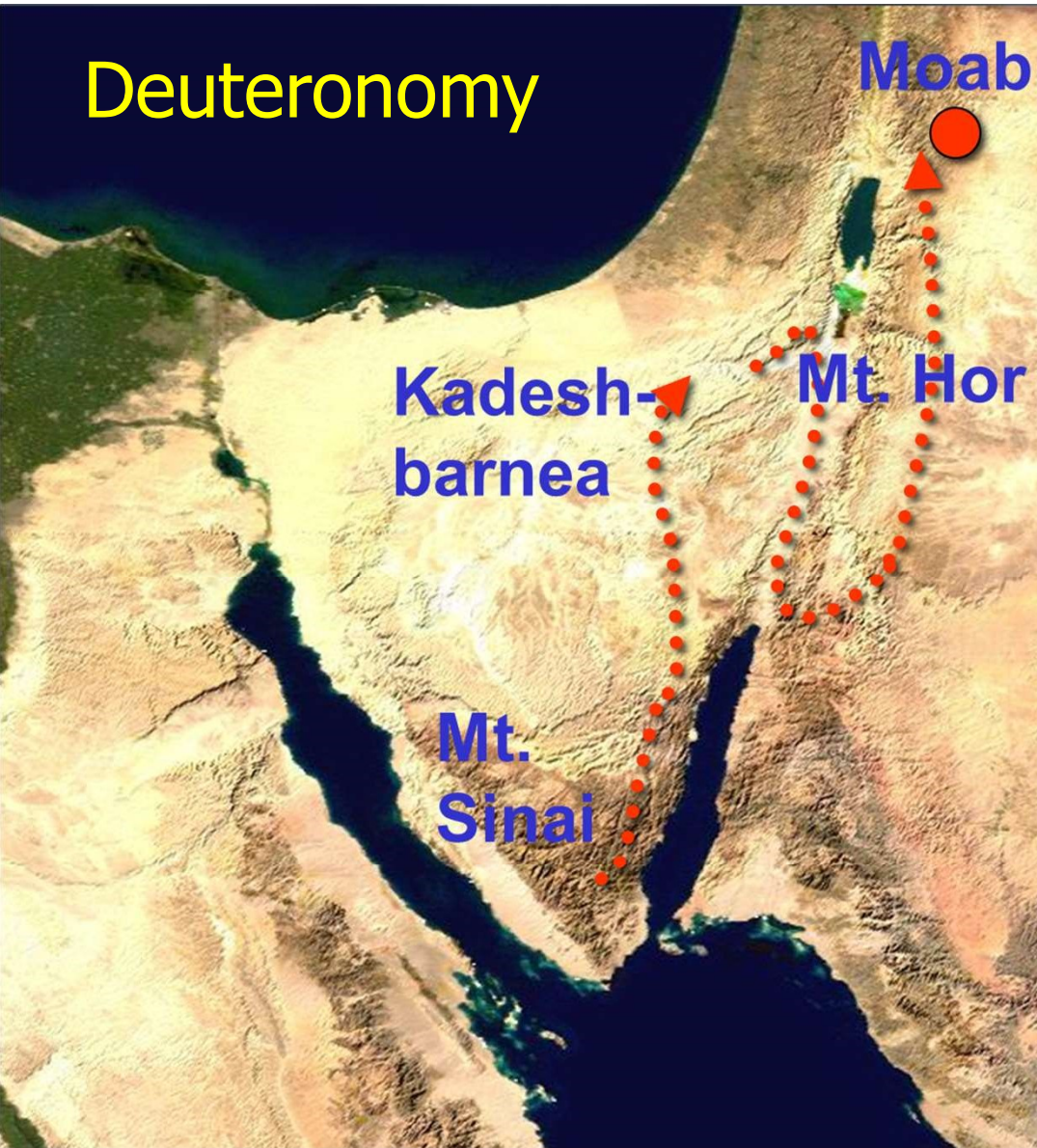




Keeping Faith in God's Love

Duet 7:7-16

Deuteronomy



- "These are the words that Moses spoke to all the people of Israel while they were in the wilderness east of the Jordan River.." Deut 1:1a

