

COVENANTS
PART I
OLD (TESTAMENT) COVENANT

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Introduction

Covenants are Contracts that the Lord God Almighty Made with Mankind in which He Promises Special Favors/Graces to Man for the Purpose of Restoring Sinful Man to Himself. The Lord God (Not Man) Initiates His Covenants. The Lord's Covenants Remain in Effect Forever.

This is a Study of the Covenants God Specifically Made with Man throughout the Old Testament, from the Time of Creation Up to the Advent of His Holy Anointed One (Messiah). Through these Covenants, the Lord God Progressively Reveals Himself to Man Along with His Plan of Redemption.

There are Typically 4 Basic Elements of the Lord's Covenants:

- 1) *The Lord's Promise to the People being Addressed*
- 2) *The Terms and Conditions of the Covenant*
 - *The Lord Always Remains Faithful to His Word and Will Not Break His Covenant(s)*
 - *Mankind Frequently Rebels Against the Lord Breaking His Covenant(s)*
- 3) *The Lord's Covenants are Executed & Put into Effect by Blood Sacrifice*
 - *Blood is the Essence of Life*
- 4) *The Lord Seals His Covenants*

It Must be Understood that God Judges Man According to the Revelations/Privileges they have Received. For Example, Noah Lived a Life Pleasing to the Lord without having to Observe the Laws God gave to Moses Centuries Later. However, Noah, a Descendant of Adam, was Born Under the Curse of Sin and Needed a Holy Redeemer to Aton for His Sins.

A. The Edenic Covenant

Gen. 1:26-30; Gen. 2:5-25

This Covenant Reveals the Lord God's Original Intention for All Mankind, and was Given to Adam Before He Disobeyed God.

1. God Created Adam & Eve (Collectively Referred to as "Man")
 - a. Man Created in God's Image
 - 1) "Then God said: 'Let us (*Triune God*) make man in our image, after our likeness....'" (*Gen. 1:26*)
 - 2) "God created man in his image; in the divine image he (*God is One*) created him; male and female he created them." (*Gen. 1:27*)
 - 3) "the LORD God formed man (*Body*) out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being (*Soul & Spirit*).'" (*Gen. 2:7*)
 - 4) Man Made with Certain Godlike Attributes ("*Image of God*")
 - a) Created as a Triune Being: Body, Soul/Mind & Spirit
 - b) Created as an Eternal Being, Timeless & Ageless (*Live Outside of Time*)
 - c) Created to be United with Creator God
 - d) Created to Personally Commune with God & Enjoy Him Forever
 - b. Man Commissioned to Reproduce & Populate Earth
 - 1) "God blessed them (*Adam & Eve*), saying: 'Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.'" (*Gen. 1:28*)
 - 2) Procreate Offspring in the Image of God

- c. Man Given Dominion Over Earth (His Realm)
 - 1) “..... Let them (*Man – Male & Female*) have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.” (*Gen. 1:26*)
 - 2) “God also said: ‘See, I give you (*Man*) every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food.’” (*Gen. 1:29-30*)
 - 3) Creator God Gave Man Authority to Rule Over Earth as His Representative
Gen. 2:15:25
- 2. Lord God’s Original Covenant with Man
 - a. The Lord Placed Man in an Idyllic Garden
 - 1) “The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.” (*Gen. 2:15*)
 - b. God Warns Man to Remain Obedient to Him (His Creator)
 - 1) “The LORD God gave man this order: ‘You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die.’” (*Gen. 2:16-17*)
 - c. Covenant Promise
 - 1) Abundant & Eternal Life
 - 2) Dominion Over the Earth Under God’s Authority
 - 3) Personal Communion with Creator God
 - d. Covenant Terms
 - 1) Remain Faithful & Obedient to God
 - e. Covenant Sacrifice
 - 1) *This is a Bloodless Covenant Given to Adam Before the Lord Established the Requirement of Blood Sacrifice for the Atonement of Sin*
 - 2) *Adam was Created in an Innocent State, Not Knowing Good or Evil*
 - f. Covenant Seal
 - 1) Man was Given Woman as a Help Mate & Partner in Procreation
 - 2) God Created Woman Out of Adam’s Side, as an Equal Partner
 - 3) Adam Declares: “This one (*Woman*), is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;....” (*Gen. 2:23*)

B. The Adamic Covenant

Gen. 3

This is a Foundational Covenant Where the Lord God Pronounces Judgment of Sin & Prescribes His Sovereign Plan for the Redemption of Mankind (Descendants of Adam).

- 1. Adam Sins & Breaks His Covenant with God
Gen. 3:1-13
 - a. Serpent (Satan) Entices Eve to Eat Fruit from the Forbidden Tree
 - 1) Tree of “Good & Evil”
 - b. Eve Entices Adam to Share the Forbidden Fruit
 - 1) Adam Willfully Disobeys God
 - c. Results of Adam & Eve’s Sin
 - 1) Loss of Innocence
 - a) Recognize Themselves as Naked (*Perceiving Good & Evil*)
 - b) Ashamed, Afraid & Hiding from God (*Shame & Fear - Symptoms of Sin*)
 - 2) Adam Abdicates His God Given Dominion to Satan
- 2. Lord God’s Judgment of Sin
Gen. 3:14-20
(*Setting Forth the Promise & Terms of His Covenant*)

- a. God Curses Serpent for Allowing Satan to Use Him Gen. 3:14
 - b. God Curses Satan – While Promising Redemption to Man (“Seed Promise”)
 - 1) “I (*God*) will put enmity between you (*Satan*) and the woman, and between your offspring (*Followers of Satan / Sin*) and her's (*Woman's Offspring/Seed*); He will strike your head (*Mortal Wound*), while you strike at his heel (*Wound Temporarily Halting Her Offspring's Work/Walk*).” Gen. 3:15
 - a) *Satan Enticed Woman to Sin; So, Woman's Offspring Will Destroy Satan*
 - c. God Curses Eve (*Representing All Women*) Gen. 3:16
 - 1) Intense Pain in Childbirth (*Fulfilling God's Command to Populate Earth*)
 - 2) Submission to Her Husband
 - a) *Woman Enticed Man to Sin; So, Man is Made Spiritual Head of Family*
 - d. God Curses Adam (*Mankind*) & Earth that was Under His Authority Gen. 3:17-19
 - 1) Cursing the Ground
 - a) Requires Man's Lifelong Labor for Sustenance
 - b) Competing with Nature (*Thorns, Insects, Germs, etc.*) for Resources
 - 2) Cursing Mankind with Death (*Physical & Spiritual*)
 - a) “..... For you are dirt, and to dirt you shall return.” (*Gen. 3:19*)
 - (1) *Aging, Fatigue, Disease & Disabilities are Part of Mortal/Dying Condition*
3. Lord God Reveals His Covenant of Redemption Gen. 3:21-24
- a. God Made Leather Garments to Cover their Shame
 - 1) “For the man and his wife the LORD God made leather garments, with which he clothed them.” (*Gen. 3:21*)
 - a) Establishing Blood Sacrifice of an Innocent for the Atonement of Sin
 - (1) *Satisfying Death Penalty for Sin*
 - b) Sacrifice Provided by the Hand of God
 - c) Covenant Sealed by Lord Covering their Sin & Shame with Hides of Sacrificed Animals
 - b. Adam & Eve Expelled from Garden (*A Holy & Perfect God Can Not Look Upon or Associate with Sin*)
 - 1) “The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden,” (*Gen 3:23*)
 - a) Keeping Man from Partaking of the “Tree of Life” (*Eternal Life*) While in a Sinful Condition
 - 2) Places an Impenetrable Barrier Keeping Man Outside the Garden
 - a) “When he (*God*) expelled the man,,he stationed the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.” (*Gen. 3:24*)
4. Adam & Eve's Offspring Gen. 4:1-16
(*One Son Understood the Essence of the Lord's Covenant & the Other Did Not*)
- a. First Born Son – Cain a Tiller of Soil
 - b. Next Son – Abel a Keeper of Flocks
 - c. Cain & Abel's Offerings to the Lord God
 - 1) Cain Offers Produce from His Crops (*Offering of Works*)
 - 2) Abel Offers Best Firstlings of His Flock (*Blood Sacrifice*)
 - 3) Lord Accepts Abel's Offering, but Not Cain's
 - d. Cain Becomes Jealous & Murders Abel (*1st Human Death Recorded in Scriptures*)
 - 1) Lord Expels Cain from Adam's Family
 - e. Adam & Eve Give Birth to Another Son – Seth
 - f. Adam Dies After Living a Long Life Gen. 5:1-5

1) Fathered Many Sons & Daughters

C. The Noahic Covenant

Gen. 6 - 9

In this Covenant the Lord God Cleanses the Earth of Corruption & Renews His Promise of Redemption with Noah (Father of the Nations).

1. The Human Condition

Gen. 6:1-10

a. Satan Attempts to Pollute Human Race by Unnatural Breeding

1) "At that time the Nephilim appeared on earth..... after the sons of heaven had intercourse with the daughters of man, who bore them sons...." (*Gen. 6:4*)

a) *So No One Would be Able to Fulfill the Lord's "Seed Promise"*

(*Re: Gen 3:15*)

b. Mankind Living Evil Lives, Corrupted by Satan & Sin

1) "When the LORD saw how great was man's wickedness on earth, and how no desire that his heart conceived was ever anything but evil, he regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was grieved" (*Gen. 6:5-6*)

c. Only Noah Found Favor with Lord (*Purebred & Faithful*)

1) "..... Noah, a good man and blameless in that age, for he walked with God," (*Gen. 6:9-10*)

2. Lord Warns Noah that He will Destroy Life on Earth with a Flood

a. Instructs Noah to Build an Ark

Gen. 6:11-22

1) Promises to Establish a Covenant. "But with you (*Noah*) I will establish my covenant; you and your sons, your wife and your sons' wives, shall go into the ark." (*Gen. 6:18*)

2) Prepare the Ark for Himself, His Household & Animals

b. Instructs Noah to Enter Ark with His Household

Gen. 7:1-5

1) Take 7 Pairs of Clean Animals (*Fit for Sacrifice*)

2) Take 1 Pair of Unclean Animals (*Unfit for Sacrifice*)

3. Lord Sends Great Flood Upon Earth

Gen. 7:6 – 8:19

a. Population of Earth Perishes

b. Noah, His Household & Animals Survive in Ark

c. Flood Ends & They Disembark

4. Noah Offers Blood Sacrifices to Lord

Gen. 8:20-22

a. Lord Accepts Noah's Sacrifices. "..... WHEN the LORD smelled the sweet odor, he said to himself: 'Never again will I doom the earth because of man, since the desires of man's heart are evil from the start; nor will I ever again strike down all living beings, as I have done. As long as the earth lasts, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, Summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.'"

5. Lord God Establishes His Covenant with Noah

Gen. 9:1-17

a. Covenant Terms (*Live by Faith & Obedience to the Lord God*)

1) Repopulate Earth. "Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth." (*Gen. 9:1b*)

2) Given Meat to Eat. "Every creature that is alive shall be yours to eat; I give them all to you as I did the green plants" (*Gen. 9:3*)

a) Eating Blood Forbidden (*Blood is the Essence of Life*). "Only flesh with its lifeblood still in it you shall not eat." (*Gen. 9:4*)

3) Death Penalty for Killing Another Person. "If anyone sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; For in the image of God has man been made." (*Gen. 9:6*)

b. Covenant Promises

1) Covenant Made with Noah & All Inhabitants of Earth

- a) “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. (*Gen. 9:9-10*)
- 2) Lord Will Never Again Destroy Earth with a Flood
 - a) “I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” (*Gen. 9:11*)
- c. Lord Seals His Covenant with a Sign – A Rainbow
 - 1) “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” (*Gen. 9:13*)
 - 2) *Rainbow Symbolizes Lord’s Promise of Redemption Offered to All Races / Nations (Descendants of Noah)*

D. The Abrahamic Covenant

In this Covenant the Lord God Selects a Particular People (Descendants of Abraham) as His Chosen People Who Will Bring the Lord’s Promise of Redemption to the World. The Terms of this Covenant are Abraham’s Faith & Obedience to the Lord, Establishing the Premise of God’s Expectation of His Chosen People.

1. Descendants of Noah Formed Nations & Worshiped False Gods Gen.10 & 11
2. The Lord Announces His Covenant with Abram (Abraham)
 - a. Abram Lived in City of Ur of the Chaldeans (Southern Iraq)
(*Citizens of Ur Worshiped a Moon God*)
 - b. The Lord Calls Abram Gen. 12:1-3
 - 1) Instructs Abram. “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”
 - 2) Makes Covenant Promises to Abram
 - a) Father a Nation. “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
 - b) God’s Favor on His Nation. “I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.
 - c) Blessing to All Mankind. “All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.”
 - c. Abram Migrates to Canaan (Promised Land) Gen. 12:4-5
 - 1) Abram Accompanied by His Wife Sarai (Sarah) & Nephew Lot
 - 2) Abram Trusts in Lord, Following His Direction
 - 3) The Lord Directs Abram to the Promise Land
(*A Land for His Chosen People/Nation*)
 - d. Abram Claims the Land for Lord & His People Gen. 12:6-9
 - 1) Lord Appears to Abram at Shechem
 - a) Lord Declares it to be the Promise Land: “To your descendants I will give this land.” (*Gen. 12:7b*)
 - b) Abram Builds an Altar to the Lord
 - 2) Abram Travels in Promise Land
 - a) Builds an Altar, Between Bethel & Ai, Invoking Name of the Lord
 - 3) Journeys to Negev
 - e. Abram Later Travels to Egypt to Survive Famine Gen. 12:10-20
(Leaving the Promise Land)

- f. Abram Returns to Promise Land Gen. 13
- 1) Goes to Site Where He Built an Altar & Invoked Name of the Lord
 - 2) Lord Reaffirms His Promises to Abram Gen. 13:14-18
 - a) Confirming the Promise Land. “Look about you, and from where you are, gaze to the north and south, east and west; all the land that you see I will give to you and your descendants forever.
 - b) A Great Nation. “I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth; if anyone could count the dust of the earth, your descendants too might be counted.
 - c) Discover the Promise Land. “Set forth and walk about in the land, through its length and breadth, for to you I will give it.”
 - 3) Abram Settles in Hebron
 - a) Builds an Altar to the Lord
3. The Lord Seals His Covenant with Abram Gen. 15
- a. The Lord Addresses Abram in a Vision: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” (*Gen. 15:1b*)
 - 1) Abram Questions the Lord: “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer? See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” (*Gen. 15:2-3*)
 - a) Abram Remains Childless After Many Years (*Awaiting Lord’s Promise*)
 - b) Abram & Sarai are Advanced in Years
 - 2) Lord Reassures Abram of His Promise
 - a) “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.
 - b) “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so, shall your descendants be.” (*Gen. 15:4-5*)
 - 3) “Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.” (*Gen. 15:6*)
 - b. Lord Confirms His Promise: “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (*Gen. 15:7*)
 - 1) Abram Asks: “How am I to know that I shall possess it?” (*Gen. 15:8*)
 - 2) Lord Prescribes a Sacrifice (*Demonstrating His Requirement of Blood Sacrifice to Execute & Put into Effect a Covenant with Him.*)
 - a) “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.” (*Gen. 15:9*)
 - 3) Abram Obeys the Lord, Preparing the Prescribed Sacrifice
 - a) Brings the Required Animals
 - b) Splits Heifer, She-Goat & Ram in Two; but Does Not Split the Birds
 - c) Places their Halves Opposite Each Other
 - d) Birds of Prey Swoop Down on Carcasses
 - e) Abram Remains with His Sacrifice
 - 4) Abram Falls into Deep Trance When Sun is About to Set
 - c. Lord Seals His Covenant
 - 1) Lord Prophesies the Establishment of Abram’s Descendants into a Nation
 - a) “Know for certain that your descendants shall be aliens in a land not their own, where they shall be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation they must serve, and in the end they will depart with great wealth. You, however, shall join your forefathers in peace; you shall be buried at a contented old age. In the

fourth time-span the others shall come back here (*Promise Land*);”
(*Gen. 15:13-16*)

- 2) Sacrifice Consumed by Hand of the Lord (*Sealing His Covenant*). “When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking brazier and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces.” (*Gen. 15:17*)
 - 3) Lord Confirms His Covenant: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River (the Euphrates),” (*Gen. 15:18-21*)
4. Sign of the Lord’s Covenant with Abraham
- a. Sign of Circumcision Gen. 17
 - 1) Lord Appears to Abram Gen. 17:1-22
 - a) Lord Confirms His Covenant with Abram Gen. 17:1-8
 - (1) Abram 99 Years Old (*Dead in the Flesh. Unable to Sire Children*)
 - (2) Lord Says to Abram: “I am God the Almighty. Walk in my presence and be blameless (*Continue to Live by Faith & Obedience*). Between you and me I will establish my covenant, and I will multiply you exceedingly.” (*Gen. 17:1-2*)
 - (3) Lord Confirms His Promise: “My covenant with you is this: you are to become the father of a host of nations.” (*Gen. 17:4*)
 - (4) Lord Changes Abram’s Name to “Abraham” (“Father is Exalted”) (*New Life that’s Dependant upon the Lord.*)
 - “No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations”
 - “I will render you exceedingly fertile; I will make nations of you; kings shall stem from you. I will maintain my covenant with you and your descendants after you throughout the ages as an everlasting pact, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”
 - “I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land in which you are now staying, the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God.” (*Gen. 17:5-8*)
 - b) Lord Institutes Circumcision - Sign of His Covenant Gen. 17:9-14
(*Blood Covenant Applied to Man’s Means of Procreation*)
 - (1) “On your part, you and your descendants after you must keep my covenant throughout the ages.”
 - (2) “This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.”
 - (3) “Circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and that shall be the mark of the covenant between you and me. Throughout the ages, every male among you, when he is eight days old, shall be circumcised,.....”
(*8 is the Number of New Beginnings. Newborn Sons Brought Under the Lord’s Covenant on their 8th Day*)
 - (4) “.....Thus my covenant shall be in your flesh as an everlasting pact.”
(*Lord’s Covenant with Abraham is Perpetual*)
 - (5) “If a male is uncircumcised, that is, if the flesh of his foreskin has not been cut away, such a one shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.” (*Gen. 17:9-14*)
 - c) Lord’s Prediction & Promise - A New Beginning Gen. 17:15-22
 - (1) Abraham’s Wife Sarai is Beyond Child Bearing Years
 - (2) Lord Changes Sarai’s Name to “Sarah” (“Princess”). “As for your

wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai; her name shall be Sarah. I will bless her, and I will give you a son by her. Him also will I bless; he shall give rise to nations, and rulers of peoples shall issue from him."

