

# THE CURSE OF THE LAW

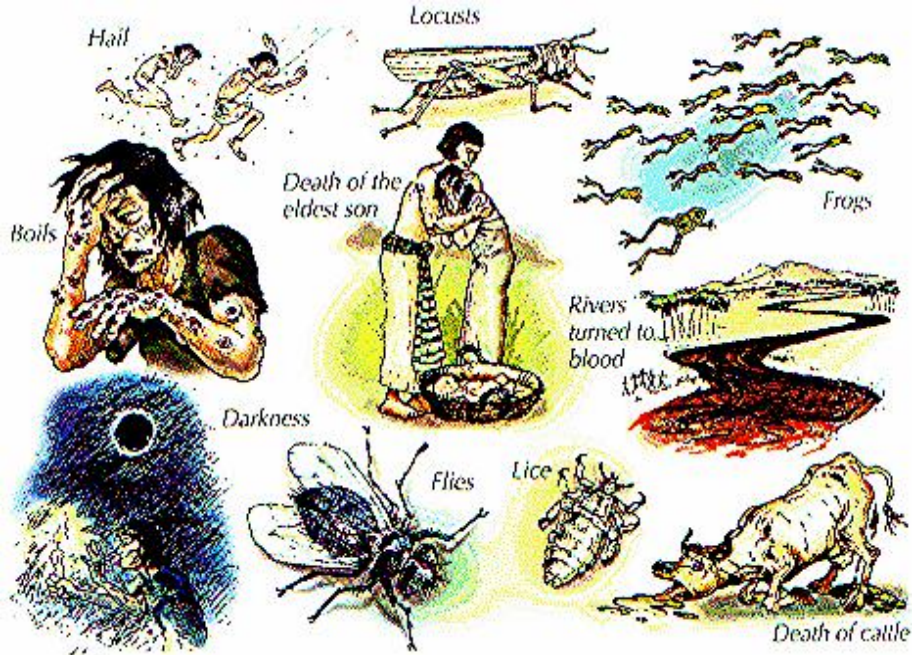
- The threats of Deuteronomy 28 are called “curses”
- “Blessings” are the good things from God for being obedient
- Paul says that Christ became a “curse” for us
- Gal. 3:10 **“.....Messiah redeemed us FROM the curse..... by becoming cursed on our behalf...”**



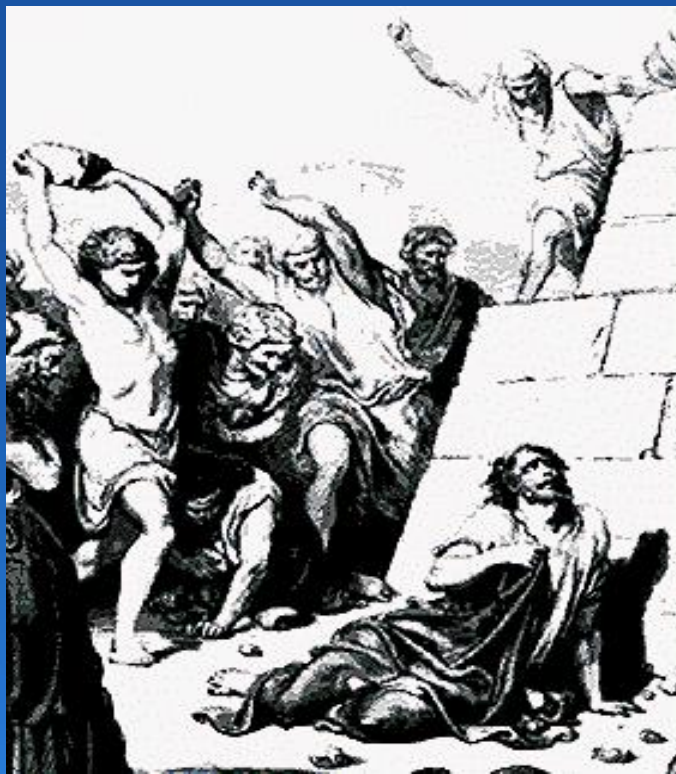
# CURSES VS. “THE CURSE”

- The list of “curses” in Deuteronomy is NOT the same thing as **“THE CURSE OF THE LAW”**
- Do Believers need to fear God?
- Are Believers exempt from divine discipline when we sin?
- Isaiah 24: ***“...therefore a curse is devouring the land.....”***
- Jeremiah 42: ***“.....and you will become a curse, an object of horror.....”***
- ***Qelalah*** = a curse, the object of condemnation

# CONDEMNATION = DEATH



- Proverbs 3:33 “...Adonai’s curse is in the house of the wicked...”
- God’s curse MEANS God’s condemnation
- “THE BLESSING” versus “blessings”
- Deut. 30:15 “...on the one hand life and good; and on the other death and evil...”
- Blessing = life and good
- Curse = death and evil
- Following Torah is life!!



