

## Notes / Mosaic Covenant Overview

### Exodus 19:5–8 (ESV)

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. 8 All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

\* Consecration of the People / Exodus 19:9-20

\* Moses and Aaron on the Mountain / Exodus 19:21-25

\* Ten Commandments / Exodus 20:1-21

### Exodus 24:3–11 (ESV)

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

### Exodus 34:10 (ESV)

10 And he said, “Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

## Renewal of the Covenant

Deuteronomy 27:1-28:68 / Blessings and cursings

Deuteronomy 29:1-29 / An appeal for Covenant Faithfulness

Deuteronomy 30:1-20 / The call for decision, Life and blessing, death and cursing

\* You will fail, you will be driven out, when you return, God will restore you. Prediction.

\* Deuteronomy 30:6 / And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring. You shall again obey the voice of your God, the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

\* Deut 10:16 / Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

\* Romans 2:29 / But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

\* Jeremiah 4:4 / Circumcise yourselves to the Lord; remove the foreskin of your hearts, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.”

\* Jeremiah 9:25 / “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will punish all those who are circumcised merely in the flesh—

\* Ezekiel 11:19 / And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

\* Ezekiel 36:26 / And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

\* Col 2:11 / In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

\* Jeremiah 32:39 / I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

\* Jeremiah 31:31-34 / “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

\* Philippians 3:3 / For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

#### Deuteronomy 30:11–20 (ESV)

11 “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ 14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

\* Your side of the Covenant is not too hard for you. First, real hard to do this perfectly. Not real hard to; care about these rules, obey these rules in an imperfect manner, when you fail confess your wrongs, offer sacrifices and restitution to offended parties, trust that God to forgive you if you do this.

\* Your side of the Covenant is not far away. It’s not up in heaven, its not beyond the sea, but is very near to them. It’s in their mouth (they’ve heard it, they are learning it, Deuteronomy 11:18) and in their hearts (conscience)

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God,

by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Choice is a choice of life and death / blessings or cursings.

How is this a do-able thing? Doesn't the New Testament tell us it is not doable?  
What are they? Do the things above, when you fail REPENT and trust in God's System for Atonement and forgiveness

When you have failed someone else, similar, but with restitution

#### Repentance and Confession

- \* Leviticus 5:5 / Individual Sins
  - \* Confesses the sins he has committed /
- \* Leviticus 16:21 / National Sin, confessed by High Priest
- \* Leviticus 26:40 / Jewish people in exile, repenting (God will remember his covenant)
  - \* If then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity...
- \* Numbers 5:7 / Individual Sins,
  - \* Confess the sins committed / Proverbs 28:13 / Psalm 32:5

#### Sacrifice and Atonement

- \* Leviticus 5:6 / Sacrifice for Individual Sins / SIN OFFERING
  - \* Make compensation
  - \* A female lamb or goat from the flock / a sin offering
  - \* Priest will make atonement for him for his sin
  - \* If they cannot afford a lamb, two turtledoves or two pigeons
  - \* One for the sin offering, one for a burnt offering
  - \* Forgiveness
- \* Leviticus 16:21ff / National Sacrifice, scapegoat / SIN OFFERING

\* The priest shall put all their transgressions on the head of the goat and the goat will be sent away to the wilderness, bearing all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, let the goat free in the wilderness.

\* This is atonement, it should be memorialized yearly, and in this way.

\* To atone is to cover sins.

\* Leviticus 26:40ff / Since they are in exile, no temple, not sacrifice

\* If the exiles will confess their iniquity of their fathers

\* If their uncircumcised heart is humbled

\* If they make amends for their iniquity...

\* Fall back to the covenant he made with Abraham / ...I will remember my covenant with Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, I will remember the land, I will not spurn them nor will I abhor them... I will remember their covenant.

\* Numbers 5:8 / SIN OFFERING

\* Make full restitution + 1/5 to the one he did wrong

\* Including a ram for the atonement

\* If no person to show restitution to, or relative / offering to the priesthood / offering made is truly an offering, not a temp deposit / no personal benefit

Restitution...

