniquities would all be forgiven (Leviticus 4:26,

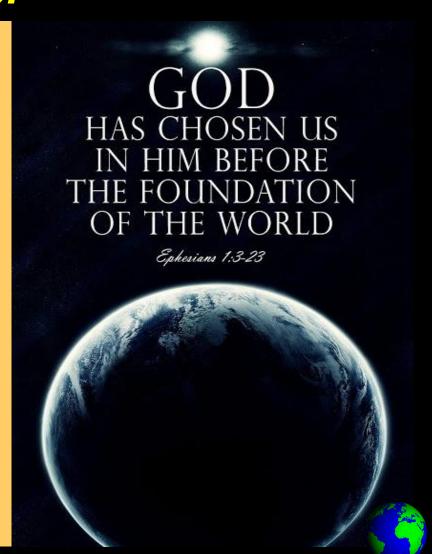
Hebrews 10:17)

3. Character transformation, bringing our characters back into harmony with God's law of righteousness.

Ezekiel 36:26: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do [them].

<u>Jeremiah 31:33:</u> I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

4. And finally, the covenant promises restoration of all things to perfect Eden. (Isaiah 65:17., Revelation 21-22)



How were the Israelites saved?

They were saved in the same way we are today— by the blood of Christ!!!!

Did their sacrificial system save them? **NO**. Did the keeping of the commandments save them? **NO**.

- The commandments were given to point out sin, and they still point out sin today. (Romans 7:7)
- The sacrificial system was given them to understand that sin causes death, and that Christ would someday die for them. It taught them a substitute would be provided. Their faith was in promises yet to be fulfilled, our faith rests on the more sure evidence of promises already fulfilled.



How were the Israelites saved? (cont'd)

The whole earthly sanctuary served only one purpose — to point people to Christ's sacrifice and ministry, and that through Him they could be justified and sanctified. The purpose of the sanctuary doctrine is to do precisely the same thing.

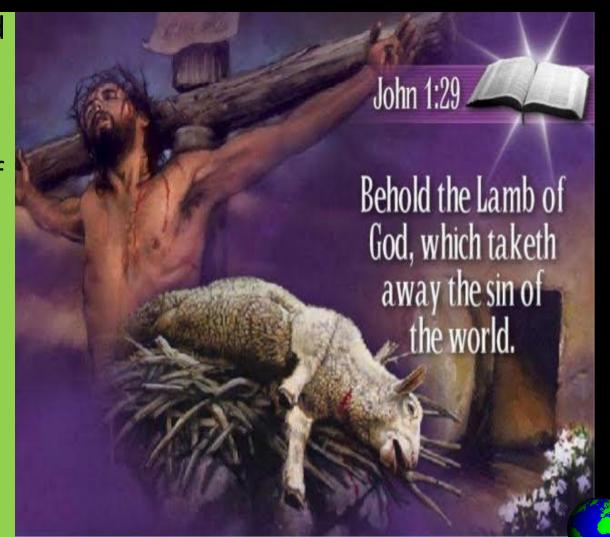
The keeping of God's law is just as important now as it was then. Will a Christian living under grace, no longer condemned by the law, continue in sin, which is the transgression of God's law? Paul says emphatically, "God forbid!" (Romans 6:1,15)



The New Covenant believer

As it turns out, many of who are labelled "liberals" have come to believe in two covenants, with two ways to salvation; two different treatments of law; two different schemas of eschatology. It may surprise one to know this, but millions of Christians in many different fellowships around the world accept that there are two, radically different covenants.

Need to realize, most Christians believe in dispensationalism and radically different covenants. Christians try to lead others down that particular trail. That trail leads right out of Adventism (Second Coming) and straight into the realm of the false prophet and the beast as described in Revelation.



The New Covenant Theology and Revelation

This "new covenant theology" trashes everything that Revelation describes as belonging to God's remnant at the close of earth's history. Look at the characteristics of God's people who do not suffer eternal destruction as found in Revelation.

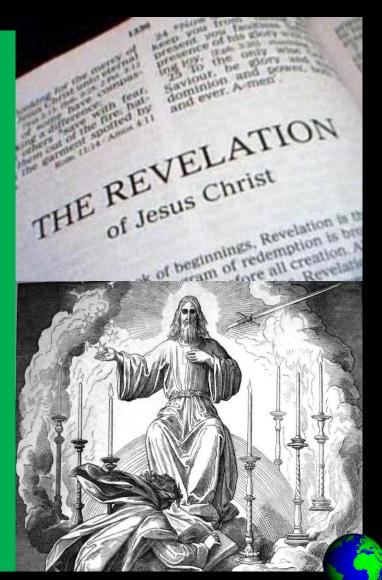
Revelation 12:17: the remnant --keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus which - Revelation 19:10 says is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 14:12: Contrasts those who receive the mark of the beast with the saints who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 7:14: States the saved are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

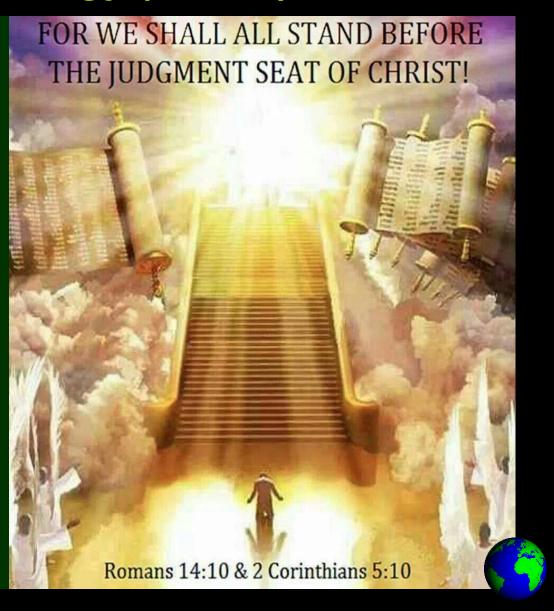
Revelation 19:20: States they will be clothed in fine linen, clean and bright for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 17:14: states that those on Christ's side will be those who are faithful.



