

Covenants

Part 2 the Major Covenants

Review -

✧ Hebrew word for covenant - “beriyt” – a pledge, agreement, or alliance.

✧ But in regards to the covenants of God, they included the aspect of love.

✧ Though covenants may contain laws, covenants in themselves are not law.

✧ There are two types of covenants made between God and man-

✧ Hittite suzerainty covenant structure where a strong nation or king subjects a weaker king

✧ include the cutting of the pieces

✧ usually include some type of covenant sign

✧ Parity covenants in the form of marriage contracts

Review -

✧ By definition of the ancient concept of “cutting a covenant”, the only way out of a covenant is Death

Analysis

- ✧ Parties Involved?
- ✧ Purpose?
- ✧ Covenant Sign?
- ✧ Duration?
- ✧ Requirements of Each Party?
- ✧ Violations and how to deal with them?
- ✧ Still Valid Today?

Covenant with Noah

- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Noah, Noah's descendants (all mankind), the animals
- ✧ Purpose – assure all involved that the earth will not be destroyed again by a flood
- ✧ Covenant Sign - Rainbow
- ✧ Duration - forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God - to look at the rainbow any time He's inclined to destroy the earth
 - ✧ Mankind and animals - none
- ✧ Violations – None
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:3

- ✧ Descendants become a Great nation
- ✧ Great Name
- ✧ All Nations Blessed
- ✧ Bless those who Bless Him



Genesis 15

- ✧ Child of promise from Abraham's loins
- ✧ Descendants as numerous as the stars
- ✧ Land

Cutting the Covenant

Genesis 17

- ✧ Descendants to become many Nations
- ✧ Child of Promise thru Sarah
- ✧ Land
- ✧ Everlasting Covenant

Circumcision – the Sign of the Covenant

ESV **Genesis 17:14**

Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; **he has broken my covenant.**"

