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## **The Mosaic Covenant and the Aleph Tav**

To this day, I believe very little is truly understood about Adonai's Covenants and their connection to each other.

**From a biblical perspective, a covenant is an agreement between Adonai and his people in which Adonai makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from His people in return. Honoring and keeping the covenant with Adonai would lead to blessings and provisions, while breaking the covenant with Adonai would lead to judgment and curses.**

**Within the framework of Adonai's covenants there would be a sign identifying the covenant.**

**There are two types of covenants that Adonai has made - Universal and non-Universal, and can be found throughout Torah and the Tanakh.**

**Adonai made universal covenants that whether you are Jewish or not, directly affect you. The impact of these covenants are still felt today. They are for all of mankind, His creation. For the purpose of this article there are two Universal covenants:**

- 1. The Adamic Covenant**
- 2. The Noahic Covenant**

**Many, believe there is a third universal covenant, the Edenic Covenant. My reasoning for not having this same view is provided below.**

**These Universal covenants were made with all mankind, all nations prior to their establishment. They predated the covenants that Adonai would make with Israel.**

**We have seen right from the beginning how one covenant would build upon the next.**

**The Adamic covenant had one law and one mitzvah.**

**Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Bereshit 2:15 - 16) and be fruitful and multiply (Bereshit 1:26 - 30). The dynamic was rather simple yet it was our Acquired Sin Disorder that complicated matters. Our one transgression would lead us out of the Garden and into**

exile.

**Sin had entered the world through one man.**

**It would be through this transgression that Adonai would regret making man**

**Gen 6:5** Adonai saw that the people on earth were very wicked, that all the imaginings of their hearts were always of evil only.

**Gen 6:6** Adonai regretted that he had made humankind on the earth; it grieved his heart.

**And it would be here that Adonai would bring a flood to the earth and wipe out every living creature, man woman and animal with the exception of those in the ark of Noach...a sanctuary.**

**Upon the conclusion of the flood and the receding of the waters, Noach and his family were commissioned by Adonai to repopulate the earth, and thus given the same instruction Adonai gave to Adam...**

**Gen 9:1** God blessed Noach and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth.

**While more stipulations were added in order to address further actions that are caused by our Acquired Sin Disorder...**

- 1. Prohibited from Idolatry - Establishing other things to be gods and worshiping them as gods. This can be understood within the universal covenant that Adonai made with mankind.**
- 2. Prohibited from Immoral Sexual Relations - "This is why a man is to leave his father and mother and stick with his wife, and they are to be one flesh." Genesis 2:24**
- 3. Prohibited from Stealing - "Adonai, God, gave the person this order: "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You are not to eat from it, because on the day that you eat from it, it will become certain that you will die." Genesis 2:16 - 17**

**4. Prohibited from Eating Blood - "Every moving thing that lives will be food for you; just as I gave you green plants before, so now I give you everything only flesh with its life, which is its blood, you are not to eat." Genesis 9:3 - 4**

**5. Prohibited from Blasphemy - "To Adam he said, "Because you listened to what your wife said and ate from the tree about which I gave you the order" Genesis 3:17**

**What is Blasphemy? Behavior of disrespect; the act of depriving something of its sacred character, in this instance, not adhering to Adonai's instruction regarding the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Something that is sacred is set apart from everything else.**

**6. Prohibited from Murder - "Whoever sheds human blood, by a human being will his own blood be shed; for God made human beings in his image." Genesis 9:6**

**7. Establishing a Legal System to maintain Justice and Order through Accountability - "I will certainly demand an accounting for the blood of your lives: I will demand it from every animal and from every human being. I will demand from every human being an accounting for the life of his fellow human being." Genesis 9:5**

**Both of these Covenants are universal and the foundation for all nations including what will become the nation of Israel.**

**The non-Universal covenants Adonai made with Avraham and include Yitz'chak (Isaac), Ya'akkov (Jacob), Moshe (Moses) and David.**

**I have shared much about the Covenant made with Avraham thus far. The promise was made in Bereshit chapter 12, revealing the promise of a great nation.**

**Gen 12:1** Now Adonai said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.

**Gen 12:2** I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing.

**Gen 12:3** I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

**Bereshit 15 would comprise the promise of land to the descendants of**

**Avraham. There is no such thing as a nation without land, hence in order to be a nation, land is required.**

**Gen 15:13** Adonai said to Avram, "Know this for certain: your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs. They will be slaves and held in oppression there four hundred years.

**Gen 15:14** But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions.

**Gen 15:15** As for you, you will join your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

**Gen 15:16** Only in the fourth generation will your descendants come back here, because only then will the Emori be ripe for punishment."

Finally, confirmation of the land along with the sign of the covenant would be not only revealed but ratified.

**Gen 17:6** I will cause you to be very fruitful. I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you.

**Gen 17:7** "I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.

**Gen 17:8** I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Kena`an, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God."