The New Covenant Theology (cont'd)

There is much evidence that God's remnant are the few who have totally surrendered to Christ and obey His commandments. Yet the so called "new covenant theology" throws out the sanctuary doctrine (God's method for justification and sanctification of His people through the blood of Christ) of course it throws out Ellen White (the last Time Prophet) and with her goes a clear picture of what the "issues facing the Pompant church what the "issues facing the Remnant church in the end time" are really all about. It throws out the binding nature of the 10 commandments and it trashes the Sabbath. It even throws out much of the spiritual value of the Old Testament and looks only to the New Testament. Even here it tends to focus mainly on the books of Paul, and even in the writings of Paul they are selective in avoiding the texts that admonish obedience to God's law.



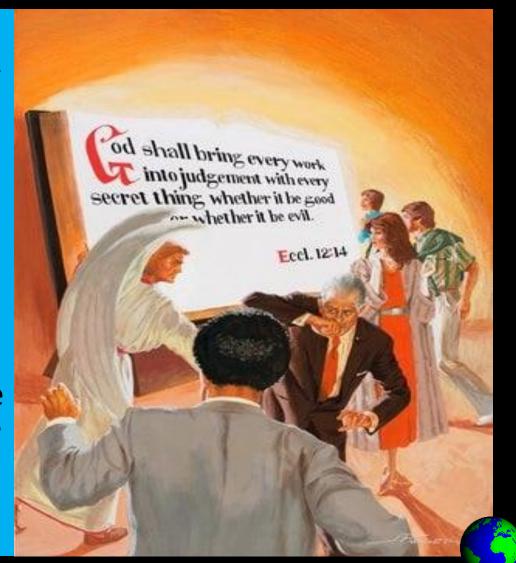
The New Covenant Theology (cont'd)

Yet this new covenant theology is the popular concept in the Christian churches and is invading the Remnant church (Revelation 12:17) as well. So it is very, very important that we look at the root of this understanding — namely the understanding of the "New Covenant".



The New Covenant Theology (cont'd)

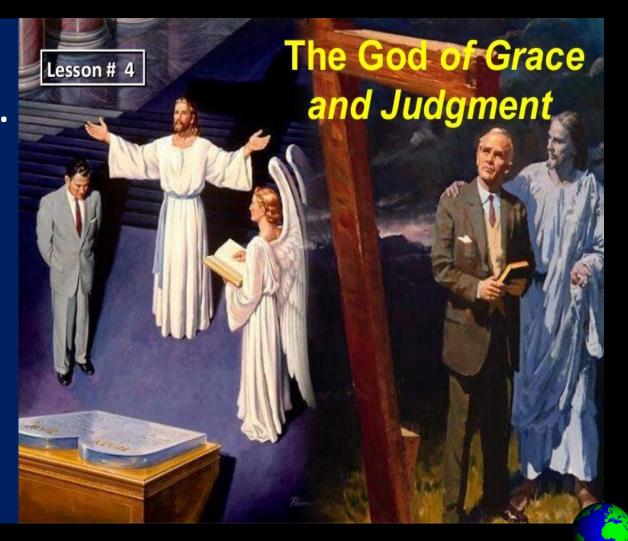
Basically what the "new covenant theology" today in Christianity does is, it takes texts from 2 Corinthians 3:1-12, Galatians 3:15-17 and Hebrews 8:7-13 where Paul is speaking of the new covenant replacing the old. Then link these texts with other texts like Exodus 34:28 where it says God wrote the words of the covenant, the 10 commandments, on tables of stone. The conclusion they reach is that the old covenant was based on the 10 commandments, therefore the people were saved by keeping the 10 commandments. Since the Old Covenant is done away with, therefore the 10 commandments are also done away with. People are now saved solely by grace and the only command still binding is the command to love.



What is wrong with this reasoning?

1. This reasoning is a direct challenge to the moral consistency of God's government. It is a direct challenge to God's authority and wisdom in defining moral consistency. It is basically an admission that God finally figured out that His law can't be kept by His grace, so He has to save people come what may without requiring them to accept and abide by His moral principles.

This is blasphemy against God!



As far as the "law of love" as interpreted by the "new covenant theology" it reduces our understanding of God's requirements to our own judgment of what constitutes love. It is a theology that ultimately makes each person a law unto himself and allows people to find excuse to do whatever is right in their own eyes.

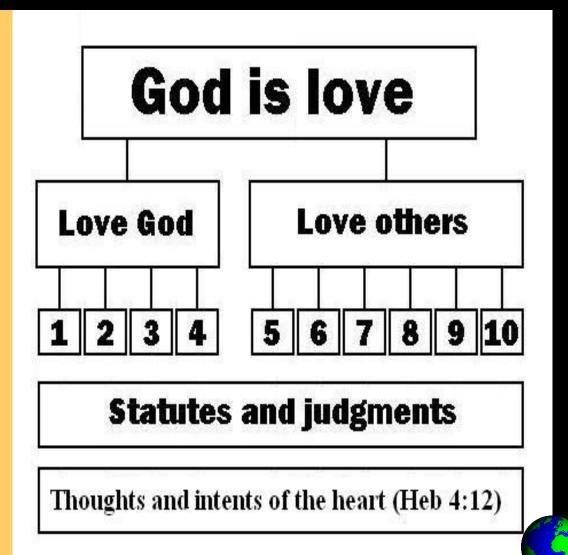
Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

It is only through God's law that we come to know how to reflect God's love.



The ten commandments tell us how to express love for God and for others. The command to love comes from the Old Testament and is the embodiment of the 10 commandments (Deuteronomy 6:5 Leviticus 19:8).

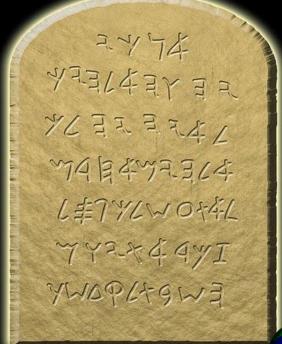
Deuteronomy 11.13: "And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,"...then I will richly bless you. The command to love is nothing new! It is tied into keeping the commandments.



2. The reasoning of the "new covenant theology" fails to recognize the true meaning of a covenant with God, and what it means to be in a covenant relationship with God. It fails to see the covenant as God's commitment to save His people FROM sin, and bring them back into a relationship with Him. It fails to see God's emotional appeal throughout the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, for His people to return to Him who alone can forgive and save.







Read the emotional appeal in Ezekiel **18.30-32:** "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye."

Greek 'metanoia': Change of mind.

OT Hebrew term for 'repent' is 'turn' ('shub'). Ezekiel 18.30-32

An alteration in the total moral attitude.

A profound change in life's direction.

A conversion which affects the whole of conduct.