Deuteronomy 7:13-15a – Covenant of Love



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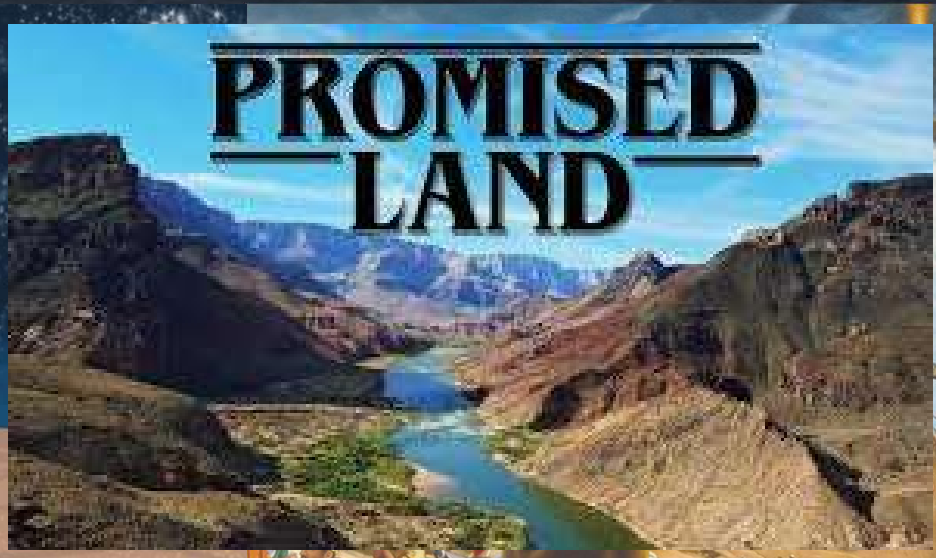
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Covenant of Love

- the LORD initiated (v6-8)
 - He Chose Them
 - He Kept His Oath
 - He Delivered them
 - He Led Them to the Promised Land



Covenant of Love

HE IS THE
FAITHFUL GOD

DEUTERONOMY 7:9

Contrasting Key Covenants

Abrahamic

Gen. 12:1-3

“I will”

**Unconditional
(Royal Grant)**

Mosaic

Exod. 20–31;
Deut. 4-30

“If you will.. then”

**Conditional
(Suzerain-Vassal)**

Blessings with Conditions



11 Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.

12 **If you** pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, **then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love** with you, as he swore to your ancestors.

THESE COMMANDMENTS
that I give you today
are to be on your hearts.

IMPRESS THEM
upon your children.

TALK ABOUT THEM
when you sit at home and
when you walk along the road,
when you lie down
and when you get up.

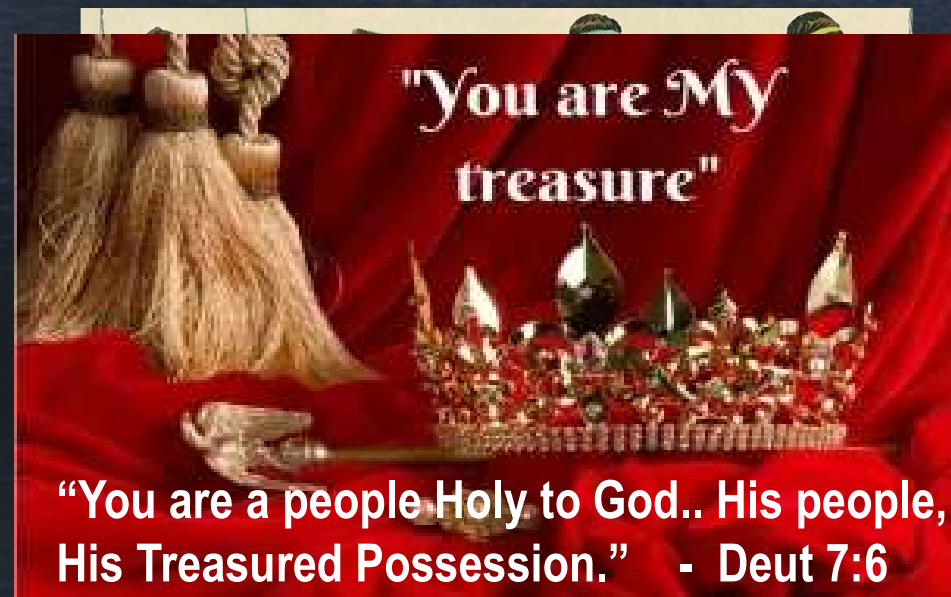
DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

Phylacteries
Deut. 6:8



- Cut off the influence of other gods of the peoples of the Land

- no treaty; no mercy (Deut 7:2)
- not to intermarry (v3)
- Break down their altars; Smash their sacred stones; Cut down their Asherah poles; Burn their idols. (v5)
- Must destroy them; No pity (v2; 16; Deut 13)
- Do not serve their gods; Nor covet the silver or gold on them (16; 25)
- a snare; detestable



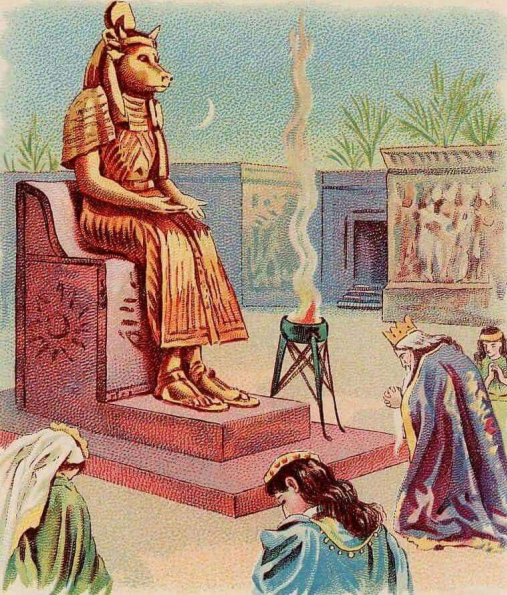
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Hezekiah had all the Asherah poles cut down

Blessings of Love

- Does it apply to us ?
- Do we need to follow the CDL?
- What about the Ten Commandments ?

