

# DEUTERONOMY 10: OBLIGATIONS TO YHWH

- “O, Israel, what does YHWH your God demand of you?”
- REVERE Him
- WALK in His ways
- LOVE Him
- SERVE Him
- OBEY His laws and commands
- These are instructions for *the already redeemed*, not for non-Believers!



# How do you want to be loved?



A good man knows how to say “I love you” in French, Italian.....and Female

- The Lord demands He be loved in a certain way
- Humans also want to be loved in certain ways
- Without the desired demonstration of love, then the relationship suffers
- The Lord demands OBEDIENCE as the primary means of demonstrating love towards Him

# CIRCUMCISED HEARTS



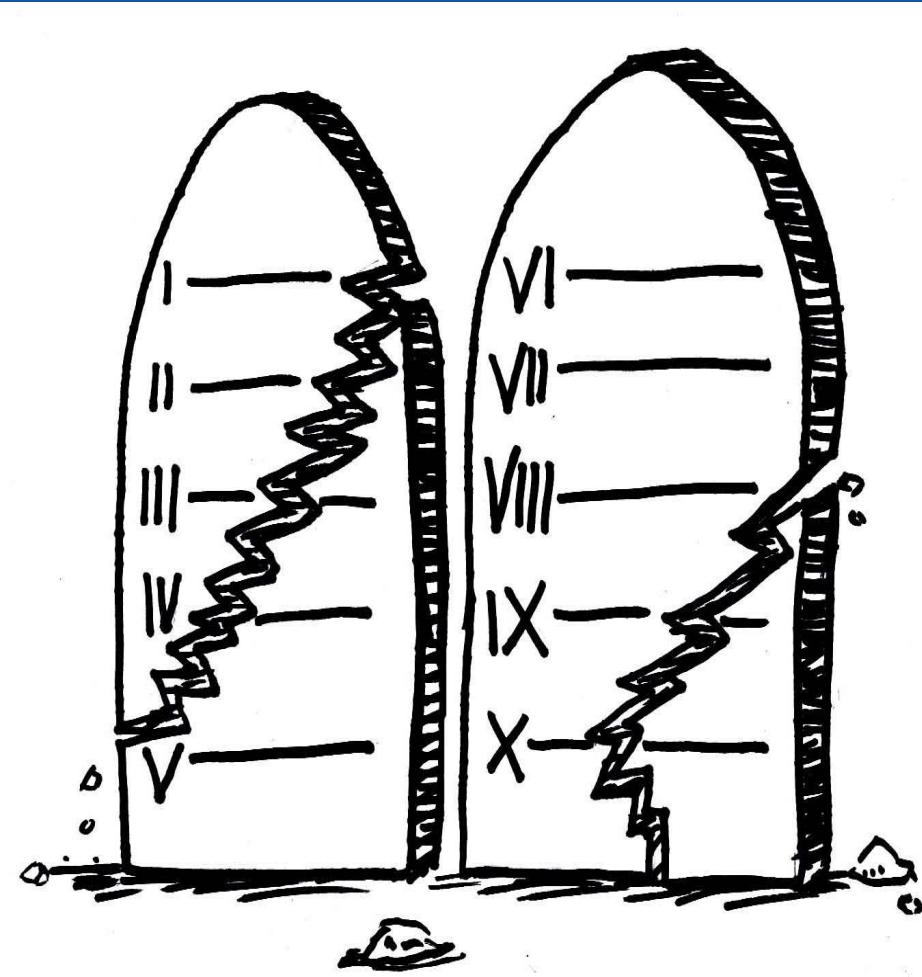
- In the Bible, **Heart = Mind**
- Circumcise your thoughts
- The metaphor of circumcision means to remove the impenetrable covering
- Circumcision was the sign of the Abrahamic Covenant
- Stiff-necked = stubborn
- God's justice is unique
- Special care for widows and orphans
- YHWH also loves foreigners (ger)
- Jesus uses the same principles

# DEUTERONOMY 11: GOD REACHING TOWARDS ISRAEL

- Moses' sermon thus far about Israel's history, Wilderness experiences, God's election of Israel
- Israel must ratify God's offer (covenant) by:
  - a) Agreeing with it
  - b) Following it's terms



# REJECTION OF GOD'S OFFER MEANS ISRAEL BECOMES COMMON



- First step is that Israel must decide to accept or reject the offer of relationship with God
- Rejection makes Israel just like all other nations....it does NOT make them cursed!
- Acceptance means NOW they are subject to receive blessings for obedience and curses for violations according to the terms of the covenant