Over and over we see the covenant symbolized by the marriage relationship. The breaking of the covenant laws is not just a matter of disobedience, it is a matter of breaking a relationship. How does God want His people to relate to the covenant?

Jeremiah 31:33: God says "I will put my law in their minds and write them on their hearts and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

Hebrews 10:16: This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

• Please Read Hebrews chapters 8,9 &10.



3. The reasoning of the "new covenant theology" totally distorts God's character as it attempts to describe His dealings with Israel. It maintains that Israel is saved by works, while Christians are saved by grace. Yet in the Old Testament. God is described as the DELIVERER.

In fact the 10 commandments were written by God with His own finger (Exodus 31:18), with the recognition that God delivered Israel from Egyptimplying that now He wants to deliver them from sin (Exodus 20:1).



To Moses were given the 10 commandments in one hand and the provisions of grace (Sanctuary directions) in the other hand.

The difference between the two covenants was in the administration of God's covenant, not in the provisions and law of the covenants.

The old covenant looked ahead to the cross through an earthly system of priests and sacrifices.

The new covenant is far better in this respect as it is founded on the reality of Christ's death and the reality of His priesthood in heaven.



4. The New Testament covenant is built on the 10 commandments as the standard for God's moral government in the same way the Old Testament covenant was built on the 10 commandments.

Thus for someone to interpret texts to say the law is done away with, is inconsistent with the rest of the Bible.

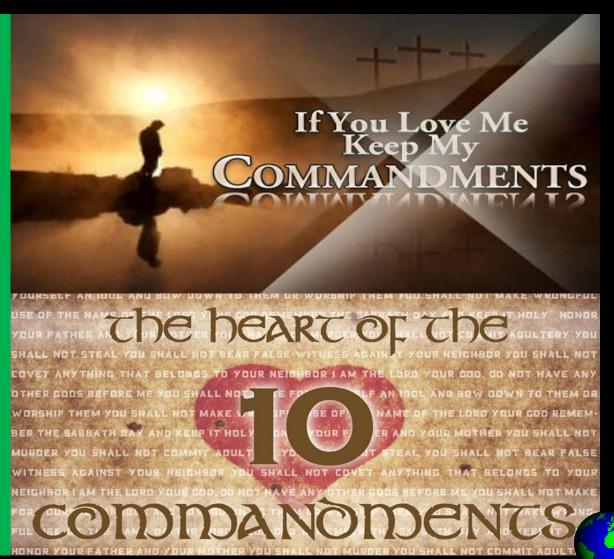


Jesus stated numerous times the need to obey the Law

In Matthew 5: Christ explains the true meaning of the 10 commandments, He doesn't do away with them. Christ shows that love is manifested in obedience to God's laws. He clearly states this truth.

John 14.15: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

John 14.21: "He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."



The misquoting of Bible – Writings by Paul

Paul is often quoted as proof that the law was done away with, yet an honest reading of his books clearly reveals that Paul rejects the law only as a method of works to merit salvation. He upholds the law as a standard for Christian conduct and as an indicator to reveal sin.

He says "man is justified by faith apart from works of the law (Romans 3:28) then in Romans 7:7 he says we only know what sin is because we have the 10 commandments. In Romans 6 the whole chapter stresses the importance of obedience and putting away sin. And in Romans 13:8,9, he lists commandments as the guide to fulfilling love.



5. The "new covenant theology" is so intent on proving the differences between the old and new covenants that it totally fails to see the continuity between the two and how they are both phases of the everlasting covenant made in the beginning with fallen mankind.

What was the covenant?

We see Adam and Eve cowering in the garden of Eden in fear, quilt and shame, already suffering from the results of their sin. God comes searching for them. That's part of God's covenant relationship, He comes searching, wanting to call the sinner back to a redeeming relationship.



God announces His covenant in the beginning!

God gives His first announcement of His Covenant: (Genesis 3:15)

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Here we already have the main ideas on how God wants to restore sinful man to a relationship with Himself. There is the promise of a coming Redeemer, who alone can bring salvation and offer justification and sanctification. God also offers success in living according to His will by promising to put enmity against the suggestions of Satan into our hearts.



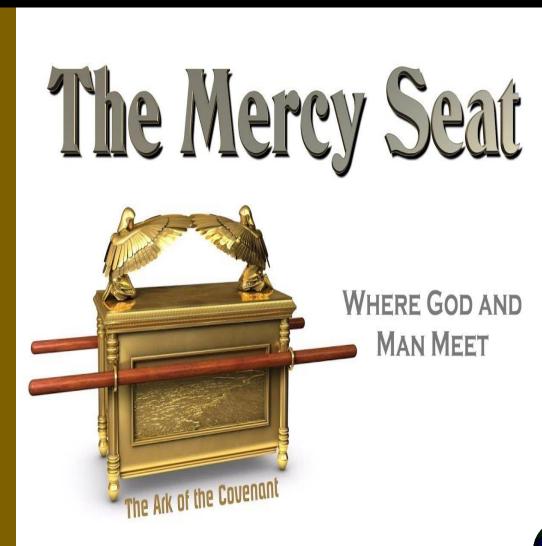
The relationship between Grace and Obedience

Grace and obedience are evident all the way through God's dealings with sinful mankind. The law is central to all the covenants.

It's the breaking of God's law that made covenants necessary in the first place!

Adam and Eve sinned. Two angels with shining swords bar them from their heaven like home.

That's what happens when we step outside of God's ways, we break are connection with Him. But then we see the ark of the covenant. No longer do the angels hold swords, they are intently looking down on the mercy seat, for a way has been opened for people to be saved and restored. Will they respond? The time will come when the mercy seat is removed, and the sword is drawn once again to end all sin.



Will we allow God to write the Law in our heart?

The issues concerning the law revolves around whether we allow God to write them on our hearts or whether they are only an external code!

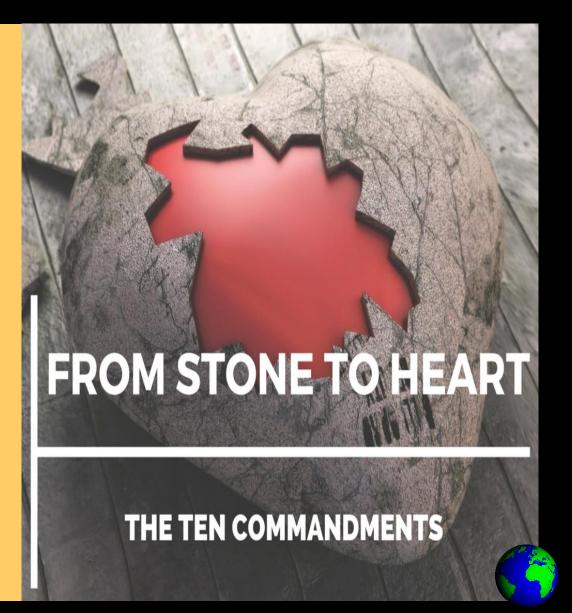
Romans 2:29 points out our obedience must come from "the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter."

