

## Covenants

### Old and New

1. Exodus 19:5-8 “ ‘Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.’ So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him. Then all the people answered together and said, ‘All that the Lord has spoken we will do.’ So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.”

2. Exodus 20:1-17 “And God spoke all these words, saying: ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his

male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.'

3. Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

4. Ephesians 2:11 "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

5. Hebrews 8:6-9 "But now He has maintained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: 'Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.'"

6. Hebrews 9:15-17 "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives."

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8. Romans 11:25-29 "For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: 'The De-

liverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins.’ Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are the beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

9. 2 Corinthians 3:6 “..who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

10. Romans 8:2 “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

### Olive Tree

1. Romans 9:33 “As it is written: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’”

2. Romans 11:8 “Just as it is written: ‘God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.’”

3. Romans 11:13 “For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ..”

4. Romans 11:16-26 READ

NOTE: What is the olive tree—what is the wild olive tree?

1. If Israel is the olive tree can God graft them in the olive tree again?
2. If Israel is the olive tree can the wild olive branches (Gentiles) be grafted in?
3. If the olive tree is Jesus Christ can Israel be graft in again?
4. If the olive tree is Jesus Christ can God graft the wild olive branches into Christ?
5. What if the olive tree is neither Israel or Christ? What does the olive tree represent?
6. Romans 11:16 “..if the root is holy, so are the branches.” Is Abraham the root of the Israel nation?

5. Genesis 12:2 “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.”

6. Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you—and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

7. Galatians 3:7 “Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.”

8. Galatians 3:8-9 “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

9. Galatians 3:14 “..that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

10. Galatians 3:29 “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

NOTE: Conclusion should be—neither Israel or Christ is the olive tree but—Abraham the root nation, Israel will again be graft into the place of blessing - that the Gentiles now are in the blessing of Abraham - if in Christ Abrahams seed.