

THE COVENANT PATTERN

- When God offers His covenant, we may accept or reject it
- We accept or reject THE TOTAL PACKAGE, not bits and pieces
- When we accept the “New” Covenant, we accept all of its terms and conditions
- Jeremiah 31: the “New” covenant is actually the “Renewed” covenant of Mt. Sinai, but with trust in Messiah as the membership requirement



COVENANT DIFFERENCES

➤ COVENANT OF MOSES

➤ Mediator: Moses (man)

➤ Entry requirement:
Circumcision (physical membership to physical Israel)

➤ Man to write the Law on his own heart (mind)

➤ RENEWED COVENANT

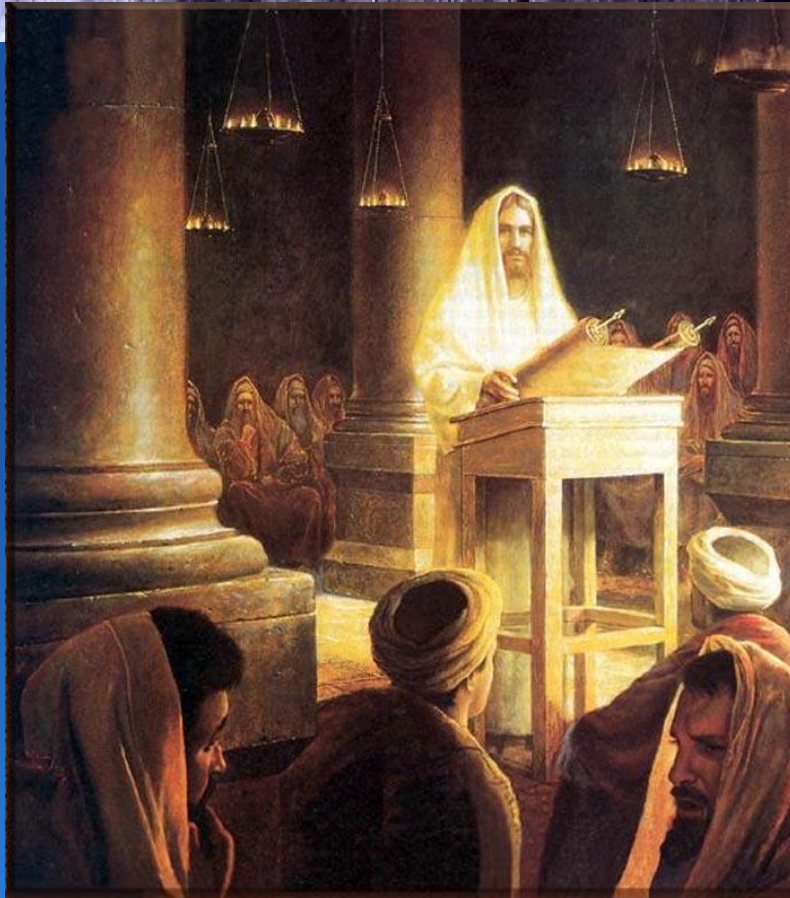
➤ Mediator: Yeshua (God/man)

➤ Entry requirement:
Faith in Messiah (spiritual membership to spiritual Israel)

➤ God will write the Law on the Believer's heart (mind)

