

The Making of a National Covenant - YHVH Visits Israel – Part 2

Exodus 19

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

After God told Moses what to relay to Israel (i.e., the conditions for the National Covenant), Moses went down the mountain and called for the elders of the people. The elders were representatives for all of Israel; likely elected by the people and therefore given the authority to make decisions for all of Israel. When the elders gathered, Moses laid out the National Covenant rules which were pretty simple: IF Israel obeyed God, then they would be His treasured nation; a nation of priests and a holy nation who did good (righteousness) and not evil. We'll see our Heavenly Father will literally come down to give Israel the basic Ten Commandments to His Laws in the next chapter but this is the prelude to it. It's important to understand that *Israel had a choice in the matter*. God asked them if they wanted to be His servant nation (Isa 44:21, 49:3) that would enforce righteousness worldwide. And He clearly told them that, in order to do so, *they must obey Him*. What was their answer?

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8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

The elders of Israel agreed to the conditions of the National Covenant, making this a binding agreement for **all** of Israel for all generations. Moses then went back up the mountain and relayed Israel's affirmative answer to YHVH. It's important to understand and remember this is a binding contract (covenant) between God and Israel and *it had conditions*. The little word 'IF' is truly a big word, for so much lies upon IF you obey God or IF you do *not* obey God. Also, to note is that Moses is the go between for Israel and God. This makes him a type for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for we're told how He is now our mediator between God and His children...

*For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**;*

1 Tim 2:5

*But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator** of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*

Heb 8:6

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

*15 And for this cause **he is the mediator of the new testament**, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

Heb 9:12-15

Hebrews is a book that explains who Jesus Christ and what His purpose in life was and how He is relevant in our lives today. You can study that book, line by line and chapter by chapter via this telegram channel: [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Hebrews]. From the few verses we covered above, it's clear to see that: while Moses was the 'mediator' between God and Israel in the first Covenant (national and conditional), Jesus Christ is most definitely the mediator for the second Covenant, which is still a national covenant with Israel but it is eternal and depends upon whether or not someone of the race of Israel accepts Jesus Christ and God's Laws in their heart or not. Moreover, the first covenant only promised an earthly "Promise Land" but the second covenant is based on 'better promises' because an *eternal* "Promise Land" is promised (Rev 22). Furthermore, the New Covenant Jesus made was extended to the other races. They too can be part of God's Kingdom if they accept Jesus Christ. This is great news because the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is *eternal*, which means that anyone of any race or gender can obtain eternal life through belief in (and obedience to) Jesus Christ.

Are you beginning to see why it's so important to understand the Old Testament? It's the foundation for the New Testament. None of the New Testament makes sense without understanding the foundational truths in the Old Testament. And, as we covered in the first chapter of this great book, it's impossible to truly teach people about Jesus Christ without using the Old Testament. Jesus Christ Himself taught His disciples how He fulfilled those things written of Him concerning His First Advent *by using the Old Testament Scriptures* (Lk 24:13-32). Steven did too (Acts 7). Phillip did too (Acts 8:26-39). Peter did too (Acts 10:38-43). And Paul did as well (Acts 13). And to this day, anyone and everyone who *truly* teaches Jesus Christ (from seed planters to Pastors) will use the Old Testament Scriptures to teach who Jesus is and what He did for us. Why? Because the Old Testament Scriptures were the *only* Scriptures they had back then! The New Testament was written only after Jesus' ascended to heaven and it simply explains the Old Testament's *fulfillment* of Jesus Christ's First Advent. And even though it has prophesy (like in the book of Revelations and 2 Thess 2, etc.) that explains the future prophesies concerning Jesus' Second Advent, it's still explaining what is written in the Old Testament. So, *without studying the Old Testament, you cannot understand the New Testament*. For example, you'll never grasp what Paul is say in Romans 9-11 if you don't understand the history of Israel. [Study the book of Romans here: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Romans].