- Covenant will be Bestowed on Son of Abraham & Sarah

- (3) Abraham Laughs to Himself: "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Or can Sarah give birth at ninety?"
- (4) Abraham Says to Lord: "Let but Ishmael live on by your favor!"
(*Ishmael Born to Abram & Hagar a Maidservant of Sarai. Gen. 16*)
- (5) The Lord's Response. "Nevertheless, your wife Sarah is to bear you a son, and you shall call him Isaac. I will maintain my covenant with him as an everlasting pact, to be his God and the God of his descendants after him." (*Gen. 17:15-19*)

- Covenant Confirmed with Isaac, Before He is Conceived

- 2) Abraham Circumcises Himself, Ishmael, All His Male Slaves & Household
Gen. 17:23-27

- b. The Lord's Visitation & Confirmation to Abraham *Gen. 18:1-15*

- 1) Lord Appears to Abraham as He Sat at Entrance of His Tent

- a) Abraham Sees 3 Men (*Heavenly Visitors*) Standing Nearby

- (1) Abraham Shows Visitors Hospitality

- b) Visitors Ask: "Where is your wife Sarah?"

- (1) Abraham Replies: "There in the tent," (*Gen. 18:9*)

- c) One of Visitors Prophesies: "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." (*Gen. 18:10*)

- (1) Abraham 99 Years Old & Sarah Stopped Her Womanly Cycles

- d) Sarah Overhears Them & Laughs to Herself: "Now that I am so withered and my husband is so old, am I still to have sexual pleasure?"
(*Gen. 18:12*)

- e) The Lord Says to Abraham: "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I really bear a child, old as I am?' Is anything too marvelous for the LORD to do? At the appointed time, about this time next year, I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son." (*Gen. 18:13-14*)

- (1) God Decrees a Son at His Appointed Time.

- c. Birth of Isaac – Born Under Lord's Covenant *Gen. 21:1-8*

- 1) A Son was Born to Abraham & Sarah

- a) Fulfilling the Lord's Promise (*Re: Gen. 18:10*)

- 2) Their Son was Born When the Lord Predicted (*Re: Gen. 18:14*)

- 3) They Named their Son Isaac as Instructed by the Lord (*Re: Gen. 17:19*)

- 4) Abraham Circumcised Isaac on 8th Day as Prescribed by Lord
(*Re: Gen. 17:9-12*)

- 5) Abraham 100 Years Old When Isaac was Born

- 6) Sarah Praises God: "God has given me cause to laugh, and all who hear of it will laugh with me. Who would have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse children! Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." (*Gen. 21:6-7*)

- 7) Abraham Holds Great Feast the Day Isaac is Weaned

5. Abraham's Ultimate Offering *Gen. 22:1-19*

- a. The Lord Commands Abraham: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust (*Whole Burnt Offering*) on a height that I will point out to you." (*Gen 22:2*)

- b. Abraham Obeys the Lord (*Exercising His Faith & Obedience*)

- 1) Takes Isaac with 2 Servants & Goes to Land of Moriah
 - 2) Takes Wood for Holocaust Offering
 - c. Abraham Offers His Son Isaac
 - 1) Abraham Sights the Place of Sacrifice on Third Day
 - a) Orders His Servants to Wait at a Distance
 - 2) Abraham & Isaac Ascend Mount Moriah
 - a) Isaac Carries Wood on His Shoulders
 - b) Abraham Carries the Fire & Knife
 - 3) Isaac Questions His Father: “Father!..... Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?” (*Gen. 22:6-7*)
 - 4) Abraham Answers: “God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust.” (*Gen. 22:8*)
 - 5) Abraham Builds an Altar
 - a) Ties Up Isaac & Places Him on Wood of Altar
 - b) Raises the Knife to Sacrifice His Son
 - d. The Lord’s Intervention
 - 1) Lord’s Messenger Calls from Heaven: “Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.” (*Gen. 22:12*)
 - 2) Abraham Sees a Ram Caught by its Horns in a Thicket
 - 3) Abraham Sacrifices the Ram
 - 4) Abraham Names Place “Yahweh-Yireh”
 - a) “The Lord – Shall be Seen” / “The Lord - Shall Provide”
 - 5) Lord’s Messenger Reiterates Lord’s Covenant & Seals it by Divine Oath
 - a) “I swear by myself (Oath in Name of Lord God Almighty), declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son,
 - b) “I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and
 - c) “in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.” (*Gen. 22:16-18*)
6. Lord Confirms His Covenant with Isaac
 - a. Abraham Becomes the Father of Many Nations as Promised by the Lord
Gen. 16; Gen. 17:20; Gen. 21:1-7; Gen. 25:1-6; Gen. 25:12-18
 - 1) “Abraham deeded everything that he owned to his son Isaac.” (*Gen. 25:5*)
 - b. The Lord Chooses Isaac to Bestow His Covenant Gen. 26:1-6
(*Fulfilling the Lord’s Promise to Abraham & Sarah. Gen. 17:19*)
 - 1) Famine Came to Promise Land
 - 2) Lord Appears to Isaac (*Repeating His Covenant with Abraham*)
 - a) “Do not go down to Egypt, but continue to camp wherever in this land I tell you.” (*Trust in the Lord*)
 - b) “Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I will give all these lands, in fulfillment of the oath that I swore to your father Abraham.”
 - c) “I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and give them all these lands, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing”
 - d) “this because Abraham obeyed me, keeping my mandate (my

- commandments, my ordinances, and my instructions).” (*Gen. 26:2-5*)
- 3) Isaac Settles in Gerar (In Promise Land)
 - c. The Lord Prospers Isaac During Famine Gen. 26:12-13
 - d. The Lord Confirms His Covenant with Isaac Gen. 26:23-25
 - 1) Isaac Goes to Beer-Sheba (In Promise Land)
 - 2) Lord Appears to Isaac: “I am the God of your father Abraham. You have no need to fear, since I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.” (*Gen. 26:24*)
 - 3) Isaac Builds an Altar (*Blood Sacrifice*) & Invokes Name of the Lord
 7. Lord Confirms His Covenant with Jacob (Israel)
 - a. Isaac has 2 Sons, Esau & Jacob Gen. 25:19-26
 - b. The Lord Chooses Jacob to Bestow His Covenant Gen. 28:1-5
 - 1) Isaac Instructs Jacob to Go to Paddan-aram to Get a Wife from Among His Kinsmen (*Beyond the Euphrates Outside the Promise Land*)
 - a) Isaac Blesses Jacob (*Passing On Lord’s Covenant with Abraham & Isaac*)
 - (1) “May God Almighty bless you and make you fertile, multiply you that you may become an assembly of peoples.”
 - (2) “May he extend to you and your descendants the blessing he gave to Abraham, so that you may gain possession of the land where you are staying, which he assigned to Abraham.” (*Gen. 28:3-4*)
 - 2) Jacob Departs Beer-sheba & Goes on His Journey
 - 3) Jacob Stops at Shrine & Altar Built by Abraham (*Abraham’s First Altar in Promise Land. Gen. 12:7*)
 - a) Places One of the Stones Under His Head & Lays Down to Sleep
 - 4) Jacob Dreams of a Stairway to Heaven (*Jacob’s Ladder*) Gen. 28:10-15
 - a) God’s Messengers Going Up & Down Stairway
 - b) The Lord Stands Beside Jacob, Saying: (*Confirming His Covenant with Jacob at Site Abraham Sacrificed to Lord*)
 - (1) Confirming Land Promise. “I, the LORD, am the God of your forefather Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you are lying I will give to you (Jacob) and your descendants.”
 - (2) Confirming Seed Promise. “These (*Jacob’s Descendants*) shall be as plentiful as the dust of the earth, and through them you shall spread out east and west, north and south. In you and your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing.”
 - (3) Everlasting Covenant. “Know that I am with you; I will protect you wherever you go, and bring you back to this land. I will never leave you until I have done what I promised you.” (*Gen. 28:13-15*)
 - 5) Jacob Wakes from His Sleep, Exclaiming: Gen. 28:16-17
 - a) “Truly, the LORD is in this spot, although I did not know it!”
 - b) “How awesome is this shrine! This is nothing else but an abode of God, and that is the gateway to heaven!”
 - 6) Next Morning Jacob Takes the Stone from Under His Head Gen. 28:18-22
 - a) Sets It Up as a Memorial Stone
 - (1) Pouring Oil on It (*Symbolizing Lord’s Anointing*)
 - b) Calls Site “Bethel” (*Meaning “House of God”*)
 - c) Makes a Vow to the Lord
 - (1) “If God remains with me, to protect me on this journey I am making and to give me enough bread to eat and clothing to wear, and I come

- back safe to my father's house, the LORD shall be my God.
- (2) "This stone that I have set up as a memorial stone shall be God's abode. Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part (*10% Tith*e) to you." (*Gen. 28:20-22*)
- 7) Jacob Arrives & Settles in Paddan-aram
- a) Marries 2 Wives & Sires 12 Children
- c. The Lord Confirms His Covenant with Jacob
- 1) Jacob Returns to Promise Land with His Family Gen. 31:1-18
- a) Lord Instructs Jacob: "Return to the land of your fathers (*Promise Land*), where you were born, and I will be with you." (*Gen. 31:3*)
- (1) Confirming His Earlier Dream. "..... I am the God who appeared to you in Bethel, where you anointed a memorial stone and made a vow to me. Up, then! Leave this land and return to the land of your birth." (*Gen. 31:12-13*)
- b) Jacob's Name Changed to Israel Gen. 32:23-31
- (1) Jacob Enters Promise Land
- (2) Man (*Angel of the Lord*) Wrestles with Jacob All Night
- Man Strikes Jacob's Hip Wrenching it Out of Socket
 - Man Says: "Let me go, for it is daybreak." (*Gen. 32:27a*)
 - Jacob Replies: "I will not let you go until you bless me" (*Gen. 32:27b*)
 - Man Blesses Jacob: "You shall no longer be spoken of as Jacob, but as Israel, because you have contended with divine and human beings and have prevailed." (*Gen. 32:29*)
- (3) Jacob Names Place "Peniel" (*Meaning "The Face of God"*)
- c) Lord Instructs Jacob to Go to Bethel ("*House of God*") Gen. 35:1-15
- (1) Place Where Jacob Dreamt of Ladder to Heaven, Set Up a Memorial Stone & Made a Vow to Lord. (*Re: Gen. 28:10-22*)
- (2) Jacob Purifies His Household & Goes to Bethel
- d) Jacob & His Household Arrive at Bethel
- (1) Jacob Builds an Altar to Lord (*Blood Sacrifice*)
- (2) Lord Appears to Jacob & Confirms His Covenant Gen. 35:9-13
- Changes His Name to Israel. "You whose name is Jacob shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name."
 - Confirming Israel as His Chosen People. "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply. A nation, indeed an assembly of nations, shall stem from you, and kings shall issue from your loins."
 - Confirming Israel's Promise Land. "The land I once gave to Abraham and Isaac I now give to you (*Israel*); And to your descendants after you will I give this land." (*Gen. 35:10-12*)
- (3) Israel Reaffirms Bethel as Sacred Site
- d. Israel's Migration to Egypt Gen. 46
- (*Fulfilling the First Part of the Lord's Prophecy to Abraham. Gen. 15:13-16*)
- 1) Severe Famine in Middle East Gen. 41:53-57
- a) Joseph, Son of Jacob, Elevated to a Ruler in Egypt Gen. 41:41-46
- (1) Rescuing People from Starvation
- 2) Lord Appears to Jacob (Israel) in Night Vision:
- a) "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt,

for there I will make you a great nation. Not only will I go down to Egypt with you; I will also bring you back here (*To Promise Land*), after Joseph has closed your eyes.” (*Gen. 46:3-4*)

(1) *Prophecy Not Only Applies to Jacob, but Also to His Descendants (Nation of Israel)*

- 3) Jacob (Israel), His Sons & their Families Migrate to Egypt
- 4) Israel Settles in Land of Goshen in Egypt Gen. 47:1-12
- 5) Jacob’s (Israel’s) 12 Sons Inherit the Lord’s Covenant with Abraham, Becoming the 12 Tribes of Israel Gen. 48
 - a) Israel Blesses Joseph’s Sons – Ephraim & Manasseh
 - (1) Recounts Lord’s Covenant Blessing to Joseph: “I will make you fertile and numerous and raise you into an assembly of tribes, and I will give this land to your descendants after you as a permanent possession.” (*Gen. 48:4*)
 - (2) Takes Possession of Joseph’s Sons: “Your two sons, therefore, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I joined you here, shall be mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine as much as Reuben and Simeon are mine.” (*Gen. 48:5*)
(Placing Them Under Lord’s Covenant)
 - (3) Splits Heritage of Joseph into Two ½ Tribes of Ephraim & Manasseh
 - b) Israel Summons His Sons & Prophesies their Tribal Heritage Gen. 49:1-27
 - (1) Reuben
 - (2) Simeon
 - (3) Levi
 - (4) Judah
 - (5) Zebulun
 - (6) Issachar
 - (7) Dan
 - (8) Gad
 - (9) Asher
 - (10) Naphtali
 - (11) Joseph
 - (12) Benjamin

8. *Summary of Lord’s Everlasting Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Descendants of Israel*

- a. *The Lord Selected Israel as His Chosen People/Nation*
- b. *The Lord Gave Israel a Promise Land*
- c. *The Lord Bestows Blessing on Israel*
 - 1) *Promise to Bless Peoples/Nations that Bless Israel & Curse Peoples/Nations that Curse Israel*
 - 2) *Promise to Bless All the Nations of the World Through Israel*
- d. *The Lord God Almighty, Creator of Heaven & Earth, Promises to be the God of Israel*

E. The Mosaic Covenant

In this Covenant the Lord God Establishes Israel as His Chosen Nation, Giving them a Divine Constitution that Consists of Moral Laws, Civil Laws and Religious Laws. Through these Laws the Lord Reveals Himself to His People, His Way of Redemption and their Relationship with Him. He also Legislates Acceptable Conduct Before Him and Among

Themselves.

- 1) *The Lord Extends the Covenant Promises He Gave to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to the Nation/People of Israel (See Above Summary).*
- 2) *The Lord Expects the Nation and Peoples of Israel to Live by Faith in Him and Obedience to His Laws as the Terms of His Covenant.*

This Section Reveals the Extent that the Lord God of Israel Will Go to Fulfill His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, and Establish His Covenant with their Descendants (Israel).

