

The Conclusion to Moses' Second Address (Part I)
Deuteronomy 11:26:1-32

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A. Two Notes on the Israelite Covenant (Usually misnamed “Mosaic Covenant” or “Sinai Covenant”)

1. The Irrevocability (Eternality) the Israelite Covenant

Genesis 17:7

Exodus 31:16-17

Leviticus 24:7-8

Judges 2:1

Psalms 11:1-10

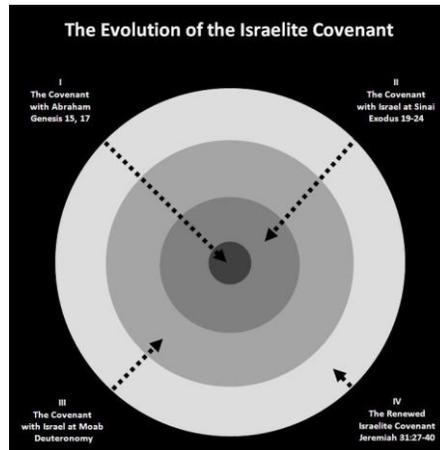
Isaiah 54:4-10

Isaiah 55:1-13

Jeremiah 31:35-37

The prophets speak of this covenant variously as the “covenant of peace” (*bērit šālôm*, Isa 54:9-10; Ezek 34:25; 37:26), an “eternal (i.e., irrevocable) covenant” (*bērit ʿōlām*, Isa 55:3; 61:8; Jer 32:40; 50:56; Ezek 16:60; 37:26), and a “new covenant” (*bērit ḥādāš*, Jer 31:31).

2. The Evolution of the Israelite Covenant



3. The Land Promised to Israel within the Covenant (Deut 11:22-25)

B. Moses' Call for Decision—The Altar Call (11:26-32)

1. The Call for Decision Today (vv. 26-28)

The Way of Blessing (<i>bērākā</i>)	The Way of the Curse (<i>qēlālā</i>)
Obedience to YHWH's commands	Disobedience to YHWH's commands Turning aside from the way described by Moses Going after other [strange] gods

2. The Call for Decision Tomorrow (11:29-31)

- a. The Time of the Decision
- b. The Nature of the Decision
- c. The Location of the Decision
- d. The GPS Instructions to the Place of Decision

הלא־המה בְּעֵבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן Are they [Mounts Gerizim and Ebal] not beyond the Jordan,
אַחֲרֵי דֶרֶךְ מְבֹא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ westward toward the setting sun,
בְּאֶרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי הַיֹּשֵׁב בְּעֵרְבָה in the territory of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah,
מוֹל הַגִּלְגָּל near Gilgal,
אֶצְלֵי אֵלֹנֵי מֹרֵה: beside the oak of Moreh?

- e. The Divine Goal in the Decision

3. The Call for Decision Today (v. 32)