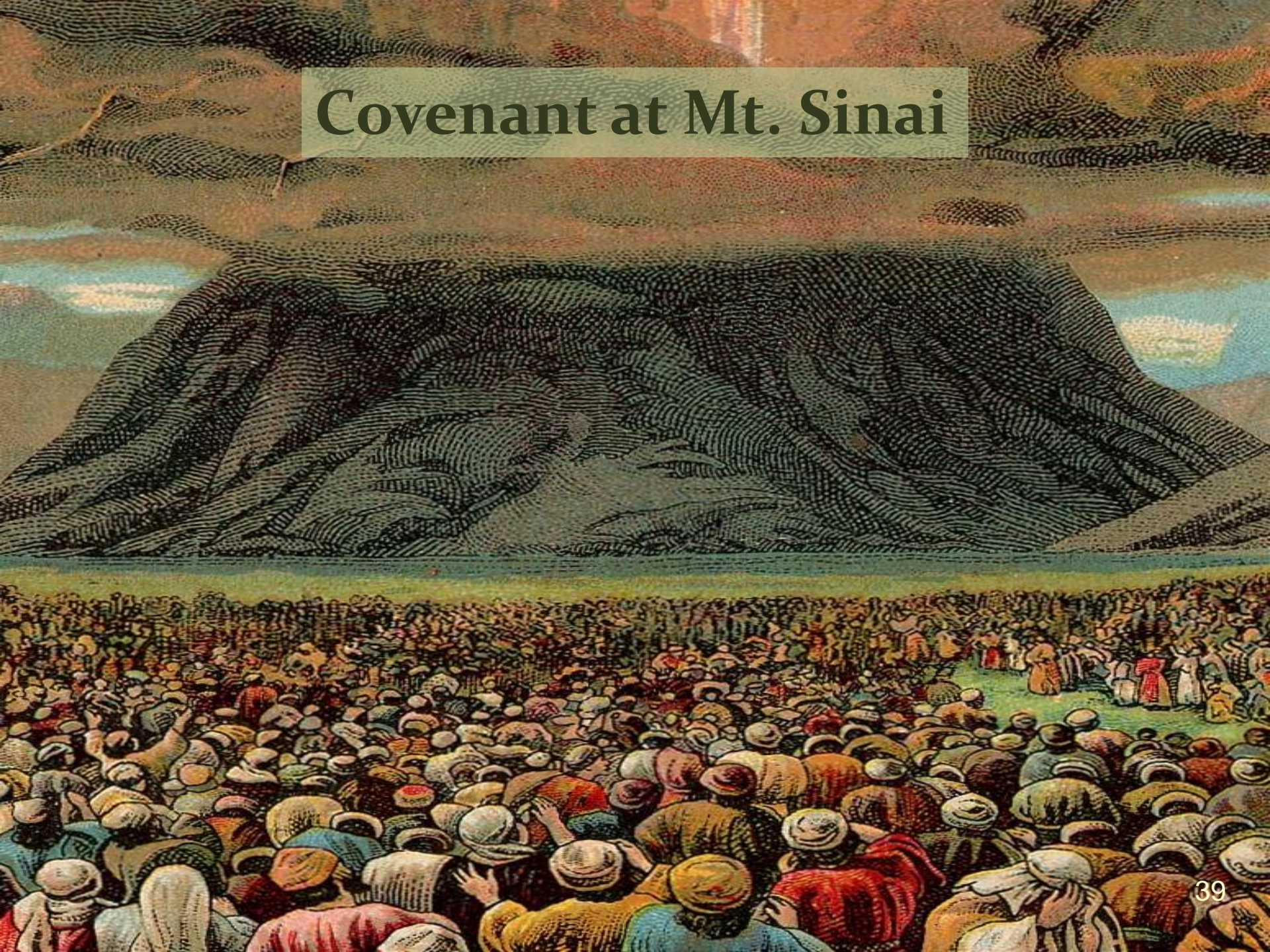
Covenant with Noah

Covenant With Abraham

Abrahamic Covenant Summary:

- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Abraham
- ✧ Purpose – establish a people for God.
Included Land, National Identity,
Blessings
- ✧ Covenant Sign - Circumcision
- ✧ Duration - forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God – fulfill the promises
 - ✧ Leave Ur of the Chaldees; Go to the Land; Conceive a Child thru Sarah; Circumcision, Obedience to Torah
- ✧ Violations – None
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes

Covenant at Mt. Sinai



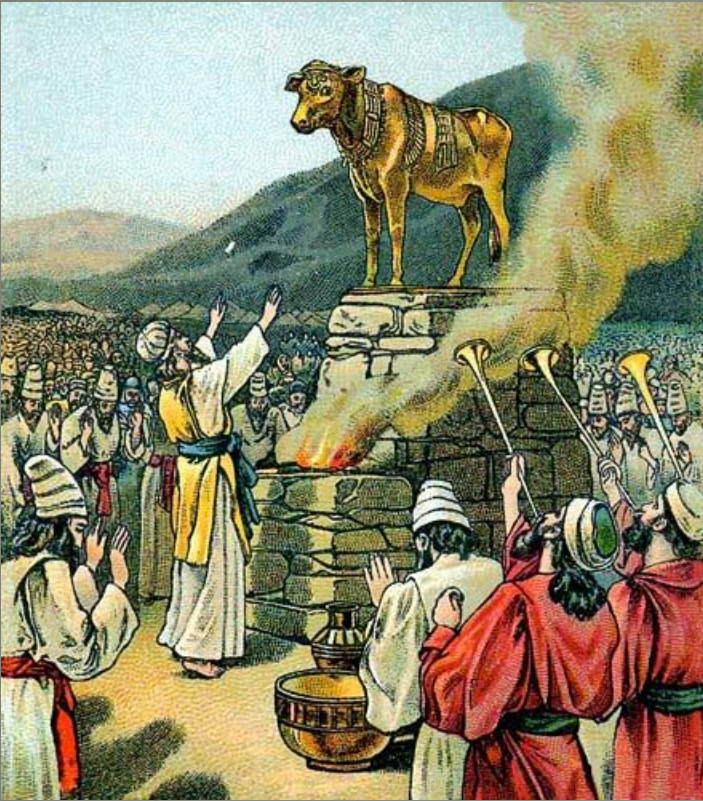
Exodus 6:3-5 . . . I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH* was I not known to them. ⁴ And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. ⁵ And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

- ✧ Preamble
- ✧ Historical prologue
- ✧ Stipulations
- ✧ Provisions for treaty deposit & public reading
- ✧ List of witnesses to the treaty
- ✧ Blessings & curses for fidelity or infidelity to the treaty
- ✧ Accommodations for renewal of the covenant with a change of leadership in the vassal nation

- ✧ Proposed (Exodus 19)
- ✧ Stipulations (Ex. 20-23)
- ✧ Covenant Read
- ✧ Ratified
 - ✧ Cutting the Covenant
- ✧ Moses receives the Tablets

The tablets are part of the covenant, but they are not the covenant.

