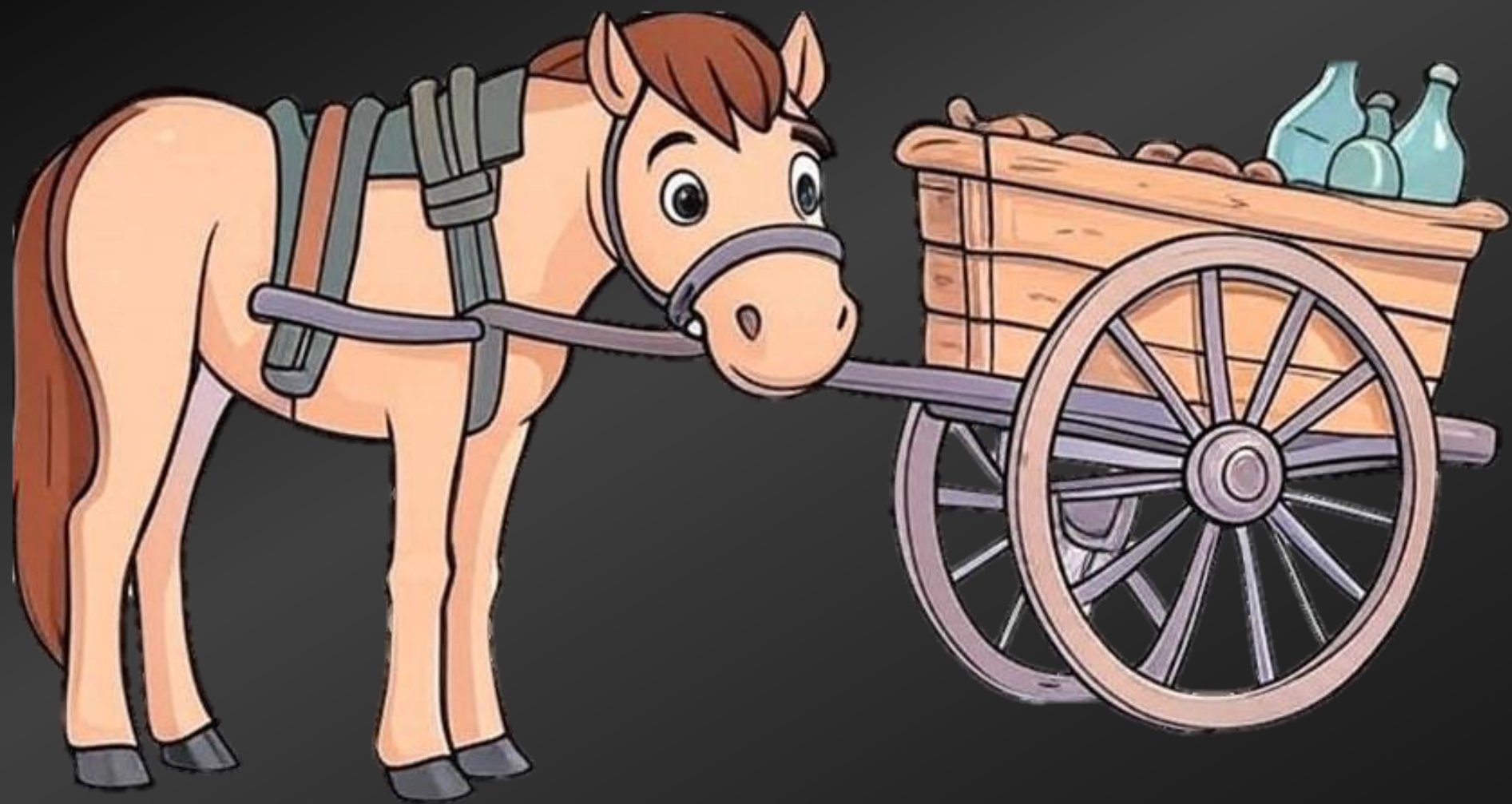


Love or Law

What Comes first?

How Best to Reach the Christian World

What went wrong?



^{NKJ} **Deut.** 28:47 - "... serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything.

... the church's focus on commandment keeping did not inspire the people to love God. Instead – keeping the Commandments was a way to avoid the tribulation and make it into the Kingdom of God.



- what the phrase 'God is Love' means in Hebraic thinking
- that - using the Exodus story - one's expression of love is living within the terms of the covenant
- that the New Covenant simply restores the relationship between God and Israel

These are points that Christians can grab hold of.

- Points that will lead them to the Torah

NKJ **1 John** 4:19 - We love Him because He first loved us.

In our modern Western culture, love is an abstract thought of emotion, how one feels toward another, but the Hebrew word - 'ahav' (אהב - 157) goes much deeper than simple emotion. The parent root of this word is hav (הב). While this root is not found in the Biblical text, a couple of other derivatives are the words 'havhav' (הבהב - 1890) , a noun meaning "gift" and 'yahav' (יהב - 3051), a verb meaning "to provide," help to supply the fuller Hebraic understanding of' ahav'.



