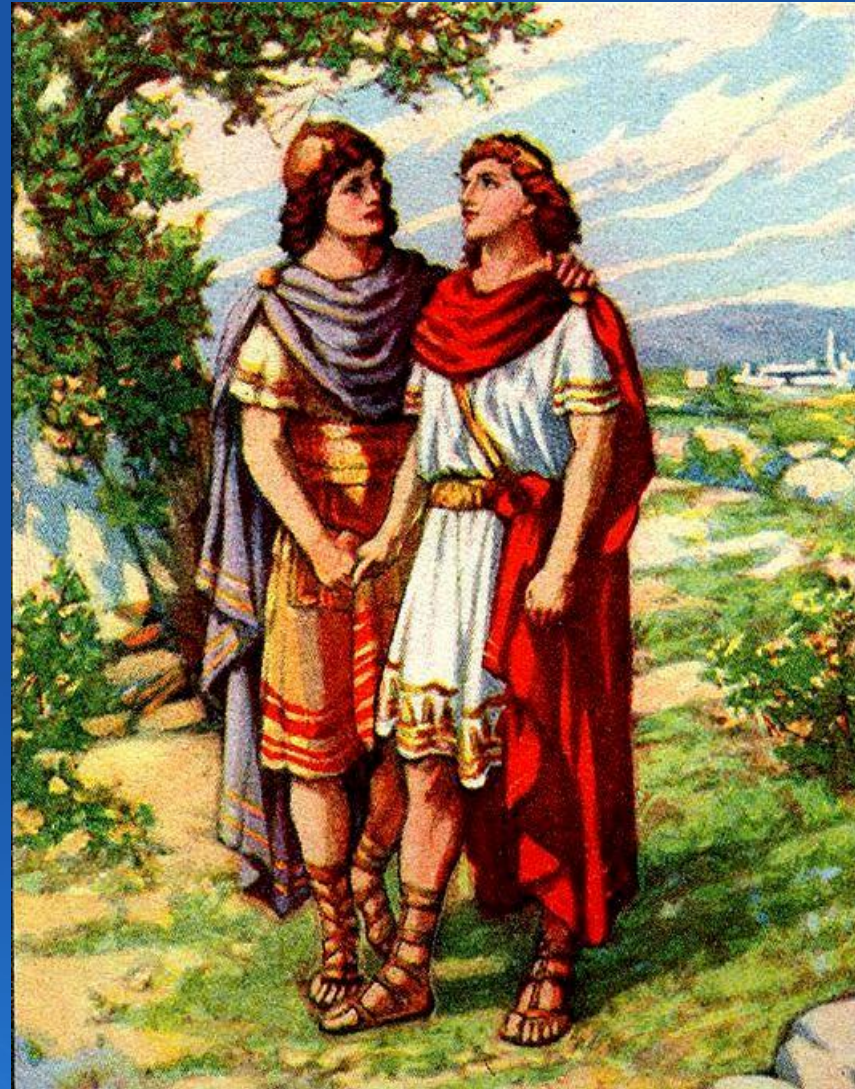


“God of Israel is witness...”

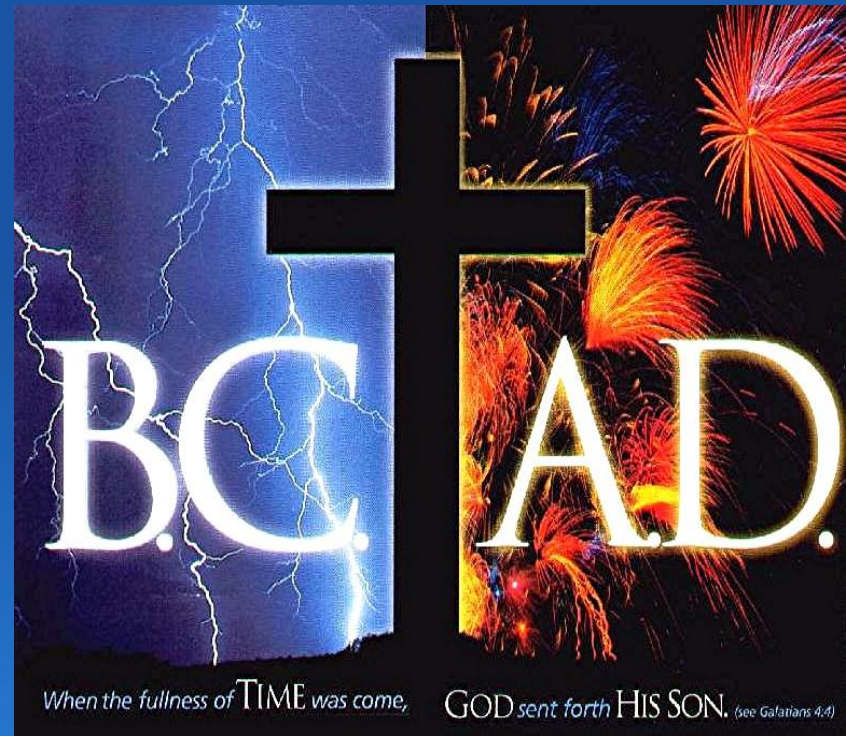
- Jonathan and David have established a new covenant between them
- A “vow” is NOT a “covenant” and a “covenant” is NOT a “vow”
- The participants local god was invoked as the guarantor of the covenant
- ***YHWH elohim Yisra’el***