<u>Psalms 37:31</u>: "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."

Psalms 40:8: "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yes, thy law is within my heart."

<u>Proverbs 3:1</u>: "Forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:"

Hebrews 8.10: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"



Yes, the ceremonial laws and rituals were done away with, their purpose in fore shadowing Christ's ministry was complete (Colossians 2:14). The reality of Christ's sacrifice and ministry is exceedingly better than the symbolic ceremonies. But the bases of God's moral government has not changed. The standard, His commandments have not been replaced.







ceremonial laws

civil laws





The Laws that governed Israel

Classes of Laws

Moral	Ceremonial	Civil
Unchanging	Changeable	Changeable
Based on nature of God	Based on Christ's work	Outworking of ceremonial laws
Standard of purity	Foreshadowing of Christ's work	
For all people	For Israel	For Israel

GOI) IS	THE LAW IS
G00D Luke	18:19	1 Timothy 1:8
HOLY Isaial	15:16	Romans 7:12
PERFECT Matth	new 5:48	Psalm 19:7
PURE 1 Joh	n 3:2, 3	Psalm 19:8
JUST Deute	eronomy 32:4	Romans 7:12
TRUE John	3:33	Psalm 19:9
SPIRITUAL 1 Cor	inthians 10:4	Romans 7:14
RIGHTEOUSNESS Jeren	niah 23:6	Psalm 119:172
FAITHFUL 1 Cor	inthians 1:9	Psalm 119:86
LOVE 1 Joh	n 4:8	Romans 13:10
UNCHANGEABLE Jame	s 1:17	Matthew 5:18
ETERNAL Gene	sis 21:33	Psalm 111:7

The Laws that governed Israel (cont'd)

Sacrifices and Oblations, NOT God's Law

• Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. 1 Corinthians 7:19

o Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. Romans 3:31

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. Matthew 21:43

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13

6. Finally what about the ark of the covenant which contains the 10 commandments? Is it annulled, passed away, along with the ten commandments it contains?

Yet we see it again in the temple in heaven at the judgment, at the end of the world?

Look, there in Revelation 11:19: First we see the same time period as revealed in Daniel 7 when there will be religious oppression for 1260 day/years (538 AD -1798 AD). After this the judgment is announced. And immediately we see the ark of the covenant (which contains the 10 commandments).



Stanislaus of Kostka Church, the Sanctuary of the Devine Mercy, in Chicago

22nd October 1844 the door opened to the Most Holy Place and the Ark of the Covenant is seen!

Revelation 11:3:

And I will give power unto my two witnesses (Old Testament and New Testament), and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Revelation 11:16,18,19:

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones worshiped God, saying: The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged and that you should reward Your servants . . . and destroy those who destroy the earth. Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings.

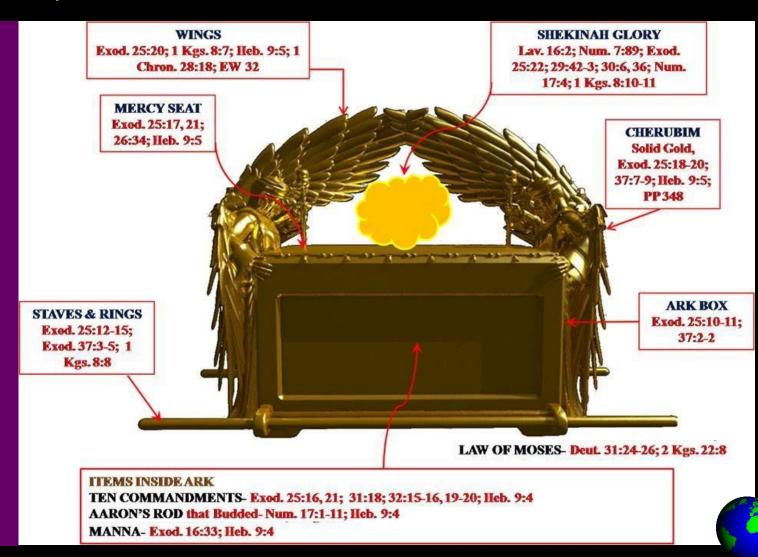


The same thundering and lightning that was at Sinai, is now heard!

And what is in that ark of His covenant?

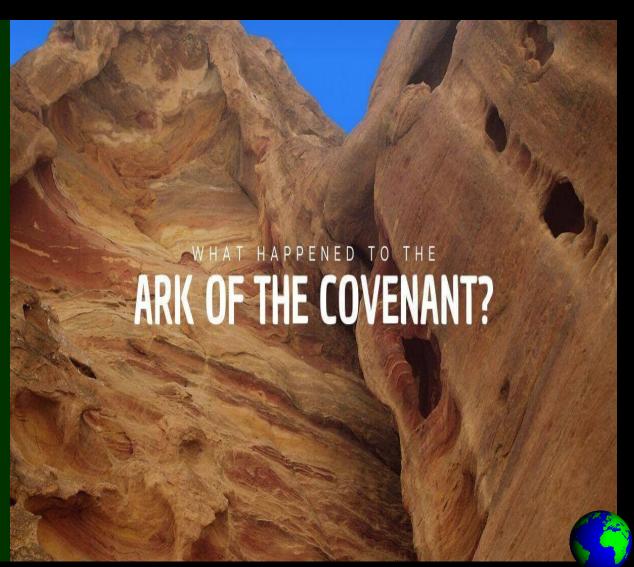
When the time to judge comes-- God opens the Most Holy Place in heaven where the ark of the covenant is--- And in that ark of the covenant-- under the mercy seat-- are Pot Mana, Aron's Rod & 10 COMMANDMENTS.

 I suggest we think long and hard before we follow the crowd in accepting this "New Covenant Theology".