1. Israel Living in Egypt

- a. Israel Enslaved by Egyptians After Many Years Ex. 1
 - 1) Egypt Intimidated by Israel's Proliferation & Prosperity
(*Lord Fulfilling His Promise to Bless Descendants of Jacob/Israel*)
 - 2) Pharaoh Enslaves Israelites
 - a) Israelites Continue to Multiply
 - 3) Pharaoh Orders Israel's Newborn Sons Drowned
- b. Lord Sets Apart a Deliverer – Moses Ex. 2
(*To Deliver His People from Bondage & Establish His Nation*)
 - 1) Moses' Life in Egypt
 - a) Lord Gives Levite Couple a Beautiful Son
 - (1) Couple Hide their Son for 3 Months
 - (2) Afterwards, they Put Him in Basket Placing it Among River Marshes
 - b) Pharaoh's Daughter Retrieves Basket & Adopts Boy
 - (1) Names Him Moses
 - c) Foretaste of Moses Calling
 - (1) Moses Visits His Enslaved Kinsmen when He is Grown
 - (2) Moses Kills an Egyptian Taskmaster Mistreating an Israelite
 - (3) Pharaoh Seeks Moses' Life
 - (4) Moses Flees Egypt Going to Midian (*Arabia by Gulf of Aqaba*)
 - 2) Moses Settles in Midian
 - a) Moses Marries Daughter of Median Priest & Sires a Son
 - b) Pharaoh Who Sought Moses' Life Dies in Egypt
 - c) Israelites in Egypt Cry Out to the Lord
 - (1) Lord Hears Their Cries & Remembers His Covenant. "...As their cry for release went up to God, he heard their groaning and was mindful of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (*Ex. 2:23-24*)
- c. Lord God Calls & Commissions Moses Ex. 3 – 4
 - 1) Moses Tending Sheep by Mount Horeb
 - 2) Angel of Lord Appears in Flaming Bush
 - a) Bush is Not Consumed
 - 3) Moses is Curious & Approaches the Bush
 - 4) Lord God Speaks from Flaming Bush
 - a) Addresses Moses: "Moses!" "Moses!"
 - b) Moses Answers: "Here I am"
 - c) God Says: "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." (*Ex. 3:5*)
 - d) God Identifies Himself: "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." (*Ex. 3:6*)
 - (1) Moses Hides His Face in Fear

- e) Lord States the Purpose of His Revelation: “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey (*Promise Land*), the country of the Canaanites.....” (*Ex. 3:7-9*)
- f) Lord Commissions Moses: “Come, now! I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” (*Ex. 3:10*)
- g) Moses Questions God: “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?” (*Ex. 3:11*)
- h) God Assures Moses: “I will be with you; and this shall be your proof that it is I who have sent you: when you bring my people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this very mountain.” (*Ex. 3:12*)
(*Lord Will Give Israel His Covenant at Mount Horeb*)
- i) Moses Asks God His Name
(*Egyptians had Many Gods, All of Whom had Names*)
- j) God Replies:
- (1) “I am who am. This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM (“Yahweh”) sent me to you.” (*Name Meaning: I AM the Ever Present, Ever Living, No Beginning, No Ending God*)
 - (2) “Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD (*Yahweh*), the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.
 - (3) “This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations.” (*Ex. 3:14-15*)
- k) Lord Instructs Moses:
- (1) “Go and assemble the elders of the Israelites, and tell them: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me and said: I am concerned about you and about the way you are being treated in Egypt; so I have decided to lead you up out of the misery of Egypt into the land of the Canaanites,, a land flowing with milk and honey. (*Promise Land Inheritance*)
 - (2) “Thus they will heed your message. Then you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him: The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent us word. Permit us, then, to go a three days’ journey in the desert, that we may offer sacrifice to the LORD, our God. (*Acknowledging Lord as their God by Offering Him Sacrifices*)
 - (3) “Yet I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go unless he is forced. I will stretch out my hand, therefore, and smite Egypt by doing all kinds of wondrous deeds there (*Revealing His Supremacy*). After that he will send you away.
 - (4) “I will even make the Egyptians so well-disposed toward this people that, when you leave, you will not go empty-handed. Every woman shall ask her neighbor and her house guest for silver and gold articles and for clothing to put on your sons and daughters. Thus you will despoil the Egyptians.” (*Ex. 3:16-22*)
(*Recompense for Servitude of Lord’s Chosen People*)
- 5) Lord Confirms Moses’ Commission Ex. 4:1-17
- a) Moses Objects: “But, suppose they will not believe me, nor listen to my

- plea? For they may say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’” (*Ex. 4:1*)
- b) First Confirmation
- (1) Lord Tells Moses to Throw His Staff on Ground
(*Staff is Symbol of Authority*)
- Moses Does So, and Staff Turns into a Serpent
(*Serpent is Symbol of Satan – Source of Egyptian Religion*)
- (2) Lord Tells Moses to Grab Serpent’s Tail
- Moses Does So, and Serpent Turns Back into a Staff
(*Symbolizing Authority Over Satan & the Gods of Egypt*)
- (3) “This will take place so that they may believe, that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, did appear to you.” (*Ex. 4:5*)
- c) Second Confirmation
- (1) Lord Tells Moses to Put His Hand in His Bosom
(*Symbolizing Man’s Heart / Innermost Allegiance*)
- Moses Does So, and Withdraws a Leprous Hand
(*Leprosy Symbolizes Sin*)
- (2) Lord Tells Moses to Put His Hand Back in His Bosom
- Moses Does So, and Withdraws a Completely Restored Hand
(*Symbolizing the Lord’s Authority Over Sin*)
- (3) “If they will not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, they should believe the message of the second.” (*Ex. 4:8*)
- d) Third Confirmation: “And if they will not believe even these two signs, nor heed your plea, take some water from the river and pour it on the dry land. The water you take from the river will become blood on the dry land.” (*Ex. 4:9*) (*Symbolizing Lord’s Authority Over Nature/Mankind*)
- 6) Moses’ Reluctance
- a) Moses Complains He is Not Eloquent & is Slow of Speech
- (1) Lord Replies: “Who gives one man speech and makes another deaf and dumb? Or who gives sight to one and makes another blind? Is it not I, the LORD (*Creator*)? Go, then! It is I who will assist you in speaking and will teach you what you are to say.” (*Ex. 4:11-12*)
(*Lord Will Anoint Moses with the Necessary Skills*)
- b) Moses Pleads: “If you please, Lord, send someone else!” (*Ex. 4:13*)
- (1) Lord Angrily Replies
- Take Your Brother Aaron as Spokesman
 - Take Your Staff to Perform Signs
- 7) Moses Returns to Egypt Ex. 4:18-22
- a) Lord Orders Moses: “Go back to Egypt, for all the men who sought your life are dead.” (*Ex. 4:19*)
- b) Moses, His Wife & Son Travel to Egypt
- (1) Moses Carrying Staff of God (*Under Lord God’s Authority*)
- c) Lord Warns Moses
- (1) Pharaoh Will be Obstinate Refusing to Release Israel
- (2) “So you shall say to Pharaoh: Thus says the LORD: Israel is my son, my first-born. Hence I tell you: Let my son go, that he may serve me. If you refuse to let him go, I warn you, I will kill your son, your first-born.” (*Ex. 4:22-23*)

- d) Lord Comes Upon Moses to Kill Him at Night
 - (1) Fearful, Moses' Wife Circumcises their Son
(Bringing Moses' Posterity Under Lord's Covenant. Gen. 17)
 - e) Lord Instructs Aaron to Meet Moses in Desert
 - f) Moses & Aaron Assemble Elders of Israel
 - (1) Aaron Tells Them Everything Lord Said to Moses
 - (2) Moses Performs Signs for People
 - (3) People Believe & Worship God
2. Lord Delivers Israel from Bondage Ex. 5:1 – 12:36
- a. Moses & Aaron Initially Confront Pharaoh Ex. 5:1 – 7:13
 - 1) Moses & Aaron Declare Word of Lord, God of Israel, to Pharaoh
(This Confrontation Sets Premise for Lord's Deliverance of His People)
 - a) Allow Israelites to Go 3 Days into Desert to Sacrifice to Lord
(Acknowledging the Lord as Their God)
 - 2) Pharaoh Refuses
 - a) Doesn't Know the Lord & Won't Let People Go
 - b) Increases Hardships on Israelite Slaves
 - 3) Foremen Complain to Pharaoh, Moses & Aaron
 - 4) Moses Consults the Lord
 - a) Moses Complains to the Lord: "Lord, why do you treat this people so badly? And why did you send me on such a mission? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has maltreated this people of yours, and you have done nothing to rescue them." *(Ex. 5:22-23)*
 - b) Lord Answers Moses *(Repeating His Covenant Promises)*
 - (1) His Objective for Israel. "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. Forced by my mighty hand, he will send them away; compelled by my outstretched arm, he will drive them from his land."
 - (2) His Revelation to Israel. "I am the LORD. As God the Almighty I appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but my name, LORD *(Yahweh)*, I did not make known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan (Promise Land), the land in which they were living as aliens. And now that I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are treating as slaves, I am mindful of my covenant.
 - (3) His Promise to Israel. "Therefore, say to the Israelites: I am the LORD. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians and will deliver you from their slavery. I will rescue you by my outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and you shall have me as your God. You will know that I, the LORD, am your God when I free you from the labor of the Egyptians and bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I will give it to you as your own possession—I, the LORD!" *(Ex. 6:1-8)*

Comment. The Israelites were in Egypt over 400 years (Ex. 12:40), assimilating into and apparently adapting much of the Egyptian Culture (a complex, deeply ingrained polytheistic society). The Lord's plan is not only to deliver them from slavery, but also to deliver them from the Egyptian Culture, so He alone can be their God.

- 5) Moses Repeats Word of Lord to Israelites
 - a) They Refuse to Listen
- 6) Moses Consults Lord Again
 - a) The Lord's Command: "Go and tell Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to let the Israelites leave his land." (*Ex. 6:11*)
 - b) Moses Protests
 - (1) Israelites Wouldn't Listen to Him & Neither Will Pharaoh
 - c) Lord Orders Moses Back to Pharaoh: "I am the LORD. Repeat to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, all that I tell you." (*Ex. 6:29*)
 - d) Moses Continues to Protest
 - e) Lord Encourages Moses (*Revealing His Strategy*)
 - (1) "See! I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall act as your prophet. You shall tell him all that I command you. In turn, your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave his land.
 - (2) "Yet I will make Pharaoh so obstinate that, despite the many signs and wonders that I will work in the land of Egypt, he will not listen to you. Therefore I will lay my hand on Egypt and by great acts of judgment I will bring the hosts of my people, the Israelites, out of the land of Egypt, so that the Egyptians may learn that I am the LORD, as I stretch out my hand against Egypt and lead the Israelites out of their midst." (*Ex. 7:1-5*)
- 7) Lord Instructs Moses & Aaron to Perform a Sign Before Pharaoh
 - a) Turn Staff into Serpent
- 8) Moses & Aaron Obey Lord & Return to Pharaoh
 - a) Aaron Throws His Staff to Ground
 - (1) Staff Turns into a Serpent
 - b) Pharaoh Summons His Wise Men, Sorcerers & Magicians
 - (1) Each One Throws His Staff to Ground
 - Staffs Turn into Serpents (*Duplicating Lord's Sign by Black Arts*)
 - (2) Aaron's Staff Swallows Egyptian Staffs (*Showing Superiority*)
 - c) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate, Refusing to Listen to Them

Comments

- 1) *The Lord did not arbitrarily perform signs and send plagues on Egypt. In each confrontation, the Lord demonstrates His Power and Supremacy over the Egyptian authorities and/or a major Egyptian God. (For example the Lord blotted out the Sun and the source of light in the 9th plague, demonstrating His supremacy over the Egyptian Sun God "Ra"). Yahweh was then the only one able to stop each plague, proving His Sovereignty.*
- 2) *Through these signs and plagues, the Lord also reveals His Power, Authority and Supremacy to His Chosen People, so that they will fear (awe) Him and place their trust (faith) in Him, the only True God.*

- b. Lord God Sends Plagues on Egypt Ex. 7:14 - 12:30
 - 1) Turns Egypt's Water into Blood Ex. 7:14-24
 - a) Lord Instructs Moses to Confront Pharaoh at River Bank
 - (1) He Refused to Let Israelites Worship the Lord in Desert
 - (2) Turn Egypt's Water into Blood, Saying: "This is how you (*Pharaoh*) shall know that I am the LORD." (*Ex. 7:17a*)

- b) Moses & Aaron Obey the Lord
 - (1) Aaron Strikes River with His Staff in Front of Pharaoh
 - River, Streams & All Water Supplies/Storage Turn to Blood
 - Fish Die & Water Polluted throughout Egypt
 - c) Egyptian Magicians Turn Water to Blood by their Black Arts
 - d) Pharaoh Refuses to Listen to Moses & Aaron
- 2) Infestation of Frogs Ex. 7:25 - 8:11
- a) Seven Days Later, Lord Instructs Moses to Confront Pharaoh
 - (1) Demand He Let Israelites Go into Desert to Worship the Lord
 - (2) Threaten to Send Plague of Frogs
 - b) Moses & Aaron Obey the Lord
 - (1) Aaron Stretches Out His Hand Over Egypt's Waters
 - Frogs Emerge Covering Land & Invading their Houses
 - c) Egyptian Magicians Replicate Plague by their Black Arts
 - d) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron
 - (1) Pharaoh Asks Them to Pray to Lord to Remove Frogs
 - Promises to Let Israelites Go to Worship their Lord in Desert
 - (2) Moses Asks Pharaoh to Set a Time for the Plague to Stop
 - Proving it was the Lord Who Ended the Plague
 - (3) Pharaoh Sets an Appointed Time the Next Day
 - e) Moses Prays at Appointed Time & Frogs Die
 - (1) Dead Frogs are Gathered Up – Stench Fills Egypt
 - f) Pharaoh Reneges on His Promise
- 3) Infestation of Gnats Ex. 8:12-15
- a) Lord Instructs Moses to Smite Egypt with Plague of Gnats
 - b) Moses Tells Aaron, Who Strikes the Dust with His Staff
 - (1) Gnats Emerge, Covering Man & Beast throughout Egypt
 - c) Egyptian Magicians Unable to Replicate Plague
 - (1) They Tell Pharaoh: "This is the finger of God" (*Ex. 8:15a*)
 - d) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate & Does Not Listen to Them
- 4) Swarms of Flies Ex. 8:16-28
- a) Lord Instructs Moses to Confront Pharaoh Early in Morning
 - (1) Demand He Let Israelites Go into Desert to Worship the Lord
 - (2) Threaten to Send Swarms of Flies Upon Egypt
 - (3) Lord Will Exclude Goshen (Where Israelites Live) from Plague. "that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth."
 - "I will make this distinction between my people (*Lord's Covenant People*) and your people.
 - "This sign shall take place tomorrow." (*Ex. 8:18b-19*) (*Giving Pharaoh a Whole Day to Reconsider & Repent*)
 - b) Next Day Lord Sends Thick Swarms of Flies Upon Egypt
 - c) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron
 - (1) Pharaoh Offers to Let Israelites Sacrifice to their Lord Within Egypt
 - (2) Moses Refuses: "It is not right to do so, for the sacrifices we offer to the LORD, our God, are an abomination to the Egyptians..... will not the Egyptians stone us?" (*Ex. 8:22*)
 - Repeats His Demand to Let Israel Go 3 Days in Desert to Sacrifice to the Lord

- (3) Pharaoh Agrees Provided Moses Prays for Him
 (4) Moses Agrees to Pray, but Pharaoh Must Keep His Word
 d) Moses Prays & Lord Removes Plague of Flies
 e) Pharaoh Reneges on His Word
- 5) Death of Egyptian Livestock Ex. 9:1-7
 a) Lord Commands Moses to Confront Pharaoh
 (1) Demand He Let Israelites Go into Desert to Worship the Lord
 (2) Threaten to Afflict All Egypt's Livestock with Severe Pestilence
 • Lord Will Spare Israel's Livestock
 (3) Lord Sets a Definite Time the Next Day to Send Plague
 b) Next Day, All Egyptian Livestock Die
 (1) None of Israelite Livestock Infected
 c) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate & Does Not Release Israel
- 6) Egyptians Afflicted with Boils Ex. 9:8-12
 a) Lord Instructs Moses & Aaron to Confront Pharaoh
 (1) Throw 2 Hands Full of Soot from a Furnace into Air
 • It Will Turn to Dust Causing Festering Boils on Man & Beast
 b) Moses & Aaron Obey the Lord & Boils Break Out on Egyptians
 (1) Egyptian Magicians Can't Stand in Moses' Presence Because of Boils
 c) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate, Refusing to Listen to Them
- 7) Devastating Hail Storm Ex. 9:13-35
 a) Lord Instructs Moses to Confront Pharaoh
 (1) Demand He Let Israelites Go to Worship the Lord
 • Lord Will Intensify Plagues if He Refuses. "that you may know that there is none like me (*Lord*) anywhere on earth." (*Ex. 9:14b*)
 (2) Threaten to Send a Devastating Hail Storm
 • People & Remaining Livestock Should Seek Shelter
 b) Moses Stretches His Staff Toward the Sky, as Commanded by the Lord
 (1) Lord Sends Severe Hail Storm, Fierce Lightning & Thunder on Egypt
 • Every Man & Beast Outside are Struck Down
 • Vegetation Beaten Down & Every Tree Splintered
 (2) No Hail Falls on Land of Goshen, Where Israelites Live
 c) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron
 (1) Pharaoh Confesses His Sin & Asks Them to Pray
 • Promises to Let Israelites Go to Worship their Lord
 (2) Moses Agrees: "Thus you shall learn that the earth is the LORD'S. But you and your servants, I know, do not yet fear the LORD God." (*Ex. 9:29c-30*)
 d) Moses Prays to Lord & Storm Ceases
 e) Pharaoh Reneges on His Promise
- 8) Plague of Locusts Ex. 10:1-20
 a) Lord Instructs Moses
 (1) "Go to Pharaoh, for I have made him and his servants obdurate in order that I may perform these signs of mine among them and that you may recount to your son and grandson how ruthlessly I dealt with the Egyptians and what signs I wrought among them, so that you may know that I am the LORD" (*Ex. 10:1-2*)
(Plagues to be Recalled throughout the Generations)