RESTITUTION Act of returning what has wrongfully been taken or replacing what has been lost or damaged and the divine restoration of all things to their original order.

Human Restitution The Law required "trespass offerings" to be made for sins against a neighbor (theft, deception, dishonesty, extortion, keeping lost property, or damaging property). Such crimes involved "unfaithfulness" toward God and disrupted fellowship and peace among the people. They were to be atoned for by a guilt offering to God and restitution to the wronged neighbor. Atonement and forgiveness of the sin were received after restitution had been made to the victim. The sin offering to God always followed the act of restitution. Old Testament law established a principle of "punishment to fit the crime" (life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, wound for wound). Restitution was consistent with this concept of equity. The stolen property was to be returned, or "full" compensation was to be made. The guidelines for making complete restitution also included a provision for punitive damages (up to five times what had been lost), justice that moved beyond "an eye for an eye." Provisions were made for complications in this process (Exod. 22:3). The act of making restitution to a victim was so closely identified with the atoning sacrifice made to God that the two expressions could be seen as elements of the same command. Neither could stand alone. Specific examples of this law in operation are not found, but the principle in action is found (1 Kings 20:34; 2 Kings 8:6; Neh. 5:10–12). There is no legal or ritual application of this command in the NT; however, the principle of restitution is clearly pictured in the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10). Jesus implicitly validated the practice when He admonished followers to "be reconciled" to a brother before offering a gift to God (Matt. 5:23–24).

## In the New Testament

\* Matthew 5:23–24 (ESV) / 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Mark 11:25 / Matthew 6:14-15 / Matthew 6:12 /

\* Micah 6:6-8 / “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Divine Restitution The NT (Gk.) word is found only once (Acts 3:21) and is sometimes translated “restoration.” It describes the future work of God that will reestablish all “things” to their pristine order and purpose. The implication here is not the restoration of persons but of the created order, that is, the universal renewal of the earth. This divine restoration will accompany the return and triumph of Christ (1 Cor. 15:25–28).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ken Massey, “Restitution,” in Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, ed. Chad Brand et al. (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2003), 1379–1380.

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## Types of Sacrifices in the Old Testament / see this article

\* Burnt offerings / Leviticus 1:1-17; 6:8-13 / laying on of the hands of the person or people involved / Leviticus 1:4 / to identify the person with the animal, for atonement / “The burnt offering was a way of calling on the Lord to pay attention to the needs, requests, and entreaties of his worshippers independently or in a association with the peace offering. Evangelical Dictionary of Bible Theology”

\* Grain offering / Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23 / gift, tribute / remember your sin /

\* (Peace) Fellowship offering / lamb or goat / Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-21 / restoration of relationship / “all is well”

\* “Thank offering”

\* “the result of a vow”

\* The sin offering of an animal / Leviticus 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30 / purification offering / sins committed = guilt / several occasions; consecration of priests, inauguration of altar worship, monthly (Numbers 29:11), various festivals esp day of atonement (Exodus 30:10; Lev 16; Num. 29:11); focal point was blood

\* The guilt offering of a ram / Leviticus 5:14-6:7; 7:1-10 / primarily to make atonement for “desecration” of sacta, mishandling of holy things by treating them as holy (Lev 22:10-16) Leper.

See Chart here.

The Wrath of God...

Is averted upon confession of sin and repentance.

Job 33:27–28 Then he looks at men and says, ‘I have sinned, and perverted what was right, And it did not profit me.’ 28 He will redeem his soul from going down to the Pit, And his life shall see the light.

Ps 106:43–45 Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry; 45 And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.

Jer 3:12–13 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: ‘Return, backsliding Israel,’ says the LORD; ‘I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,’ says the LORD; ‘I will not remain angry forever. 13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God, And have scattered your charms To alien deities under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,’ says the LORD.

Jer 18:7–8 The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, 8 if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.

Jer 31:18–20 “I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: ‘You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You are the LORD my God. 19 Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, Because I bore the reproach of my youth.’ 20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD.

Joel 2:12–14 “Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” 13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. 14 Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him—A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?1

1 John MacArthur, The MacArthur Topical Bible: New King James Version (Nashville, TN: Word Publishing, 1999), 524.

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