

The Covenants of promise, The royal law and the times of Refreshing

"My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments."

Prov 3:1

John 14:15

"If you love me, keep my commandments!"

14:23-24

"If someone loves me, he will keep my words and my father (GOD) will love him...He that loves me not, does not keep my sayings..."

1 John 2:4 "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Acts 3: Peter talking from Yeshuas teaching, tasked to "feed my sheep, feed my lambs"
Speakin about the 2nd sheepfold John 10.

In Acts 3, Peter tells us what the gospel is. He was the man that leant first hand from Yeshua and was told specifically to feed the sheepfold.

It speaks of the "refreshing" of the covenant, in future context in verse 19.

*In strong's, the phrases "when" and "he shall" can be used in either tense, in this context, it is future tense.

The times of refreshing is (Deut 18) the refreshing of the torah (instruction) of God as the 10 commandments instead of the sacrificial law (600+rules) that was added for transgression.

The Refreshing: Yeshua ended sacrificial law. Acts 3:20-23 "Which God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began, for Moses truly said unto the fathers 'A prophet, shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your bretheren like unto me, Him ye shall hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul which will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people'." This directly quotes Deut 18:15-19.

The first half of verse 16: "According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying-"

So what was desired of God at Horeb?

The second part of verse 16 tells us: "Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not."

Go and read Exodus chapter 16 - chapter 20 to understand that it was Mt Sinai that was on fire. What else did Israel desire at Horeb? Ex 19:8 "And all the people answered together and said, 'All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.'" This was said after God proposed the holy covenant to them (10 commandments before it was written it was spoken). So they had agreed to this covenant at Mt Horeb when it had only been spoken to them by God. Then God gives the

written 10 commandments at Mt Sinai. When the people saw Mt Sinai on fire they asked God to take the law away so they wouldn't die.

Paul in Galatians 3&4 explains that he uses Sarah and Hagar as an allegory: Mt Sinai represents sacrificial law (Gal 3:19).

We know that this Refreshing will begin when Yeshua messiah returns to the heavens (after crucifixion). So we are in those times now i.e we need to follow the 10 commandments in our time.

There are 2 covenants of promise (Ephesians 2), the 1st being the 10 commandments and the second being the Rainbow Covenant as will be explained below.

The rainbow covenant was given to the whole world. This relates to the covenant given to Noah about not eating unclean flesh (e.g Pork, shellfish), the list you can find in Leviticus 11. Those who eat unclean flesh (not considered food) will be destroyed Isaiah 65:4.

If we don't keep these 2 covenants of promise we are counted as strangers (not part of the house of Israel). This is important, we need to be a part of the house of Israel because that is who the new covenant is to be made with: Hebrews 8:8-10 "...Behold the day is come that I make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah." These 2 houses make up the commonwealth of Israel.

*The Restitution (Zeph 3) is when God will restore everything: the pure language and the calendar, "Israel don't learn war anymore", we won't have to tell anyone to know God because everyone will know Him (1John 2), The lion will rest with the lamb, no more sin. Don't be confused between the Restitution and Refreshing.

Mt Horeb comes up in Exodus 17: which talks about the "life giving water". The rest of this story is picked up in Deut 8:15-20.

*Sarah = children of promise, Hagar = children of affliction. (Gal 4)

So in summary, the commandments were given to Moses to follow (Mt Horeb) before they were written in stone later (Mt Sinai).

This shows that we need to also keep the 10 commandments in our current day. These statutes are a sign that we are God's children as it shows we are reading and understanding His word and that we love him. Because if we love Yahovah, we will keep his commandments.