We do not choose our parents or siblings, but they are instead given to us as a gift from above, a privileged gift. Even in the Ancient Hebrew culture, one's wife was chosen for him. It is our responsibility to provide and protect those privileged gifts.

As a verb, the Hebrew word 'ahav' means "to provide (*for*) and protect what is given as a privileged gift." We are to love God, neighbors, and family, not in an emotional sense, but in the sense of our actions.



NKJ **Gen. 3:17-19** - Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, `You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life ... ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread ..."

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NKJ **Ezek.** 16:6-15 - "And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' ⁷ "I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. *Your* breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you *were* naked and bare. ⁸ "**When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time *was* the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness.** Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD.

NKJ **Exodus** 19:3-6 - And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ⁴ `You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> `Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice **and keep My covenant**, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. ⁶ `And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."



^{NKJ} **Exodus 24:3-8** - So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." ... ⁷ 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."** ⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."



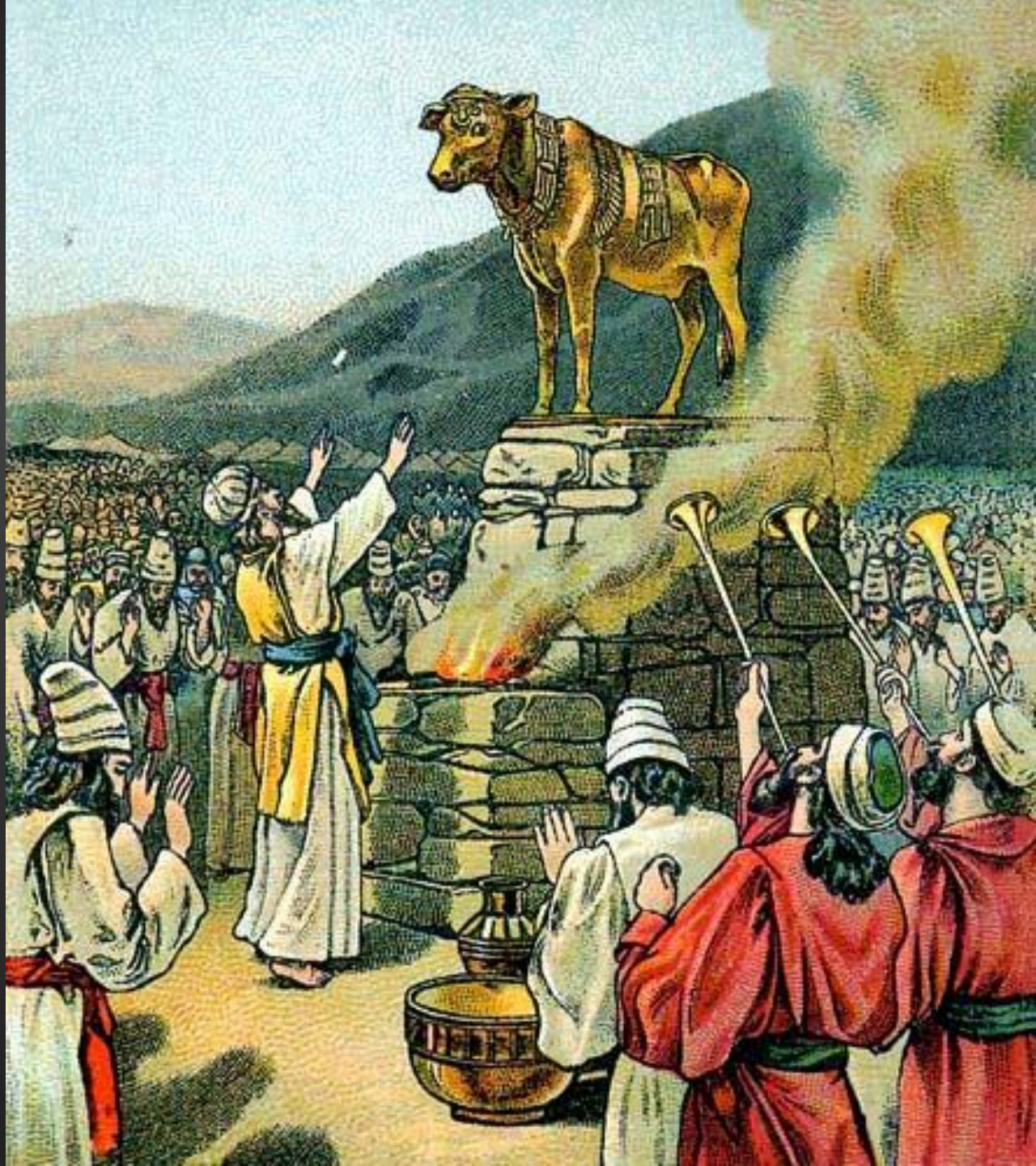
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NKJ **1 John** 5:2-3 - By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

- We are made in the image of Adam
- Adam was made in the image of God
- If we have masculine and feminine feelings – so does God

The Bride did not reciprocate -

- She refused to respect Him – to follow his governance, and what's more ...
- She began to sleep around.
- She did not give him 'godly offspring' (Mal. 2:15)
- She did not remember what YHVH had done for her –



^{NKJ} **Isaiah 52:1-5** - Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you. ² Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! ³ For thus says the LORD: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money." ⁴ For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. ⁵ Now therefore, what have I here," says the LORD, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the LORD, "And My name is blasphemed continually every day."