- b) Moses & Aaron Confront Pharaoh
- (1) Say to Pharaoh. “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews: How long will you refuse to submit to me? Let my people go to worship me.” (*Ex. 10:3*)
 - If You Refuse, Lord Will Send Plague of Locusts on Egypt
 - (2) Moses & Aaron Leave Pharaoh’s Presence
 - (3) Servants Beg Pharaoh Him to Let Israelites Go & Worship their Lord
 - “Do you not yet realize that Egypt is being destroyed?” (*Ex. 10:7*)
- c) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron
- (1) Pharaoh Agrees to Let Men Go into Desert to Worship their Lord
 - Women & Children Must Remain in Egypt
 - (2) Moses Rejects Pharaoh’s Offer
 - All Israel Must Worship the Lord
- d) Moses Stretches His Staff Over Egypt, as the Lord Commanded
- (1) Lord Sends East Wind Bringing Swarms of Locusts on Egypt
 - Cover the Land, Fill their Houses & Eat All Vegetation
- e) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron
- (1) Confesses His Sin & Asks Them to Pray
- f) Moses Prays to Lord
- (1) Lord Sends West Wind Driving Locusts into Red Sea
- g) Pharaoh Remains Obstinate, Not Letting Israelites Go
- 9) Intense Darkness Ex. 10:21-29
- a) Moses Stretches His Hand Toward the Sky, as Commanded by the Lord
 - (1) Dense Darkness Covers Egypt for 3 Days
 - Egyptians Unable to See or Move About
 - (2) Israelite Communities Have Light
 - b) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron
 - (1) Pharaoh Agrees to Let All Israelites Go to Worship their Lord
 - Their Livestock Must Remain in Egypt, Insuring their Return
 - (2) Moses Rejects Pharaoh’s Offer
 - Their Livestock Must Go with Them, to be Selected for Sacrifice
 - (3) Pharaoh Refuses
 - Dismisses Moses: “Leave my presence, and see to it that you do not appear before me again! The day you appear before me you shall die!” (*Ex. 10:28*)
 - (4) Moses Answers: “Well said! I will never appear before you again.” (*Ex. 10:29*)
- 10) The Last Plague – Death of First Born Ex. 11:1 – 12:30
- a) Pronouncement of Last Plague Ex. 11
 - (1) Lord Announces Last Plague to Moses
 - (a) Pharaoh Will Expel Israelites Out of Egypt
(Instead of Allowing Them to Go into Desert 3 Days to Worship)
 - (b) Israel Will Despoil Wealth of Egyptians
(Fulfilling Lord’s Prophecy to Abraham. “Know for certain that your descendants shall be aliens in a land not their own (Egypt), where they shall be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation they must serve, and in the end they will depart with great wealth. Gen. 15:13-14)

- (2) Moses Pronounces Last Plague to Pharaoh
- (a) Death of All First Born of Egypt
(Fulfilling Lord's Word When Commissioning Moses. "So you shall say to Pharaoh: Thus says the LORD: Israel is my son, my first-born. Hence I tell you: Let my son go, that he may serve me. If you refuse to let him go, I warn you, I will kill your son, your first-born." Ex. 4:22-23)
 - (b) Israel Will be Protected from Plague
 - (c) Moses' Declaration to Pharaoh: "All these servants of yours shall then (*Following 10th Plague*) come down to me, and prostrate before me, they shall beg me, 'Leave us, you and all your followers!' Only then will I depart." (*Ex. 11:8*)
 - Moses Angrily Leaves Pharaoh Presence
- (3) Lord's Purpose for Making Pharaoh Obstinate. "...that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." (*Ex. 11:9*)
- b) Preparation for Last Plague
- (1) Lord Prescribes Passover Ritual to Moses Ex. 12:1-20
 - (a) Set this Month as Head of Calendar (1st Month)
 - (b) Instruct Each & Every Israelite Household
 - Procure a Lamb on 10th Day of Month
 - Lamb Must be Year Old Male Without Blemish
 - Keep Lamb Until 14th Day
 (*Time to Inspect Lamb for Blemishes, etc.*)
 - Slaughter (*Sacrifice*) Lamb at Twilight of 14th Day of Month
 - Before Whole Assembly of Israel
 - Spread Lamb's Blood on Doorposts & Lintel of Each House
 - Roast Lamb & Eat with Unleavened Bread & Bitter Herbs
 - Remain in House Throughout the Night
 (*Under Covering of the Blood*)
 - Eat Supper with Sandals on Feet & Staff in Hand
 (*Ready to Leave Egypt*)
 - Burn Up Any Leftovers the Next Morning
 - (c) Lord Will Go Through Egypt that Night Killing All First Born of Man & Beast. "...executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt - I, the LORD!" (*Ex. 12:12*)
 - Seeing the Blood, the Lord Will Pass Over Israel's Houses
 - (d) Lord Establishes Passover as a Perpetual Memorial Feast
 - Prescribes Purification Rites During Passover Season
 - Rid Houses of All Leavening (*Symbolizing Sin*)
 - Eat Only Unleavened Bread
 - Hold Sacred Assemblies on Specified Days
 - (2) Israel Prepares for Passover Ex. 12:21-28
 - (a) Moses Calls Elders of Israel
 - Instructs Them on Passover Ritual Prescribed by Lord
 - Tells Them that Lord Will Execute Final Plague
 - Killing All First Born of Egypt
 - Passing Over Israelite Homes with Blood on Doorposts & Lintels

- Instructs Them to Observe Passover as Perpetual Ordinance throughout the Generations
 - Recalling Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Bondage
 - (b) Israelites Worship the Lord their God
 - (c) Israelites Prepare for Passover, as the Lord Commanded Moses
(Receiving & Obeying Word of Lord in Faith)
- c) Execution of the Last Plague Ex. 12:29-36
 - (1) Lord Kills All First Born of Egypt at Midnight
 - (a) Loud Wailing throughout Egypt - Death in Every Household
 - (b) Pharaoh's First Born Son Among Dead

Comment. Pharaohs are considered to be gods ('Sons of Horus') in the Egyptian Religion. If the Lord God of Israel has the sovereign power to decree and execute the death of Pharaoh's first-born son (Crown Prince & Heir to Throne), with Pharaoh standing by helpless; then the Lord God is Superior to the supreme 'god given' authority of Egypt, the then greatest nation on Earth.

- (c) Death Passes Over Israel's Blood Covered Homes
(Sparing the First Born of Israel)
- (2) Pharaoh Summons Moses & Aaron During the Night
 - (a) Sets Israel Free. "Leave my people at once, you and the Israelites with you! Go and worship the LORD as you said. Take your flocks, too, and your herds, as you demanded, and be gone; and you will be doing me a favor." *(Ex. 12:31-32)*
 - (3) Egyptians Urge Israelites to Leave Immediately
 - (a) Give Israelites All the Valuables they Requested
 - (4) Israelites Prepare to Leave Egypt
 - (a) Take Dough from Kneading Bowls Before it was Leavened
 - (b) Gather the Spoils of Egypt
- 3. Israel's Exodus from Egypt Ex. 12:37 – 18:27
 - a. Israelites Leave Egypt Ex. 12:37-42
 - 1) About 600,000 Men plus Women & Children
 - a) Some Peoples of Mixed Ancestry Leave With Them
 - b) Taking Large Flocks & Herds of Livestock
(For Sustenance & Sacrifices to Lord)
 - c) Hurriedly Baking Unleavened Dough into Loaves
(For Sustenance & Offerings to Lord)
 - 2) Israelites in Egypt 430 Years
 - b. Lord Gives Moses & Aaron Regulations for Passover Celebrations Ex. 12:43-51
 - 1) To be Celebrated Exclusively by God's Covenant People (Israel)
 - a) Any Alien (*Gentile Living Among Them*) Who Wishes to Celebrate Passover Must First be Circumcised (*Bringing Them Under Covenant*)
 - 2) Whole Israelite Community Must Keep Feast
 - a) Passover Lambs Must be Eaten Inside Each House
 - b) No Bones of Lamb Shall be Broken
 - c. Lord Commands Israel to Consecrate their First Born to Him Ex. 13:1-16
(Israel's First-Born Belong to Lord, Because He Spared Them During 10th Plague)
 - 1) "Consecrate to me (Lord) every first-born that opens the womb among the Israelites, both of man and beast, for it belongs to me." *(Ex. 13:2)*
 - 2) Reminds Israel to Annually Celebrate Passover in Promise Land
 - 3) "When the LORD, your God, has brought you into the land of the Canaanites

(*i.e. Promise Land*), which he swore to you and your fathers he would give you, you shall dedicate to the LORD every son that opens the womb; and all the male firstlings of your animals shall belong to the LORD..... Every first-born son you must redeem (*By Offering a Prescribed Sacrifice*).”

- a) If Your Son Asks: “What does this mean?”
- b) You Shall Answer: “With a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, that place of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed every first-born in the land of Egypt, every first-born of man and of beast. That is why I sacrifice to the LORD everything of the male sex that opens the womb, and why I redeem every first-born of my sons.” (*Ex. 13:11-15*)
- d. Lord Leads Israel Toward Red Sea Ex. 13:17-22
 - 1) Column of Cloud Preceding Them by Day
 - 2) Column of Fire Preceding Them by Night
4. The Lord Leads Israel Through the Red (“Reed”) Sea Ex. 14
 - a. The Lord Says to Moses: “..... Thus will I make Pharaoh so obstinate that he will pursue them (*i.e. Israel*). Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” (*Ex. 14:4*)

Comment. *The Promise Land was occupied by many pagan nations, which Israel will have to drive out before they can inhabit their inheritance. By destroying the greatest military force of its day to rescue Israel, the Lord God reveals to His Chosen People that He is the Source of their Victory.*

- b. Pharaoh Leads Egyptian Army in Pursuit of Israelites
 - 1) Pharaoh Regrets Releasing Israel
 - 2) Army Pursues Israel to their Encampment by Red Sea
- c. Israelites See Egyptian Army & Become Fearful
 - 1) People Cry Out to Lord & Complain to Moses
 - 2) Moses Calls for Faith in Lord: “Fear not! Stand your ground, and you will see the victory the LORD will win for you today. These Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again. The LORD himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still.” (*Ex. 14:13-14*)
- d. Israel Crosses the Red Sea
 - 1) Lord Commands Moses to Move Israelites Forward to Sea
 - 2) God’s Angel & Column of Cloud Move Between Israel & Egyptians
 - 3) Moses Stretches His Hand Over Sea, as Commanded by the Lord
 - a) Lord Sends a Strong East Wind Dividing the Waters
 - 4) Israel Marches Through the Sea on Dry Ground
 - a) Walls of Water on Both Sides
 - 5) Egyptians Pursue Israel into Midst of Sea
 - a) Lord Sends Fiery Cloud Upon Egyptians
 - b) Wheels of Chariots Bog Down
 - c) Egyptians Panic & Attempt to Retreat
 - 6) Moses Stretches His Hand Over Sea, as Commanded by the Lord
 - a) Sea Flows Back to its Normal Depth, Drowning Egyptian Army
 - 7) Moses & Israelites Rejoice Ex. 15:1-21
 - a) Singing & Dancing Before the Lord
5. The Lord Leads Israel to Mount Horeb Ex. 15:22 – 18:27
(Mount Horeb is the Place where Lord God Originally Revealed Himself to Moses & Commissioned Him to Deliver Israel from Bondage [Ex. 3]. The Lord Instructed

Moses: “.....when you bring my people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this very mountain” [Ex. 3:12].) (Lord Will Establish His Covenant with Israel at Mount Horeb.)

- a. Lord Sweetens Bitter Water in Desert Ex. 15:22-27
 - 1) Israel Travels 3 Days in Desert Without Finding Water
 - a) Arrive at Marah, Where Waters are Bitter
 - b) People Grumble Against Moses
 - 2) Lord Points Out a Certain Piece of Wood to Moses
 - a) Moses Throws Wood into Bitter Water, as Lord Instructed
 - b) Waters Became Fresh & Suitable to Drink
 - 3) Terms & Promise of Lord’s Covenant
 - a) “If you really listen to the voice of the LORD, your God, and do what is right in his eyes: if you heed his commandments and keep all his precepts, I will not afflict you with any of the diseases with which I afflicted the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.” (Ex. 15:26)
 - 4) Lord Then Leads Israel to Oasis of Elim
 - a) Camp Among 12 Springs of Water & 70 Palm Trees
- b. Lord Provides Food in Desert Ex. 16
 - 1) Israel Travels to Desert of Sin
 - a) People Grumble Against Moses & Aaron (*Lord’s Anointed*)
 - (1) Prefer to have Died in Egypt Where there was Food
 - b) Lord Informs & Instructs Moses
 - (1) Lord Will Send Bread from Heaven (Manna)
 - Israelites to Gather Daily Portion. “.....thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Ex. 16:4c) (*Terms of Lord’s Covenant are Faith & Obedience*)
 - Gather Double Portion on 6th Day (*Lord Provides for Israel to Observe Sabbath*)
 - c) Moses Gathers Whole Israelite Community
 - (1) Moses Rebukes People for Grumbling
 - “At evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt; and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, as he heeds your grumbling against him.....”
 - “When the LORD gives you flesh to eat in the evening, and in the morning your fill of bread, as he heeds the grumbling you utter against him,.....”
 - “Your grumbling is not against us, but against the LORD.” (Ex. 16:6-8)
 - (2) Aaron Orders Israel: “..... Present yourselves before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.” (Ex. 16:9)
 - Israelites Turn Toward Desert
 - Glory of Lord Appears in a Cloud
 - (3) Lord Speaks to Moses from Cloud: “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God.” (Ex. 16:12)
 - d) Lord Feeds His People in Desert
 - (1) Provides Quail in Evening & Manna in Morning
 - (2) Moses Instructs Israelites on Gathering the Manna

- People Gather their Daily Portion
 - Some Disobey & Keep Leftovers for Next Day – It Spoils!
- People Gather Double Portion on 6th Day
 - Sabbath Day is Holy to Lord. “That is what the LORD prescribed. Tomorrow is a day of complete rest, the sabbath, sacred to the LORD.” (*Ex. 16:23a*)
 - Manna Remains Fresh for the Sabbath
 - Some Disobey Going Out to Gather Manna on 7th Day & Find None!
- (3) Lord Rebukes Israelites Who Broke Sabbath
 - Lord Establishes Sabbath as Day of Rest
(*Sabbath Acknowledges Lord as Creator God, Commemorating His Rest After Creation. Gen. 2:1-3*)
- e) Moses Keeps a Portion of Manna as Evidence of Lord’s Provision to Future Generations (*Archived Manna Remains Fresh*)
- f) Lord Continues to Provide Manna Entire Time Israel is in the Wilderness
- c. Lord Provides Water from Rock Ex. 17:1-7
 - 1) Israel Travels to Rephidim & Camps
 - a) No Water for People to Drink at Campsite
 - b) People Quarrel with Moses
 - (1) Complaining He Made them Leave Egypt
 - 2) Moses, Afraid that the People will Stone Him, Cries Out to Lord
 - 3) Lord Instructs Moses to Strike Rock at Horeb with His Staff
 - a) Lord Will Stand in Front of Moses at Rock (*Protecting Him*)
 - b) Moses Obeys & Water Gushes Out of Rock
(*Sufficient Water Supply for Entire Israelite Community*)
 - c) Place Named “Meribah” (Meaning: “Place of the Test / Quarrel”)
 - (1) Because People Quarreled with Moses & Tested the Lord
- d. Lord Gives Israel Victory Over Amalek Ex. 17:8-16
 - 1) Amalek Wages War with Israel at Rephidim
 - a) Moses Orders Joshua to Select Troops & Engage Amalek
 - b) Moses Stands on Hill Raising His Staff with Aaron & Hur at His Sides
 - (1) Israel Prevailing when Moses’ Hands are Raised
 - (2) Amalek Prevailing when Moses Tires & Lowers His Hands
 - c) Moses Sits on Rock While Aaron & Hur Hold Up His Hands
 - (1) Joshua Defeats Amalek
 - 2) Lord Pronounces Judgment Against Amalek
 - a) Lord Will Annihilate Amalek
(*Attempted to Thwart Lord’s Plan for His Chosen People*)
 - 3) Moses Builds an Altar to Lord
 - a) Calls It “Yahweh-Nissi” (Meaning: “The Lord My Victor / Banner”)
- e. Moses’ Reunion with Wife’s Family Ex. 18:1-12
 - 1) Moses’ Father-in-law Jethro (Priest of Midian) Meets Moses at Horeb
 - a) Bringing Moses’ Wife Zipporah and Sons Gershom & Eliezar
(Moses had Sent Them Back to Jethro from Egypt)
 - 2) Moses Relates to Jethro How the Lord Delivered Israel from Egypt & Sustained Them in Desert
 - 3) Jethro Acknowledges the Lord as God. “Blessed be the LORD, who has rescued his people from the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Now I know

that the LORD is a deity great beyond any other.....” (Ex. 18:10-11)

- a) Offers Sacrifices to Lord God of Israel
 - b) Dines with Moses, Aaron & Israelite Elders
- f. Moses Appoints Judges in Israel Ex. 18:13-27
- 1) Moses Sits Judging People All Day Long, Settling Disputes Among People
 - 2) Jethro Advises Him to Delegate that Authority
 - 3) Moses Agrees
 - a) Organizes & Appoints Men Over Groups of 1000s, 100s, 50s & 10s
 - (1) Govern & Judge Ordinary Cases
 - b) Refer Difficult Cases to Moses
 - 4) Jethro Returns Home
6. The Lord Establishes His Covenant with Israel
- a. *Overview of Lord God’s Covenant with Israel (His Chosen People & Nation)*
 - 1) *The Lord’s Covenant with Israel (“The Law” / “Mosaic Law”) Consists of 3 Major Categories, and Applies to Each Individual as well as the Nation. (See “Survey of the Law – Part I” for a Comprehensive Summary of the Law)*
 - a) Moral Laws. Regulations Regarding Israel’s Conduct Before the Lord their God.
 - (1) “.....Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Lev. 19:1-2
 - b) Civil Laws. Regulations Regarding Israel’s Conduct in Society, and the Governance of the Lord’s Nation.
 - (1) “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” Lev. 19:18b
 - c) Religious/Spiritual Laws Regarding Israel’s Relationship with the Lord their God.
 - (1) “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me.” Ex. 20:2-3
 - 2) *The Lord Expects the Same Faith & Obedience from the Israelites that was Demonstrated by their Forefather Abraham.*
 - b. The Lord Delivers His Covenant of Laws to Israel Ex. 19 – 20
 - 1) Israel Camps at Mount Sinai (Horeb)

(Horeb & Sinai are the Same Mountain. Ex. 19:11 & Deut. 4:10)

 - a) Arriving on 1st Day of 3rd Month After Leaving Egypt
 - 2) Lord’s Intention for His Nation Ex. 19:1-15

(The Lord’s Intention is for Israel to be His Kingdom of Priests on Earth)

Comment. I believe that the Lord God’s intention was to have a personal relationship with each individual in His Holy Nation, in a manner similar to the relationship He had with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

- a) Moses Ascends Mount Sinai
 - (1) Lord Speaks to Moses: “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob;
 - “.....You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself.
 - “Therefore, if you hearken to my voice (*Faith*) and keep my covenant (*Obedience*), you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.