# WHO WAS THE NEW COVENANT WITH?

- Jer.31:31 *“Behold.....I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...”*
- So, how does a gentile (a foreigner) gain access to the New Covenant?
- Faith in the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua!
- When we accept that covenant, we accept ALL of its terms, not just the convenient ones



# ONCE ACCEPTED THE ISSUE IS OBEDIENCE OR DISOBEDIENCE



- Nothing gained or lost by saying “no” to the offer
- However, once accepted the terms are now in effect and violating the terms means penalties
- Deuteronomy 11 presumes the offer HAS been accepted, so now Moses says they MUST be obedient

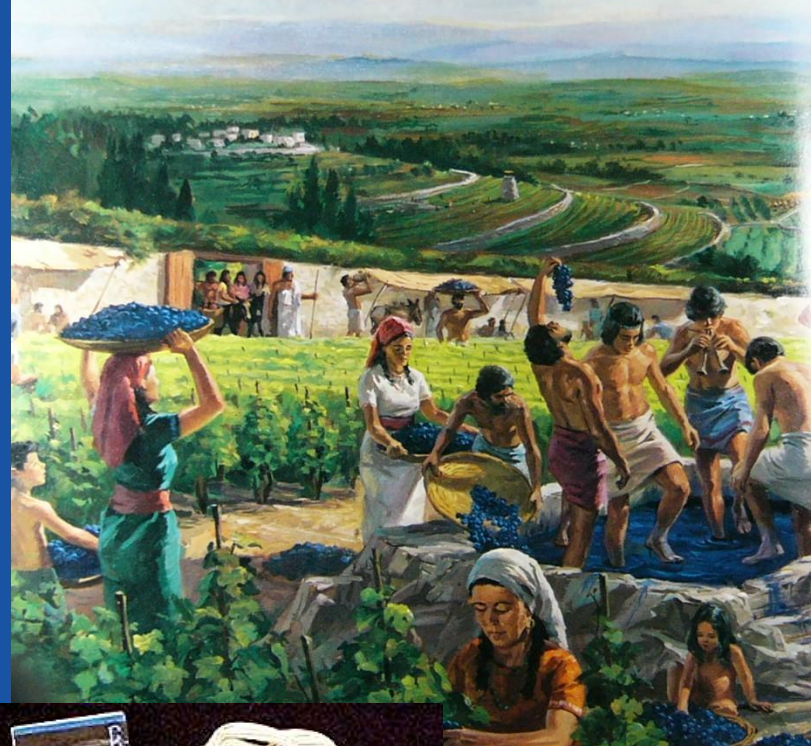


# OBEDIENCE THE KEY TO BEING BLESSED IN CANAAN

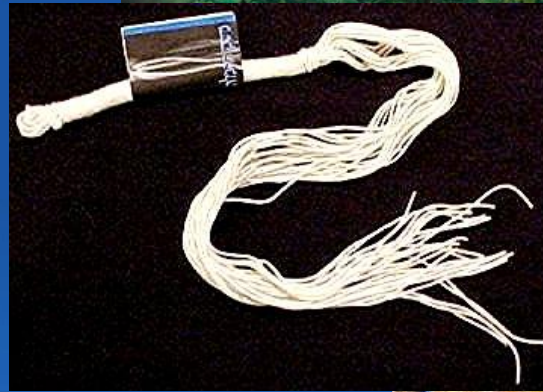
- Egypt and Canaan compared and contrasted
- In Egypt, Israel had to work hard to grow food
- No rain in Egypt, water from the Nile
- In Canaan, the Lord would water the land from rain
- Egypt's fruitfulness was in the people's hands
- God says He watches out over Canaan



