

## **Lesson 3 - Yahuah's Covenant (Joyce D's notes)**

The Book of the Covenant is contained in Exodus 19:4 through Exodus 24:11.

### **Yahuah proposes the covenant**

Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

### **What is a covenant?**

Covenant - a contract or agreement between two parties. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word berith is always thus translated. Berith is derived from a root which means "to cut," and hence a covenant is a "cutting," with reference to the cutting or dividing of animals into two parts, and the contracting parties passing between them, in making a covenant (Genesis 15; Jeremiah 34:18,19)

### **Yahuah's covenant with Abraham**

Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the Elohim that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

Gen 15:8 And he said, Elohim, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

Gen 15:11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

Gen 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Gen 15:15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

Gen 15:17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

Gen 15:18 In the same day the Yahuah made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

### **Covenant with the Children of Israel - Ratified**

1. Reading the Covenant: "Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people." Exodus 24:7a

2. The Agreement: "All the words which the Lord has said we will do." Exodus 24:7b

3. The Shedding of Blood: "Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar." Exodus 24:5-6

4. Covenant-Confirming Meal: "So they saw God, and they ate and drank." Exodus 24:11b

Exo 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

### 3. The Shedding of Blood

Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

### 1. Reading the Covenant

Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people:

### 2. The Agreement

and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

Exo 24:10 And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.

### 4. Covenant-Confirming Meal

Exo 24:11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Exo 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the

mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

**Exo 24:13** And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

**Exo 24:14** And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

**Exo 24:15** And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

**Exo 24:16** And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

**Exo 24:17** And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

**Exo 24:18** And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

### **Categories of the Covenant Law**

The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:2-17

The Altar Exodus 20:22-26

Human Relationships Exodus 21:1-11

Violence to Other People Exodus 21:12-27

Violence Concerning Animals Exodus 21:28-36

Responsibility for Property Exodus 22:1-15

Moral & Ceremonial Principles Exodus 22:16-31

Equal Justice Exodus 23:1-9

Shabbats & Shmitahs Exodus 23:10-13

The Mo'edim Exodus 23:14-19a

Dietary Laws Exodus 23:19b

God's Protection & Provision Exodus 23:20-33

## **Obey for Yahuah is thy life**

Deu 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deu 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love Yahuah thy Elohim, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and Yahuah shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deu 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

Deu 30:18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Deu 30:20 That thou mayest love the Yahuah thy Elohim, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which Yahuah sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto Yahusha and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

*"He who possesses My commands and guards them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I shall love him and manifest Myself to him."* ~ Yohanan 14.21

*"You shall (a command) love Yahuah your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* ~ Luke 10.27

*For this is the love for Elohim, that we guard His commands, and His commands are not heavy.* ~ I Yohanan 5