- “You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.....”
(Ex. 19:3c-6)
- b) Moses Returns from the Mountain & Summons the Elders
 - (1) Relates the Word of the Lord
 - (2) People Respond: “Everything the LORD has said, we will do.”
(Ex. 19:8b)
 - c) Moses Reports Israel’s Answer to the Lord
 - d) Lord Instructs Moses
 - (1) “I am coming to you in a dense cloud, so that when the people hear me speaking with you, they may always have faith in you also.”
(Ex. 19:9b)
 - (2) “Go to the people and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow. Make them wash their garments and be ready for the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.....” (Ex. 19:10-13)
 - e) Moses Prepares People as the Lord Instructed
- 3) The Lord’s Visitation (“*The Great Theophany*”) Ex. 19:16 – 20:17
 - a) On 3rd Day, Heavy Cloud Appears Over Mount Sinai with Thunder & Lightning Accompanied by Loud Trumpet Blasts
 - (1) Moses Leads People Out of their Camp to Meet the Lord
 - Stations Them at Foot of the Mountain
 - b) Mount Sinai Wrapped in Smoke & Trembled as the Lord Descends in Fire
 - (1) Moses Speaks & Lord Answers with Thunder
 - c) Lord Audibly Delivers His 10 Commandments Ex. 20:1-17
 - (1) The Lord Introduces Himself to Israel. “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.
 - (2) Their Relationship with the Lord their God
 - “You shall not have other gods besides me.”
 - “You shall not carve idols for yourselves you shall not bow down before them or worship them.”
 - “You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain....”
 - “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.....”
 - (3) Their Relationship with One Another
 - “Honor your father and your mother,”
 - “You shall not kill.”
 - “You shall not commit adultery.”
 - “You shall not steal.”
 - “You shall not bear false witness”
 - “You shall not covet”
 - 4) Israel’s Reaction Ex. 20:18-26
 - a) People Become Afraid & Ask Moses: “You speak to us, and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we shall die.” (Ex. 20:19)

Comment. The Israelite People rejected a personal relationship with the Lord their God out of fear (the antithesis of faith), requesting that Moses intercede for them; thereby, setting the premise for a formal Intercessory Priesthood.

- b) Moses Approaches Cloud Where God Was
- (1) Lord Tells Moses: “Thus shall you speak to the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven.
 - The Lord’s Supremacy. “Do not make anything to rank with me; neither gods of silver nor gods of gold shall you make for yourselves.”
 - Requirement of Sacrifice. “An altar of earth you shall make for me, and upon it you shall sacrifice your holocausts and peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen.....” (Ex. 20:22-26)
- c. The Lord Delivers His Covenant Laws to Moses Ex. 21 - 31
- 1) Moral & Civil Laws Ex. 21:1 – 23:13
(Additional Moral & Civil Laws Recorded throughout Book of Leviticus)
 - a) Examples of Moral Laws
 - (1) Dietary Laws Lev. 11
 - (2) Clean & Unclean Conditions Lev. 12 – 15
 - (3) Personal Holiness Lev. 17 – 20
 - (4) Plus Many More
 - b) Examples of Civil Laws
 - (1) Restitution for Personal Injury Ex. 21:12-32; Lev. 24:17-23
 - (2) Sexual Conduct Lev. 18
 - (3) Inheritances & Property Laws Lev. 25
 - (4) Plus Many More
 - 2) Promise Land Conditions Ex. 23:10-33
 - a) Observe Sabbatical Year
 - b) Observe Sabbath Day
 - c) “Never mention the name of any other god; it shall not be heard from your lips.” (Ex. 23:13b)
 - d) Observe 3 Annual Pilgrim Feasts Before the Lord
 - e) Lord Assigns an Angel to Go Before Israel
 - (1) Commands Them to Obey Angel
 - f) Lord Will Reward Israel for Fidelity
 - g) Lord Will Give Israel Victory Over Inhabitants of Promise Land
 - (1) Boundaries of Promise Land
 - (2) Purge Promise Land of Idolatry
 - “You shall not make a covenant with them or their gods.” (Ex. 23:32)
- d. Ratification of the Covenant Ex. 24:1-11
- 1) Moses Relates the Word & Ordinances of Lord to People
 - a) People Respond: “We will do everything that the LORD has told us.” (Ex. 24:3b)
 - b) Moses Writes Book of Covenant, Containing Word & Ordinances of Lord
 - c) Moses Erects 12 Pillars at Foot of Mountain
(A Memorial Representing Acceptance of Law by 12 Tribes of Israel)
 - 2) Israelites Build Altar & Offer Sacrifices to Lord
 - a) Moses Splashes ½ of Blood on Altar (Sanctifying It)
 - b) Moses Reads Book of Covenant to People
 - (1) People Respond: “All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do.” (Ex. 24:7b) (Confirming their Previous Declaration)
 - c) Moses Sprinkles Remaining Blood on People, Declaring: “This is the

blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his.” (Ex. 24:8)

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- 3) Moses Escorts Aaron & His Sons, and 70 Elders to Meet the Lord
- e. Moses Ascends Mount Sinai to Receive the Sacred Law Ex. 24:12-18
 - 1) Lord Invites Moses: “Come up to me on the mountain and, while you are there, I will give you the stone tablets on which I have written the commandments...” *(Ex. 24:12)*
 - 2) Moses Instructs Elders to Wait Until He Returns
 - a) Puts Aaron & Hur in Charge During His Absence
 - 3) Moses Ascends Mountain of God
 - 4) Glory of the Lord Settles Upon Mount Sinai
 - a) Cloud Covers Mountain 6 Days
 - b) Glory Appears as Consuming Fire on Mountain Top
 - c) Lord Calls Moses into Midst of Cloud *(Lord’s Presence)* the 7th Day
 - 5) Moses Passes into Midst of Cloud
 - a) Remains 40 Days & 40 Nights
 - 6) Lord Gives Moses Religious/Spiritual Laws Ex. 25 – 31
- f. Summary of Religious/Spiritual Laws Ex. 25 – 31; Book of Leviticus

Religious Laws Consists of 4 Major Elements:

 - 1) **Tabernacle** – Lord God’s Dwelling Place Among His People & Israel’s Central Place of Worship. *(See “Tabernacle & Temple – Part I” for an In Depth Study of the Lord’s Dwelling Place on Earth.)*
 - a) Lord’s Specifications for Tabernacle & Its Furnishings Ex. 25 – 27 & 30
 - (1) Outer Court *(For Israelite People to Gather Before the Lord)*
 - (a) Open Courtyard Surrounded with Linen Walls
 - Curtain Entrance at Center of Eastern End
 - Altar of Sacrifice *(Priests Offer Sacrifices to Lord)*
 - Laver Basin
(Priests Cleanse Themselves Before Entering Sanctuary)
 - (2) Covered Tent (“Meeting Tent” / “Sanctuary”) Within Outer Court
 - (a) First Chamber is “Inner Court” or “Holy Place”
(Assigned Priests Minister Daily)
 - Curtain Entrance on its East End
 - Table of Showbread on its North Side
- 12 Loaves of Unleavened Bread
(Representing Sustenance for 12 Tribes of Israel)
 - Lampstand (Menorah) on its South Side
(Perpetual Light Burning in Sanctuary)
 - Incense Altar at its Far / West End
(Priests Intercede for Israel Before Presence of the Lord)
 - (b) Second Chamber is “Holy of Holies” or “Most Holy Place”
Beyond West End of Inner Court
(Holy of Holies is God’s Dwelling Place on Earth)
 - Veil Separates Inner Court from Holy of Holies
(Only the High Priest is Permitted to Enter Holy of Holies, and that on One Day of the Year - Day of Atonement)
 - Ark of Covenant

(Box Containing the Law, Jar of Manna & Aaron's Rod)

- Ark of Covenant's Lid ("Propitiation")
 - Cherubim with Outstretched Wings on Lid
 - God's Mercy Seat Between the Cherubim
(Prescribed Place Where God Meets with Man)

Comment. *After leaving Egypt, the Israelite People were nomadic, living in tents up to the time they possessed the Promise Land. The Lord specifies that His Dwelling Place shall also be made of tents, and erected in the center of the Israelite Camp.*

- b) Construction of Tabernacle Ex. 35 – 39
- (1) People Contribute Materials *(Including Spoils of Egypt)*
Ex. 25:1-11; Ex. 35:4-9 & 20-29
 - (2) Lord Calls Skilled Artisans Ex. 31:1-11; Ex. 35:10-19
 - (a) Anoints Bezalel, from Tribe of Judah, as Chief Ex. 35:30-35
 - (3) Israelites Construct the Tabernacle and its Furnishings
 - (a) Manufacture Temple Worship Utensils, Priestly Vestments, Incenses, Anointing Oils, etc., as Specified by Lord

Comment. *The Tabernacle, its furnishings, and other appurtenances were very ornate and expertly made. Some of the Israelites were skilled artisans who did work for the aristocracy, as well as the temples and royal courts of Egypt (Ex. 31:1-11; Ex. 35:10-19).*

- c) Erection & Consecration of Tabernacle Ex. 40
- (1) Moses Erects Tabernacle, as Specified by Lord
(1st Day of 1st Month of 2nd Year from Israel's Exodus from Egypt)
 - (2) Moses Anoints Tabernacle, Furnishings & Priests, as Lord Instructed
 - (a) Puts Commandments in Ark & Places it in Holy of Holies
 - Hangs Veil Before Holy of Holies
 - (b) Arranges Bread on Table, Lights the Lamps & Burns Incense in Inner Court
 - (c) Sacrifices Holocausts & Cereal Offerings on Altar in Outer Court
 - Fills Laver with Water for Priests to Cleanse Themselves
 - (3) Presence of Lord (Shekinah Glory) Fills the Tabernacle
 - (a) "Then the cloud covered the meeting tent, and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling *(Holy of Holies)*. Moses could not enter the meeting tent, because the cloud settled down upon it and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling." *(Ex. 40:34-35)*
(Lord Accepts His Tabernacle, Sealing His Covenant)
 - Cloud Periodically Rises from Tabernacle to Lead Israel on its Journey
 - Appearing as Cloud by Day & Fiery Cloud at Night
- 2) **Priesthood** – Lord's Chosen Priesthood to Make Constant Intercession for God's Chosen People (Israel) with Continual Blood Sacrifices
(See "Anointed Priest – Part I" Study for an In Depth Study of Israel's Consecrated Priesthood.)
- a) Lord Establishes His Priesthood
 - (1) Designates House of Aaron as His Priests Ex. 28:1
 - (a) House of Aaron is Lord's Exclusive & Perpetual Priesthood
Ex. 29:9; Num. 3:10

- (b) Aaron from Tribe of Levi (*“Levitical Priesthood”*)
 - (2) Designates Tribe of Levi as His Religious Num. 3:5-13
 - (a) Levites Serve as Assistants & Attendants to Priests
 - (3) Specifies Priestly Vestments Ex. 28
 - b) Lord Prescribes Consecration & Ordination of His Priests Ex. 29
 - (1) Moses Consecrates & Ordains Priests Lev. 8
 - (a) Washes Aaron & His Sons
 - (b) Clothes Aaron in High Priest Vestments & Sons in Priestly Attire
 - (c) Offers Prescribed Sacrifices
 - Applies Blood to Priests
 - Anoints Priests & Vestments with Blood & Oil
 - (d) Priests Undergo 7 Day Sanctification
 - Offering Daily Sacrifices to Lord
 - Remaining at Entrance of Meeting Tent
 - (2) Lord Accepts His Priesthood on 8th Day Lev. 9
 - (a) Aaron Offers Sacrifices for Himself & His Family
 - (b) People Present Offerings for Aaron to Sacrifice
 - (c) Fire from Lord’s Presence Consumes Sacrifices. *“.....the glory of the LORD was revealed to all the people. Fire came forth from the LORD’S presence and consumed the holocaust and the remnants of the fat on the altar (Sealing His Covenant). Seeing this, all the people cried out and fell prostrate.” (Lev. 9:23-24)*
 - c) General Duties / Responsibilities of Priests
 - (1) Duties Exclusively Assigned to Priests Lev. 1 - 7
 - (a) Intercede Between Israel & the Lord their God
 - (b) Offer Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin
 - (2) Examples of Other Duties Assigned to Priests
 - (a) Call Israel to Sacred Assemblies Num. 10:1-10
 - (b) Officiate at Religious Ceremonies, Feasts, etc. Lev. 23
 - (c) Govern & Administer Laws of Purity Lev. 11 - 15
 - (3) Priests Must Remain Sacred Before Lord Lev. 17 – 22
- 3) Sacrifices & Offerings**
(See “Sacrifices & Offerings – Part I” for an In Depth Study of Israel’s Sacrifices & Offerings Prescribed by the Lord.)
- a) Sacrifices & Offerings Prescribed by the Lord Lev. 1 – 5
 - (1) Blood Sacrifices – Clean Animals Killed, Libated & Burned on Altar (*Blood is the Essence of Life. Lev. 17:10-14*)
 - (a) Holocausts (Whole Burnt Offerings) Lev. 1
 - Sacrifices for the Atonement of Sin
 - (b) Peace Offerings Lev. 3
 - Sacrifices to Fulfill a Vow
 - (c) Sin Offerings Lev. 4:1 – 5:13
 - Sacrifices for Forgiveness of Sins Against the Lord, and/or Cleansing of Ritual Uncleaness
 - Offered for Israel’s Priests
 - Offered for the Whole Israelite Community
 - Offered for Israel’s Princes
 - Offered for Private Persons

- Offered for Special Cases
 - (d) Guilt Offerings Lev. 5:14-26
 - Sacrifices to Absolve Guilt of Sin Against Another Person and/or Transgression Against the Law.
 - (2) Bloodless Sacrifices
 - (a) Cereal Offerings (*Bread is Sustenance of Life*) Lev. 2
 - Thanksgiving Offerings of Fine Flour / Unleavened Bread (*Leaven Represents Sin*)
 - Prepared with Oil & Burned on Altar
 - (3) Typical Practices Prescribed for Sacrifices (*Each Type of Sacrifice has Specific Requirements.*)
 - (a) Offeror Purchases Sacrificial Animal
 - Animal to be Without Spot, Wrinkle or Blemish
 - (b) Offeror Brings Sacrificial Animal to Entrance of Tabernacle
 - Lays Hands on Animal's Head & Confesses their Sins
 - Slaughters Animal Before the Lord & His Priests
 - (c) Priest Offers Sacrifice to the Lord
 - Applies Blood to the Altar
 - Prepares Slain Animal for Sacrifice
 - Burns Animal on Altar
 - A Sweet-Smelling Oblation to the Lord
 - b) Lord's Prescribed Regulations for Offering Sacrifices Lev. 6 – 7
 - (1) Priests' Portion of Sacrifices (*Sacred Food*) Lev. 7:28-36
 - c) Sacrifices & Offerings to be Sacred Unto the Lord Lev. 22
- 4) **Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts** – Divine Appointments Prescribed by the Lord (*See "Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts – Part I" for an In Depth Study of Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts Ordained by the Lord.*)
- a) The Sabbath (7th Day of Week) ("*Shabbat*") Lev. 23:1-3
 - (1) Holy Day of Rest Ordained by God Ex. 20:8-11
 - (a) Commemorates God's Rest After Creation Gen. 2:1-3
 - (b) Acknowledges Lord God of Israel as Creator
 - b) The Passover Festival Lev. 23:4-14
 - (1) Three Feasts Celebrated in 1st Month of Jewish Calendar
 - (2) Commemorates Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt Ex. 11 – 13
 - (3) The Feast of Passover Lev. 23:5
 - (a) Passover Supper Celebrated on 14th Day of Month
 - Paschal Lamb Sacrificed at Evening Twilight
 - (4) The Feast of Unleavened Bread Lev. 23:6-8
 - (a) Celebrated on 15th Day of Month
 - Unleavened Bread Eaten 7 Days
 - (5) The Feast of First Fruits Lev. 23:9-14
 - (a) Celebrated on Day Following Passover Sabbath (*i.e. Sunday*)
 - (b) Commemorates Israel's First Harvest in Promise Land
 - c) Feast of Pentecost ("Feast of Weeks") ("*Shavuot*") Lev. 23:15-22
 - (1) Celebrated 7 Weeks + 1 Day (50th Day) from Feast of First Fruits
 - (2) Commemorates Lord Giving Moses the Law on Mount Sinai Ex. 19 – 31