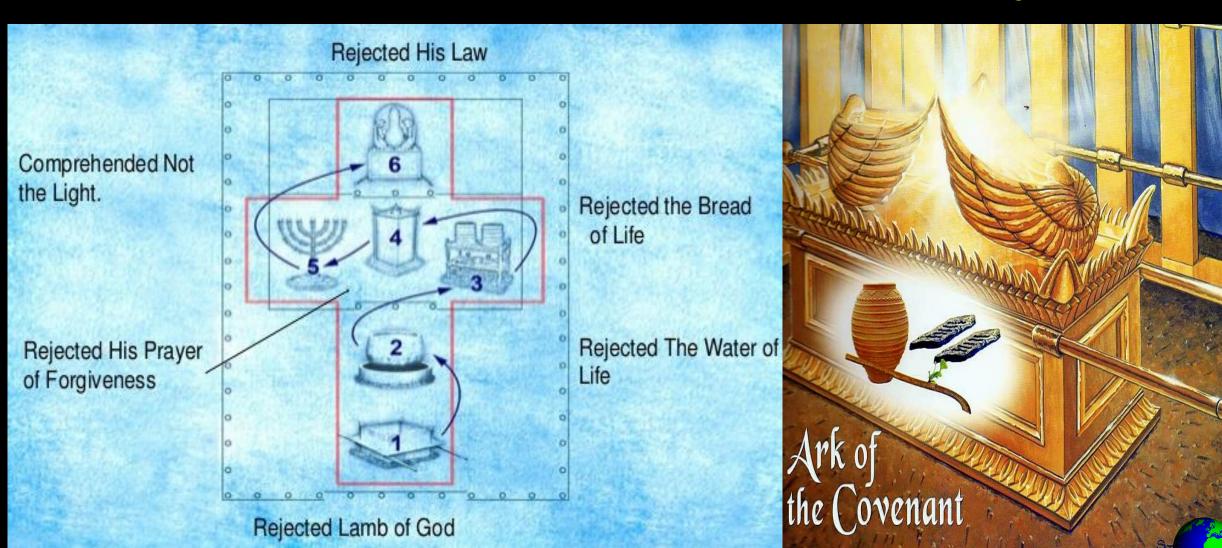


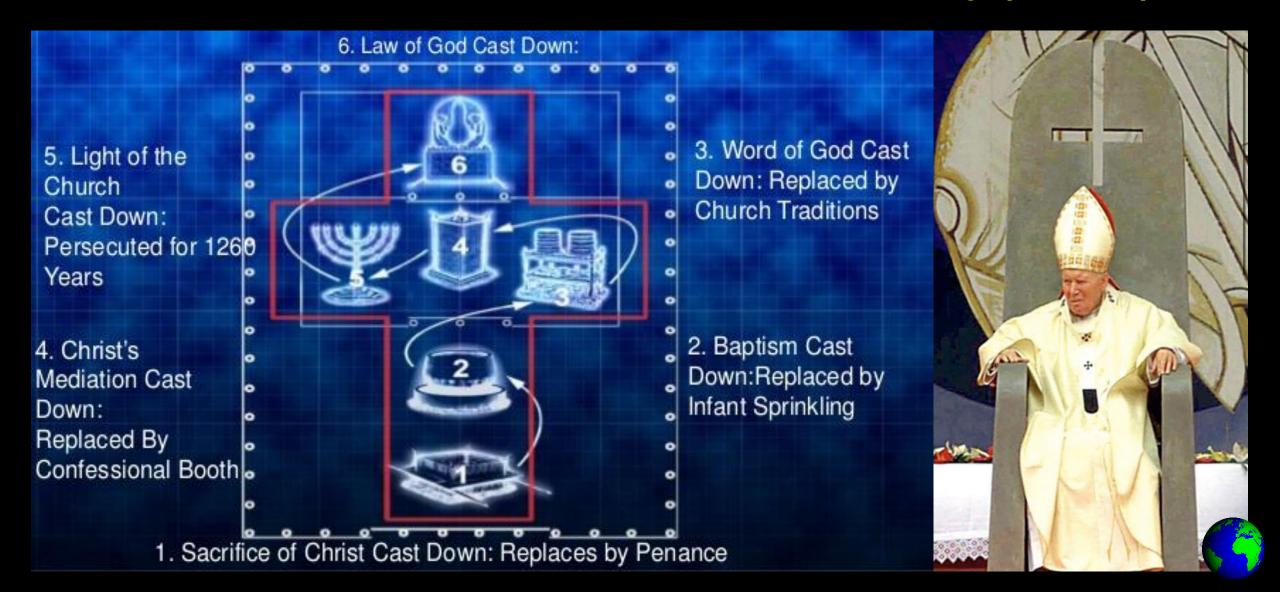
What happened to the earthly 'Ark of the Covenant'?

"Before the temple was destroyed, God made known to a few of His faithful servants the fate of the temple, which was the pride of Israel, and which they regarded with idolatry, while they were sinning against God. He also revealed to them the captivity of Israel. These righteous men, just before the destruction of the temple, removed the sacred ark containing the tables of stone, and with mourning and cadness. stone, and with mourning and sadness, secreted it in a cave where it was to be hid from the people of Israel, because of their sins, and was to be no more restored to them. That sacred ark is yet hid. It has never been disturbed since it was secreted."--4SG 114, 115 (1864); 1SP 414 (1870); SR 195.



God's Plan of Salvation is in His Sanctuary!





"The Bible says, Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

The Catholic church says, No! By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day, and command you to keep the first day of the week.

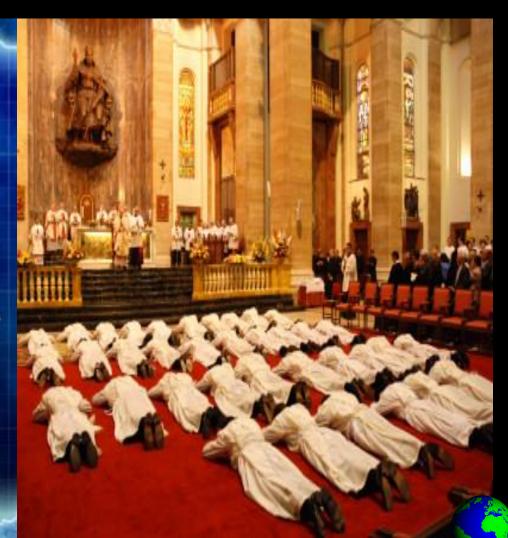
And Io, the entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic church!" Father Enright, C.S.S.R. of the Redemptoral College, Kansas City, Mo., History of the Sabbath, p. 802



Daniel 7:25: He shall think to change times and laws

"The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ." Decretal, de Tranlatic Episcop.

