

A Word to live by...

Well, it turns out that the Israelites had a lot of trouble KEEPING God's laws. In fact, God was deeply saddened that we continued to sin against Him, year after year...

So about 800 years after the "Ten Commandments" were written, God spoke to the children of Israel through the prophet Jeremiah promising a "new covenant," a **BRIT HADASHA**.

(read Jeremiah 31 for yourself!) CHECK OUT THE ♥

God promised to make the "Ten Words" even MORE precious by moving them off the pages of the book onto our hearts!

By putting the laws on our hearts, we obey out of love for God

The FINAL covenant promised to God's Chosen People is being **FILLED FULL** in Yeshua's sacrificial death And resurrection power.

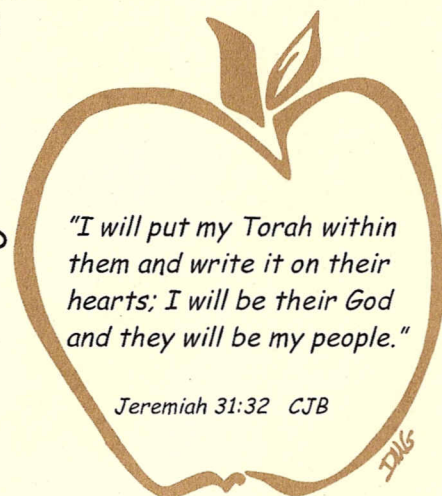
Be ready with a Word...

So, next time someone asks:

"If this is a "new" covenant, doesn't it cancel out the "old?"

Remind them:

"No, covenants build on each another. The Brit Hadasha is like a computer upgrade! We follow God's commandments out of loving Him.



Parshat Mishpatim - "Judgments" A Fuller Covenant

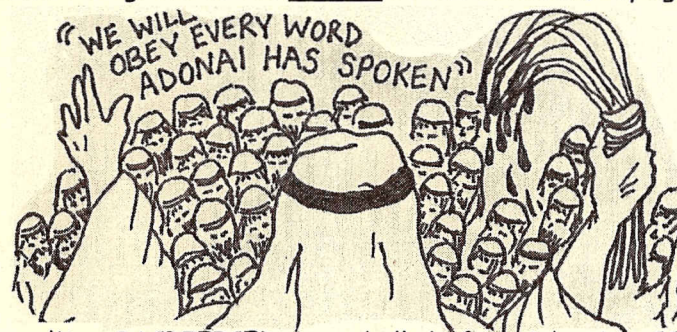
A Word from the Torah...

This week's parsha makes the requirements for God's people very clear. God wants to make a covenant, a MUTUAL commitment, with the Israelites. What began in last week's parsha, the Ten Commandments, now includes a full set of LAWS and regulations to GOVERN this new nation.

Moshe brings all these "words" to the people. This is the way they can choose to FOLLOW God. If they agree to make this covenant with God, God himself promises to bless them, care for them and PROTECT them. He promises to make them His treasured possession - thereby fulfilling His promise to their father, Avraham.

*"This is the blood of the COVENANT which Adonai has made with you in accordance with all these words."
Exodus 24:7 & 8 CJB*

The Israelites agreed to the TERMS of the covenant, saying....

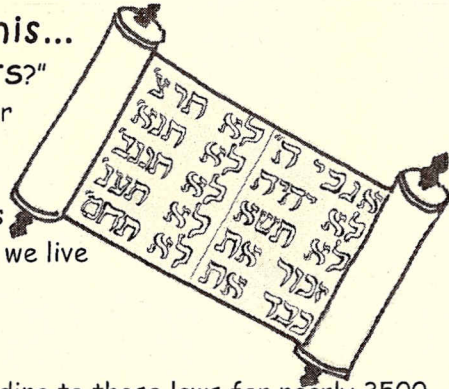


The Israelites SACRIFICED young bulls before Adonai to CONFIRM the covenant they were making in accordance with God's requirements and Moshe sprinkled a portion of that blood on the crowd of people, saying: CHECK OUT THE ♥

Hmmm, now think about this...

Do you know the "10 COMMANDMENTS?"

Do you know where to find them in your Bible? They are important to know.



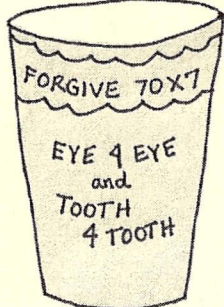
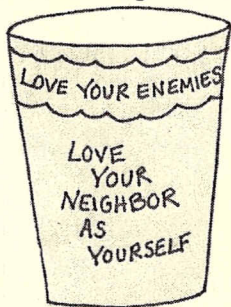
Did you know those ten commandments are the FOUNDATION of the society we live in today?

A Word from Yeshua...

The Israelites have tried to live according to those laws for nearly 3500 years, now! Those same laws and regulations were what Yeshua, the Messiah, taught day and night during the three brief years of His earthly life. In fact, Yeshua himself, said: CHECK OUT THE ♥

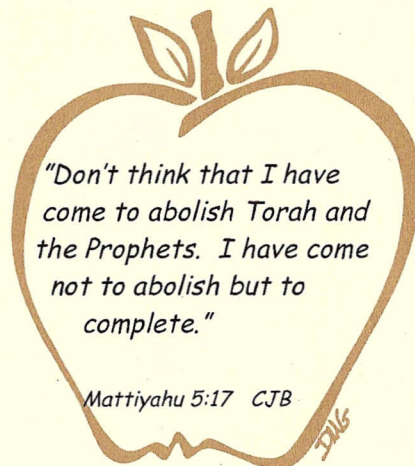
Yeshua is described in the Brit Hadasha as the "Living Torah" that became flesh and dwelt among us. He lived Torah, He TAUGHT Torah... He is Torah.

Here are some examples of HOW He showed us to "live Torah" by fulfilling it, that means... **FILLING IT FULL!**



So, wasn't the Torah already working just fine for over 1400 years? If the 613 laws were perfectly created by God for man's benefit...

Why did Yeshua need to come to FINISH the job?



"Don't think that I have come to abolish Torah and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete."

Mattiyahu 5:17 CJB

Mishpatim- A Fuller Covenant Mystery Phrase

Instructions:

1. Figure out which underlined words fit the spaces below
2. Then, finish the sentence by adding the "mystery phrase"
3. Read that sentence to your teacher and get a treat!

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