THE NEW COVENANT EXPANDS THOSE WHO CAN BE INVOLVED



- New covenant between David and Jonathan a pattern?
- This new covenant extends the loyalty to include descendants
- New Covenant in Christ did NOT abolish the covenants with Noach, Abraham, Moses
- Benefits and scope of the covenants were expanded to include all who were loyal to Yehoveh, not only the physical / national Hebrews



THE SHADOW BECOMES THE SHAPE



- This new covenant assumes that David will be in authority over Jonathan
- This new reality had many ramifications for Saul, Jonathan, and family
- David required to show *chesed* to Jonathan's descendants
- David OWED *chesed* to Jonathan because he gave up his right to the throne and preferred loyalty to David than to his own father

“He loved him as he loved himself”

- Jonathan’s statement bore a dual context
- 1) deep personal loyalty
- 2) a new political reality
- King / vassal relationship
- Assyrian loyalty oath between King Ashurbanipal and the kings he conquered: ***“you must love him (Ashurbanipal) as you love himself”***
- Luke 16:13 ***“No servant can be slave to two masters....”***



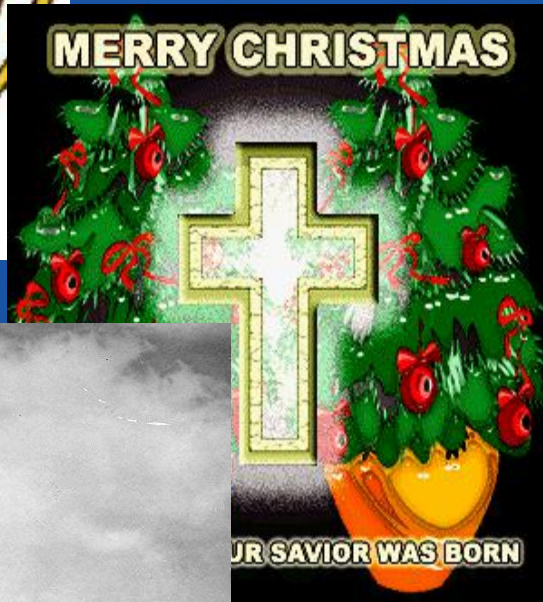
THE ROSH CHODESH MEAL



- David will avoid the New Moon fest with King Saul
- Jonathan will go and gather information and then inform David
- Agreement is sealed with a vow: ***“Adonai is between me and you forever”***
- Abner, Saul’s supreme general, sits next to the king
- Saul says nothing about David’s absence
- Sha’ul thinks David must be unclean ***tamei***

“HOLY” IS DEFINED BY GOD ALONE!

- Torah Laws distorted during Saul’s era
- Priesthood must officiate over *Rosh Chodesh*
- Only God’s Word tells us what is “holy”
- Man has no authority to add to or subtract from God’s list



KING SAUL CONFRONTS JONATHAN



- 2nd day of ***New Moon*** fest and David is still missing
- Jonathan tells Saul that he gave permission for David to go home
- ***Zevah Mishpachah*** = clan voluntary sacrifice
- Saul curses at David
- “to the disgrace of your mother’s nakedness”
- Saul tries to kill Jonathan with a javelin