So, let's remember how Moses is a type for Jesus Christ in the fact that Moses was the mediator between God and Israel for the first National Covenant, which 'had a fault' (Heb 8:7-13) because Moses couldn't give Israel the Holy Spirit of God to help them understand how to (or want to) obey God's Laws. Thus, Israel ended up breaking the covenant they made with God (Jer 3, 31).

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9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

We've got to remember where the Lord (YHVH) is coming from here. The people of Israel have already been rebellious, pretty much 'coming out the gate' of Egypt. So, now that they've agreed to obey Him, He wants to make it clearly known who His chosen ruler for Israel is: Moses. Also remember that Moses didn't ask for this job. In fact, he didn't want it! But God wanted Moses and that's what matters. Remember what Jesus said to His disciples?

*16 Ye have not chosen me, but **I have chosen you**, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

John 15:16-19

God (through Jesus Christ) is still calling out people to come out of bondage to sin (which Egypt was symbolic of) to serve Him...

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

*9 Who hath saved us, and **called us with an holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

2 Tim 1:8-10

And like in the days of Moses, God will make it clear who He chooses for what by the gifts that He gives them...

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1 Cor 12:4-12

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2 Tim 1:8-9

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1 Thess 4:7

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

1 Peter 1:13-17

We have a duty to study God's Word and develop the gift(s) He has given us, as the parable of the talents in Mth 25 tells us, as well as Peter...

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:10-11

So, God is giving Moses a heads up that He will come to Moses in a thick cloud (He's going to make an 'appearance') so that Israel will see God interacting with Moses and be obedient (hopefully) to what Moses says because he's the delegated ruler for God (YHVH). When God ordains someone to govern (or teach His Word), we must respect them. This is what Romans 13 teaches. But, Romans 13 (nor anywhere else in the Bible) does *not* give governments the right to do whatever they want to their people. It simply says that the institution of government itself is ordained by God and *they are supposed to be enforcing God's Laws*. However, when they cease

to do that and become tyrannical, the people have a right to abolish that crooked government and set up a new government but only if it's founded on God's Laws.

We have stunning examples of this in 'recent history'. Just look at the United States of America. The Declaration of Independence clearly lays out the fact that the American forefathers were *not being rebellious*. They pleaded with Great Britain to stop the atrocities and then finally, pleaded to God (via the Declaration of Independence and prayer) for the atrocities the Great Britain government was doing to the American colonies. They asked for God's guidance to help them develop a new government that would be based upon God's laws so that *they could obey Him*. This is why America has been such an amazingly successful nation. The American Colonists asked God to free them from Great Britain so they could set up a government founded upon His Word (Laws). But much has happened since that generation, for America has gone downhill *because* she has cast out God's Laws from her government, institutions and hearts of the people. This is why America is losing her independence. As one founding father declared, the Constitution was made only for a morally righteous (Christian) people. Since America is now turning away from Christianity, she's losing the rights that God guarantees to be protected when we obey Him (that's simply what the Constitution spells out; the Constitution itself gives us no rights, our rights come from God IF we obey Him. IF we disobey Him, we forfeit our rights).

A contrary example is found in China where the people rebelled against a long-time monarchy only to set up a Communist government, which is way worse than what they had before. Their rebelliousness was not founded upon good intent. It was stirred up by Satan and *the people* have been suffering horribly for this ever since. The American colonies were not trying to be rebels. They were simply trying to abide by God's Laws but the crooked British government would not allow them too. The Communist agitators, on the contrary, wanted to rule by their own selfish desires, not by Christian principles and that's why their people today are horribly treated by the cruelty of the Communist government.

God wanted Israel to know that He was real and Moses was not making all of this up. In other words, God wanted the people of Israel to know that Moses wasn't trying to be a dictator. Moses was legitimately selected by God to serve Israel, as was Aaron. The people needed to respect them as their leaders.

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10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

But, before God would get near Israel, they had to get cleaned up. This cleaning up (as we shall see) was only on the surface: they merely cleaned up their flesh but neglected to clean up their hearts. Jesus explained why this is a problem...

