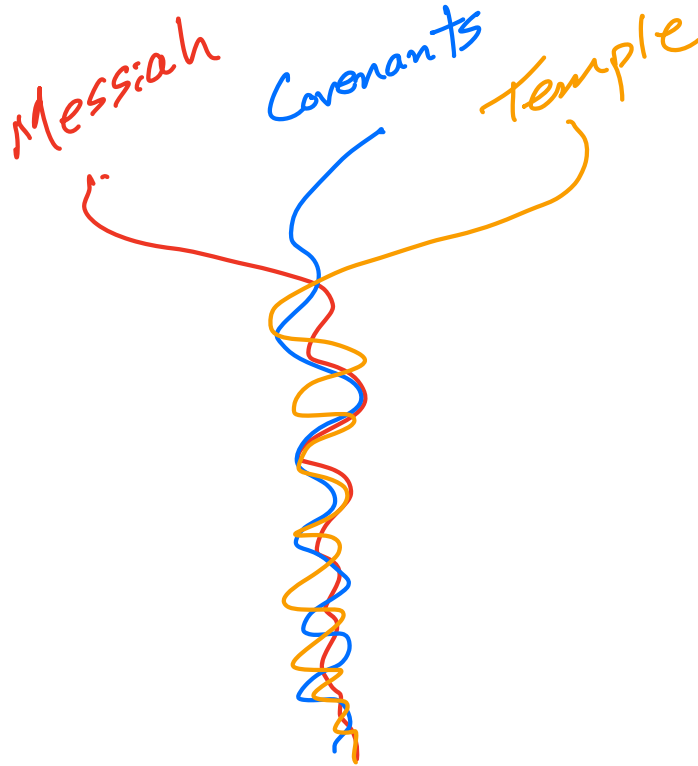


Parshah Insights 2021
Parshah: Va'Etchanan
(Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)



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Deuteronomy 3:28

“But you shall command Yehoshua and strengthen him and give him resolve, for he shall cross before the people and **he** shall cause them to inherit the Land that **you** will see.”

Joshua = Yehoshua = Yeshua = Jesus

Moses did not get to follow the first Joshua into the Land, but he did get to follow the next one.

Psalms 119:174

I long for Your Yeshua, Adonai, and Your Torah is my delight.

Deuteronomy 5:22

“These words Adonai spoke to all your **assembly** at the mountain from the midst of the fire...”

קהל
(kahal)



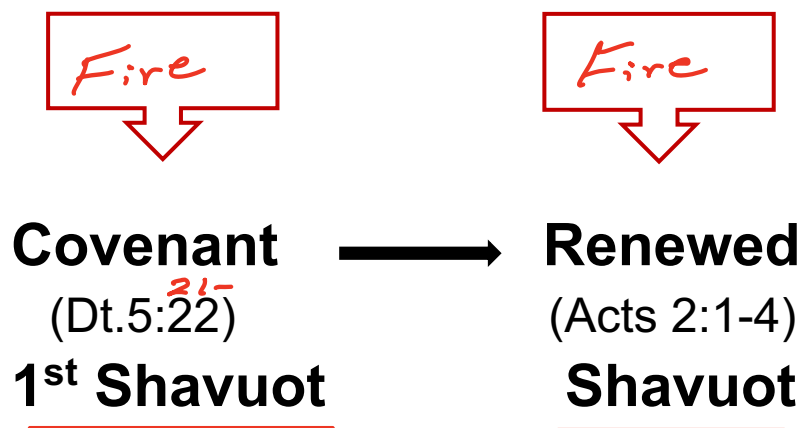
Matthew 16:18

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My **ἐκκλησία**...”

Genesis 28:3

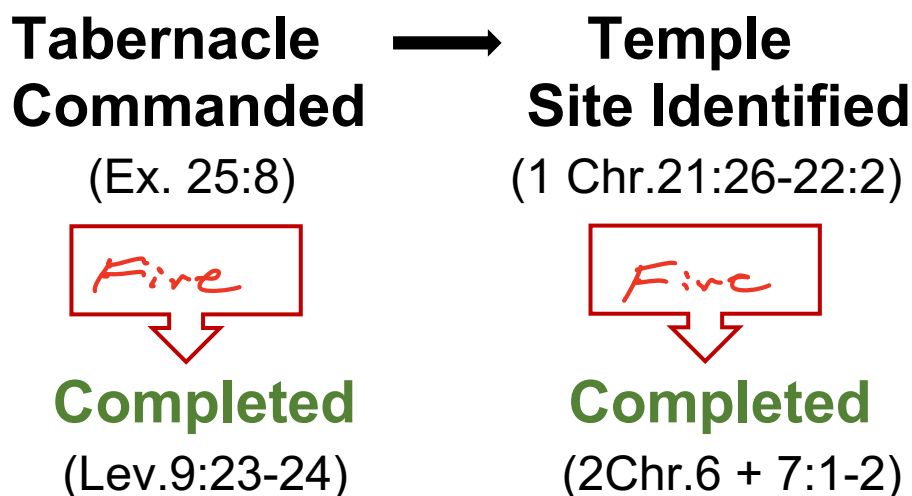
“And may God Almighty bless you [Jacob] and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become an **assembly** [*kahal*] of peoples.”