- d) Festival of Booths / Tabernacles Lev. 23:23-32
- (1) Three Feasts Celebrated in the 7th Month of Jewish Calendar
 - (2) Celebrates Israel in Promise Land as the Lord's Chosen Nation
 - (3) New Years Day ("Feast of Trumpets") ("*Rosh Hashanah*")
Lev. 23:23-25
 - (a) Feast Celebrated on 1st Day of Month
 - Trumpet Blasts Usher in New Season
 - (4) Day of Atonement ("*Yom Kippur*") Lev. 23:26-32
 - (a) Feast Celebrated on 10th Day of Month
 - (b) Israelites Fast, Mortify Themselves & Repent of their Sins
 - (c) High Priest Performs the Special "Day of Atonement" Rituals Prescribed by the Lord Lev. 16
 - (5) Feast of Booths ("Feast of Tabernacles") ("*Sukkot*") Lev. 23:33-43
 - (a) Celebration Starts on 15th Day of Month & Continues 7 Days
 - Israelites Build & Live in Temporary Shelters ("Booths")
 - (b) Recalls Lord's Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt, Where the Lord Provided for His People in Wilderness
7. Israel's Unbelief, Disobedience & Rebellion
(*Terms of Lord's Covenant with Israel are Faith in Him & Obedience to His Laws.*)
(*This Study Looks at 2 of Many Incidents Where Israel Failed to Keep the Terms of the Lord's Covenant Before Entering the Promise Land.*)
- a. Israel's Rebellion & Idolatry Ex. 32
(*Choosing False Gods Over Yahweh, Disobeying His Foremost Commandments.*
Ex. 20:3-6)
 - 1) Moses on Mount Sinai Receiving Covenant Laws (*Re: Ex. 21 – 31*)
 - 2) Israelites Impatient Waiting for Moses' Return Ex. 32:1-6
 - a) Have Aaron Make a Golden Calf (Idol)
 - (1) People Declare: "This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt." (*Ex. 32:4b*)
 - b) Aaron Builds an Altar Before Calf & Declares a Feast
 - (1) People Bring Sacrifices & Offerings
 - (2) People Eat, Drink & Revel
 - 3) The Lord Expresses His Anger to Moses Ex. 32:7-10
 - a) Informs Moses of Israel's Sin: "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved...."
 - b) Sentences Israel to Destruction, Replacing them with Moses' Lineage
 - (1) "Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you (Moses) a great nation."
 - 4) Moses Intercedes for Israel Ex. 32:11-14
 - a) Pleas for Lord's Mercy
 - b) Reminds Lord of His Covenant Promises: "Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" (*Ex. 32:13*)
 - c) The Lord Relents
 - 5) Moses Returns to Israel's Camp Ex. 32:15-29
 - a) Descends Mountain Carrying 2 Stone Tablets Engraved by God with His Commandments (*Re: Ex. 24:12 & Ex. 31:18*)

- (1) Becomes Enraged, Seeing Golden Calf & People Reveling
 - Throws Stone Tablets Down, Breaking Them
(Signifies Israel Breaking the Covenant with their Lord)
- (2) Destroys Golden Calf
 - Fusing it in Fire, then Grinding it to Powder
 - Scatters Powder on Water & Forces People to Drink it
(Turning their Idol into Human Waste)
- b) Chastises Aaron
 - (1) Aaron Blames the People
- c) Confronts the Crowd: “Whoever is for the LORD, let him come to me!”
(Ex. 32:26)
 - (1) All the Levites Rally to Him
- d) Commands Levites to Slay the Idolaters
 - (1) Levites Go through Camp & Slay 3,000 Guilty Israelites
- 6) Moses Makes Atonement for Israel Ex. 32:30-35
 - a) Addresses the Israelites: “You have committed a grave sin. I will go up to the LORD, then; perhaps I may be able to make atonement for your sin.”
 - b) Goes Back Up the Mountain to the Lord
 - (1) Moses Intercedes for Israel, Offering Himself as Atonement: “Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin in making a god of gold for themselves! If you would only forgive their sin! If you will not, then strike me out of the book that you have written.”
 - (2) The LORD Answers: “Him only who has sinned against me will I strike out of my book. Now, go and lead the people whither I have told you. My angel will go before you. When it is time for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”
- 7) The Lord Replaces 2 Stone Tablets Containing His Commandments
Ex. 34:1-4 & 29
 - a) Moses Places Tablets in Ark of the Covenant Ex. 40:20-21
- b. Israel’s Fear & Failure to Conquer Promise Land Num. 13 - 14
(Fear is the Antithesis of Faith. Faith a Major Tenet of Lord’s Covenant)
 - 1) Israel Leaves Sinai & Travels Toward Promise Land Num. 10:11-36
 - a) Camps in Desert of Paran (Next to Canaan) Num. 12:16
 - 2) Lord Instructs Moses to Send Scouts to Reconnoiter Canaan
 - a) “.... which I (Lord God) am giving to the Israelites.” (Num. 13:2a)
 - b) One Prince from Each Tribe
 - 3) Moses Dispatches 12 Scouts, as Instructed by Lord
 - a) Scouts Reconnoiter Land 40 Days
 - 4) Scouts Return to Israelite Camp
 - a) Bring Back Bounty of Grapes, Pomegranates & Figs
 - b) Report to Moses & Israelite Community
 - (1) Land is Fertile & Plenteous
 - (2) Land Inhabited by Fierce People & Fortified Towns
 - Saw Descendants of Anakim (Giants)
 - c) Dispute Arises Among People
 - (1) Caleb (Scout from Tribe of Judah) Advises Israel: “We ought to go up and seize the land, for we can certainly do so.” (Num. 13:30)
 - (2) Other Scouts Discourage People: “We cannot attack these people; they are too strong for us.” (Num. 13:31)

(Fearing Men More than Trusting in the Lord their God)

- d) People Grumble Against Moses & Aaron
 - (1) Believing Scouts with Bad Report
 - (2) Regretting Lord Delivered Them from Egypt
 - (3) Rebelling Against Lord's Anointed. "Let us appoint a leader and go back to Egypt." (*Num. 14:4*)
- 5) Moses & Aaron Publicly Prostrate Themselves (*In Submission to Lord*)
 - a) Joshua (Scout from Tribe of Ephraim) & Caleb Tear their Garments (*Signifies Blasphemy*)
 - (1) Encourage Israel to Trust the Lord:
 - "The country which we went through and explored is a fine, rich land.
 - "If the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us in and give us that land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
 - "But do not rebel against the LORD! You need not be afraid of the people of that land; Their defense has left them, but the LORD is with us.....do not be afraid of them." (*Num. 14:7-9*)
 - b) Israelite Community Threatens to Stone Them
- 6) Glory of Lord Appears at Meeting Tent
 - a) Lord Addresses Moses
 - (1) Rebukes Israel's Unbelief. "How long will this people spurn me? How long will they refuse to believe in me, despite all the signs I have performed among them?" (*Num. 14:11*)
 - (2) Threatens to Destroy Israel & Start Over with Moses
 - b) Moses Intercedes for Israel
 - (1) Begs the Lord to Pardon Israel
 - c) The Lord Answers Moses
 - (1) He Will Pardon Israel from Destruction
 - (2) Judges Israel for their Unbelief
 - All Adults Who Witnessed Lord's Signs Delivering Israel from Egypt, Will Die in Desert & Not Enter Promise Land
 - Except Caleb & Joshua Who Remained Faithful
 - Lord Will Bring Next Generation (*Children Under Age of 20 at Exodus & Those Born in Wilderness*) into Promise Land
 - Israel Will Wander in Wilderness 40 Years
 - One Year for Every Day They Reconnoitered Promise Land
 - Until Entire Generation Dies Out
 - "Thus you will realize what it means to oppose me (*Num. 4:34c*)
 - (3) Strikes Down Scouts Who Gave a Bad Report
 - (4) Instructs Moses to Lead Israel into Wilderness (*To Raise a Faithful Generation*)
- 7) Moses Repeats Word of Lord to Israelite Community
 - a) People Become Remorseful
 - b) Some Men Gather Troops & Invade Canaan (*Without the Lord*)
 - (1) Disregarding the Lord & Ignoring Moses' Warning
 - (2) Troops Defeated by Amalekites & Canaanites
- 8) *Israel Travels into Desert & Wanders 40 Years* *Num. 20 - 33*
 - a) *Until that Faithless Generation Dies Out*

b) *Lord Provides for Israel in Wilderness*

F. The Promise Land Covenant

Book of Deuteronomy

The Generation of Israelites Who were Adults when Israel Left Egypt, Died in the Wilderness Because of their Unfaithfulness and Disobedience to the Lord their God. The Lord Raises Up a New Generation of Israelites, Who were Children at the time of the Exodus or Born while Israel was in the Wilderness.

This is Not Another Covenant, but a Restatement of the Mosaic Covenant to that New Generation of Israelites as they are About to Enter the Promise Land. It Emphasizes What is Acceptable Conduct of God's Chosen People/Nation in the Promise Land. The Terms Continue to be Faith in the Lord their God and Obedience to His Laws.

1. Historical Review Deut. 1 – 3
 - a. Israel Passes Through the Wilderness & Camps in the Transjordan (*East of Jordan River - Part of Promise Land*) Adjacent to Canaan (*Heart of Promise Land*)
2. Israel & the Lord their God Deut. 4:1-43
 - a. Moses Exhorts the New Generation of Israelites
 - 1) Remain Faithful & Obedient to the Lord (*Terms of their Covenant*)
 - a) “Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
 - b) “In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.....”
 - c) “.... I teach you the statutes and decrees as the LORD, my God, has commanded me, that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy.
 - d) “Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations.....” (*Deut. 4:1-6*)
 - e) Lord’s Laws are Just & Superior to those of Other Nations
 - 2) Remember Lord’s Revelation at Mt. Horeb (Sinai) (*Re: Ex. 19:16 – 20:17*)
 - a) Lord Spoke to Israel from Midst of Fire
 - (1) Audibly Proclaiming His Commandments
 - (2) Writing 10 Commandments on 2 Stone Tablets
 - b) Lord Charged Moses to Teach His Statutes & Decrees to Israel Before they Enter the Promise Land
 - 3) Warns Against Idolatry – Breaking Lord’s Covenant
 - a) Lord Will Punish Infidelity. “For the LORD, your God, is a consuming fire, a jealous God.” (*Deut. 4:24*)
 - 4) Lord Will Remain Faithful to His Covenant
 - a) Even if His People are Unfaithful
 - 5) Extols God’s Love for His Covenant People
 - a) Evidenced by His Revelation, Signs & Wonders
 - (1) Unprecedented in All Human History
3. Lord God’s Covenant with Israel Deut. 4:44 – 11:32
 - a. Moses Reintroduces Lord’s Covenant to New Generation of Israelites
 - 1) Preamble to Lord’s Covenant Deut. 5:1-5
 - a) “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and decrees which I proclaim in your hearing

- this day, that you may learn them and take care to observe them.
- b) “The LORD, our God, made a covenant with us at Horeb; not with our fathers did he make this covenant, but with us (All of Israel), all of us who are alive here this day.....” (Deut. 5:1-3)
- (1) Covenant Applicable to All Generations
- 2) Recites Lord’s 10 Commandments (*Re: Ex. 20:1-17*) Deut. 5:6-21
- 3) Reminds Israel that they Requested that He be their Mediator When the Lord Spoke to them at Mt. Horeb (*Re: Ex. 20:18-26*) Deut. 5:22-31
(*Moses Confirms that He is the Lord’s Spokesman – Listen to Him!*)
- 4) Calls for Israel’s Continual Obedience to the Law Deut. 5:32-33
- 5) Benefits of the Law Deut. 6:1-3
- a) “..... that you and your son and your grandson may fear (Know & Revere) the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life.
- b) “..... that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.”
- 6) Essence of the Law (*Relationship with Lord*) Deut. 6:4-5
- a) “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”
- 7) Exhortation to Remain Faithful to the Lord & His Law Deut. 6:6-25
- a) Make the Law a Way of Life
- b) Honor the Lord & His Law in All Things
- c) Teach Each Succeeding Generation of the Lord & His Law
- b. Commands Israel to Cleanse the Promise Land of Idolatry Deut. 7
(*Idolatry is an Abomination to the Lord – Separating God from His Chosen People*)
- c. Reminds Israel of Lord’s Providence in Wilderness Deut. 8:1 – 9:6
- 1) Lord Will Bring Israel into Bountiful Land & Bless Them
- a) Remember to Trust & Bless the Lord
- d. Reminds New Generation of their Fathers’ Failings in Wilderness Deut. 9:7 – 10:11
- e. Extols the Majesty of the Lord God Almighty Deut. 10:12-22
- f. Exhorts Israel to Love the Lord & Obey His Laws Deut. 11
- 1) Reminding Them of Signs & Wonders they Witnessed
- 2) Promising a Land that’s Fertile & Bountiful
- 3) Citing Blessings for Obedience & Curses for Disobedience
4. Moses Reviews the Law to New Generation of Israelites Deut. 12 – 26
- a. Examples of Moral Laws – Conduct Before God
- 1) Dietary Laws Deut. 14:3-21
- 2) Paying Tithes Deut. 14:22-29; Deut. 26:12-15
- 3) Personal Honesty Deut. 25:13-16
- 4) Plus Many More
- b. Examples of Civil Laws – Conduct in Society
- 1) Care for Poor / Sabbatical Year Deut. 15:1-11
- 2) Murder & Accidental Manslaughter Deut. 5:17
- a) Cities of Refuge Deut. 4:41-43; Deut. 19:1-13
- 3) Law Against False Witnesses Deut. 5:20; Deut. 19:15-21
- 4) Plus Many More

- c. Examples of Religious/Spiritual Laws
- 1) Tabernacle Worship Deut. 12:4-14
 - a) Commandments & Ark of Covenant Deut. 10:1-9
 - 2) Levitical Priesthood Deut. 18:1-8
 - 3) Sacrifices & Offerings Deut. 12:4-14; Deut. 17:1
 - 4) Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts Deut. 5:12-15; Deut. 16:1-17
- d. Offices in the Lord's Nation (Theocratic Constitution)
- The Lord Establishes Governmental, Religious & Spiritual Offices in His Nation.*
- 1) Office of Judge (*Appointed to Administer Lord's Justice in Israel*)
 - a) Judges Appointed from Among Tribes to Administer Justice Deut. 16:18-20
 - b) People Must Obey Judgments & Decrees of Judges Deut. 17:8-13
 - c) Judges Subject to King's Authority After Israel Becomes a Monarchy
 - 2) Office of King (*Lord's Anointed Rulers of Israel*) Deut. 17:14-20
 (*See "Anointed King – Part I" for a More In Depth Study of Office of King*)
 - a) Kings to be Chosen by the Lord to Rule Israel
 - b) Kings Must be Kinsmen (Israelites)
 - c) Kings are to Rule Under Lord's Authority as His Representative
 - d) Kings are Subject to the Law
 - (1) Must Retain Copy of Levite Scrolls (*Torah*) & Read it Daily
 - (2) Must Learn to Fear the Lord, Obey Him & His Law
 - e) Kings are Supreme Judge in Israel
 - 3) Office of Priest Deut. 18:1-8
 (*Lord's Anointed Priests – Israel's Religious Leaders & Intercessors to Lord*)
 (*See "Anointed Priest – Part I" for a More In Depth Study of Office of Priest*)
 - a) Priests from House of Aaron, Tribe of Levi (Levites)
 - b) Priests are Consecrated To:
 - (1) Intercede to Lord in Behalf of Israelite People & Nation
 - (2) Offer Sacrifices to Lord for Atonement of Sins, Transgressions Against the Law, Ritual Cleansing, Sealing of Vows/Oaths, etc.
 - (3) Officiate at Prescribed Worship, Religious Ceremonies, Holy Days, Festivals & Feasts
 - 4) Office of Prophet (*Lord's Anointed Spokesmen to Israel & Advisor to King*)
 (*See "Anointed Prophet – Part I" for a More In Depth Study of the Prophets*)
 - a) False Prophets & Forbidden Practices Deut. 18:9-14
 - (1) False Prophets & Idolaters Condemned to Death
 - b) The Lord's Anointed Prophet Deut. 18:15-19
 - (1) Lord Will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses
 - (2) Lord Will Speak to Israel Through His Prophet
 - (3) Israel Required to Listen to Lord's Prophet
 - c) Prophets Required to Speak Words They Receive from Lord Deut. 18:20
 - d) Test of Prophets Deut. 18:21-22
 - (1) Lord's Prophecies Always Fulfilled & Verified
5. Moses' Final Address to Israelite Community Deut. 27 – 33
(Covenant Promise, a Perpetual Inheritance for God's Chosen People)
- a. Moses Prescribes Ceremonies for Israel to Perform When Entering Promise Land
 (*Moses Instructs Israel to Claim, Possess & Thrive in Promise Land*) Deut. 27
 - 1) Moses with Elders (*Civil Authorities*) Charge People: "Keep all these commandments which I enjoin on you today." (*Deut. 27:1*)

- a) Set Up Large Stones Coated with Plaster on Mt. Ebal
 - (1) Write the Law Upon Stones
- b) Build an Altar to Lord
 - (1) Sacrifice Holocausts & Peace Offerings
(Blood Sacrifices Effecting their Covenant in Promise Land)
 - (2) Celebrate & Rejoice Before Lord
- 2) Moses with Priests (*Religious Authorities*) Charge People: “Be silent, O Israel, and listen! This day you have become the people of the LORD, your God. You shall therefore hearken to the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes which I enjoin on you today.” (*Deut. 27:9-10*)
- 3) Blessings & Curses to be Announced Over People (*Terms of the Covenant*)
 - a) 6 Tribes Shall Stand on Mt. Gerizim & Pronounce Blessings
 - b) 6 Tribes Shall Stand on Mt. Ebal & Pronounce Curses
 - c) Levites Shall Pronounce 12 Curses for Specific Violations of Law
 - (1) People Shall Answer: “Amen!” to Each Curse
(Acknowledging & Accepting Penalties for Disobedience)

Comment. Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal are on opposite sides of Shechem, where the Lord first appeared to Abram (Abraham) in Canaan, declaring it to be the Promise Land and making a Covenant Promise to give that land to his descendants. It was there that Abram built the first Altar to the Lord in the Promise Land (*Gen. 12:6-8*). This is the same site that the Lord will bring His Chosen People (Descendants of Abraham) to hear the Terms of His Covenant proclaimed in the Promise Land.