Notice that in verse six we see a connection established between the universal covenants and this covenant Adonai establishes with Moshe. That of blessing through procreation. Hence the Universal covenants were not replaced but actually built upon. Thus the connection between the Universal covenants is made.

We will see the further building upon by Adonai when He frees Israel from bondage of Egyptian slavery when at Sinai, He reveals a covenant relationship not between a single individual, but a new nation.

This covenant will reveal what Adonai's righteousness is and how a people chosen by Him are to live...

**Exo 19:5** Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

**Exo 19:6** and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el."

It would be at Sinai that the 10 words / commandments would be revealed by Adonai, yet some of them are quite similar to what was revealed to Noach...

Prohibitions against murder, stealing, sexual immorality and idolatry are seen in the 10 commandments while the eating of blood is given at Sinai but is revealed later on when the sacrificial system is revealed in Leviticus.

Again the covenants are being built upon not replaced.

Even the New Covenant is build upon all of the previous covenants when the Prophet Jeremiah...

**Jer 31:30** "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah.

**Jer 31:31** It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.

**Jer 31:32** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

and affirmed by Yeshua...

**Mat 5:17** "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete.

**Mat 5:18** Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud ( ך ) or a stroke will pass from the Torah—not until everything that must happen has happened.

**Mat 5:19** So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Mat 5:20** For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

We have yet another way to connect the Mosaic Covenant with the New Covenant. That would be through the Mediator Himself, Yeshua, the Aleph Tav.

For it is the revelation of Yeshua being the Aleph Tav that connects the passages in the Hebrew Scriptures to the New Covenant.

Because in Exodus 24 we see the Covenant being affirmed.

**Exo 24:1** To Moshe [*Adonai*] said, "Come up to Adonai—you, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, and seventy of the leaders of Isra'el. Prostrate yourselves at a distance,

**Exo 24:2** while Moshe alone approaches Adonai—the others are not to approach, and the people are not to go up with him."

**Exo 24:3** Moshe came and told the people everything Adonai had said, including all the rulings. The people answered with one voice: "We will obey every word Adonai has spoken."

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נַעֲשֶׂה

The first Aleph Tav is revealed in verse 3 conveying...

**Exo 24:3** Moshe came and told the people (Aleph Tav) everything Adonai (Aleph Tav) had said, including all the rulings. The people answered with one voice: "We will obey every word Adonai has spoken."

Everything uttered by Adonai was uttered by Yeshua for he conveyed to the people...

**Joh 14:10** Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative; the Father living in me is doing his own works.

**Joh 14:11** Trust me, that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me. But if you can't, then trust because of the works themselves.

Just as Adonai spoke to Moshe and Moshe did not speak his own words so to Yeshua conveyed the same. He reiterated the words of His Father just as oshe reiterated the words of Adonai. This is one parallel.

In Verse 4 we read...

**Exo 24:4** Moshe wrote down (Aleph Tav) all the words of Adonai. He rose early in the morning, built an altar at the base of the mountain and set upright twelve large stones to represent the twelve tribes of Isra'el.

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לְשָׁנִים עָשָׂר שְׁבַטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

Again this reiterates that all the words of the Covenants originate from one source and one source alone, hence the words of Torah and the presence of the Aleph Tav further connect the Mosaic Covenant with the New Covenant.

וַיִּרְאוּ אֶת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַתַּחַת  
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וּכְעֶצֶם הַשָּׁמַיִם לְטָה

**Exo 24:5** He sent the young men of the people of Isra'el to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings of oxen to Adonai.

**Exo 24:6** Moshe took half of the blood and put it in basins; the other half of the blood he splashed against the altar.

**Exo 24:7** Then he took the book of the covenant and read it aloud, so that the people could hear; and they responded, "Everything that Adonai has spoken, we will do and obey."

**Exo 24:8** Moshe took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which Adonai has made with you in accordance with all these words."

They would then go up for what I would call a covenant meal where once the covenant has been established and ratified, a meal commemorating it would take place. Call it a type of celebration. It would be at this time that Mosha, Aharonl

**Exo 24:9** Moshe, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu and seventy of the leaders went up;

**Exo 24:10** and they saw (Aleph Tav) the God of Isra'el. Under his feet was something like a sapphire stone pavement as clear as the sky itself.

Where to begin while ending at the same time.

The singleness, echad of Adonai seen by witnesses in some form yet identifiable as Adonai and to tie everything up nice and neat in a bow...

**Rev 21:5** Then the One sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!" Also he said, "Write, 'These words are true and trustworthy!'"

**Rev 21:6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the 'Aleph Tav', the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty I myself will give water free of charge from the Fountain of Life.

Regardless of what is said, whether in traditional Jewish circles where they convey there is no need for a New Covenant or even in Messianic circles where



they convey the New Covenant is not associated with the Mosaic covenant, here we see the connection made by Yeshua Himself, doing as has always been done by Adonai, building upon the previous covenants and not downright replacing them.