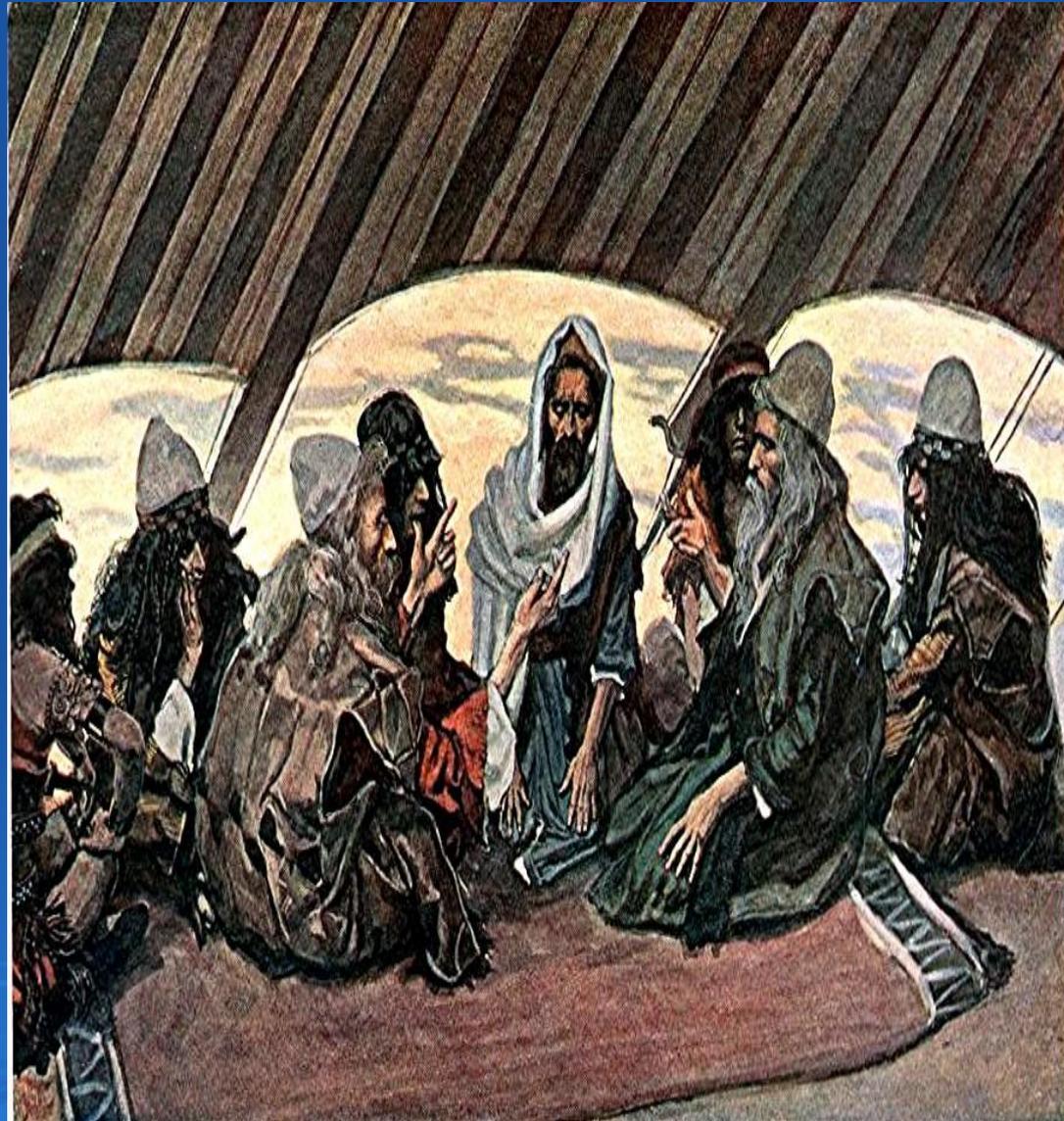


# YITRO COUNSELS MOSES

- Yitro brought Moses' wife and 2 sons to him
- Yitro a pagan priest who accepted Yehoveh, but as “the god of Israel”, NOT as the *only* god
- Moses sat as a judge for the people
- People were waiting endlessly to have Moses judge their disputes



# YITRO'S SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATION FOR ISRAEL

- GROUPS OF 10, 50, 100, AND 1000
- EACH GROUP HAS A LEADER
- Leaders of 10s reported to leaders of 50
- Leaders of 50s reported to leaders of 100
- Leaders of 100s reported to leaders of 1000
- Leaders of 1000's reported to Moses
- Moses was the final authority

