

WE THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION
ESTABLISH JUSTICE,
INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY
PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENCE,
PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE,
AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY
TO OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY,
DO ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS
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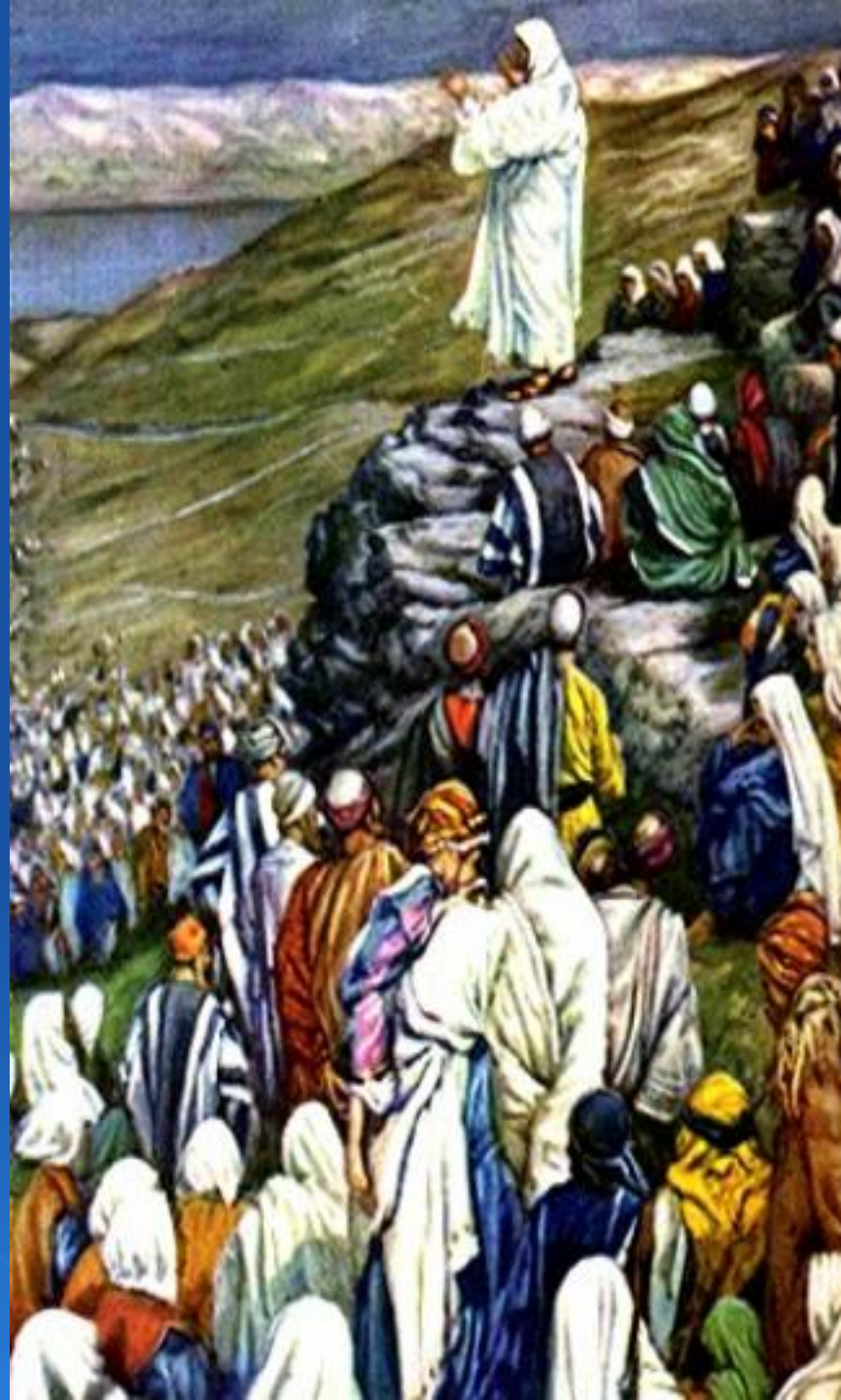
DEUTERONOMY 9: IN ORDER THAT HISTORY IS NOT RE-WRITTEN

- It is mankind's tendency to redefine events and their meaning over time
- There are those who believe our US Constitution should change relative to an evolving society
- Moses is revisiting Israel's history and God's Law so that succeeding generations would not misinterpret their purpose and intent



SERMON ON THE MOUNT: A REMINDER

- 1300 years had passed since the giving of the Law
- Sages and religious authorities had re-written and re-interpreted the Law to suit their own agendas
- Jews had grown to PREFER Tradition to Scriptural truth
- Modern Believers tend to do the same thing



ALL THAT SEPARATES ISRAEL FROM OTHERS IS THAT GOD CHOSE THEM!