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Matt 23:25-26

The Gospel of Luke explains as well...

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

Luke 11:39-41

So, within this we see why the first National Covenant failed: the people broke the covenant (Jer 3, 31) because *they were not clean inside their heart*. Jesus explains what dirties our heart...

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Mark 7:17-23

Physical food, like physically washing one's body and clothes, does not (and cannot) clean one's soul. Jesus tells us why: sin starts in our heart (our carnal mind, which we all have in this flesh body from birth – Ecc 3:11). If we do not quickly stop the sinful thoughts and desires (lusts, pride) that arise in our heart (and we all get them) then they will grow into fruition by our words and actions. We could also use the analogy of 'nipping' evil thoughts and desires 'in the bud' because to 'nip off a bud' (of a plant) means that the bud cannot bloom into a flower and produce fruit. Likewise, if you stop evil thoughts and evil desires in your heart *as quick as you possibly can*, then they won't grow into sinful actions. But *if you entertain them, by allowing them to remain and thinking upon them, then they will 'bloom' and change your words and actions, which causes you to sin outwardly.* This is why a *disciplined* mind is so important...

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a **sound** mind.*

2 Tim 1:7

The word ‘sound’ here is #4995 and means: to *discipline*, i.e., *self-control*. It comes from #4994, which means: **to make of sound mind**, i.e. (figuratively) **to discipline or correct**. What this amounts to, is that: IF you want a sound mind (which is a healthy mind) you must discipline (correct) your mind to think about that which aligns with God’s Word (note this means you must study God’s Word so you know what to think on and about, 2 Tim 2:15). As Phil 4:6-8 tells us, we shouldn’t worry about anything (translated as ‘be careful for nothing’). Instead, we should take our concerns to God (with thanksgiving) and *trust He will help you*. That trust in Him (faith) will bring a peace that surpasses all understanding and it’ll ‘keep’ (protect) your heart and mind (your carnal mind and spiritual mind) because you keep your mind and trust upon Him (Isa 26:3). But this is not easy. Our flesh pulls at us with lust, pride, fear, worry, concern, envy, anger, and so many other negative emotions, desires and thoughts. And sometimes, even things that seem ‘positive’ are not godly, such as many false doctrines found in Churches today. The prosperity message tells people you’ll get rich if you ‘support’ God (through their ministry of course). Although it gives people hope, it’s a false hope. The emotional high people get from those prosperity ministers who tell them they have no sin and they are really wonderful people, is false (beware of those who flatter you, Ps 5:9). It’s not true peace. Likewise does the ‘rapture theory’ bring a false hope. Only a mind that is disciplined (and trained) to think like Christ does (according to God’s Word) has the peace of God. And this takes much work on the individual’s part: no one can discipline your mind for you. You must do it yourself. Paul tells us...

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Cor 10:3-6

Though we’re living in a flesh body, that doesn’t mean we should think and act like animals. Rather, we should learn to think like our Heavenly Father (Phil 2). This takes disciplining our mind to ‘cast out’ **all** imaginations, meaning all the imaginations we have in our heart! All the ungodly things we think, fantasize about and secretly desire *need to be cast out of your mind and kept out*. Paul tells us that *every thought* (this includes desires) you have should be in accordance to God’s Word (the obedience of Christ). This means we cannot have secret desires or fantasizes, or day dreams. We’ve got to honestly clean our heart of evil thoughts and desires (lusts, pride too) so we can, *in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience* (Luke 8:15). There’s no fooling God. He knows if your heart (carnal mind) is clean or not. And the way it gets dirty is *if you entertain evil thoughts, by allowing them to remain and thinking upon them, then they will ‘bloom’ and change your words and actions, which causes you to sin*. Now, no one but Christ Himself is able to go without sinning, especially sinning in our mind and heart. But what God expects for us to do is try hard and repent when we fall short. Once you catch yourself with sinful thoughts (or actions) repent right away and make a note in your mind to work hard not to do it again. Christ will forgive you no matter how many times you

sin if you truly are sincere (Mth 18:22, Lk 17:4). This is a process we must struggle with every day of our lives, which is why Jesus said we must strive (struggle, #75) to enter the ‘straight gate’ (heaven) (Luke 13:24). But IF we stick with it, the Holy Spirit will help us. Keep studying God’s Word and sincerely trying to apply it to your thought process, words and actions. IF you stick with it, He will help you.