- b. Moses Gives Israel a Choice to Accept or Reject Lord’s Covenant Deut. 28 – 30
 - 1) Cites Blessings for Obeying the Lord & His Law Deut. 28:1-14
 - 2) Cites Curses for Disobedience Deut. 28:15-69
 - 3) The Lord Chose Israel as His Covenant People Deut. 29
 - a) Reminds Israel of Lord’s Interventions & Favor Deut. 29:1-8
 - (1) Delivering Them from Bondage in Egypt
 - “But not even at the present day has the LORD yet given you a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear.” (*Deut. 29:3*)
(Hearts & Minds Not Open to Receive Spiritual Insight)
 - (2) Providing for Them in Wilderness
 - “Thus you should know that I, the LORD, am your God.” (*Deut. 29:5b*)
 - (3) Defeating Hostile Nations in Transjordan, Giving Israel the Land
(Previewing Conquest of Promise Land)
 - “Keep the terms of this covenant, therefore, and fulfill them, that you may succeed in whatever you do.” (*Deut. 29:8*)
 - b) All Israel to be Bound by Lord’s Covenant Deut. 29:9-14
 - (1) Under Sanction of a Curse. “..... that he may now establish you as his people and he may be your God, as he promised you and as he swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” (*Deut. 29:12*)
 - (2) That Generation & All their Descendants
 - c) Warning Against Idolatry (*Worshiping Other Gods*)
 - (1) Do Not Turn Your Hearts Away from Lord
 - (2) Do Not Serve Pagan Gods
 - (3) Punishment for Idolatry. “..... the LORD’S wrath and jealousy will flare up against that man (*Idolater*), and every curse mentioned in this book will alight on him.....” (*Deut. 29:19-20*)

- 4) Promises of Mercy & Restoration Deut. 30:1-10
 - a) When Israel Repents from Unfaithfulness & Disobedience
 - 5) Israel Given a Critical Choice Deut. 30:11-20
 - a) Lord's Commands are Clear
 - b) "Here, then, I have today set before you life and prosperity, death and doom." (*Deut. 30:15*)
 - (1) If You Obey
 - Lord Will Bless & Multiply You in Promise Land
 - (2) If You Disobey & Serve Other Gods
 - You Will Perish & Curses Will Befall You
 - c) "I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. **Choose life**, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land which the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." (*Deut. 30:19-20*)
 - c. Moses Prepares Israelites to Conquer & Settle in Promise Land Deut. 31
 - 1) Moses Will Die & Not Cross Jordan River
 - 2) Lord Will Cross Jordan Before Israel
 - a) To Destroy Pagan Nations & Give You the Land
 - b) Purge the Pagan Nations as Moses Instructed
 - 3) Moses Summons Joshua & Publicly Charges Him to Lead Israel
 - 4) Moses Writes Out the Law & Gives to Levitical Priests
 - a) Commands Priests to Place Law Beside Ark of Covenant
 - (1) Periodically Read the Law to People
 - 5) Lord Commissions Joshua as Israel's Leader
 - a) Lord Appears at Meeting Tent in Column of Cloud
(*Sign of Lord's Appointment of Joshua*)
 - 6) Lord Tells Moses that Israelites Will Break His Covenant & Serve Other Gods
 - a) Instructs Moses to Write a Song & Teach it to Israelites
 - (1) Song Will be Lord's Witness Against Unfaithful Israelites
 - b) Song of Moses Deut. 32:1-44
 - (1) Moses & Joshua Recite Song Before Israelite Community
 - 7) Moses' Final Appeal Deut. 32:45-47
 - a) "Take to heart all the warning which I have now given you and which you must impress on your children, that you may carry out carefully every word of this law. For this is no trivial matter for you; rather, it means your very life, since it is by this means that you are to enjoy a long life on the land which you will cross the Jordan to occupy."
 - d. Moses Blesses Tribes of Israel Deut. 33
6. Death of Moses Deut. 34
 - a. Moses Ascends Mt. Nebo, as the Lord Instructed Deut. 32:48-52
 - b. Lord Shows Him the Promise Land
 - c. Moses Dies at 120 Years Old
 - d. Israel Mourns 30 Days
7. Israel Enters the Promise Land Under Lord's Covenant Jos. 1 – 5
 - a. Israel Prepares to Enter the Promise Land Jos. 1:1-11
 - 1) Lord Instructs Joshua
 - a) Confirms His Commission. "My servant Moses is dead. So prepare to

cross the Jordan here, with all the people into the land I will give the Israelites. As I promised Moses, I will deliver to you every place where you set foot.” (Jos. 1:2-3)

- b) Gives Joshua the Extent of the Promise Land
 - c) Remain Faithful & Obedient to Lord. “Above all, be firm and steadfast, taking care to observe the entire law which my servant Moses enjoined on you. Do not swerve from it either to the right or to the left, that you may succeed wherever you go. Keep this book of the law on your lips. Recite it by day and by night, that you may observe carefully all that is written in it; then you will successfully attain your goal.” (Jos. 1:7-8)
 - d) Trust in the Lord. “I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go.” (Jos. 1:9)
- 2) Joshua Commands Israel’s Officers to Prepare to Cross Jordan River
- b. Israel Crosses Jordan into Promise Land(Canaan) Jos. 3 – 4
- 1) Israel Camps Beside Jordan River
 - a) Officers Instruct Israelites: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD, your God, which the levitical priests will carry, you must also break camp and follow it” (Jos. 3:3-4)
 - b) Joshua Instructs Israelites: “Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will perform wonders among you.” (Jos. 3:5)
 - c) Priests Carry Ark of Covenant in Front of the Israelite People
 - 2) Lord Instructs Joshua: “Now command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant to come to a halt in the Jordan when they reach the edge of the waters.” (Jos. 3:8)
 - 3) Joshua Commands Israel as Instructed by Lord
 - 4) Priests Carry Ark of Covenant to River’s Bed
 - a) River Parts as Priests’ Feet Touch the Water
 - b) People Pass Over Jordan on Dry Ground
 - 5) Joshua has 12 Memorial Stones Erected Where Priests Stand Holding Ark
 - a) One Stone for Each Tribe of Israel
 - b) Marking the Place Where Israel Crossed River on Dry Ground
 - 6) Joshua Commands Priests to Leave River Bed
 - a) River Resumes its Course as Priests Leave
- c. Israelites Apply Lord’s Covenant in Promise Land Jos. 5
- 1) Israelite Males are Circumcised – Sign of Covenant Jos. 5:2-9
(Bringing Them Under Lord’s Covenant with Abraham)
 - a) Lord Instructs Joshua: “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelite nation for the second time.” (Jos. 5:2)
(1) Circumcised Males Leaving Egypt Died in the Wilderness
(2) Males Born in Wilderness Were Not Circumcised
 - b) Joshua Obeys & Israel’s Males are Circumcised
 - c) Lord Says to Joshua: “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” (Jos. 5:9a)
 - 2) Israel Celebrates Passover in Promise Land Jos. 5:10-12
(Celebrating Lord’s Deliverance of Israel from Bondage in Egypt)
 - a) Passover Supper on 14th Day of Month
 - b) Feast of Unleavened Bread on 15th Day of Month
 - (1) Bread Made from Grain Harvested in Canaan

- (2) Lord Ceased Providing Manna for Israel that Day
(Israel had to Rely on their Sustenance from Produce in Canaan)
- 3) Visitation of the Captain of Lord's Host Jos. 5:13-15
- a) Joshua Sees a Man in Front of Him with Drawn Sword
 - b) Joshua Asks: "Are you one of us or of our enemies?" (*Jos. 5:13b*)
 - c) Man Replies: "Neither. I am the captain of the host of the LORD and I have just arrived."
 - d) Joshua Prostrates Himself & Worships Man, Saying: "What has my lord to say to his servant?" (*Jos. 5:14*)
 - e) Captain of Lord's Hosts Replies: "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy." (*Jos. 5:15*)
(Same Instructions Lord God Gave to Moses When He First Appeared to Him from the Burning Bush. Ex. 3:5)
 - f) Joshua Obeys the Captain of the Lord's Host
(Joshua Poised to Lead Israel in their First Conquest in the Promise Land – Jericho – Waiting for the Lord's Command)
- d. Joshua Leads Israel in Defeating Jericho, as Commanded by the Lord Jos. 6

Historical Summary.

Israel partially conquered the Promise Land, failing to purge the land of the Pagan Nations living there with their idolatrous religions (Jos. 6 – 12). These nations, and their pagan practices, became a snare to the Israelite Communities as the Lord warned (Deut. 7:16 & 25). As a result, the Israelite People repeatedly rebelled against the Lord, breaking His Laws and His Covenant by turning to idolatry; thereby, losing the Lord's protection. Being frequently oppressed by those Pagan Nations, they repented and sought the Lord. He would then raise up Judges (Charismatic Leaders chosen by the Lord) who delivered them from oppression (Book of Judges). Eventually Israel requested that they be united under a King, so they would be like the Pagan Nations (1 Sam. 8). The Lord was displeased with their request, but anointed Saul as Israel's first King (1 Sam. 9 – 11). King Saul repeatedly disobeyed the Lord and His Prophet (e.g. 1 Sam. 13:1-14). The Lord then anointed David ('a man after His own heart' 1 Sam. 13:13-14; 1 Sam. 16:1-13) as King over Israel.

G. The Davidic Covenant

The Lord Anointed David as King Over Israel, with Whom He Established a Royal Covenant. In this Covenant, the Lord Establishes a Dynasty to Rule His Chosen Nation (Israel) Under His Authority. The Terms of this Covenant are Faith in & Allegiance to the Lord God, and Obedience to His Laws. (See "Anointed King – Part I" for a Comprehensive Study of the Office of King.)

1. David King of Israel
 - a. Prophet Samuel Anoints David, from Tribe of Judah, King of Israel 1 Sam. 16:1-13
 - 1) During Reign of King Saul
 - b. David Becomes King of Judah Upon Saul's Death 2 Sam. 2 – 4
 - c. David Rules a United Kingdom
 - 1) Unites 12 Tribes of Israel into One Kingdom 2 Sam. 5:1-5
 - 2) Captures & Makes Jerusalem Capital of His Kingdom 2 Sam. 5:6-16
 - 3) Defeats & Subjugates Pagan Nations within His Realm
2 Sam. 5:17-25; 2 Sam. 8
2. The Lord's Kingdom 2 Sam. 6 & 7; 1 Chron. 13, 15, 16 & 17
 - a. David Brings Ark of Covenant to Jerusalem
(Ark of Covenant is Lord's Throne on Earth)

- 1) David's First Attempt Fails 2 Sam. 6:1-11; 1 Chron. 13
 - a) Ark Improperly Transported
 - (1) Violating Requirements of Law Num. 3:27-31; Num. 4:1-15
 - (2) Resulting in Death of a Man Escorting Ark
 - b) Ark Diverted & Stored at House of Obed-edom a Levite
- 2) David Successfully Brings Ark of Covenant to Jerusalem 2 Sam. 6:12-23; 1 Chron. 15 & 16
 - a) David Recognizes & Corrects His Error
 - b) Procession of the Ark to Jerusalem
 - (1) Priests Sound Trumpets Before Ark
 - (2) Levites Carry Ark on Shoulders with Poles, as Prescribed by Law
 - (3) David Offers Sacrifices Every 6 Steps Taken by Bearers of Ark
 - (4) Israelites Rejoice with Song, Musical Instruments & Dance
 - c) Ark Brought into Jerusalem
 - (1) David in Linen Apron Dances & Rejoices Before Lord
 - d) Ark Placed in Tent (*Temporary House*) Pitched by David
 - (1) David Offers Holocausts & Peace Offerings
 - e) David Appoints Priests & Levites to Minister Before the Ark
 - (1) Ministering & Offering Sacrifices, as Prescribed by Law
- b. A House for the Lord 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17
(A Permanent Temple for the Presence of God to Dwell Among His People.)
 - 1) David Living in a Palace
 - a) Lord Giving Him Rest from His Enemies
 - 2) David Desires to Build a House for Ark of the Covenant
 - a) Expresses His Desire to Prophet Nathan: "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent! (*Tabernacle Meeting Tent*)"
 - b) Nathan Agrees with David: "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." (*2 Sam. 7:2-3*)
 - 3) Lord Speaks to Nathan that Night 2 Sam. 7:4-16; 1 Chron. 17:13-14
(Revealing Himself through a Covenant with David)
 - a) "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you (*A Human*) build me a house to dwell in?'" (*2 Sam. 7:5*)
(Lord God is Omnipresent – Heaven & Earth Can Not Contain Him)
 - (1) Lord Does Not Need a House
 - (2) Lord Has Not Asked for a House
 - b) Lord's Preamble to His Covenant. "Now then, speak thus to my servant David, 'The LORD of hosts has this to say:....'" (*2 Sam. 7:8*)
 - (1) David the Lord's Chosen King
 - Lord Elevated David from Shepherd to King
(Lord God is Sovereign – Bestowing Favor as He Wills)
(Lord God is David's Source & Strength)
 - Lord Destroyed All David's Enemies
(Lord God is Omnipotent – Able to Overthrow All Opposition)
(Lord is the Supreme & Righteous Judge of the Nations)
 - "And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth."
(2 Sam. 7:9b) (Lord Bestows Fame & Blessings on His Chosen)
 - (2) Israel the Lord's Chosen Nation
 - Lord (*King of the Universe*) Established Israel as His Nation

- Lord Protects & Gives Israel Peace
(*Lord God is Israel's Defender & Protector – King of Peace*)
- c) Lord's Covenant Promises 2 Sam. 7:11c-16; 1 Chron. 17:10c-14
(*Lord's Covenant Establishes the House of David as a Perpetual Kingship Over His People*)
- (1) 'The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you.'
- The Lord Promises David a Royal House & Lineage
(*A Living House - Not a House of Stone*)
- (2) 'And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name.'
- The Lord Promises David that His Son will Succeed Him as King
 - The Lord Will Secure His Kingdom
 - The Lord Promises David that His Son Will Build the Lord's House (*Temple*)
- (3) 'And I will make his royal throne firm forever.'
- The Lord Promises David that He Will Firmly Establish His Son's Throne Forever
- (4) 'I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. And if he does wrong, I will correct him with the rod of men and with human chastisements; but I will not withdraw my favor from him as I withdrew it from your predecessor Saul, whom I removed from my presence.'
- The Lord Promises a Personal Relationship with David's Son
(*Lord Reveals Himself as a Loving Father*)
 - Correcting & Chastising Him for Transgressions
 - Retaining His Royal Covenant with David
- (5) 'Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'" (2 Sam. 7:11c-16)
- The Lord Promises David that His Kingdom will Last Forever Ruled by His Descendants
- 4) Prophet Nathan Delivers Word of the Lord to King David
2 Sam. 7:17; 1 Chron. 17:15
- 5) King David Prays in the Presence of Lord (*Before Ark of Covenant*)
2 Sam. 7:18-29; 1 Chron. 17:16-27
- a) Accepts the Word of Lord
- (1) "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you should have brought me as far as I have come? (*From Shepherd to King*) And yet, even this you now consider too little, O God! For you have made a promise regarding your servant's family reaching into the distant future," (1 Chron. 17:16-17)
- b) Offers Praise & Thanksgiving
- (1) "Great are you, Lord GOD! There is none like you and there is no God but you, just as we have heard it told." (2 Sam. 17:22)
- c) Claims the Lord's Promises
- (1) "...O LORD, may the promise that you have uttered concerning your servant and his house remain firm forever. Bring about what you have

promised, that your renown as LORD of hosts, God of Israel, may be great and abide forever, while the house of David, your servant, is established in your presence.” (1 Chron. 17:23-24)

