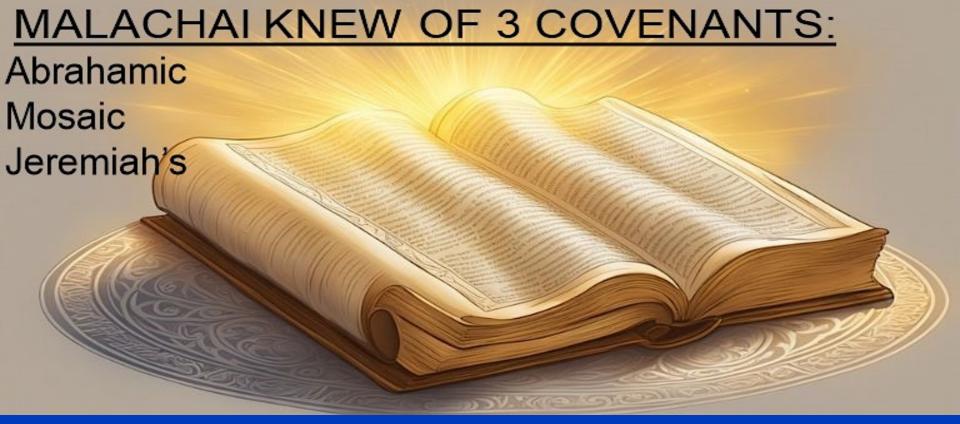
God's New Covenant

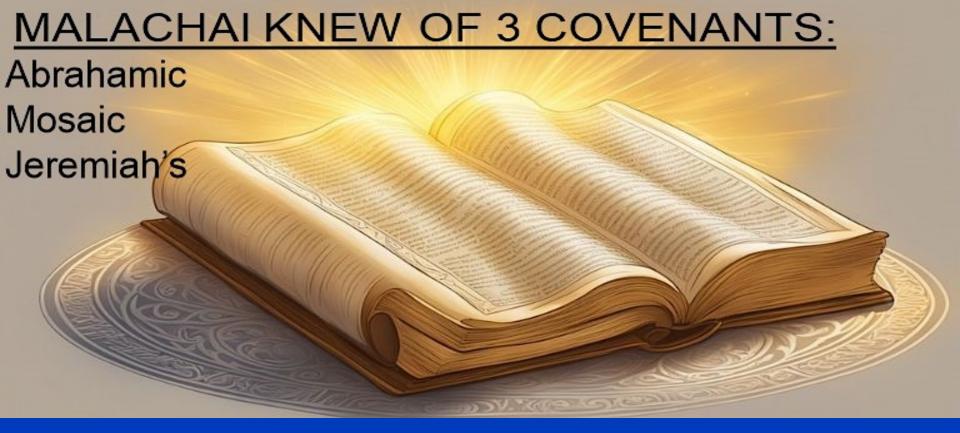
Jeremiah 31:31-34



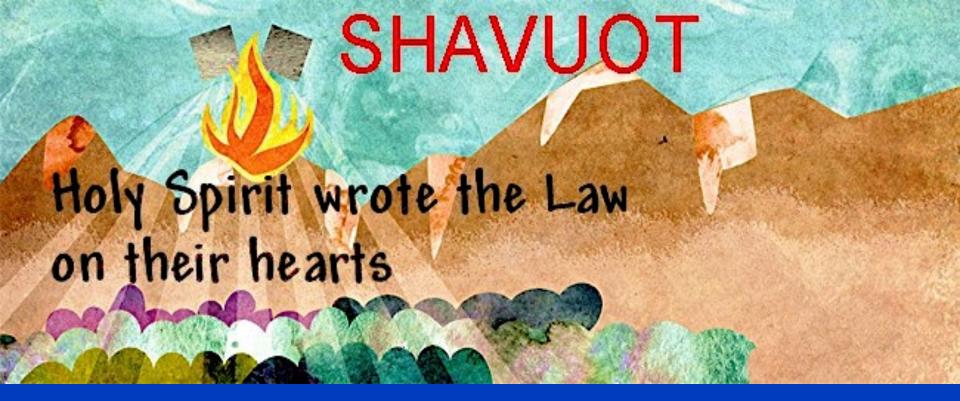
- The New Covenant was already known and incorporated into Jewish thought before the time of Malachai
- The Levite Priesthood, Sages, and current Prophets were well aware of this covenant
- Christendom thinks the New Covenant didn't involve Israel, it was made for the gentile Church



- Jeremiah's new covenant:
 - 1) exclusively to Israel
 - 2) transferring the Law from an external place (tablets, scrolls) to an internal place (heart, mind)
 - 3) continuing acceptance of Israel as God's chosen



- Biblical Principle: when a Prophet speaks an oracle from God, the push to put it in motion happens immediately
- Prophetic fulfillments roll-out over time until they reach their fullest fruition



- John's primary purpose was to add sequence and timing to what the Prophets had spoken
- The main feature of the New Covenant was for God to put the Torah into the interior parts of God worshippers
- Yeshua, Messiah, had to provide forgiveness of sins before this could happen