For example: have you ever worried about something? Anything? Sure you have. Well, you probably know that the more you think about it then the more you will get worried. You can work yourself into a real mess just by continuing to think on the issue. You’ll end up making a ‘mountain out of a molehill’. But if you pray about it and give it over to the Lord (trusting He’ll help you through it) then you cut that worry out of your heart and it does not ‘bloom’ into a problem. It’s not that you won’t have problems come your way but when you learn to trust in God instead of worrying then you learn how to actually deal with problems in a wise way and thus, keeps them from becoming bigger problems.

The same goes for lust. It’s not a sin to look at a person and think they are good looking. But, to *continue to think about how good looking they are* leads to desiring them and then, the more you think and desire them you end up lusting for them, and then you’ll end up eventually acting on those actions. This is why Jesus said: *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart* (Matt 5:27-28). Our thoughts and desires (intentions) lead us to sin if we don’t quickly clean them out and repent for them, which means you work hard not to think on those things again. Your flesh body needs to clean out every day (usually multiple times a day) and likewise does your mind. We must learn to ‘let go’ of worries, anxieties, lusts, fears and so forth (Gal 5:14-26, Col 3:5-9). We’ve got to clean our heart (carnal mind) and mind (spiritual mind) of sin and also forgive all those who have wronged us in any way so those things don’t stay pent up and turn into sin (Mth 6:14-15).

Not cleaning and cleaning your mind out can also be likened to having a hole in a bucket. If you patch it when it’s small (clean the sinful thought out quickly) then it does not get worse. If you allow it to leak (if you allow your mind to worry, lust, fear, etc.) then the hole will never get fixed and *it’ll only get worse with time*. The Bible also uses the analogy of how a woman conceives in her womb to explain this same thing (Isa 59:4, Ps 7:14, Acts 5:4, James 1:15). We ‘conceive’ wicked thoughts in our heart *when we allow them to stay in your mind and desire them; this is how we defile our heart*. They will then grow and cause us to sin (James 1:13-15). If we allow sinful thoughts and desires to grow in our heart then they will change the very nature of who we are from righteous to evil, all the while we still fool ourselves into thinking we’re righteous. That’s how people get to by self-righteous hypocrites. But contrarily, if we continuously kick out the bad thoughts and instead redirect our mind and heart (carnal thoughts and desires) to God’s Word we will eventually bind our heart to God (through His Word) instead of to evil. This is what brings forth good fruit as the parable of the sower teaches us: *But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience* (Luke 8:15).

So, although Moses would instruct Israel to wash their bodies and clothes, their hearts remained dirty. Thus, while the first Covenant's intent was to help us learn how to clean our heart and mind, it focused on the flesh things because *they were to be examples* of how to clean our soul. Unfortunately, most people totally missed the analogies and focused on the flesh things, thinking they could clean their soul if they simply washed their clothes and changed their actions. You can't. You must truly change what's in your heart; you've got to change *what you desire* (your intentions) and *how you think* (your thought process *must* change, Phil 2). That's why Paul says the law was our 'schoolmaster' (Gal 3:24-25). Jesus' New Covenant is extremely effective because He gives us His Holy Spirit to help us understand how to clean our soul *and the strength to do it*. When we do our part (trying with all our strength or will power, Mk 12:30), then He'll do His part and send us His Holy Spirit to strengthen us. Additionally, His Holy Spirit helps us understand the Scriptures of the Old (and now the New) Testament (John 14:15-27).