Moral law means God's commands that apply to...

- Every time period
- Every culture
- Every place
- Every people



For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

AND I WILL PUT MY LAW WITHIN THEM

and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

THE NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Colossians 2:14

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

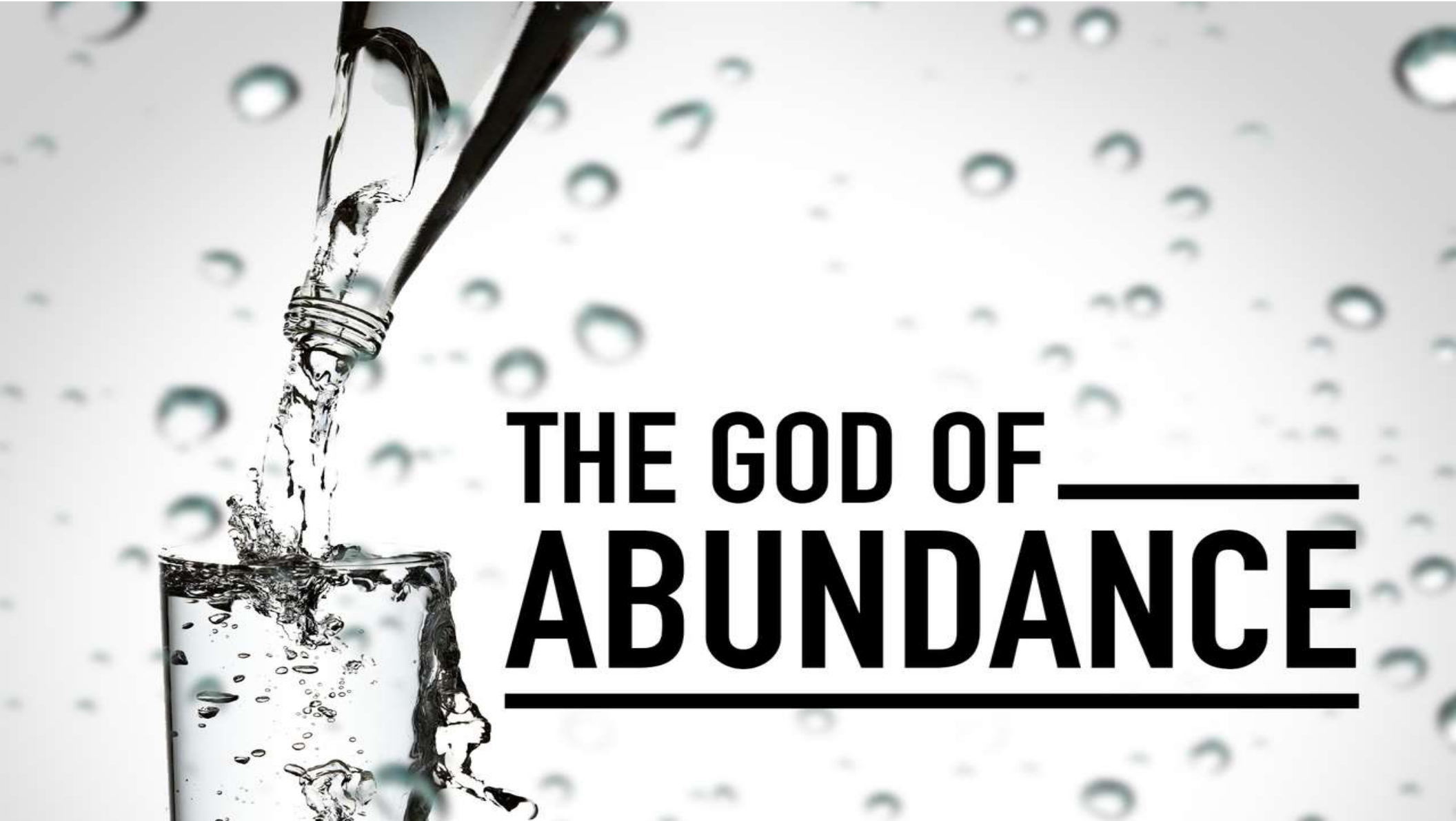
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MATTHEW 22:36-4

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A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU,
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER;
as I have loved you,
THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

JOHN 13:34



THE GOD OF _____
ABUNDANCE

Keeping Faith in God's Love

- Have we been influenced by other gods ?
- How do we obey ?
- How do we love God ?

If you love me,
you will obey
what I command.

- John 14:15

THOSE WHO
ACCEPT MY
COMMANDMENTS
AND OBEY
THEM ARE
THE ONES
WHO LOVE ME.

JOHN 14:21

we Love
because
HE first
loved US

1 JOHN 4:19