- c. King David’s Preparations for the House of the Lord (Temple)
(*Nearing the End of His Reign, David Acts on His Faith Making Preparations for His Son to Build the Temple Promised by the Lord*)
- 1) David Purchases the Site for Lord’s House 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21:1 – 22:1
 - a) David Presumptuously Takes a Census of the People
(*People Belong to Lord, Who Alone Should Know their Number*)
 - b) David Regrets Numbering the People
 - (1) Repents & Asks the Lord for Forgiveness
 - c) The Lord’s Chastisements
 - (1) Lord Gives Prophet Gad 3 Alternative Chastisements to Offer David:
 - 3 Years of Famine, or
 - 3 Months Fleeing from His Enemies, or
 - 3 Days of Pestilence.
 - (2) David Chooses Pestilence: “I am in dire straits. But I prefer to fall into the hand of the LORD, whose mercy is very great, than into the hands of men.” (1 Chron. 21:13) (*Trusting in the Lord*)
 - d) Lord Sends Pestilence on Israel
 - (1) 70,000 People Die
 - (2) Angel Stretches Forth His Hand (Sword) to Destroy Jerusalem
 - Lord Regrets the Calamity & Stays Angel’s Hand
 - Angel Standing on Threshing Floor of Ornan the Jebusite
(*Jebusites Original Owners/Residents of Jerusalem*)
 - David Sees Angel & Appeals to Lord: “It is I who have sinned; it is I, the shepherd, who have done wrong. But these (*People*) are sheep; what have they done? Punish me and not my kindred.” (2 Sam. 24:17)
 - e) Angel of Lord Commands Prophet Gad
 - (1) Tell David to Build an Altar on Ornan’s Threshing Floor (*Mt Moriah*)
(*The Lord Selects the Site for His Earthly Temple. The Same Site Where Abraham Offered His Son Isaac to Lord. Gen. 22:1-19*)
 - f) David Purchases Ornan’s Threshing Floor
 - (1) David Goes to Threshing Floor at Gad’s Command
 - Ornan Threshing Wheat
 - (2) David Offers Ornan: “Sell me the ground of this threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the LORD. Sell it to me at its full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.” (1 Chron. 21:22)
 - (3) Ornan Offers to Give David His Threshing Floor, Oxen for Holocausts, Threshing Sledges & Yokes for Wood, and Wheat for Cereal Offerings
 - (4) David Replies: “No! I will buy it from you properly, at its full price. I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer up holocausts that cost me nothing.” (1 Chron. 21:24)
 - (5) David Purchases Threshing Floor & Oxen from Ornan
 - g) David Builds an Altar on Threshing Floor
 - (1) David Offers Sacrifices & Holocausts to Lord (*Blood Sacrifices*)

- (2) David Calls Upon the Lord
- Lord Answers by Sending Fire from Heaven on Altar of Holocausts (*Confirming His Covenant with a Sign*)
 - Lord Stops the Plague on Israel
- (3) David Proclaims: “This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of holocausts for Israel.” (*1 Chron. 22:1*)
(*David Declares that Site for the Lord’s Earthly Temple*)
- 2) David Gathers Materials & Workmen for Lord’s House 1 Chron. 22:1-5
- 3) David Establishes His Son Solomon as King 1 Kings 1
- a) King David Decrees Solomon as His Successor
- (1) Prophet Nathan & Priest Zadok Anoint Solomon King of Israel
(*Involving All 3 Offices in Lord’s Kingdom*)
- (2) Solomon Sits on His Father’s Throne
- (3) Solomon Secures (Firmly Establishes) His Rule 1 Kings 2:12-46
- b) David Commands Solomon to Build House for Lord (“Temple”) 1 Chron. 22:6-16
- (1) David had Desired to Build Lord’s House
- Lord Would Not Allow Him. “You have shed much blood, and you have waged great wars. You may not build a house in my honor....”
 - David’s Son Will Rule in Peace. “However, a son is to be born to you. He will be a peaceful man, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. For Solomon shall be his name.....”
 - King Solomon Shall Build Lord’s House. “It is he who shall build a house in my honor; he shall be a son to me, and I (Lord God) will be a father to him, and I will establish the throne of his kingship over Israel forever.” (*1 Chron. 22:8-10*)
- (2) David Reveals His Preparations for Temple to Solomon
- Materials He Gathered for Temple
 - 100,000 Talents of Gold (*1 Hebrew Talent = 75 Pounds*)
 - 1,000,000 Talents of Silver
 - Iron & Bronze Too Great to be Weighed
 - Stores of Wood & Stones – To Which Solomon Must Add
 - Workmen He Commissioned to Build Temple
 - Unlimited Workmen, Stonecutters, Masons, Carpenters & Other Skilled Craftsmen
- (3) David Charges Solomon: “Set to work, therefore, and the LORD be with you!” (*1 Chron. 22:16b*)
- c) King David Summons Israel’s Officials 1 Chron. 22:17 – 27:34
- (1) Commands Them to Help Solomon Build Temple of the Lord 1 Chron. 22:17-19
- (2) Organizes Priests & Levites 1 Chron. 23:1 – 26:28
- Serve Lord by Leading Worship & Performing Rituals in Temple
 - Serve as Temple Gatekeepers (Security)
 - Serve as Temple Treasurers
- d) David Gives Temple Plans to Solomon 1 Chron. 28:11-21
- (1) Charges Solomon: “Be firm and steadfast; go to work without fear or discouragement, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not

fail you or abandon you before you have completed all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.” (*1 Chron. 28:20*)

- e) Contributions for the Temple 1 Chron. 29:1-9
 - (1) David Gives the Materials He had Gathered: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron, Wood, Marble, Precious Stones, etc.
 - (2) David Gives Additional Materials from His Personal Fortune
 - (3) Israel’s Tribes & Families Make Contributions for Temple
 - Vast Quantities of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron & Precious Stones
- f) David Offers Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving to Lord 1 Chron. 29:10-19
- g) David Charges Israelite Community to Bless Lord 1 Chron. 29:20-22a
 - (1) Israelites Offer 1000s of Sacrifices & Offerings (*Blood Sacrifices*)
 - Feasting & Rejoicing in Lord Presence (*Before Ark of Covenant*)
- 4) Solomon Publicly Anointed & Confirmed King of Israel 1 Chron. 29:22b-25
- d. King David’s Death 1 Kings 2:10-11, 1 Chron. 29:26-30
 - 1) Reigned 7 ½ Years in Hebron
 - 2) Reigned 33 Years in Jerusalem
- e. Solomon Succeeds His Father as King of Israel
3. Lord Confirms His Covenant with King Solomon
King Solomon Obeys His Father David’s Command, and the Word of the Lord, to Build the Lord’s Temple in Jerusalem.
 - a. Preparations to Build the Temple 1 Kings 5:15-32; 2 Chron. 1:18 – 2:17
 - 1) Solomon Makes Trade Agreement with Hiram – King of Tyre (Lebanon)
 - a) To Provide Lumber & Skilled Craftsmen to Build Temple
 - 2) Lord Gives Solomon Wisdom to Work in Harmony & Peace with Tyre
 - 3) Solomon Conscripts Workmen from Israel
 - a) 30,000 Workmen Sent in Relays to/from Lebanon
 - b) 150,000 Workmen Sent to Mountains to Quarry & Transport Stones
 - c) 3,600 Overseers
 - 4) Accumulates Materials Previously Provided by King David & Tribal Leaders
(*Re: 1 Chron. 22:1-16; 1 Chron. 29:1-11*)
 - b. King Solomon Builds the Lord’s Temple 1 Kings 6 – 9; 2 Chron. 3 - 8
(*See “Tabernacle & Temple – Part I” Study*)
 - 1) Construction of the Temple 1 Kings 6; 2 Chron. 3 - 4
 - a) Construction Started 480th Year from Israel’s Exodus from Egypt
 - b) Temple Built in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah (*Temple Mount*)
 - (1) Site Selected by King David which He Purchased from Ornan
(*Re: 2 Sam. 24:18-25; 1 Chron. 21:18 – 22:1*)
 - c) Temple Built to Lord’s Specifications
 - (1) Plans Given to Solomon by King David (*Re: 1 Chron. 28:11-19*)
(*a) Temple Plans the Lord Gave to David*)
 - (2) Complex of Structures Adjacent to Temple Structure
 - (a) Priests’ Chambers, Temple Treasuries, Storerooms, etc.
 - (3) Basic Configuration of Temple Structure
 - (a) Walled Courtyard for People to Worship
 - Bronze Altar to Offer Holocausts & Sacrifices
 - Sea of Glass (Basin/Laver) for Priests to Cleanse Themselves
 - (b) Temple Building
 - Outer Room (Holy Place) Reserved for Ministering Priests

- Tables of Showbread
- Lampstands (Menorahs)
- Incense Altar Before Veil Covering Holy of Holies
- Inner Sanctuary (Holy of Holies) Reserved for High Priest on Day of Atonement
 - Ark of the Covenant (*Lord's Throne on Earth*)
- d) Manufactured Temple Furnishings & Utensils for Worship
- 2) Word of Lord Comes to King Solomon
(*Confirming the Terms of His Covenant with David – Faith & Obedience*)
 - a) “As to this temple you are building— If you observe my statutes, carry out my ordinances, keep and obey all my commands, I will fulfill toward you the promise I made to your father David. I will dwell in the midst of the Israelites and will not forsake my people Israel.” (*1 Kings 6:12-13*)
- 3) Temple Took 7 Years to Build (*Seven is the Number of Perfect Completion*)
- c. Dedication of the Temple 1 Kings 8:1 – 9:9; 2 Chron. 5 - 7
 - 1) Solomon Orders Elders, Tribal Leaders & Princes to Assemble at Temple
 - 2) Priests Bring Ark of Covenant to Temple
 - a) Followed by Levites Bringing Sacred Vessels from Tabernacle
 - b) Israelites Offer Sacrifices Before Ark (*Blood Sacrifices*)
 - (1) “...sheep and oxen too many to number or count” (*1 Kings 8:5*)
 - c) Priests Take Ark into Temple's Holy of Holies
 - (1) Place Ark in Holy of Holies & Depart
 - d) Levite Musicians with 120 Priests Stand Before Bronze Altar
 - (1) Praising the Lord by Singing, Blowing Trumpets & Playing Musical Instruments
 - 3) A Cloud (“Shekinah Glory” of Lord) Fills the Temple
(*Lord's Residence Among His People*)
 - a) Priests Fall to Pavement
 - (1) Unable to Stand Because of the Lord's Presence
 - b) King Solomon Welcomes the Lord: “The LORD intends to dwell in the dark cloud; I have truly built you a princely house, a dwelling where you may abide forever.” (*1 Kings 8:12*)
 - 4) King Solomon Declares Lord's Covenant with David Fulfilled
 - a) “Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who with his own mouth made a promise to my father David and by his hand has brought it to fulfillment... ..” (*1 Kings 8:15*)
 - (1) Lord Chose David to Rule His People Israel
 - (2) Lord Chose David's Son to Build a Temple to Honor Him
 - (3) Lord Fulfilled His Promise
 - (a) Solomon Succeeded His Father & Sits on Throne of Israel
 - (b) Solomon Built Temple to Honor Lord
 - (c) Solomon Provided a Place for the Ark of Covenant
 - 5) Solomon Prays to Lord God of Israel
 - a) Praises the Lord for His Faithfulness
 - (1) “LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below; you keep your covenant of kindness with your servants who are faithful to you with their whole heart.
 - (2) “You have kept the promise you made to my father David, your servant. You who spoke that promise, have this day, by your own

- power, brought it to fulfillment.” (*1 Kings 8:23-24*)
- b) Asks the Lord to Keep & Confirm His Promise (*Covenant*) to David to Always Have a Descendant on Israel’s Throne
 - (1) Conditioned Upon their Obedience
 - c) Acknowledges Greatness & Sovereignty of the Lord
 - (1) “Can it indeed be that God dwells among men on earth? If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you, how much less this temple which I have built!” (*1 Kings 8:27*)
 - d) Offers Petitions to the Lord: “Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O LORD, my God, and listen to the cry of supplication which I, your servant, utter before you this day.” (*1 Kings 8:28*)
 - (1) Watch Over & Protect His Temple
 - (2) Listen to Prayers of His People (Israel)
 - (a) Whether Offered at Temple, within Israel or Distant Lands
 - (3) Grant Justice Among His People
 - (4) Grant Forgiveness to His People When They Repent of Sin
 - (a) Whether Personal or National
 - (5) Grant Favor to Foreigners Who Come to Temple to Honor Him
 - (6) Hear Prayers of His Chosen People
 - e) Invites Glory of God to Take His Throne in the Holy of Holies
 - (1) “Advance, LORD God, to your resting place, you and the ark of your majesty.
 - (2) “May your Priests, LORD God, be clothed with salvation, may your faithful ones rejoice in good things.” (*2 Chron. 6:41*)
- 6) Fire Descends from Heaven Consuming Sacrifices on Altar (*Lord God Seals His Covenant by Fire*)
 - a) Glory of Lord Fills Temple
 - b) Priests Unable to Enter Temple Because of Glory of Lord
 - c) People Fall on their Faces - Seeing the Fire & Glory
 - 7) King Solomon Blesses the Lord & His People
 - a) “Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, just as he promised. Not a single word has gone unfulfilled of the entire generous promise he made through his servant Moses.
 - b) “May the LORD, our God, be with us as he was with our fathers and may he not forsake us nor cast us off.
 - c) “May he draw our hearts to himself, that we may follow him in everything and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances which he enjoined on our fathers.” (*1 Kings 8:56-58*)
 - d) Charges People to Devote Themselves to Lord
 - 8) King Solomon & Israel Offer Sacrifices to Lord (*Blood Sacrifices*)
 - a) Solomon Offers 22,000 Oxen & 120,000 Sheep as Peace Offerings
 - b) Israel Celebrates 7 Day Festival
 - c) Solomon Dismisses People on 8th Day
 - 9) The Lord Answers King Solomon’s Prayer (*Confirming His Covenant with David’s Son*)
 - a) Lord Appears & Speaks to Solomon
 - b) Lord Heard His Prayer. “I have heard the prayer of petition which you offered in my presence.” (*1 Kings 9:3a*)
 - c) Lord Consecrates the Temple. “I have consecrated this temple which you

- have built; I confer my name upon it forever, and my eyes and my heart shall be there always.” (*1 Kings 9:3b*)
- d) Lord Confirms His Covenant Promises to King Solomon. “As for you, if you live in my presence as your father David lived, sincerely and uprightly, doing just as I have commanded you, keeping my statutes and decrees (*Laws of Moses*), I will establish your throne of sovereignty over Israel forever, as I promised to your father David when I said, ‘You shall always have someone from your line on the throne of Israel.’” (*1 Kings 9:4-5*)
 - e) Lord Will Correct His Children (*Israel*)
 - (1) Chastisement. Land Will be Afflicted with Famine, Pestilence, etc. for Infidelity / Sin
 - (2) Repentance & Restoration. “and if my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.” (*2 Chron. 7:14*)
 - f) Lord Attentive to Prayers of His People. “Now my eyes shall be open and my ears attentive to the prayer of this place (*Temple*).” (*2 Chron. 7:15*)
 - g) Lord Warns King Solomon & His Successors of Infidelity & Disobedience
 - (1) “But if you and your descendants (*Kings from House of David*) ever withdraw from me, fail to keep the commandments and statutes which I set before you, and proceed to venerate and worship strange gods (*Idolatry*), I will cut off Israel from the land I gave them and repudiate the temple I have consecrated to my honor.....” (*1 Kings 9:6-7*)
 - (a) Lord’s Presence Will Depart from the Temple & He Will No Longer Live Among His People
 - (b) Israel Will No Longer be Protected by the Lord
 - (c) The Temple Will be Destroyed
 - (d) Israel Will be Subjugated by Foreign Nations

Postscript. King Solomon had many foreign (pagan) wives, including the daughter of an Egyptian Pharaoh. When he was elderly, some of those wives enticed him to build temples to their pagan gods and participate in their worship; thereby, breaking the Lord’s Covenant. The Lord rebuked Solomon, and upon his death split his kingdom into 2 separate nations: Israel consisting of 10 Northern Tribes to be ruled by Israelite Kings from those tribes, and Judah which continued to be ruled by Kings from the House of David (*Keeping His Covenant with David 1 Kings 11:11-13*).

The Kingdom of Israel fell into idolatry from its beginning and continued to be idolatrous despite the many prophets sent by the Lord. Israel was eventually destroyed and its people dispersed by Assyria in 722 BC.

The Kingdom of Judah wavered between idolatrous kings and reformers throughout the years. Judah gradually fell into apostasy, despite attempts by some kings to reform them and prophets sent by the Lord. Judah was eventually conquered by Babylon, Jerusalem and the Temple destroyed, and the people taken into captivity in 586 BC.

Although man was unfaithful and disobedient to the Lord, repeatedly breaking His Covenant; the Lord remained faithful to keep His Covenant with David, retaining his royal lineage throughout their captivity and subsequent return to the Promise Land.