

# The “NEW COVENANT”

This week is the third and final portion of Parsha T’rumah ([Exo.26:31-27:19](#)) In last week’s discussion there was much talk about the Third Temple and how it relates to the Tabernacle we are currently reading of. The Question was posed by my brother Judah, “Why do we hope for the temple to be rebuilt?” and to be honest, I had never gone into deep thought as to why we want it rebuilt? I have been accused many times by christians as being selfish to want another Temple, they would say to me... “Jesse, don’t you know that Jesus is our high priest, there will never be another Cohen priest.” I simply shrugged these insults off as ill informed and anti Semitic. It wasn’t until my brother Judah posed the question until I truly considered it! So I am now going to explain why we should hope for the Third Temple described by Ezekiel ([see Ezek.Ch40 to47](#)), **just as much as we hope for the return of the Messiah, and all the other promises!**

There is much confusion as to WHAT the “New Covenant” is, and WHEN it was given. Are we in it now? Did Yeshua come and abolish the “Old Covenant?” Also what was wrong with the “Old Covenant” that there was a need for a second? We will use scripture to figure out the WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY etc..

The acceptance of the “Commandments” and the “Book of the Covenant” or perhaps better known as the Torah at Mt. Sinai, is detailed in [Exodus 24:3 & v7](#). Israel accepts the covenant by pronouncing “Everything that YHWH has spoken we will do and obey” this is solidified by an **ETERNAL BLOOD COVENANT**, and is sprinkled on the people and on The Alter. ([Exo.24:8](#)) This Covenant on Mt. Sinai at Horev is FOREVER!!!!!! ([Exo. 27:21, 28:43, 29:9,29:28, 30:21,&40:15](#)) It will NEVER be abolished, but rather for ALL GENERATIONS... ([Lev.6:18,6:22,7:34,7:36,10:9,10:15,17:7,23:14,23:21,23:41,24:3, Num.10:8,15:15,18:8,18:11,18:19,18:23,19:10 & Deut.5:29](#)) David spoke about it in Psalms [119:160](#). Furthermore we are NEVER to “add or subtract” from this covenant ([Deut. 4:2, 12:32\[or13:1\]](#)) Yeshua the Messiah echo’s this teaching in [Matt.5:17-19, Luke16:17, & Gal.6:2](#), as does Paul ([Rom3:31](#)). So why was there a need for a second covenant? Did YHWH make a bad covenant, or perhaps He changed His mind???? NO! May it NEVER BE!!! This convent was PERFECT! ([Psa.19:7, Yakov\[James\]1:25](#)) And it is FREEDOM! ([Psa.119:44, Yakov \[James\] 1:25,&2:12](#)) It is also a light. ([Prov.6:23, Psa119:105, &Isa.8:20](#)) “Know therefore that YHWH your Elohim is Elohim; he is the faithful Elohim, keeping his **covenant of love** to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands” ([Deut.7:9](#)). The problem with this covenant was US the people! It was “Because they violated my covenant, even though I, for my part , was a Husband to them, says YHWH” ([Jer.31:31](#)) So the problem lies within each one of us!(our hearts) After receiving this covenant on Sinai, Moses is then shown by YHWH a picture of what is in Heaven and is instructed to build this shadow (The Tabernacle) on earth ([Exo.25,26,&27](#)) *{this is important later in this study}*.

So lets recap the Mt. Sinai Covenant, it was...

- An “**Eternal blood covenant**” Between YHWH and His people FOREVER, FOR ALL GENERATIONS! Never to be add to or subtracted from.
- It was perfect!
- It is freedom!

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- It is light!
- It is LOVE!
- It was confirmed by the Messiah & Paul!
- The only problem with it was us. (Even though it is NOT too hard for us, [Deut. 30:11-14](#)) So HE “renewed” it for us!

This covenant is a serious matter! Israel and Judah both got exiled because of continual failure to keep this Covenant. He warned us what would happen if we failed to keep it ([Lev.26 & Deut.28&29](#)) and sent all the prophets to warn us before the curses took place! ([Ezek.,Isa., Jer.,Mic.,Zach., etc.....](#)) And to say that the First Covenant on Mt. Sinai at Horev does not apply to today would be to call YHWH a liar! Remember, He is **NEVER CHANGING!** ([Malachi 3:6 & Heb.13:8](#))

Many of us have missed an important truth. The “New Covenant” has been in the Torah all along!!!!!! And this amazing truth is a major key in understanding the writing of Paul. There are in fact two “Mosaic Covenants” in the Torah, the first one was given at Mt. Sinai at Horev, the second or the “New Covenant” is given later on Mt. Nebo at Mo’av. This is a second covenant YHWH made with His people through Moses near the end of the Torah, right before Moses died, before entry into the land ([Deut.28:69/29:1](#))

This “New Covenant” is...