- Israel has no inherent righteousness
- The Lord chose them because of the Patriarchs
- Moses reminds Israel that the instant they left Egypt they began a series of rebellions
- Moses came back from receiving the Law to find the people **BREAKING** the Law
- Golden Calf = Isis Bull





THE COVENANT IS CANCELLED!!

- Smashing the tablets is not only a display of anger
- It is the standard Middle East procedure to terminate a covenant
- Since Israel is the point of the terminated covenant, there is now NO NEED for Israel
- Therefore, God says He will now destroy Israel and form a covenant with a people descending only from Moses
- Moses pleads with God and He relents

ONLY 2 MEDIATORS: MOSES AND YESHUA

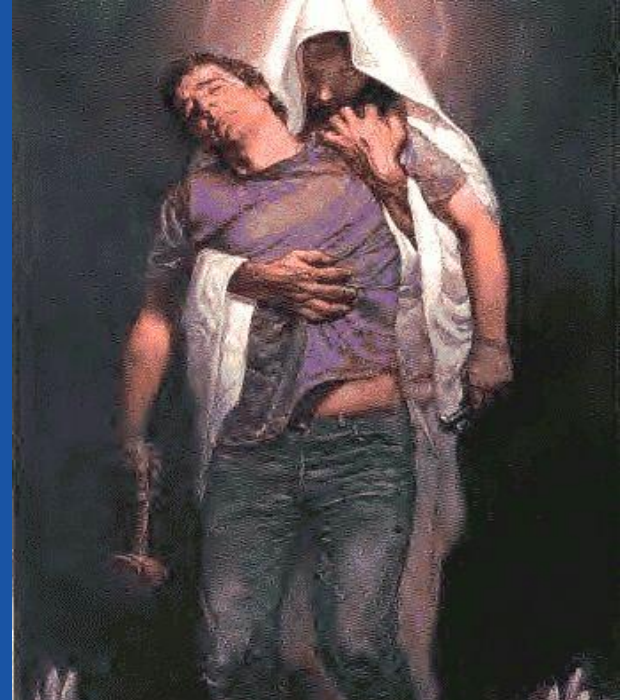
➤ God-pattern:

The only thing than can save ANY man is God's specially appointed HUMAN Mediator

- Moses and Yeshua, however, were NOT on equal footing
- Yeshua 100% God and 100% Man
- Both appealed NOT to men's righteousness but to God's righteousness



DEUTERONOMY 10: THE LORD WORKING OUT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS



- The Lord had to communicate in ways humans could understand
- God *working out His righteousness* means that everything that defines His righteousness He is using to mold and shape and accomplish His plans
- We are but TOOLS in God's hand as He works out His righteousness



ABRAHAMIC COVENANT NEVER IN JEOPARDY!



- Abrahamic Covenant was a promise! No quid pro quo
- The Mt. Sinai covenant had been created to BRING ABOUT the Abrahamic Covenant, not replace it
- Moses cut two new tablets to be engraved EXACTLY as the first because the laws would be the same



JEREMIAH 31:31

“...I will put MY LAW within them.....I will forgive...”

➤ J.A. Thompson, Tyndale commentator, Baptist Seminary Professor says:

“Even in the great day of renewal envisaged by Jeremiah it is THE SAME LAW that is to be written on the heart, the eternal Law of God...it is the SAME covenant...”

The Shema (Deut. 6) also says that the Mt. Sinai covenant was to be written on their hearts!

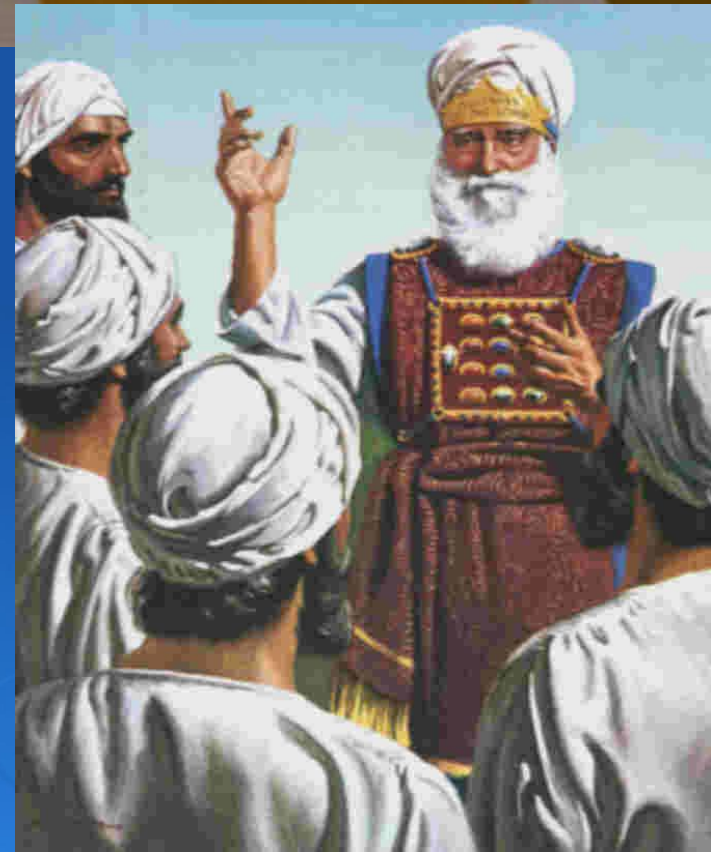
WHAT LAW? The ONLY Law God recognizes, His eternal Law!!