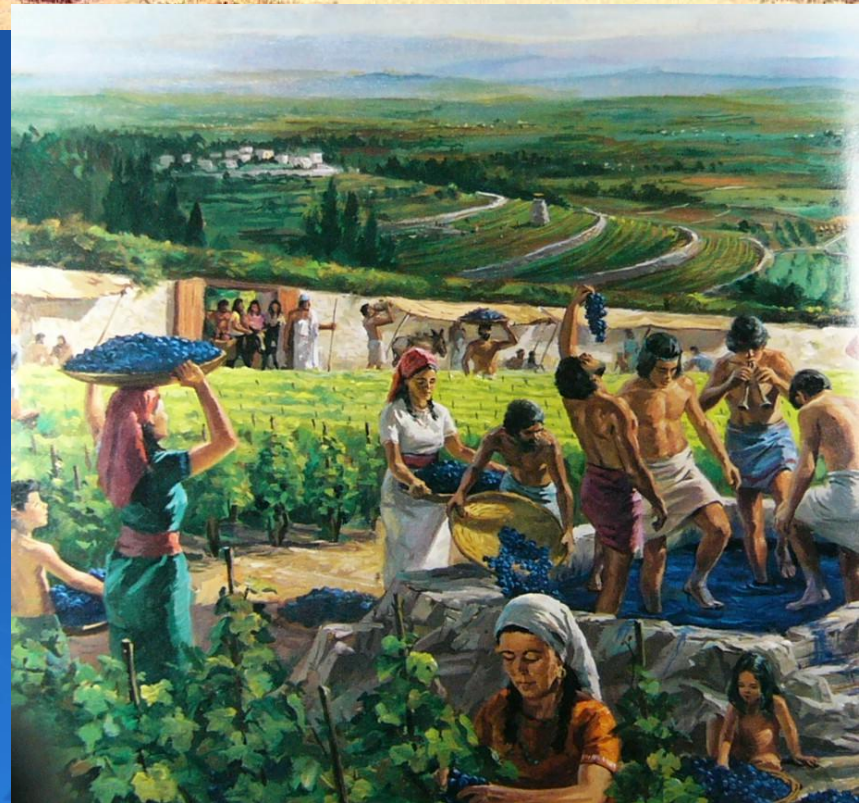
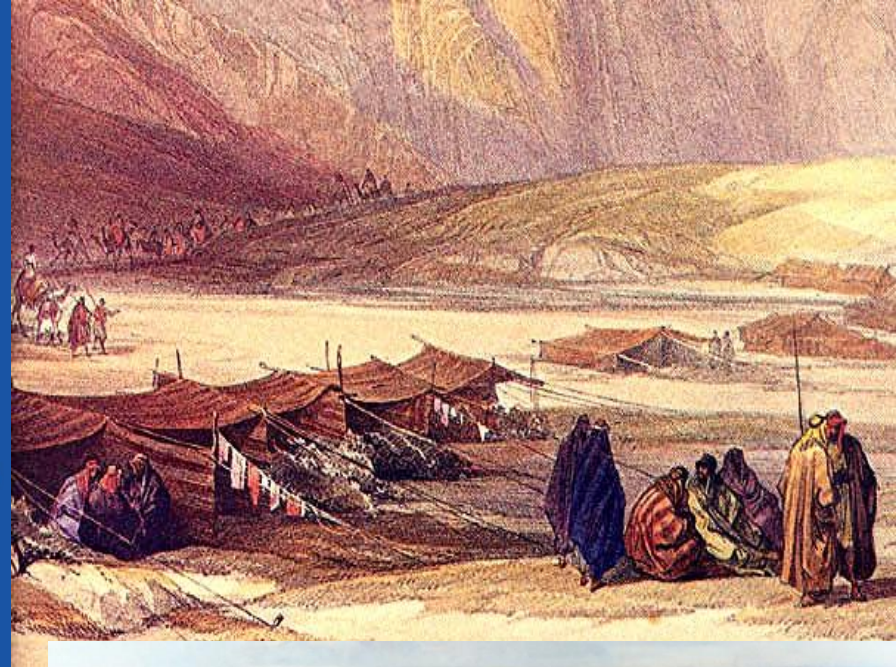
GOD IS KNOWABLE

- That a god could be known and understood was a laughable concept in Moses' era
- Yehoveh has revealed Himself to us in His Laws and commands (His Word)
- His attributes are entirely different from all the false gods
- He is NOT to be worshipped like the Canaanites worship the false gods
- God's laws and commands are the HEAVENLY IDEAL



MAJOR SHIFT IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

- Israel about to move from being wandering herders, to a settled agrarian society
- Societal condition changes mean THE WAY God's principles can be applied have to change
- Duane L. Christensen: *"...the values that produced those practices in times past remain valid in the present"*