*But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation **through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:***

2 Thess 2:13

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11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

God (YHWH) gave Moses three days to get the down the mountain and get the people cleaned. This is yet another type for us in these end days for we will face Satan himself (in his role as the 'antichrist', which means 'instead of Christ', Rev 12 & 2 Thess 2) being on earth and pretending to be Messiah [Antichrist, Satan or Man - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>]. Yet, Satan and his fallen angels (who'll be pretending to be angels of light, 2 Cor 11:13-15) will not be without opposition. Aside from those of the Churches of Smyrna (Rev 2:8-10) and Philadelphia (Rev 3:7-11), the two witnesses (Rev 11, Zech 4) will also be witnessing against Satan and his wicked worldwide government *and religion*. At the end of their testimony, Satan's wicked governmental and religious system (the 'beast', Rev 13, 17) will have these two witnesses put to death. After three and a half days, they will rise from the dead (Rev 11:7-12). So, once God's faithful servants see the two witnesses put to death, they know there's only three and a half days left for the people to be cleaned spiritually (repentance) before the true Jesus Christ returns. That will also be a time the faithful servants of Jesus Christ (the 'elect' who are simply chosen to serve Him; they remain faithful despite the tribulation of the antichrist, who is Satan) will finish spiritually cleaning up to be ready for their 'Bridegroom', Jesus Christ. Rev 19:7-8 explains Jesus' 'wife' makes herself ready by putting on righteousness. Those three and a half days after the two witnesses are killed are the last three and a half days of this flesh age. You'll never see your flesh body again. So, it will be a time of spiritually fasting from sin and repenting of any unseen or unknown sins. It will be a time to spiritually cleanse, not physically cleanse. It will be a time to: **Prepare to Meet Your God** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/74>].

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12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

Aside from being delegated to sanctify (clean) the people of Israel, Moses was also told to ‘set bounds’ so they would not get too close to the mountain, for if anyone (man or beast) touched it, they were to die. In other words, death was the punishment for touching the mountain of God. Why? Essentially, it is an act of treason (if done willingly). It’s a power grab. Trying to get close to God’s throne (which would be on Mount Sinai when God visited Israel) amounted to trying to take control of it. And that’s something our Heavenly Father won’t tolerate (understandably and thankfully). That is, after all, what sealed Satan’s fate for death (Isa 14, Ezek 18) and what will cause Jesus Christ to return (Dan 9-12, 2 Thess 2, Rev 12). However, not everyone would have the same intent for crossing the boundary line. Some (especially animals or children) might do so accidentally; so, putting ‘bounds’ up (which means to twist as a rope or to bound as by a line, #1379) would protect the innocent from being put to death as well. So, this boundary was also for their own protection.

Spiritually, this teaches us a lot because these bounds symbolize how our sins keeps us apart from God. Before Jesus Christ died, the people were separated from God through physical barriers of the Temple, which were designed to protect God’s throne *and* the people from being consumed by Him due to their sin. However, He did make a way for His children to be able to approach Him (the ordinances and rituals of the blood sacrifices) and the balance of this book of Exodus will explain it some. However, the book of Leviticus is full of details concerning the Tabernacle of God (and the blood sacrifices), which was made when Israel was ‘wandering’ in the wilderness. Parts of Numbers and Deuteronomy are helpful as well and the Kings and Chronicles which detail the Temple that was permanently built by Solomon. (Ezekiel 40-44 gives us a lot of information about the Millennial Temple). Not only were there several walls protecting God’s throne (and mercy seat, which is the only thing *above* God’s Law, Ex 40:20) but there was also a thick veil (veil) that separated even the priesthood from God Himself (Ex 26, Lev 4:6,17, 16:12,15). Only the High Priest was able to go in to the “Holiest of Holies” and that was only *once* a year *after* he had made a sacrifice for his own sins (Heb 9:6-8). But, as Mth 27:51, Mk 15:38 and Lk 23:45 all document, after Jesus Christ died for our sins, the veil (veil) in the physical temple was literally rent (torn) from top bottom, proving that it was not man who had torn it but God Himself...