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. Isa.24:5-6







 "The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday."--The Catholic Mirror, Sept. 23, 1893.





The seventh-day of the week.

SUNDAY
The first day of the week.

•The Catholic Universe Bulletin, August 14, 1942, page 4.
"The Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday."

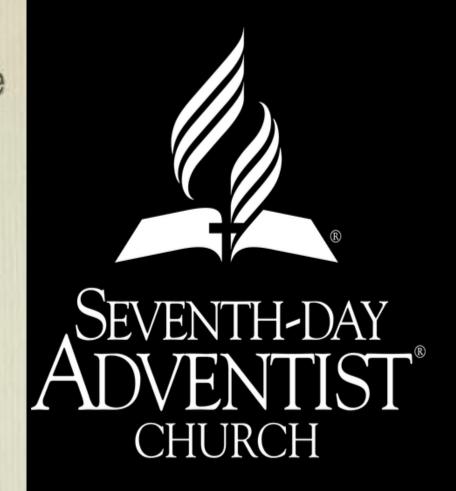
Importance of the Sanctuary

Says the great deceiver: "We must watch those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God; and the same **light** which **reveals the true Sabbath**, reveals also the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and shows that the last work for man's salvation is now going forward. Hold the minds of the people im darkness till that work is ended, and we shall secure the world and the church also. {4SP 337.2}



God's Plan of Salvation is in His Sanctuary (cont'd)

- "Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. 'The Day of the Lord' [dies domini] was chosen, not from any direction noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power.... People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become [Seventh-Day] Adventists, and keep Saturday holy."
- Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995.

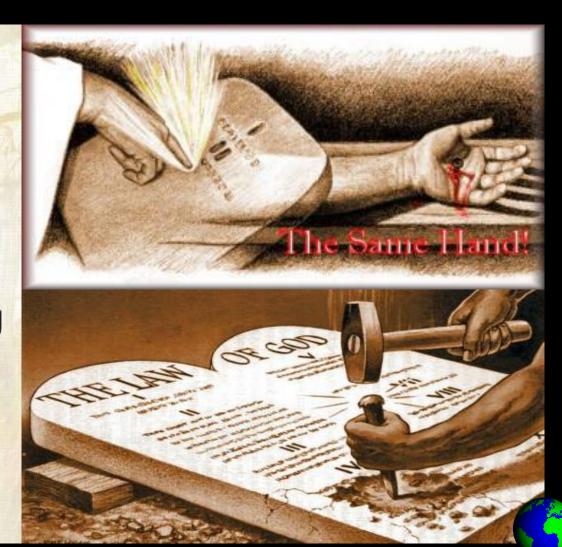




God's Covenant with Man = 10 Commandments

Commadments/ Decalogue

- The word "Decalogue" literally means "Ten Words", the words God revealed to his people on that holy mountain of Sinai.
- As a mature & responsible Christians, we should understand these "Words" in the context of being in a COVENANT with God.
- We define covenant as a "solemn agreement between parties to do or not do something specific".



Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice: 1 Samuel 15:22



Soon Sabbath (4th Commandment) will be test of loyalty to God!

- 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
- 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
- 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Genesis 2



The same Rock for Jews or Samaritans, Christians or Gentiles, Infact all of Humanity!

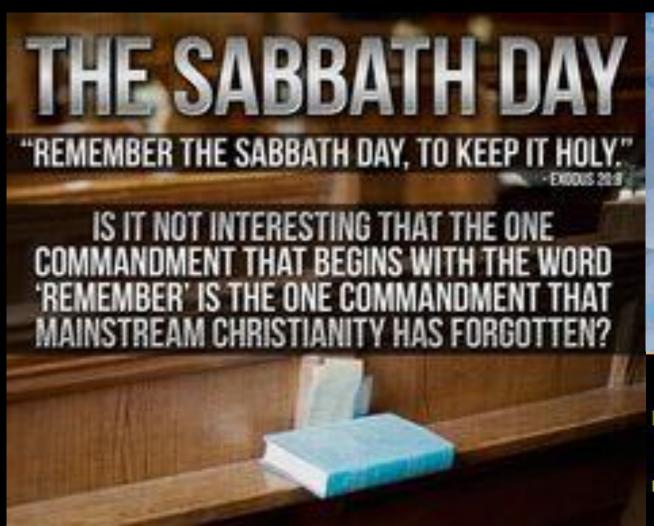


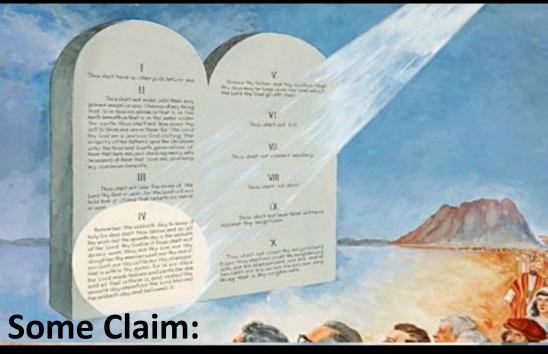
Only God can
CREATE and that is
the REASON we are
to obey and worship
HIM. Because He is
our CREATOR. He
owns US and this
WORLD by right of
having CREATED!

The SABBATH is the SEAL of the LAW.



Soon Sabbath (4th Commandment) will be test of loyalty to God!





Ellen G. White's "halo of glory" vision conflicts with the Lord Jesus: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the FIRST AND GREATEST commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Mt. 22:37-39)

Soon Sabbath (4th Commandment) will be test of loyalty to God!

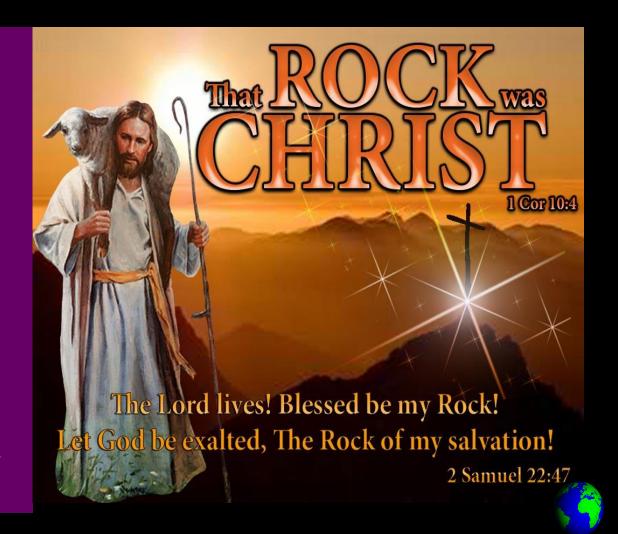


Tested by the Image.—The Lord has shown me clearly that the image of the beast will be formed before probation closes; for it is to be the great test for the people of God, by which their eternal destiny will be decided. ... [Rev. 13:11 – 17 quoted.] ...