GOD'S NAME

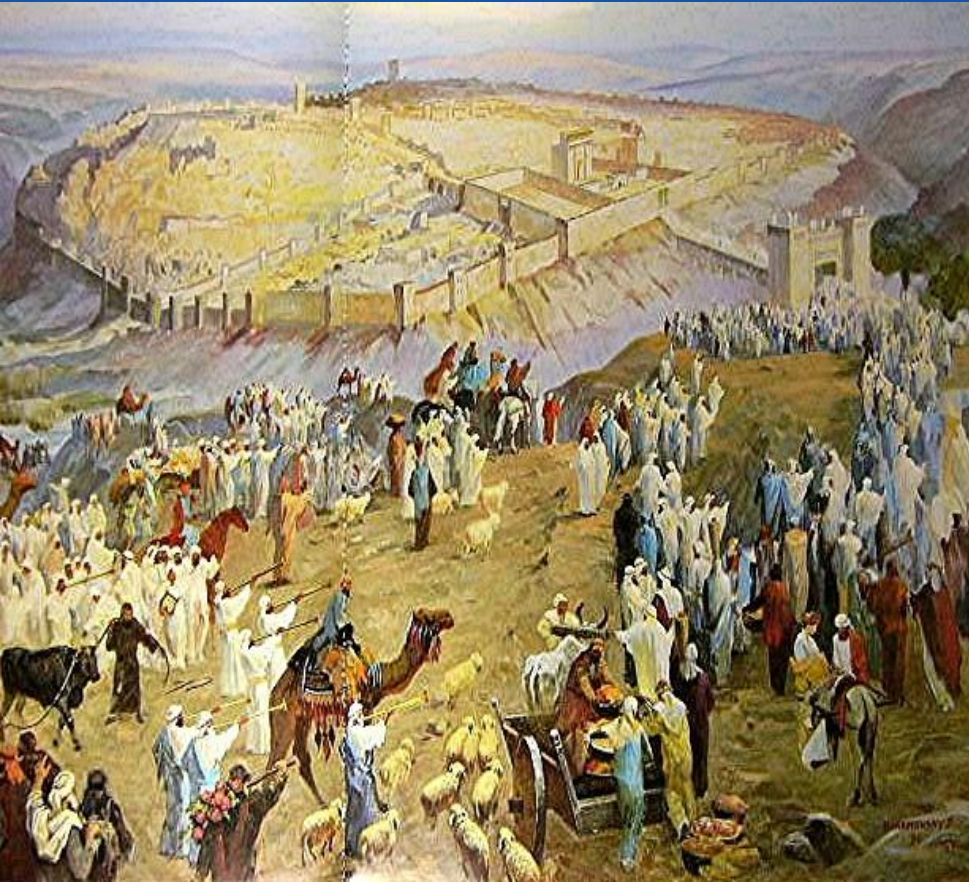
- The place Israel is to worship is where God places “His Name”
- ***Shem*** = name
- Name denotes a set of attributes, it is a person’s reputation
- Just as the Lord established His name in the Sanctuary, He has established His name in every Believer

El Roi God Seest Me **Jehovah Rohi** The Lord My Shepherd
Jehovah Jireh The Lord Who Provides **El Olam** The Everlasting God
Jehovah Shalom The Lord is Peace **El Elyon** The Most High God
El Shaddai The Almighty God **Jehovah Nissi** The Lord My Banner
El Hannun The Merciful God **El Kanna** The Jealous God
Jehovah Sabaoth The Lord of Hosts **El Chai** The Living God
Jehovah Rophi The Lord Who Heals You

SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS

- More than a dozen words usually translated to *praise*, but EACH has a different meaning
- *Sacrifices and offerings* are generic terms, but the original uses several different words denoting SPECIFIC meanings
- '*Olah* = "that which goes up (in smoke)". Animal sacrifices on the Brazen Altar
- *Zevah* = of the Shelamim type of sacrifice. Peace offering. Worshipper eats the sacrifice
- *Tithe* = "the tenth" For the support of the Tabernacle/Temple personnel
- *Terumah* = heave offering. Firstfruits from crops
- *Neder* = vow offerings and free-will offerings usually given so that God will GIVE YOU something in return
- *Bekorah* = firstlings, firstborn of animals