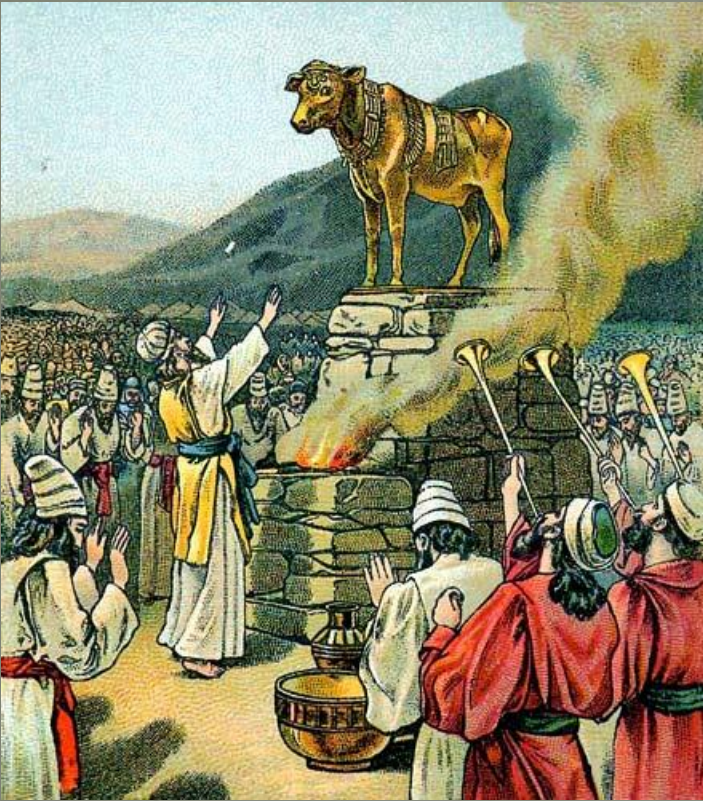
Golden Calf Incident



Did it change or abrogate the covenant?

NKJ Exodus 22:20 " He who sacrifices to *any* god, except to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

Golden Calf Incident



Exodus 34:10 ¹⁰ And He said: "Behold, I make (cut) a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels .

Deuteronomy 5:2-3 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even us*, who *are* all of us here alive this day.

^{TNK} **Deuteronomy 29:1** These are the terms of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to conclude with the Israelites in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which He had made with them at Horeb.

^{TNK} **Leviticus 26:44** Yet, even then, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or spurn them so as to destroy them, annulling My covenant with them: for I the LORD am their God.



Mt. Sinai Covenant Summary:

- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Israel (present and future generations)
- ✧ Purpose – to establish the covenant made with Abraham
- ✧ Covenant Sign - Sabbath
- ✧ Duration – forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God – establish Israel as the heirs of the covenant
 - ✧ Israel – keep the Torah
- ✧ Violations – many on Israel's part
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes, even while scattered among the nations

the New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-33 ³¹ " Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- ³² "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.* ³³ "But *this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

the New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:34-36 ³⁴ "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." ³⁵ Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is *His name*): ³⁶ *"If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever."*

chadash (2319 חֹדֶשׁ) – new, fresh

chadash (2318 חֲדַשׁ) – renew, repair

chodesh (2320 חֹדֶשׁ) – new moon

- ✧ What happened to the “old covenant”
- ✧ What is the sign of the New Covenant
- ✧ Who is party to the New Covenant
 - ✧ Why do “new covenant Christians” reject the concept of being a part of Israel
 - ✧ Why do they continue to reject the Torah
- ✧ Does the New Covenant follow the “nesting” pattern of the previous covenants?
- ✧ Does the New Covenant have provisions not found in the Old
 - ✧ Forgiveness of sin
 - ✧ Law written on the heart

the New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:37 ³⁷ Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

the New Covenant

Jeremiah 32:37-41 37 'Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger . . . 38 'They shall be My people, and I will be their God; 39 'then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. 40 'And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. 41 'Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.'

New Covenant Summary:

- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Israel and Judah
- ✧ Purpose – provide a covenant that cannot be broken
- ✧ Covenant Sign – No obvious sign
- ✧ Duration – Establishes Israel as God's people forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God – give the people a new heart
 - ✧ Israel – keep the Torah
- ✧ Violations – many on the part of those who claim the New Covenant
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes, if we are a part of it

Conclusions:

- ✧ God works thru Covenants
- ✧ He expects follow through on the part of both parties
- ✧ Covenants built within other covenants
- ✧ God makes provisions to maintain the covenant

Deuteronomy 7:9 9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments . . .

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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You