This is the test that the people of God must have before they are sealed. All who prove their loyalty to God by observing His law, and refusing to accept a spurious sabbath, will rank under the banner of the Lord God Jehovah, and will receive the seal of the living God. Those who yield the truth of heavenly origin and accept the Sunday sabbath, will receive the mark of the beast (Letter 11, 1890).

The same Rock for Jews or Samaritans, Christians or Gentiles, Infact all of Humanity!

- 1. Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2. And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3. And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4. And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10



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Whenever the law is presented before the people, let the teacher of the truth point to the throne arched with the rainbow of promise, the righteousness of Christ. The glory of the law is Christ; he came to magnify the law, and to make it honourable. Make it appear distinct that mercy and peace have met together in Christ, and righteousness and truth have embraced each other. When you look to his throne, offering up your penitence, praise, and thanksgiving that you may perfect Christian character, and represent Christ to the world, you abidé in Christ, and Christ abides in you; you have the peace that passes all understanding. We need continually to meditate upon Christ's attractive loveliness. We must direct minds to Jesus, fasten them upon him. In every discourse dwell upon the divine attributes. RH December 13, 1892, par. 6

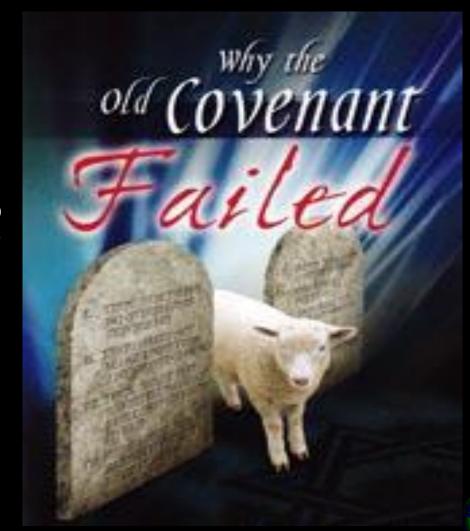


Why was the Old Covenant Faulty? Hebrews 8:7

The Old covenant was faulty because it was based on faulty promises by men.

The old covenant was a two-sided covenant in which the people promised to obey all of God's law and abide by the judgments read to them in order to receive the benefits God promised them. It therefore took the form of a contract that involved two promises — one from God and one from the people. It was a covenant that depended on human works, rather than on trusting in what God would do for them. We see this in the promise that the people made to God during ratification, "Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, 'All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient " (Exodus 24:7)

Notice the "we will do" – a promise in which the people took all the responsibility of doing God's commandments upon themselves. Since they had no true conception of God's holiness and the farreaching implications of His law, they did not realize that they were utterly unable to do it on their own.



Why the need of a New Covenant? Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah prophesied over 600 years before Christ of the New Covenant

According to Hebrews 8, the new covenant is, "a better covenant, which was established on better promises" (Hebrews 8:6), because it is based on God's promises and not Man's promises of the Old Covenant.

God designed that the people's failure to keep the old covenant would demonstrate to them the necessity of trusting fully in God's mercy and thus to enter into the everlasting covenant which was based on God's works instead of Man's works (See *Patriarchs and Prophets* p 371). It was in this way, that the law was to be a "tutor" to God's people.

Galatians 3:24



What's the New Covenant all about?

In contrast to the 'Old Covenant' agreement between God and the people of Israel, the New Testament tells of the 'new covenant agreement' made by God with both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) through his son, Jesus Christ.

"For this reason Christ brings a **new**agreement from God to his people.
Those who are called by God can now receive the blessings he has promised, blessings that will last for ever. They can have these things because Christ died so that the people who lived under the first agreement could be set free from sin." (Hebrews 9:15)





Earthy sanctuary services portrays the high priestly ministry of Jesus

The sanctuary services which God gave to Moses to give to the people after they had broken the covenant were designed to keep the provisions of the everlasting covenant constantly before their minds. And there were men and women of faith throughout Old Testament times who entered into a everlasting-covenant relationship with God. Some of them are listed in Hebrews 11. However, the majority of the people either treated the sanctuary services as a contract in which God owed them salvation in exchange for their offerings, or they fell into blatant idolatry. They failed to look forward to the great Sacrifice that God Himself would provide, as typified in all sacrifices in the sanctuary services.



The promises of Old and New Covenants

We need to remember that a covenant is a promise. The old covenant was based on the promises of men and women who hoped to gain salvation by their own effort of obedience. The new covenant, or everlasting covenant, on the other hand, is a one-sided promise by God to write His Law in the hearts of His people (See Hebrews 8:10-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34). The people need only to accept God's promise by faith in order for the covenant to become active in their lives. It is a promise of righteousness which translates into everlasting life.



THE NEW COVENANT

"And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance." (Heprews 9:15)

THE OLD COVENANT

Circumcising the foreskin.

Commandments are written on tablets of stone.

Sins are forgiven through the blood of animals.

THE NEW COVENANT

Circumcising the heart (Ro. 2:20)

Commandments are written on the Heart (Heb. 10:16)

Sins are forgiven through the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:14) The old and the new covenant are too similar to be considered different covenants.

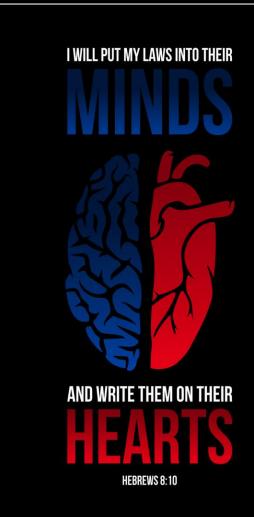
What's the difference between both covenants? Which terms from the old covenant are annulled in the new one? Which ones are kept?

Since the covenant was made before the foundation of the world, then nothing must be annulled. The covenant has just been transformed by Jesus' death at the cross.