The *Kahal*:



Yeshua = Messiah

The *Mikdash*:



Temple Mount

No Foundation

The Rock

“... it occurred to me that since it is clear that man is a composite of body and soul, one of which is apparent and the other unapparent – we are consequently obliged so serve God in an apparent and unapparent fashion.”

✎ R' Bachya ibn Pakuda (11th century)

Yeshua's Six Commandments:

1. ***“You shall not murder, and whoever murders shall be liable to a court of law.”*** (Matt. 5:21)

The Fence: (a) Do not become angry.
(b) But if you do, deal with it quickly.

2. ***“You shall not commit adultery.”*** (Matt. 5:27)

The Fence: (a) Do not lust in your heart
(b) But if you do, deal with it quickly.

3. ***“If a man sends his wife away, he must give her a certificate of divorce.”*** (Matt. 5:31)

The Fence: Do not [selfishly] misuse the Torah.

4. ***“You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to HaShem.”*** (5:33)

The Fence: Do not make oaths.

5. ***“An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.”***
(Matt. 5:38)

The Fence: Go beyond what you owe another.

6. ***“Love your fellow” and “Hate your enemy.”***
(Matt. 5:43)

The Fence: *“Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you, so that you will be sons of your Father who is in Heaven...”*

Bridges Between these Commandments:

1 & 2 ***Anger → lust & adultery.***

“Murder” - רצח (*rah-TZACH*) = “to shatter”
(Psalm 42:10 / Ezekiel21:22)

Anger can “shatter” a marriage and lead to an affair.

2 & 3 *Lust & adultery* → *divorce*.

Lust and adultery lead to divorce

3 & 4 *Divorce* → *failed promises to God*.

4 & 5 *Failed promises to God* → *lack of devotion to others*.

Faithless talk leads to faithless action.

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Faithful words lead to faithful action.

5 to 6 *Devotion to others* → *love for one's enemy*.

If I can exceed my obligations to others, I can be generous even where there is no obligation!



The Shema

(Deuteronomy 6:4)

TY = "Testimony"

*Torah aligns our behavior with God's behavior.
Faith aligns our heart with God's heart.*

Discussion Questions:

- What does the relationship between Moses and Joshua teach you about the relationship of the Torah and Yeshua?
- What do the following verses all have in common?

Deuteronomy 4:12, 15, 36 / 5:4-5, 21-24

- Why are two letters of the *Shema* written oversized?
- How does Yeshua's sermon on the mountain correspond to God's speech from Mount Sinai?
- In light of today's teaching, what new insights do you have into James' statement: "*For whoever keeps the whole Torah and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*" (James 2:10)
- Yeshua chose six commandments from the Torah to use in His sermon. Discuss how each of these commandments points to the next.

NOTES:

John 1:17 For the Torah was given through Moses. Grace and truth were realized through Yeshua the Messiah.

Deuteronomy 5:22 “These words Adonai spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Exodus 25:8 “And let them construct a **sanctuary** [*mikdash*] for Me, that I may dwell among [or “within”] them.”

Leviticus 9:23-24 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of Adonai appeared to all the people. Then **fire came out from before Adonai** and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar. And when all the people saw, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Matthew 16:15-18 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Yeshua answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My *kahal*; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.”

1 Chronicles 21:26-22:2 Then David built an altar to Adonai there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to Adonai **and He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering**. And Adonai commanded the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath. At that time, when David saw that Adonai had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifice there. For the tabernacle of Adonai, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were in the high place at Gibeon at that time. But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified by the sword of the angel of Adonai. Then David said, “This is the house of Adonai God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.” So David gave orders to gather the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to hew out stones to build the house of God.

2 Chronicles 7:1-2 Now when Solomon had finished praying, **fire came down from heaven** and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices and the glory of Adonai filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Adonai, because the glory of Adonai filled Adonai's house.

Proverbs 24:3-4 By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established, and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Mark 12:28-30 And one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” Yeshua answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’”

Exodus 21:18-19, 24-27

*When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but takes to his bed, then if the man rises again and walks outdoors with his staff, he who struck him shall be clear; only **he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall have him thoroughly healed ... eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.** When a man strikes the eye of his slave, male or female, and destroys it, **he shall let the servant go free because of his eye.** If he knocks out the tooth of his servant, male or female, **he shall let the servant go free because of his tooth.***