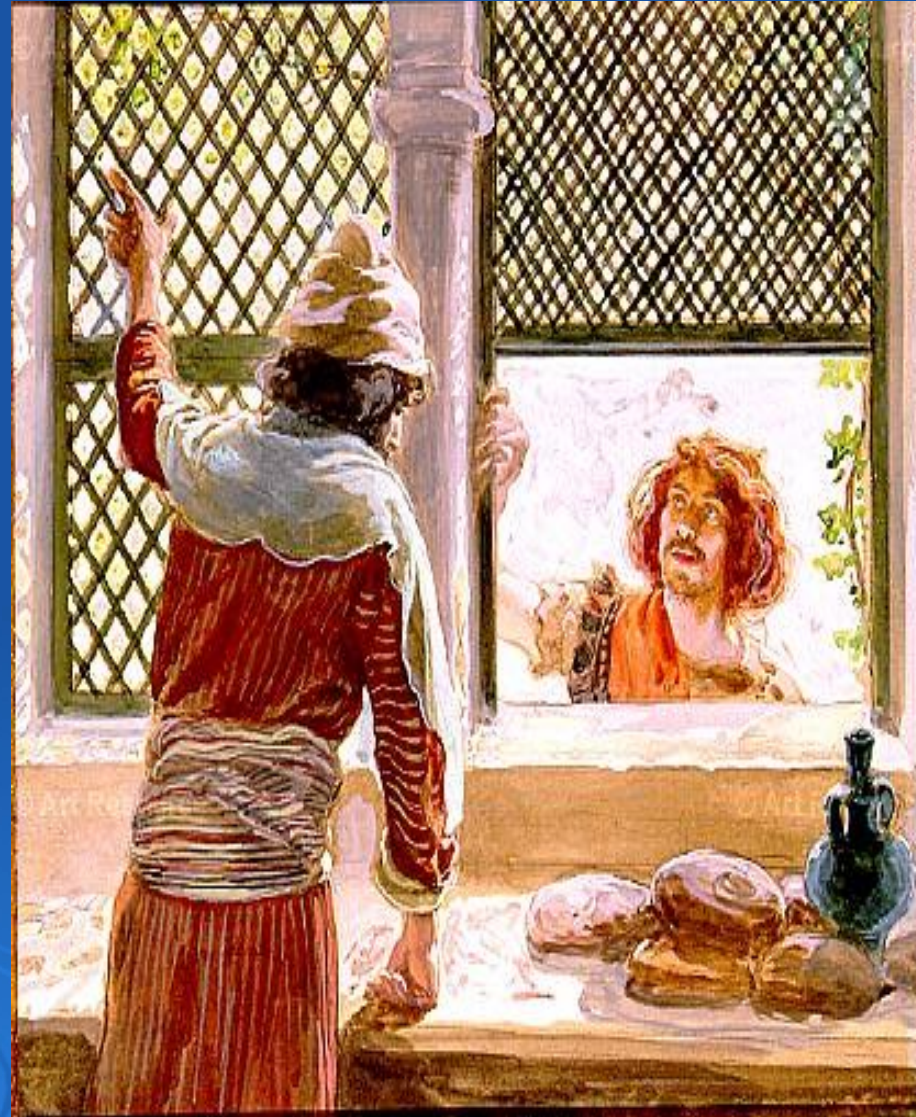
JONATHAN GIVES THE SIGNAL

- Everything is now in the open and exposed
- Very little difference between Saul and Pharaoh
- Jonathan shoots arrows, dismisses the boy, and meets with David
- David now a hunted fugitive
- “Go in Peace” = a technical / legal term that means “OK, we have a deal”



1st SAMUEL 21: DAVID FLEES TO NOB

- Dark side of David's character emerges
- Nob slightly North of Jerusalem, near Gibeah
- **Ahimelech**, the High Priest at Nob
- **Ahimelech** great grandson of Eli, Samuel's mentor
- **Achiyah** is Saul's personal priest
- David asks for 5 loaves of bread



THE SHEWBREAD

12 LOAVES OF SHOWBREAD



- Every Shabbat the 12 loaves are replaced with fresh loaves
- Only priests authorized to eat the Shewbread
- Some kind of Sanctuary existed at Nob
- Many sanctuaries built since Wilderness Tabernacle fell into disuse at Shiloh

THE RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN ISRAEL WAS CONFUSED

- Since Samuel retired, who was Israel's religious authority?
- The 48 Levitical cities never happened
- Some priests hired themselves out as private priests
- **Ahimelech** says he'll give David the Shewbread but he and his men must be ritually clean



LIGHT VERSUS HEAVY



- *Kal V'homer* = light versus heavy
- At times the 613 laws can conflict with one another
- A Rabbinical method of theological argument
- High Priest chose “love thy neighbor” above the law on eating consecrated Shewbread