Practical description of how Christ writes His laws in the heart

Many are inquiring, "How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?" You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him. -Steps to Christ, pp. 47.



Two covenants, with two ways to salvation?

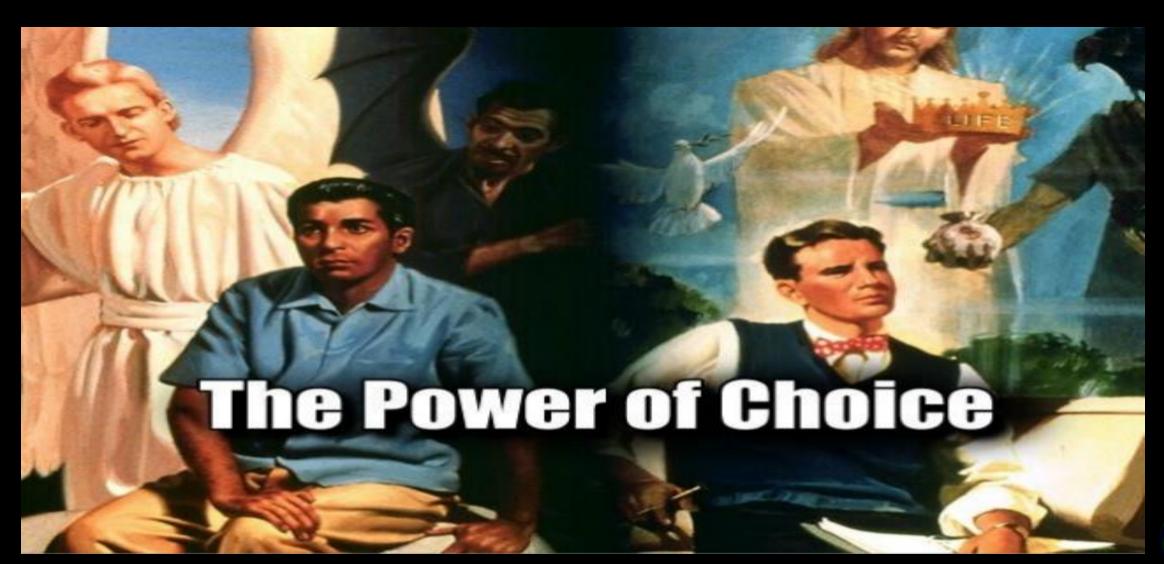
There is only ONE way to heaven:

Acts 4:10: Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

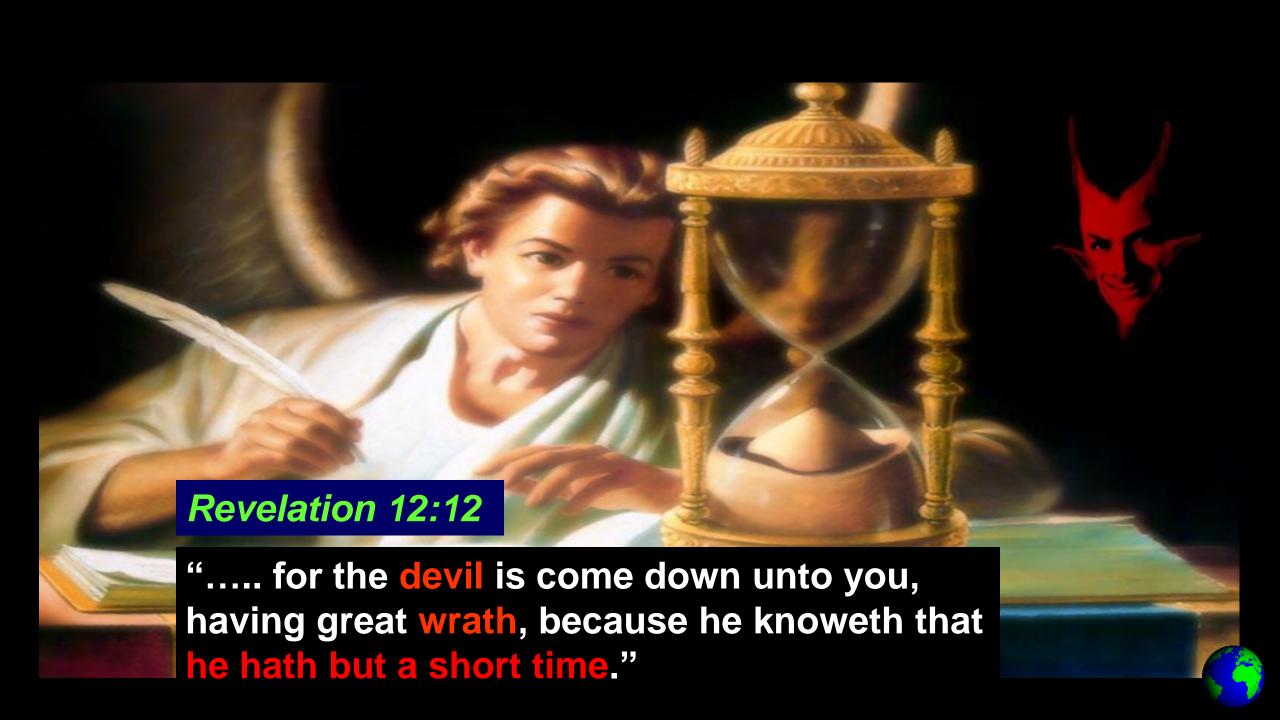
Acts 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



God has given all:







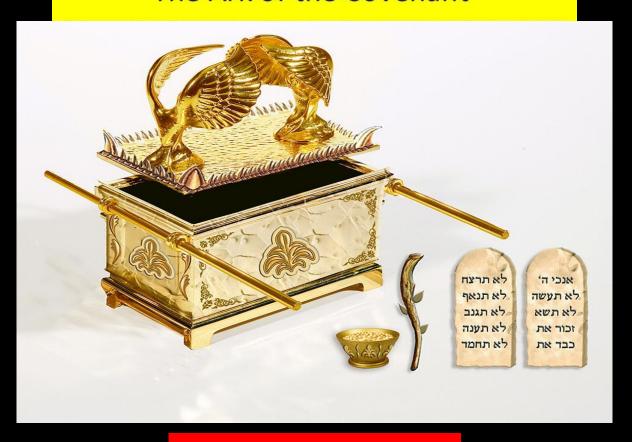
Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