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Matt 27:50-51

God used the earthquake to tear that veil (veil) because it symbolized how Jesus' flesh had just been torn and His blood been shed for us...

*19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus,**
20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through **the veil**, that is to say, **his flesh;***

Heb 10:19-20

Hebrews clearly tells us that the veil (veil) in the Temple which separated us from God was symbolic of Jesus Christ's body. And Jesus Christ shed His blood and gave His flesh life for our sins *so we could have direct access to God, through prayer*. John 14-16 reveals details about the kind of instant and intimate communication we can now have with God through the name (and belief in) Jesus Christ. [Study more on this with The Vine, Pt 1: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/992> and The Vine, Pt 2: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/993>]. So, while the 'boundaries' between God and man were set up in the days of Moses, they were torn down by Jesus Christ because, truly God wants all His children to be saved. He doesn't want anyone to have to die (2 Pt 3:9). But, since our sins separate us from God, the Law had to be set up (which is what God did with Moses) in order for people to first learn what truth is versus lies (i.e., good versus evil). *The power of Jesus Christ is in His ability to change the hearts of God's children from rebellious to righteous; His Word and Holy Spirit work together to make this transformation of spirit*. It's a transformation of the old man into the new; from wanting to serve their lusts to wanting to serve God and obey His Laws, which lead to everlasting life.

So, while these boundaries were important to set up in Moses' day, we must understand that they are no longer there for those who have accepted Jesus Christ. The boundaries only remain for those who reject the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Paul explains...

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Rom 7:7

8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

*9 Knowing this, that **the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,***

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

1 Tim 1:8-10

The Law is given specifically for all those who have rebellious hearts. To those who try hard to serve our Heavenly Father, the law is a guide to help us learn how to better obey Him. The Holy Spirit now also helps us learn how to do this. And when we fall short (and we all do) the precious

blood of Jesus Christ covers our sins *when we repent for them*. Before Jesus came, they had the blood sacrifices to perform to show they were truly repentant and wanted to obey God's Laws. If they were not given with sincere repentance, God didn't accept their offerings any more than Cain's shallow offering (Gen 4:5, Amos 5:21-23).

Exodus 19

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

This is yet another type for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And, to understand this type, we must understand that God and Jesus are one in the same. The so called 'Trinity' doctrine teaches that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are three separate entities (three gods); the truth is that they are simply three different parts to (or offices of) our Heavenly Father. It's really not that hard to understand. We are made in the image (resemblance) of God (Gen 1:26-27). We have a body, soul and spirit. Likewise does God have a body (Jesus Christ), a soul (our Heavenly Father) and a spirit (the Holy Spirit). This is explained clearly in John 1:1, 14 and Heb 1:3. Jesus Christ is literally God incarnated into a flesh body. Why did He do this? To save us from our sins. To die so we wouldn't have to. It all goes back to Satan's rebellion in the first earth age (Gen 1:1, Jer 4) where Satan drew 1/3 of God's children away in rebellion to God (Rev 12, Ezek 28). God then devised a 'plan of Salvation' to save His children which hinges on everyone of His children coming to this earth in a flesh and blood body so they can be born innocent of the knowledge of the first earth age and have a chance to learn what the consequences of their sin (rebellion) really is: suffering, pain and ultimately death.

While Satan and his fallen angels refused to come through the flesh (instead they had sex with them, creating a vile hybrid lineage of children, Gen 3, 6), God didn't exclude Himself. In fact, being able to sacrifice Himself for His children (which is the ultimate show of love – John 15:3) was a fundamental reason for this earth age, as Heb 2:14-18 explains. So, the type that Moses provides in coming down the mountain to 'sanctify' the people is simply that God Himself came down from that mountain (symbolic of the heavenly dimension) to 'sanctify' His children and He did this when He was incarnated as Jesus Christ. As Jesus would explain when praying to His 'office' of the Father...