# ETERNAL DEATH IS TAKEN AWAY FOR BELIEVERS, NOT DISCIPLINE AND PUNISHMENT



- Christ did NOT remove physical death in this world
- Disciples of Yeshua WILL commit sins, but the consequences will NOT include eternal death
- “THE CURSE OF THE LAW” is eternal death
- God through Moses and Christ offered a choice between life and death



ABRAHAMIC  
COVENANT



# DEUTERONOMY 28

## IF!

- **“IF”** Israel will follow God, **THEN** He will give them blessings
- Abrahamic Covenant = unconditional
- Mosaic Covenant = conditional
- Abrahamic Covenant = promise
- Mosaic Covenant = IF, THEN
- BOTH covenants were based on God’s grace





# COVENANT IS LIKE A CONTRACT

- Contract is a series of mutual obligations
- Violation does NOT usually void the contract/covenant
- Rather, certain penalties kick in
- Penalties called “curses” were written into the Law of Moses
- The Covenant was not voided because Israel had no part in keeping it intact
- Abrahamic Covenant had NO penalties
- Mosaic Covenant HAD penalties



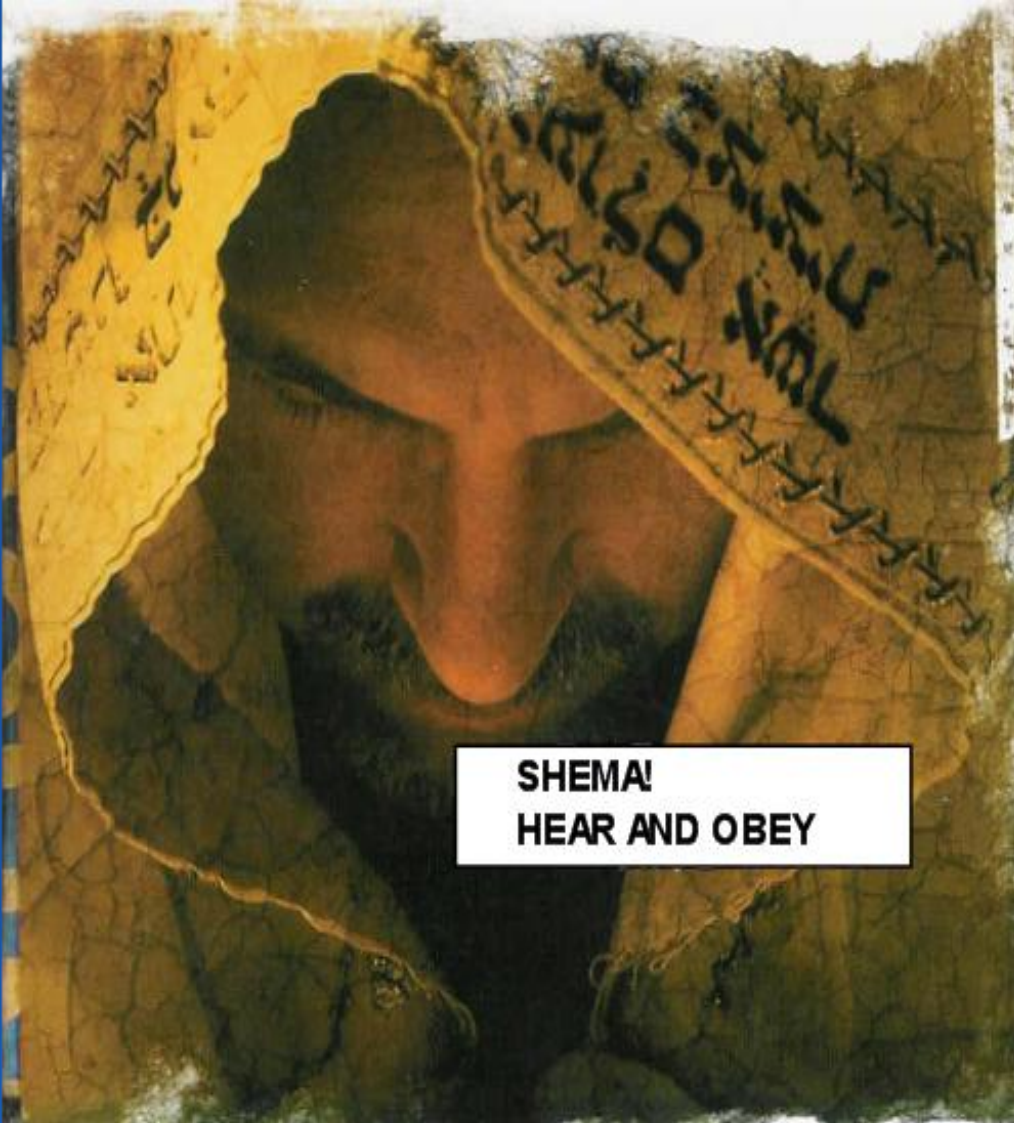
# NEW COVENANT IS THE OLD COVENANT WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS

- Israelite not permanently separated from God for misbehavior
- Believer not permanently separated from God for misbehavior
- The Covenant in Christ DOES have obligations
- How about 10 Commandments?
- Each new covenant did NOT void and replace the previous one!!



# VS.1

## SHEMA!



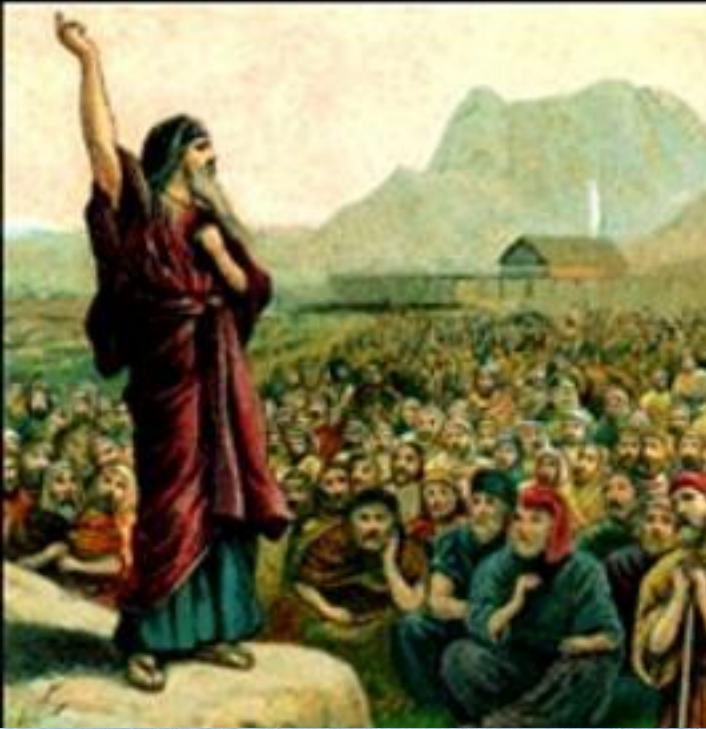
- Shema = hear and obey
- God promises that IF Israel does their part, THEN He will do His part by giving them blessings
- 6 blessings focusing on prosperity and fertility
- The 3-fold blessing:
  - 1) human life
  - 2) animal life
  - 3) plant life



# THE FRUIT

- ***Behemah*** = all types of domestic animals
- ***Peri*** = issue, fruit
- Vs. 5 Kneading bowls will be blessed
- ***“Your coming in and going out”*** is a Hebrew Idiom
- Refers to military campaigns
- Vs. 8 All their labor will be productive





# PAUSING FOR EFFECT

- Moses: *“IF you keep the commandments of God...”*
- Jesus: *“I did NOT come to abolish the Torah....”*
- Yeshua’s Sermon on the Mount is patterned after Moses’ sermon in Moab
- BOTH Moses and Messiah said that ALL is predicated on obeying the **COMMANDMENTS OF GOD!**

