



# MOSES AND YESHUA AS MEDIATORS

- Although High Priests and Joshua were at times called “mediators”, they were nowhere near the status of Moses and Yeshua
- ONLY Moses and Jesus established God’s laws and commands on earth



# PROPHETS DID NOT BRING NEW LAWS

- Prophets also did not change or abolish old laws
- Prophets brought instructions to OBEY the long-established laws and commands of Torah
- First Mediator (Moses) died at Mt. Nebo, so after that point NO change to the Law in the Old Testament





# DID MEDIATOR #2 CHANGE THE LAW?



- Yeshua was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mediator
- Matt.5:17 *“Do NOT think I have come to abolish the Law....”*
- Yeshua HAD the authority to change the Law (because he was God), but He said He did **NOT!**
- God establishes His laws **ONLY** through His 2 Mediators

# THE LAW WAS NEVER CHANGED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- If we ever think we see a passage in the OT that SEEMS to change a law or command of God as given by Moses, we MUST discard that possibility and seek another interpretation.
- NO changes are possible AFTER the Book of Deuteronomy, because Moses was dead!



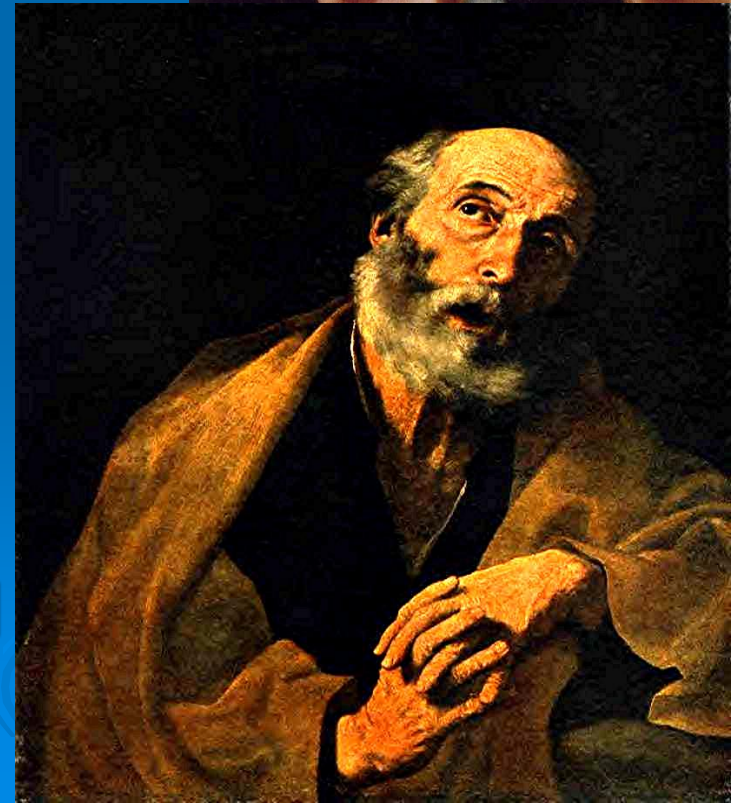
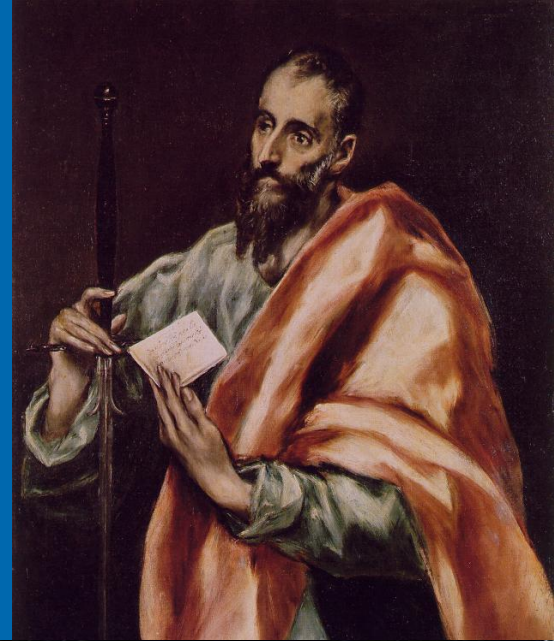
# DID THE LAW CHANGE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?



- In the Sermon on the Mount, Yeshua made it clear that it was not His purpose to change **ANYTHING** about the Law
- He also said, **NOTHING** about the Law would change until heaven and earth passed away
- Since the time of Christ's death **NO ONE** has had the authority to change one iota about the Law!
- No NT writer, including Paul, changed the Law because they couldn't