- A circumcised heart ([Deut.30:6](#))
- Centered on repentance ([Deut.30:2&v8](#))
- We will be His people, and He will be our Elohim ([Deut.29:13](#))
- A promise to regather Israel from amongst the nations ([Deut.30:3-4](#))
- A promise of land ([Deut.30:5](#)) and life ([Deut.30:6,15,&19](#))

Don’t you find it odd that there was no blood ratification of this covenant on Mt. Nebo at Mo’av as there was on Mt. Sinai at Horev??? Perhaps we will find this blood ratification later in scripture? Yes we will...!

This “New Covenant” **also includes Torah observance** ([Deut.30:10](#)). The prophet Jeremiah spoke much of this covenant ... “Behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will make a renewed covenant with the House of Yisra’el, and with the House of Y’udah; not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; forasmuch as they broke My covenant, although I was a husband over them, says YHWH. But this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Yisra’el after those days, says YHWH, I will put My Torah in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people; and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying: ‘Know YHWH’; for they

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shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, says YHWH; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more. Jer.31:31-34. We often refer to this covenant as the "New Covenant" as it is commonly called, however the Hebrew is better understood as "**renewed covenant**". And for further proof that this is the same covenant that is in Deuteronomy let's compare Jeremiah and Deuteronomy...

Deut. 28:69 or (29:1) “These are the words of the covenant which YHWH commanded Moshe to make with the children of Yisra'el in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.” “Compared to”...

Jer. 31:31-32 “Behold, the days come, says YHWH, that I will make a renewed covenant with the House of Yisrael, and the House of Y'udah; not according to the covenant that I made with their father in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; forasmuch as they broke My covenant, although I was a husband over them, says YHWH.”

Deut. 30:2, 6 And shall return unto YHWH your Elohim, and hearken to His voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; v6 And YHWH your Elohim will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. “Compared to”...

Jer. 31:22 but this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Yisra'el after those days, says YHWH, I will put My Torah in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it;

Jer. 32:40 and I will put My fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Me

Deut. 29:12 that He may establish you this day unto Himself for a people, and that He may be your Elohim, as He spoke unto you, and as He swore unto your fathers, to Avraham, to Yitz'chak and to Ya'akov. “Compared to”...

Jer. 31:33 and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people ...

Jer. 32:38 and they shall be My people, and will be their Elohim...

Ezek. 36:28 “You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

Deut. 30:3-4 that then YHWH your Elohim will turn your captivity, and have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the peoples, where YHWH your Elohim has scattered you.

“Compared to”...

Jer. 32:37 “Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; Isa.49:8 This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a **covenant** for the

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people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,

Deut. 30:5 And YHWH your Elohim will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. “Compared to”...

Jer. 32:37...and I will bring them back unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely

Deut. 30:6 “Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

“Compared to”...

Ezek. 36:26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Deut. 30:14 “But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it. “Compared to”...

Ezek. 36:27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

## **This New Covenant is an "everlasting covenant" which gives us "life"**

Jer. 32:40 “I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.

### **An everlasting covenant which gives life, must by implication, give "everlasting life".**

Deut. 30:15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity;

Deut. 30:19 “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

Deut. 30:20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Yeshua and the renewed covenant...

In the days of the Messiah, it was illegal to read the Torah in public; this is where the haftara readings were instituted... Instead of reading the Torah portion, they would read the haftara portion to remind us of what the Torah portion was saying... After it was legal, to once again to read Torah in public, they simply kept the haftara portions. Shortly after the Messiah began His ministry, He returned to His home synagogue in Nazareth where He did the haftara reading, He stood and read

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from [Isa. 61:1-2](#) via [Luke 4:16-20](#) He then proclaimed “[Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears.](#)” [Luke 4:21](#). The haftara portion that Yeshua read is to remind us of this Torah portion [Deuteronomy 29:9 to 30:20](#) which is the covenant of Mt. Nebo at Mo’av, the “New Covenant”! [Isaiah 60:22](#) tells us that YHWH will either hasten the kingdom or let it come about “in its due time”, all depending on the new covenant requirement of repentance ([Duet. 30:1-6](#)) this offer to repent began in the days of Yochanan the immerser (John the Baptist) in [Matt.3:1-3](#) & [Matt. 11:12-29](#). But the offer of the Kingdom was rejected and treated with violence “[The Torah and the prophets were until Yochanan; since the kingdom of Eloah is proclaimed but it is treated with violence](#)” [Luke 16:16](#){*HRV* from old syriac & peshitta Aramaic}. It would seem that the offer of this Kingdom was extended in [Acts 3:19-21](#), pending a “corporate” repentance from Israel, but this offer expired with rejection again in [Acts 28:17-25](#) and then offers it to the gentiles ([Acts 28:28](#)) so that they will be “grafted into Israel” ([Rom.11](#) & [Eph.2](#)). ***And now let’s finally read of the blood ratification of the “New Covenant” started in Deut. 29 & 30***, Yeshua at the Passover Seder, held up the third cup of the Passover Seder, which is known as the “Cup of Redemption” and said “***Drink you all of it, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many to atone for sinners. And I tell you hereafter I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it with you in the Kingdom of my Father which is in Heaven.***” [Matt.26:27-29](#).