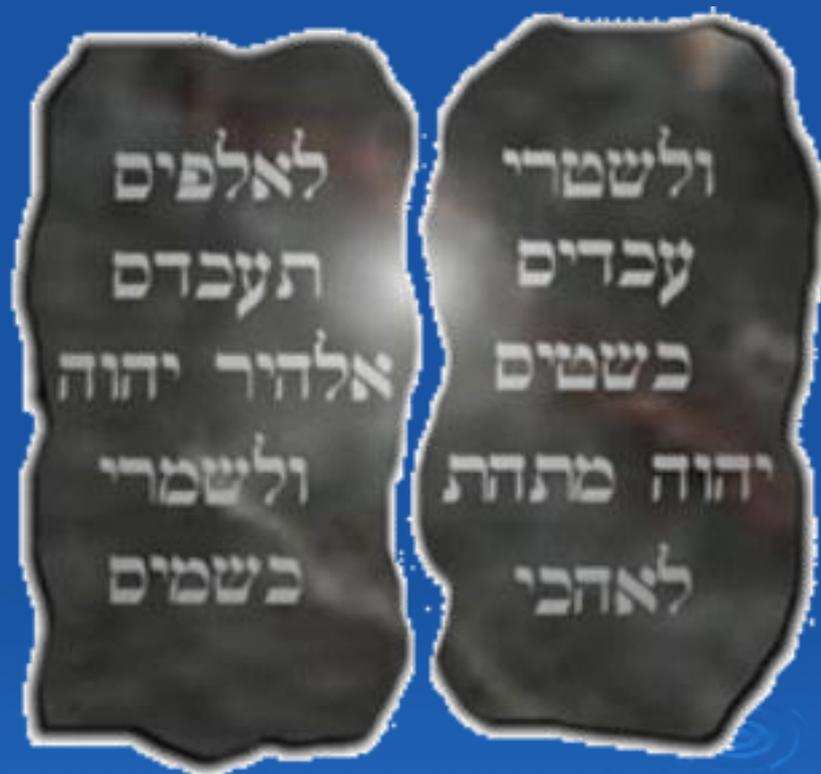
# ISRAEL'S FIRST JUDICIAL SYSTEM SET-UP BY A NON-HEBREW

- Yitro is credited as the inventor of the first Hebrew justice system
- The system was purely SECULAR, and did not involve the Priests or Levites
- The judges were common men, taken from “all the people”, regardless of social status
- The system was NOT ordained by God, it was a human institution with a democratic bent
- The judiciary convened regularly, not “as needed”
- Israel was now well organized