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

*19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, **that they also might be sanctified through the truth.***

John 17:14-19

Jesus was sanctified by fulfilling all the blood sacrifices perfectly; He never sinned while in the flesh, proving to Satan that it was possible to fulfill God's Law and thus, overcoming Satan's rebellion once and for all (Heb 10:10, 2:14). And, after Jesus defeated death (Satan) and ascended into heaven, He sent us His Holy Spirit, which helps in the sanctifying process by helping us understand His Word so we can understand how to keep it in all aspects of life...

*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, **and by the Spirit of our God.***

1 Cor 6:11

Heb 10:9-17 also explains how the sanctifying process of how Holy Spirit helps us to 'write' God's Word onto our heart (the carnal mind given to us when we were born into this flesh body, Ecc 3:11) and mind (true spiritual thought process we've always had with us, even since the first earth age). When God's Word is written in our heart and mind then we can learn how to control our fleshly urges, desires and thoughts and obey God's Word instead of instead of them controlling us. This is why the Psalmist asks God in Ps 86:11 to 'unite my heart to fear Thy name' – they were asking God to help them take control of their fleshly nature (carnal mindset which is at enmity with God, Rom 8:7) and make it possible to *obey God from the heart* for that's truly the only way we can worship Him (John 4:24). So, again, Moses descending from the Mount to sanctify Israel symbolized how God would do the same thing as Jesus Christ. The types in this great book of Exodus are many because it's a book about redemption: teaching us how God saves His children from spiritual death (Satan's deception) through His Great Sacrifice.

Exodus 19

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

Moses also commands Israel not to have sexual relations for the next three days. While sex in itself is not bad (if done in the confounds of God's Laws, Lev 18, 20), the body fluids that result from it do make our flesh dirty (defiled). And Israel was supposed to be cleaning up their flesh. That wasn't as easy back then as it is now today. They couldn't just hop in the shower and wash off and throw the clothes in the washing machine. It took considerable amount of work to clean both garments, bedding and the body back then because they didn't have electricity nor running water. Their housing was temporary (like tents). They basically were 'camping out' while in the wilderness. So, Moses simply tells them to clean up *and stay clean* for they are soon to have a visit from God Himself.

Not surprisingly, this again is another type for us because Jesus Christ warned those who have *spiritual* sexual relations with the antichrist will have punishment coming...

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

Luke 23:29

But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
Mark 13:17

These warnings have nothing to do with natural childbirth; that's a blessing. What this is truly referring to are those who spiritually 'conceive' lies in their heart (Ps 7:14, Isa 59:4, James 1:15) and bear the spiritual fruit of the devil (or it can also be literal if you're a weak woman who allows herself to be literally seduced by the fallen angels when they come back with Satan). This warning, of course, is mostly for (but not limited to) the time of the 'great tribulation' when Satan and his fallen angels come to the earth (they're kicked out of heaven) and pretend to be the Messiah and his angels; they pretend to be good and righteous 'angels of light' (2 Cor 11). If you allow them to deceive you into thinking that Satan really is the Messiah and his fallen angels really are 'good' angels then *you have had spiritual intercourse with them and spiritually conceived lies in your heart* – thus, you'll 'nursing' their evil works when the true Jesus Christ returns.

This is why the 'barren' will be blessed and those who 'give suck' will be cursed when Jesus returns. Jesus won't be happy with anyone that is seduced (physically or spiritually) by Satan and/or his fallen angels. This is why we must learn to 'abstain' from spiritual sexual relations with Satan's system *now*. God calls for us to come out of Satan's system spiritually and physically in Rev 18:4 and 2 Cor 6:14-18. If you want to be married to Jesus (received by Him, be a part of His Kingdom) when He returns then you'd better not marry Satan when he is here pretending to be the Messiah (Savior, Christ of the world). God uses the relationship with a man and his wife to help us understand how He feels when we allow ourselves to be spiritually seduced by Satan's lies. It hurts Him deeply and infuriates Him; and He won't allow anyone who participates in Satan's rebellion (2 Thess 2) to be a part of His Kingdom (Mth 7:21-24, 25:1-13)

We'll learn about what happens next on Mount Sinai in Part 3...

AMEN.