So I wanted to explain what this “New Covenant” is, to make relevance to this weeks parsha (T’rumah) [Exo.25:1-27:19](#), which is all about the Tabernacle and the instructions to build it, that were given to Moses (He was also shown a picture of the actual one in heaven). ***This is one of the Promises of our covenant, to hope for the construction of Ezekiel’s third Temple!***

We know that Levites will serve in this Temple ([Ezek.43:18-19](#)) He will take Levites from amongst the nations! ([Isa.66:21](#)). That presents major problems to christians who don’t understand the Book of Hebrews... The book of Hebrews is filled with references to these two covenants of the Torah. The author of Hebrews (whom I believe to be Paul) tells us in [Heb. 8:1](#) that “the main point of what we are saying” and then quotes all of [Jer. 31:31-34](#) about the new covenant ([Heb.8:8-12](#)) He compares the two covenants numerous times, (see [Heb. 8:6,8:7,8:13,9:1,9:15,&10:9](#)) Paul points out that the first covenant was ratified by the blood of bulls, the second covenant was ratified by the blood of Messiah. His blood is the ratification of the new covenant given to us on Mt. Nebo at Mo’av! Also what are the sacrifices to point to? Yeshua death, and his blood atonement. According to scripture Yeshua was slain before the foundations of the earth! ([1Pet.1:19-20](#),[2Tim. 1:9](#),[Tit.1:2](#)& [Rev.13:8](#)) So why would, on our limited minded linear time line, change what the sacrifices point to? When they are done, they won’t change in meaning of what they meant before Yeshua’s sacrifice!

Moreover while the *Greek* version of Hebrews states in [Heb. 7:12](#) “For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law (*KJV*). However, the TORAH cannot be changed ([Deut.4:2](#), [12:32](#),&[Matt.5:17](#)) The *Hebrew* version of Hebrews states in the same verse ([Heb.7:12](#)) “It is saying that according to which there is a repetition of the office of the priesthood of necessity, it is saying there is a repetition of the Torah.” (*HRV*) The Torah was not changed by the “New Covenant” on Mt. Nebo at Mo’av, but it was repeated with better promises! The fact that the

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“second” or “New Covenant” of Hebrews is the Covenant made at Mo’av is further reinforced by the fact that Paul draws a strong parallel in [Heb. 3:7 - 4:10](#) between the “rest” we enter into, and the entry into the land which took place at the death of Moses at the end of the forty years immediately after the making of the New Covenant at Mo’av.

When the “New Covenant” is fully enacted the terms are...

- Elohim will put his Torah on our inward parts and write them on our hearts ([Jer.31:33&32:40](#))
- Elohim will maintain a special relationship with Israel ([Jer.31:33,Ezek.37:26-28](#))
- All Israel shall know YHWH ([Jer.31:34](#))
- Israel’s transgressions will be forgiven ([Jer.31:34, Ezek.16:63,Heb.9:15&9:22](#))
- All the Promised Land will be given to Israel. ([Jer.32:41-44, Ezek.37:26](#))
- Elohim will multiply Israel ([Ezek.37:26](#))
- The Temple will permanently stand in Israel ([Ezek.37:26-28](#))
- Yeshua will partake of the final Passover cup to establish the Kingdom ([Matt.26:28-29, Mark14:25, & Luke 22:20](#))

The above are also all the reasons we know that the “New Covenant” given to us on Mt. Nebo at Mo’av are not fully enacted yet... but are things we were promised and still hope for! as [Hebrews 8:13](#) says “by using the term “new” he has made the first covenant “old” ; and something being made old, something in the process of aging, is on its way to vanishing altogether.” “Until heaven and earth pass away” we will not 100% be partaking of this new covenant! ([Matt 5:17](#)).

## Conclusion

There are two covenants in the Torah, and the Torah is very much a part of both of them. Paul tells us that the covenant of Moab or "new covenant" is distinguished from the "curse" of the first covenant. Paul tells us that the New Covenant is tied to the work of Messiah, involves a change of a persons heart and inner desires and involves the implanting of the Spirit of YHWH to guide us in an inner desire to observe Torah.

This Covenant has been offered to Israel collectively (both houses) on at least three occasions: upon entering the Land ([Deut. 29-30](#)); upon returning to the Land ([Jer. 29:10; 31:30](#)) and at the first coming of Messiah ([Mt. 26:27-29](#)).

While Israel may not collectively enter this covenant until Messiah returns, we, as individuals may enter it early, becoming citizens of a Kingdom not yet established.

This profound understanding of the nature of the New Covenant will radically improve our understanding of Scripture.

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