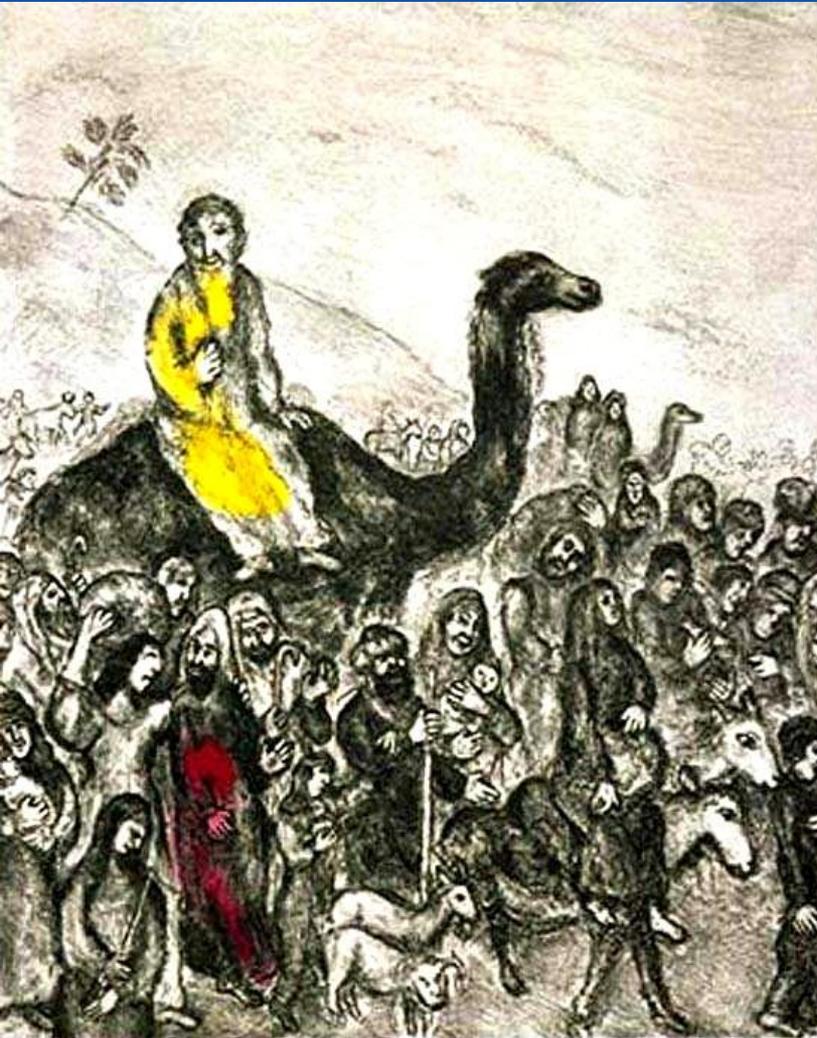
# EXODUS CHAPTER 19

## COVENANT AND LAW

- 3<sup>RD</sup> Section of Exodus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> month of journey from Egypt
- Egypt in Hebrew = Mitzrayim



# CENTURIES OF PREPARATION



- Creation of a separate people through Jacob
- Wandered in a land not theirs (Canaan)
- Sojourned then enslaved in Egypt
- Rescued (redeemed)
- Led through the Wilderness
- Provided with food and water supernaturally
- Given victory over Amalek
- **GOD MAKES A DISTINCTION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EVERYONE ELSE**

# A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

- Unprecedented relationship between “a god” and man
- Abrahamic Covenant was more like a PROMISE
- Mt. Sinai Covenant would be fundamentally different, as Israel had OBLIGATIONS
- Suzerain; an agreement between UN-equals
- Neither covenant precisely fits the mold of human covenants of that era



# YEHOVEH'S MESSAGE TO ISRAEL



- I smote Egypt for you
- I carried you to this place
- Now I bring you to Myself

**IF...**

You hear and obey, you will be my possession.

You follow, you will be a kingdom of priests and a **HOLY PEOPLE.**

# A NEW COVENANT?!

- Israel currently operating under the Abrahamic Covenant
- Given to Abraham 600 years earlier
- This NEW Covenant ***did NOT replace*** the earlier covenant
- The Abrahamic Covenant promised Abraham's promised line:
  - \* Their own land
  - \* Grow into enormous population
  - \* Through them world would be blessed
  - \* They would be exceedingly fruitful

# TRANSFORM... NOT ABOLISH!

- Some elements of the two earlier covenants were transformed with the covenant of Christ.
- Those transformed elements were things which had pointed to future fulfillments
- EXAMPLE: Sacrificial system fulfilled by Yeshua's blood.
- Each covenant was full and complete for its intended PURPOSE
- Each new covenant didn't "improve" on an earlier one



# ABRAHAMIC COVENANT



OLDEST

# MOSAIC COVENANT

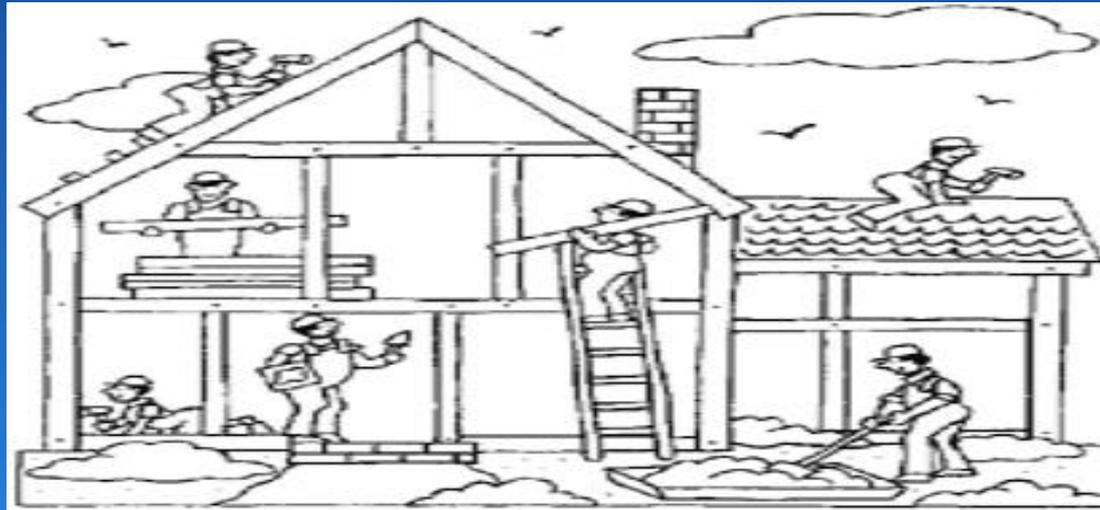


OLDER

# NEW COVENANT (CHRIST)



NEWEST



# GOD'S PATTERNS: THE SAME THEN AS NOW

- 1) God makes us aware of His presence
- 2) He ASKS: “Will you listen, obey, and follow Me?”
- 3) If we say “yes”, He enters into a relationship with us
- It is the same with Christ