# A DIFFERENT SYSTEM IN CANAAN

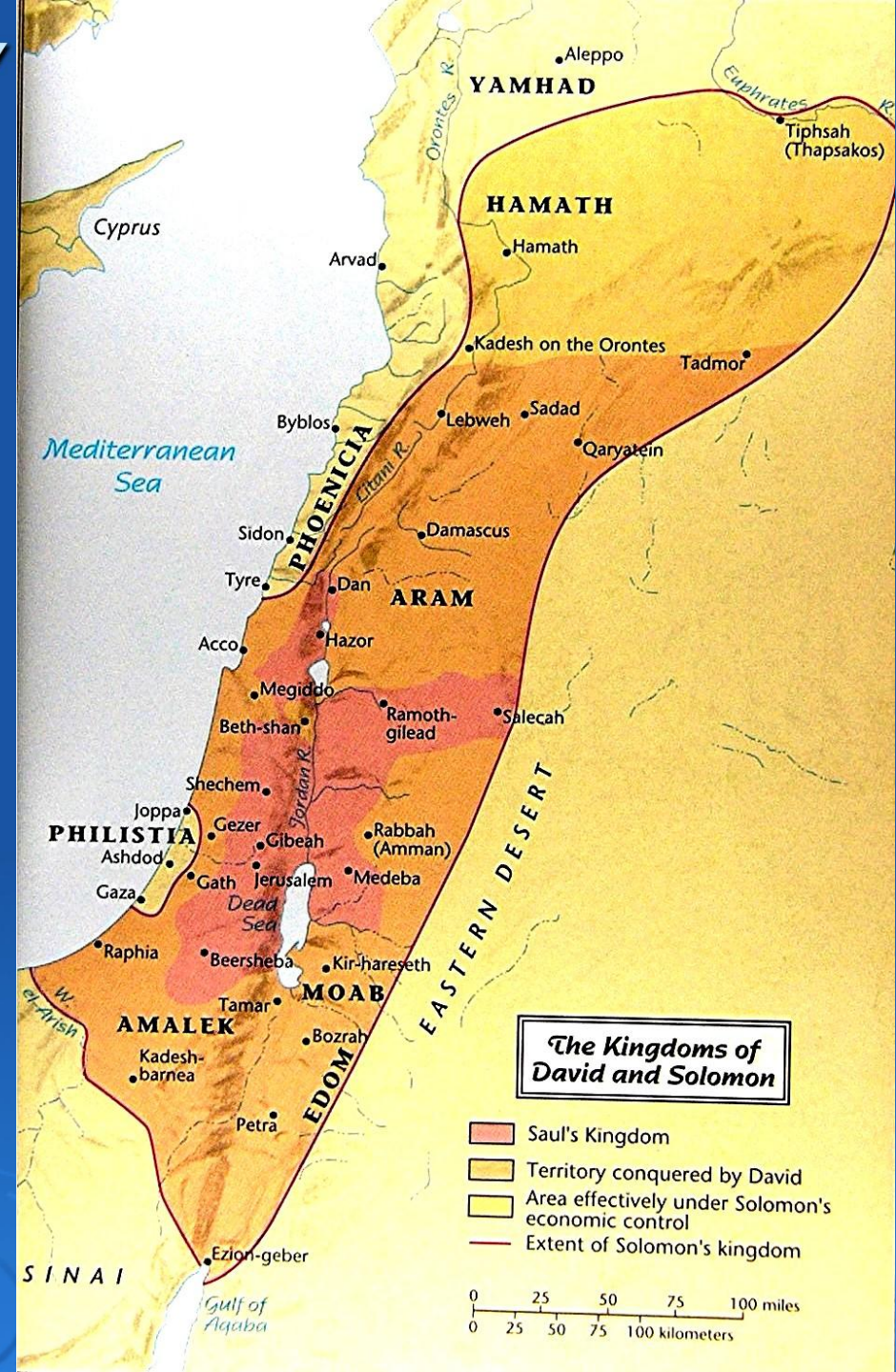


- Rains dependent on obedience
- And, the great blessings of abundance and fertility were not to result in the worship of Canaanite gods!
- Therefore, Israel is to use the reminders God gave to them....Tzitzit, Mezuzahs, Tefillin....



# IDEAL TERRITORY DEFINED

- To this point Israel has never possessed all the territory
- Kings David and Solomon came the closest



# COVENANT RENEWAL CEREMONY



- Mosaic Covenant to be reaffirmed AFTER Israel enters the Promised Land
- This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> time
- Mt. Sinai, Moab, then in Canaan
- Standard procedure in that day to renew or reaffirm covenants when leaving one territory and entering another
- They thought different spiritual authorities were involved



- Covenant renewal ceremony will take place near Shechem
- Mt. Ebal
- Mt. Gerizim
- Gerizim is SOUTH of Shechem, Ebal is NORTH of Shechem
- South = right
- North = left
- Blessings pronounced from Gerizim
- Curses from Ebal