THE PILGRIMAGE FESTIVALS



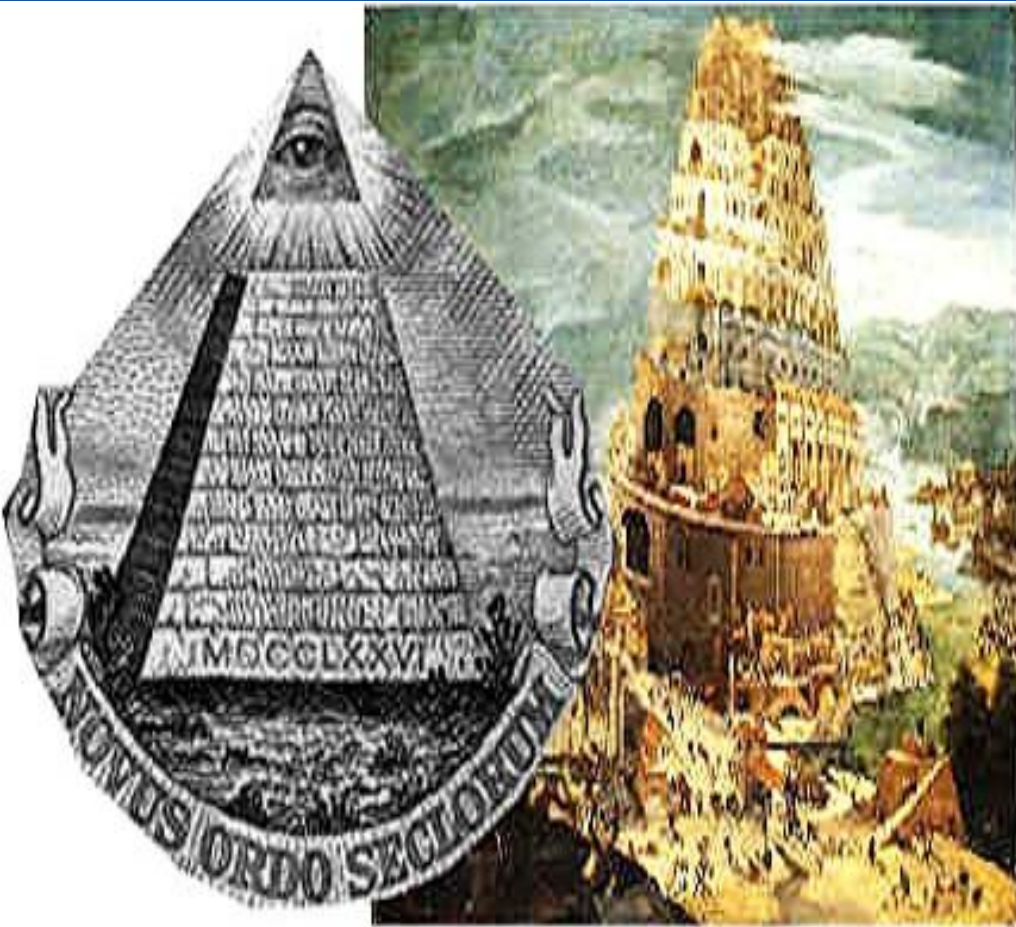
- **Chag** = pilgrimage
- 3 Pilgrimage festivals out of the 7 total Feasts
- Family was to go to the central sanctuary for the 3 pilgrimage festivals
- Feast of Matza
- Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost)
- Feast of Sukkot
- Passover NOT technically a pilgrimage feast

WORSHIP OF YEHOVEH MUST BE AUTHORIZED WORSHIP

- God has ordained worship practices/principles
- One prohibition is that we are not to mix pagan worship practices with the worship of Yehoveh!
- **Walter Kaiser, Jr. : “...we must begin to use the OT in a more balanced and holistic teaching ministry.”**



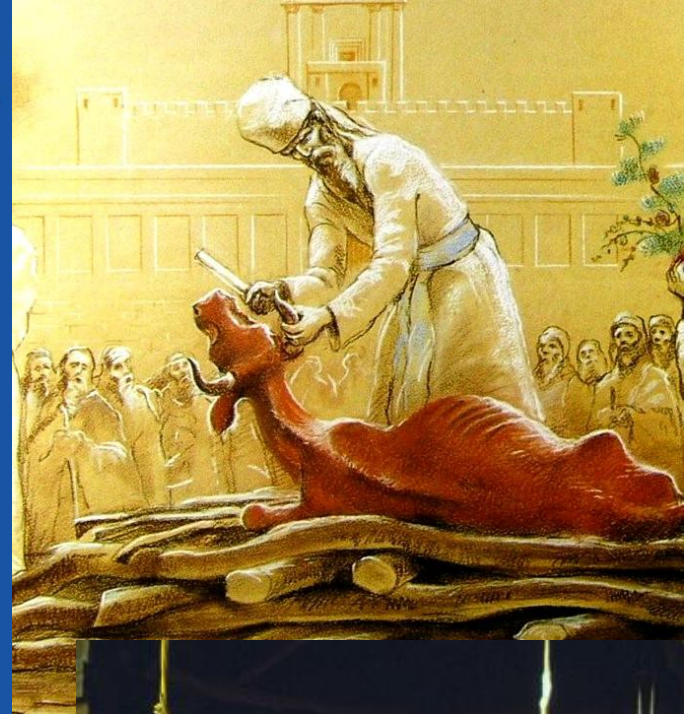
EVERY MAN DOING WHAT IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES



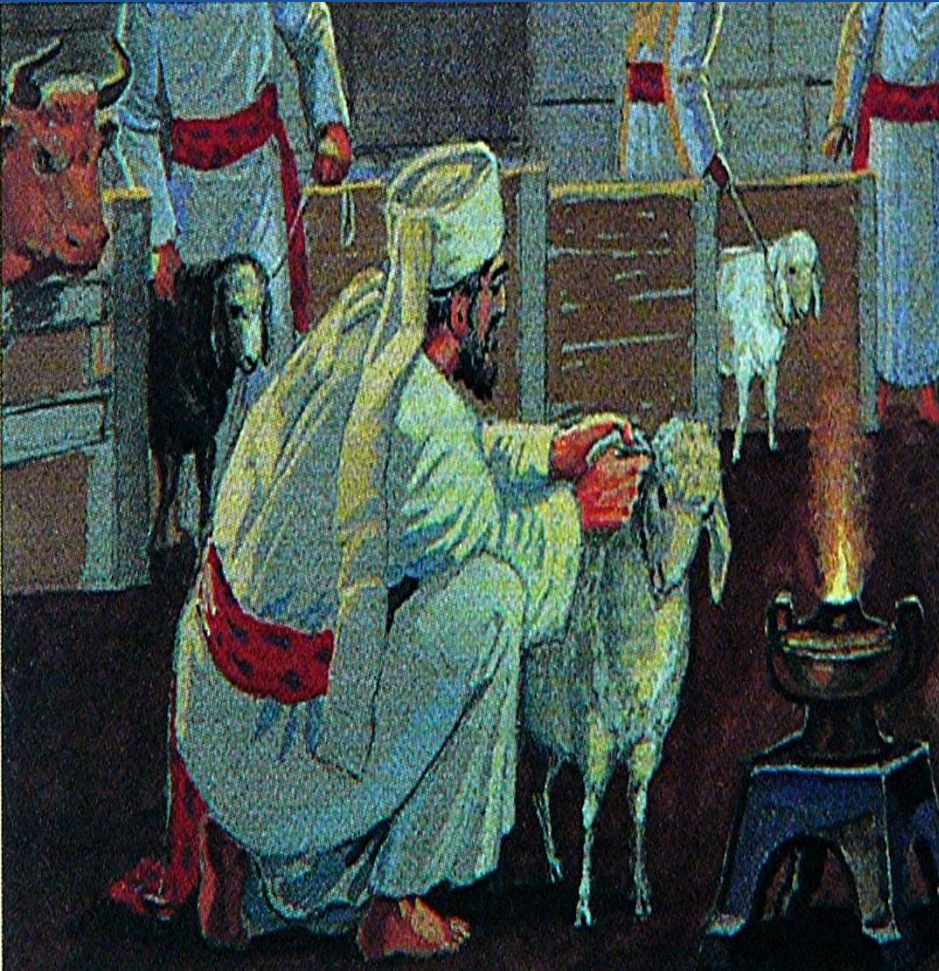
- Behavior matters
- Israel has been doing things in God's Name that are pleasing to them
- There is NO middle ground
- **NAS Matthew 6:24** *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*

SACRED VS. SECULAR SLAUGHTER

- Now OK to eat meat that is NOT part of a sacrifice
- In the Wilderness all domestic animals had to be part of sacred slaughter in order to be eaten
- In the Wilderness kosher wild animals OK to eat without being a sacrifice
- Meat was a rare treat



THE ISRAELITES CRAVED MEAT



- A line is now drawn between satisfying hunger and sacrifice
- Lot of trouble to go through sacrificial procedure in order to eat meat!
- Meat could not be kept unless salted or dried
- In Canaan Israel can expand herds so plenty of meat will be available