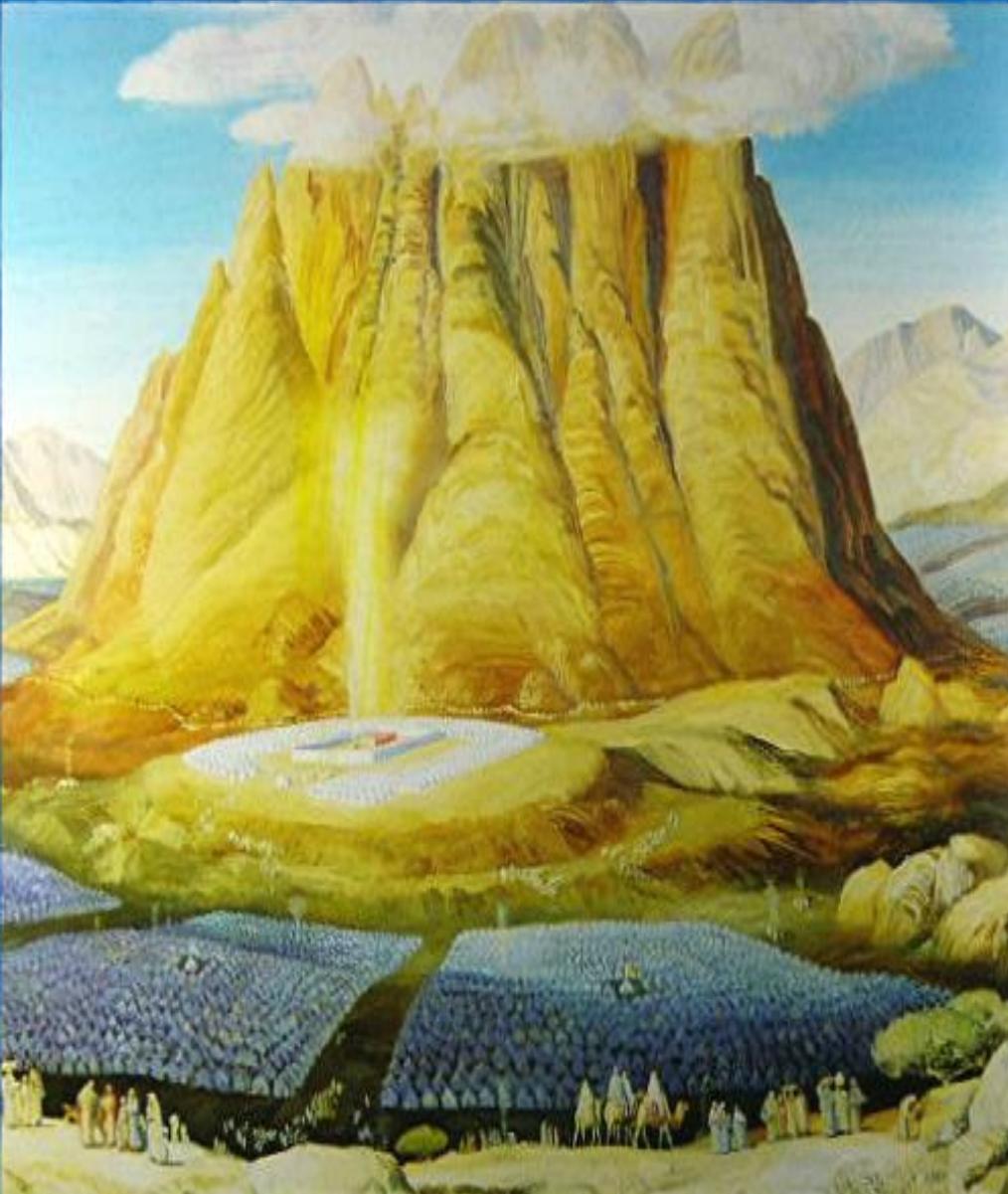
# BARRIER BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

- Mankind cannot stand on Holy Ground
- Ritual washing **SYMBOLIC** of spiritual cleansing
- Outward (ritual) washing cannot produce inward purity
- Mosaic Covenant system of ritual bathing and washing was just a **TEACHING** and a **SHADOW** of what **ONLY** Christ could do

# ROCK WALL AT HOREB IN ARABIA



# MOUNT SINAI



- People wait with great anticipation
- A thundering shofar sounds and terrifies the Israelites
- Moses is given permission to climb the mountain and approach Yehoveh
- The Lord tells Moses to remind the people that **NO ONE** else may approach
- Priests at this moment means the Firstborn
- Priesthood is not yet established and separated