NKJ **Isaiah** 53:1-5 - Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him. ³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

^{ESV} **Jer. 31:1-3** - "At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people." ² Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

^{ESV} **Jer. 31:31-34** - "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant** with the **house of Israel** and the **house of Judah**, ³² 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, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband*, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."**

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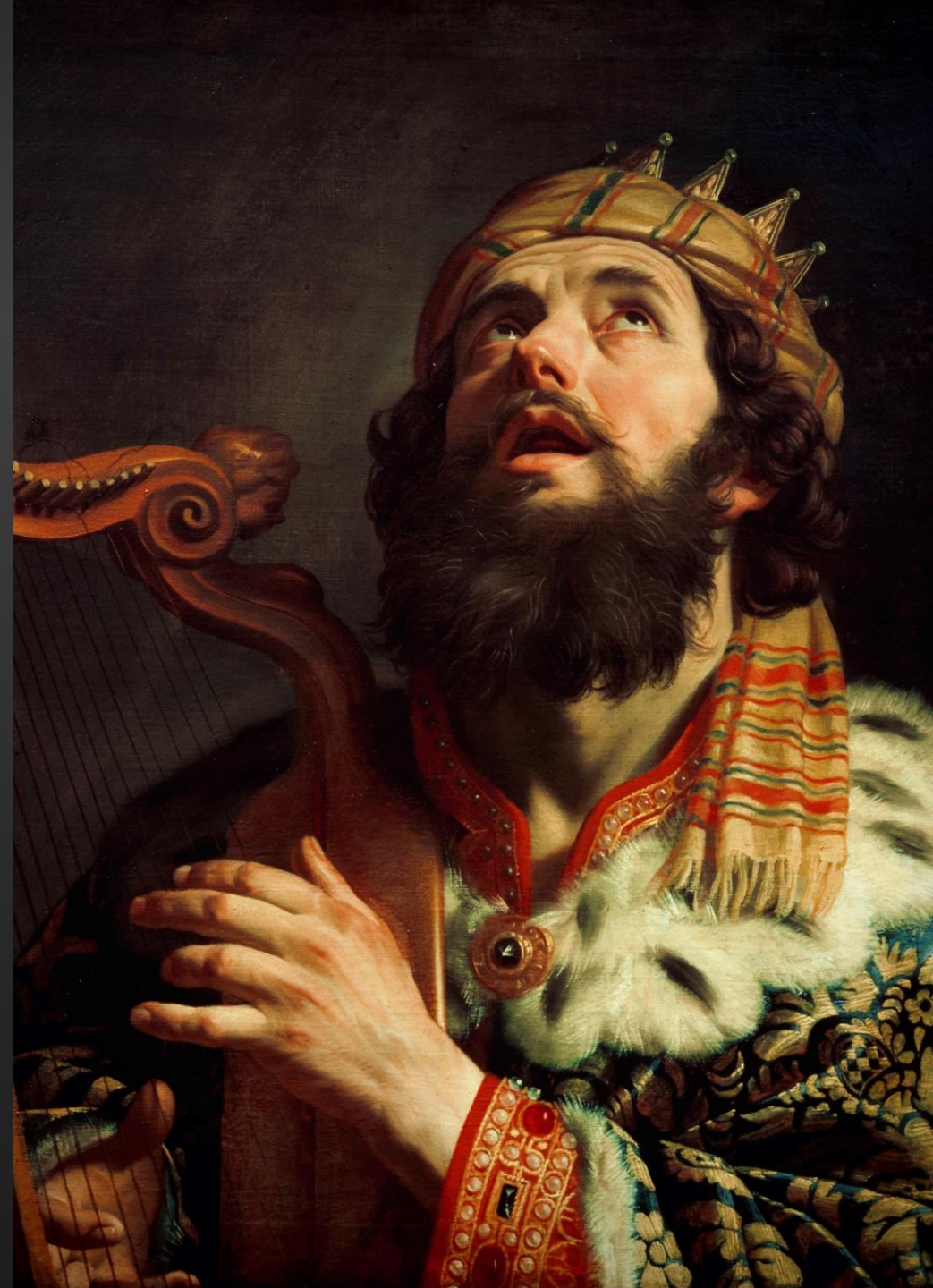
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We have to be able to show –

- God loved Israel so much that He was willing to bind Himself to her by a Covenant
- Israel was estranged from the Covenant due to Lawlessness
- Yeshua loved Israel so much that He died to Restore Israel back to the Covenant (Isaiah 52-53)
- The Covenant is only with Israel and Judah
- Christians must attach themselves to Israel, thus attaching themselves to the Torah.

For (YHVH) remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. ⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. ⁴⁴ And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, ⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

ESV **Psalm** 105:42-45



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Shalom Aleichem

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