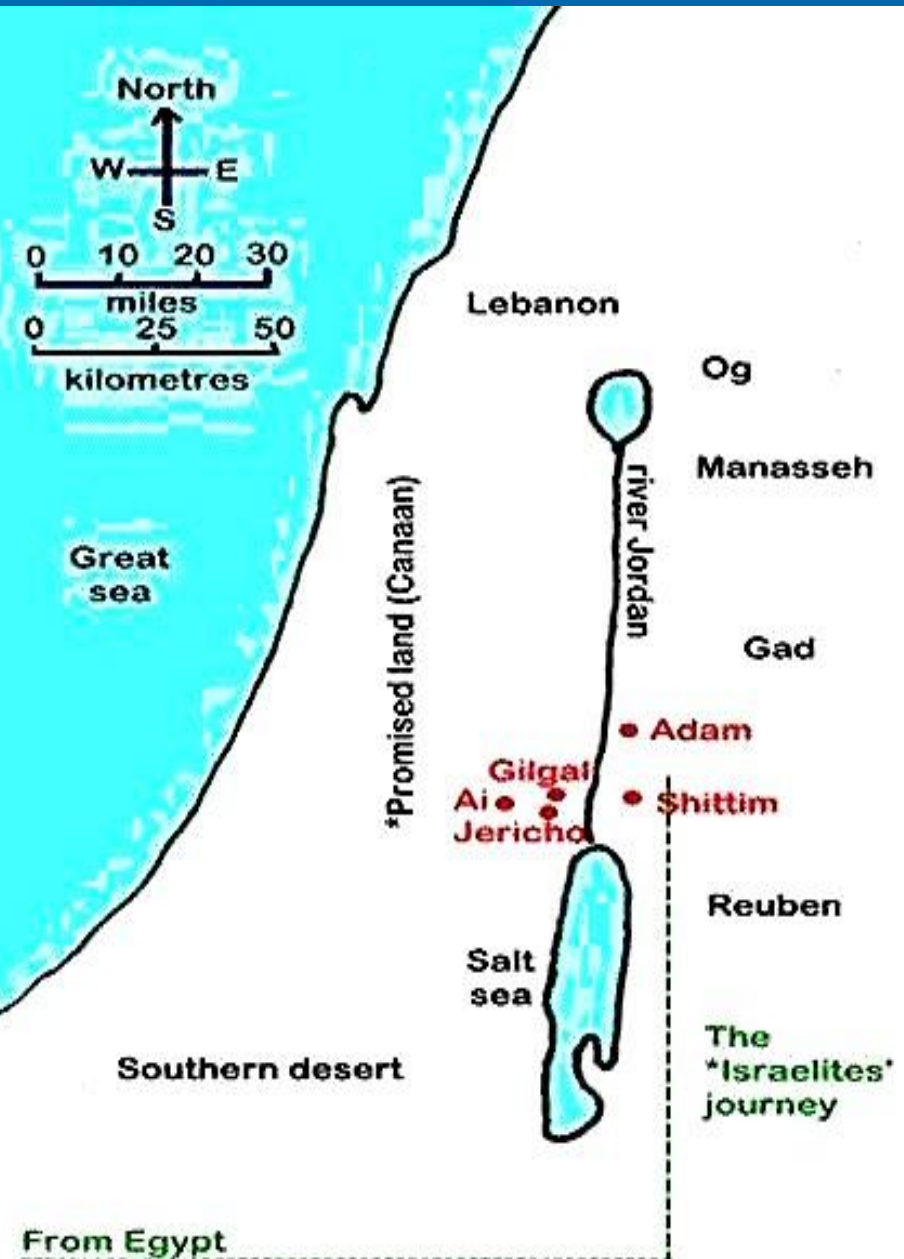
# MODERN CHURCH IS BUILT ON WRITINGS OF ST. PAUL

- The writings of the NT authors are inspired and true, BUT they had NO authority to change the Law and they didn't try to!
- It is our interpretations of what they MEANT by what they said that is the problem
- Gentile church leaders WANT to find a way to abolish the Law
- The Torah provides the foundation for understanding and interpreting the New Testament





# B'RIT MILAH AT GILGAL



- Immediately after entering Canaan, Joshua orders circumcision
- ***Giv'at Ha'Aralot*** = hill of the foreskins
- This NEW generation of the Exodus had NOT been circumcised in the Wilderness
- Passover was coming
- Circumcision a sign of BOTH the Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants



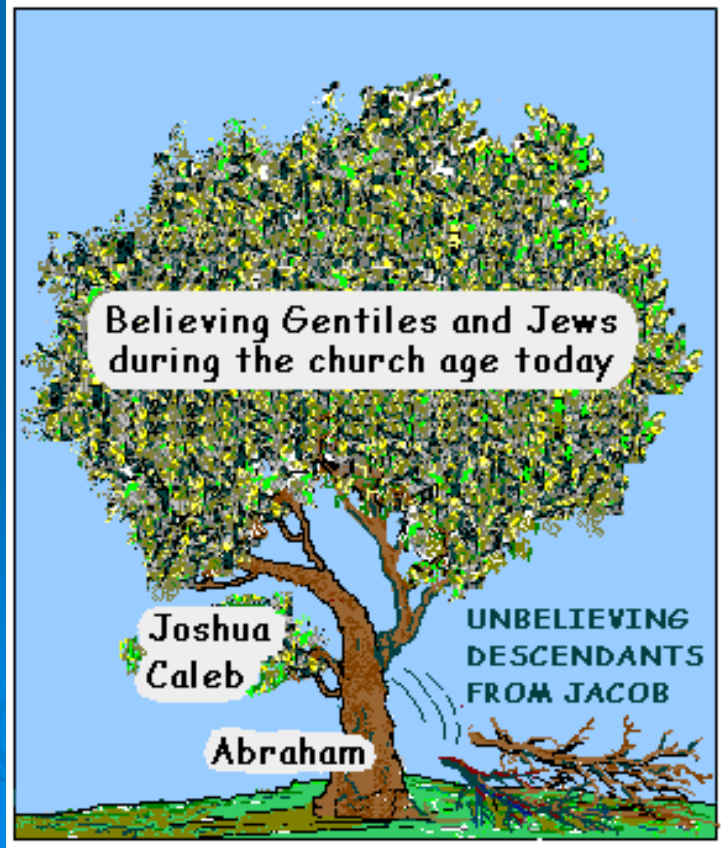
# GOD'S HOLY WARRIORS

- ONLY men under God's covenants can be His Holy Warriors
- The Lord put an immobilizing fear into the Canaanites
- Circumcision caused several days of pain and infection, resulting in weakness



# THE NEED FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> CIRCUMCISION

- 1<sup>st</sup> circumcision was long ago, and it bonded Israel to the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants
- Romans 11
- Olive Tree is metaphor for Israel
- “Circumcision of the heart” is a metaphor for faith, trust
- Those of ONLY the 1<sup>st</sup> circumcision (a physical one) died in the Wilderness
- Jews (and gentiles) must have a 2<sup>nd</sup> circumcision (of the heart, spiritual)



# SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION

- Romans 2 – 3: There is a *physical* circumcision (the 1<sup>st</sup> circumcision) AND there is a *spiritual* circumcision (the 2<sup>nd</sup> circumcision)
- BOTH are valid for their different purposes!!
- Colossians 2: “*....in union with Him (Christ) you were circumcised....*”
- As always, the patterns of the OT come forward to the NT
- Key words: Death and Circumcision





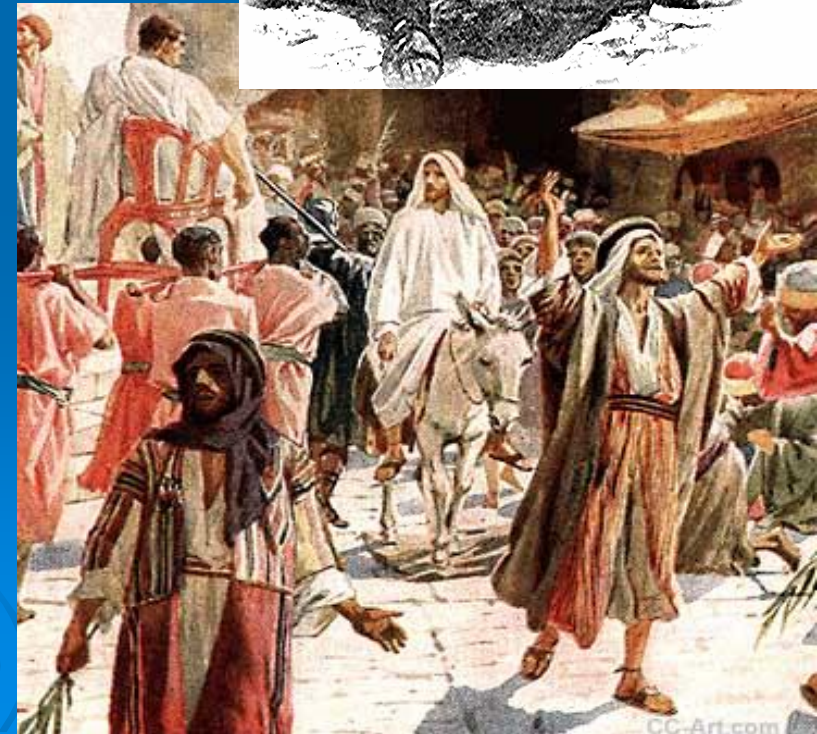
# THE STIGMA OF EGYPT

- The people of the 1<sup>st</sup> circumcision bore the “stigma of Egypt”
- Meant disobedience, rebellion
- God **BLAMED** Egypt for polluting His people
- *Gilgal* = rolling, rolled
- God “rolled” the stigma off the backs of Israel **WITH** the 2<sup>nd</sup> circumcision





# JOSHUA AND JESUS = YEHOShUA = GOD SAVES



- The Gospel of salvation is presented and embedded in the Old Testament
- Indeed Jesus did NOT come to do away with the Law but to fulfill it!



# FROM MANNA TO KOSHER

- Israel crossed-over on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan
- Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Matza on the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Richard S. Hess points out the importance of DIET in theology
- AFTER 2<sup>nd</sup> circumcision THEN they ate Biblically Kosher
- Why does Christianity insist that after our spiritual circumcision that we continue to eat the food of Egypt or of our Wilderness Journey?



# GETTING SAVED GETTING BLESSED

- The 2 goals of the modern Christian
- NT writers say salvation is like being born again
- We are born as infants, immature and naïve
- We're to FIRST come to Jesus as children, but we're not to REMAIN that way!
- Maturing is challenging and uncomfortable for the Believer