Notice that the NEW COVENANT is also made with the ***House of Israel and the House of Judah***

Not one word mentions gentiles or a covenant made with gentiles

LEVI IS SEPARATED

- Not ALL the Torah was written by Moses
- Vss. 6 – 9 obviously not written by Moses
- Just as God separated Israel from the rest of the world, He separated Levi from the rest of Israel
- Yet, Levi was to live with Israel
- Christians are separated to be God's servants, BUT we are to live with the world



LEVITES HAVE 3 MAIN FUNCTIONS

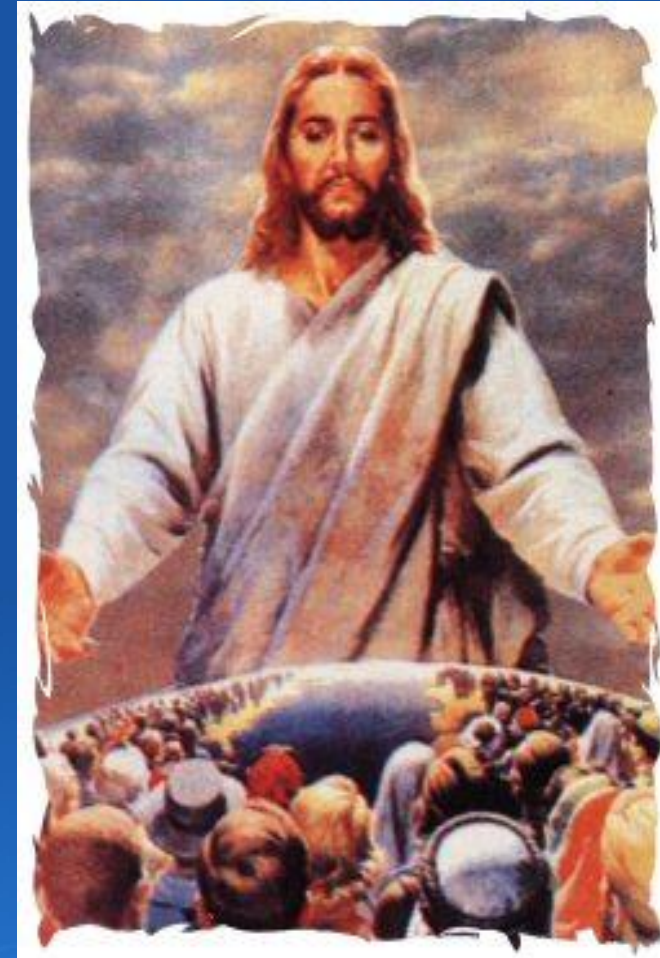


- 1) Carry the Ark
- 2) Stand before the Lord
- 3) Bless His Holy Name
- ANY one else who comes near the Ark will die
- “Stand before the Lord” and idiom that means to serve in an official capacity
- Bless His Holy Name means only the Levites can perform the various rituals



“ And now, O Israel, what does YHWH your God demand of you?”

- Enormous implications
- This is NOT about HOW to become saved (redeemed)
- It is how to live the *redeemed life!*
- It is about how to live in harmony with God
- 5 things are directly listed:
- 1) Revere Him
- 2) Walk in His paths
- 3) Love Him
- 4) Serve Him
- 5) Obey (keep) His laws and commands



REVERE, WALK, LOVE, SERVE, OBEY (KEEP) HIS COMMANDS

- Notice that love is only one of the 5 on the list
- All these 5 demands are inter-related and intertwined
- “Love YHWH your God with all your mind, soul, and strength....”
- God says that the expression of love towards Him is MORE than a warm feeling
- Those who love Him will do all these things
- God-principle: Our worship of God cannot be separated from the rest of our lives