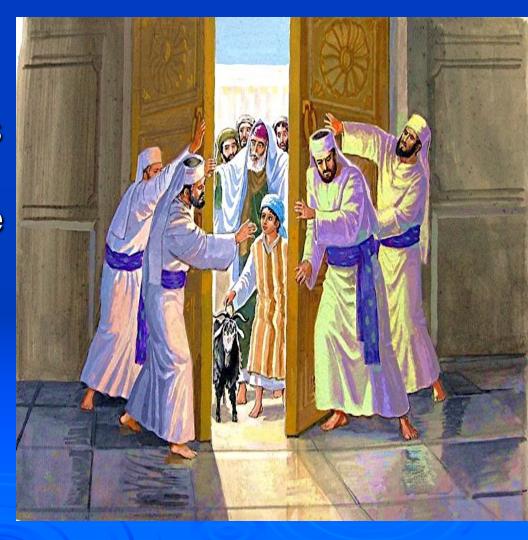




- God will not accept damaged or "cheap" sacrifices or offerings
- This is NOT saying that the better the gift, the better chance for God's favor, or that cost matters
- ▶ Psalm 40:6 9
- Sacrifices and offerings to God were actually to the benefit of His worshippers
- Mankind has no right to change God's standards

- To defraud God with worthless, lesser, or defective gifts than He is due, is sin
- Since defective
 sacrifices are worthless
 to God, then it is better
 to just close the Temple
 and not sacrifice at all
- When something is badly broken, sometimes it cannot be fixed
- God sent the people to Babylon for this reason

CLOSE THE DOORS!!



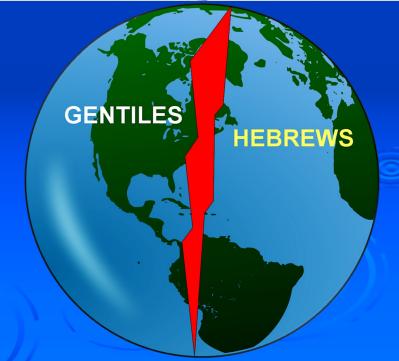




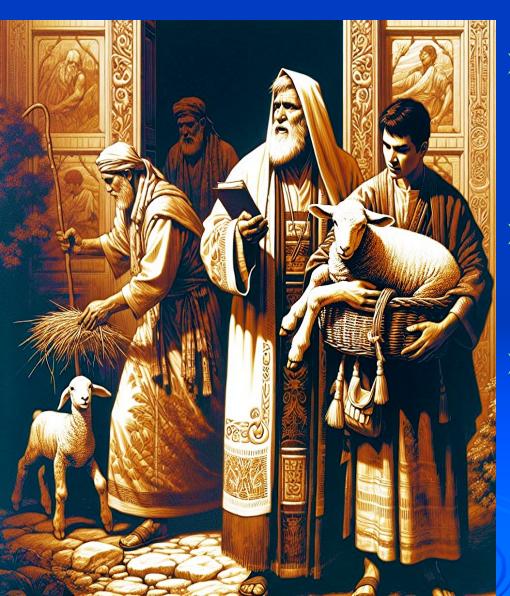
- Worship as vain, bored mechanical repetition
- Empty, fruitless sermons and worship exchanged for entertainment
- Is it perhaps best to stop being part of these institutions?
- Vs. 11 God's name is great in all the nations?
- This is a prophecy of future times, after the Apocalypse

- Justin, Irenaeus, Clement, Augustine all said God's name was already great because in worshipping pagan gods, the nations were worshipping YHWH!
- Goyim = nations, and gentiles
- Vs. 12 essentially a repetition of vs. 7
- Mehallelim = profane, desecration of the holy
- It is less in our speech and more in our actions that we profane God





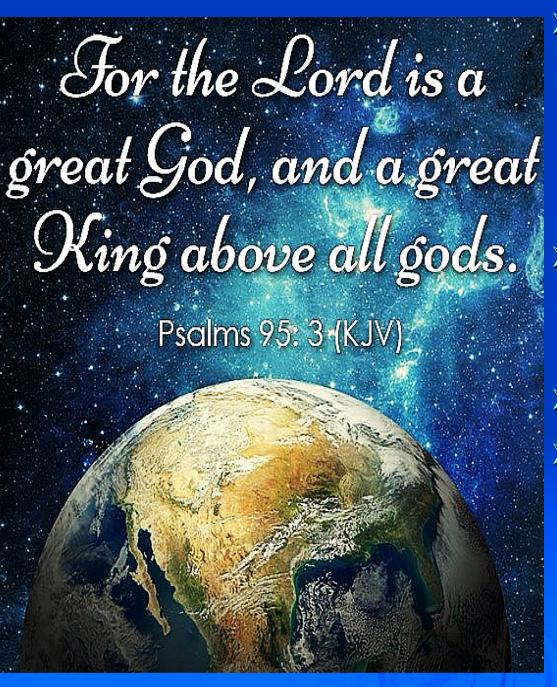
ARROGANT INDIFFERENCE



- ▶ 1st stanza of vs. 13 is given with much emotion
- Hinneh = behold! Indeed! Sometimes is read unspoken, like an exclamation point
- To "sniff" is an idiom expressing arrogant indifference
- Some Bible versions
 have the job itself being
 "sniffed at", others it
 is God that is being
 "sniffed at" by the priests



- > Gazal = taken by violence, rob, steal, seize by force
- Isaiah 61:8 "...I hate robbery for burnt offerings..."
- God is calling all Israel back to sincere worship
- > Rote, mechanical, unthinking ritual habit are worthless
- A Pastor or Bible teacher preaching or teaching only because it is their profession has little value



- The value of any prayer, service, teaching or preaching is not in its length, but in its authenticity
- Malachai 1:14 "...cursed is the deceiver...
- > Arar = curse
- The most powerful decree an authority can give out. The cursed has been given over to terrible misfortune