



# ShalomAZ Ministries

*In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption*

## **“From Sinai to the Heart: The Covenant God Promised”**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

**Key Passages (TLV):** Ex. 19:4-6; Jer. 31:30-36; Gen. 15; Gen. 17; 2 Sam 7:1-16; 18-19; Is. 9:5-6; Jer. 11:6-10; 17:9-10; Lev. 17:11; Isaiah 53.

Sinai is not just the setup for commandments — it is a covenant encounter. The Lord brings Israel to the mountain not simply to give instruction, but to draw them near. The Exodus was never the finish line; it was the beginning of relationship. God did not bring His people out merely to make them free — He brought them out to bring them close. And from the very beginning, covenant has always unfolded in stages, one revelation building upon another, the Faithful God continuing what He began.

From Abraham's trust, to circumcision as a sign, to Sinai as a holy moment of calling, the Lord has never contradicted Himself. He has progressively revealed His heart. Sinai clarifies Israel's purpose as His treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. But Sinai also exposes something deeper: the Torah is good, but the sinful human heart is stubborn. Stone can command, but it cannot heal. And that prepares us to see that God was always moving forward — not abandoning covenant, but unfolding it toward fulfillment.

#### **1. COVENANT CONTINUES FORWARD — FROM SINAI TO DAVID**

Sinai was not the end. Sinai was a stage. And as Israel's story continues, another covenant moment comes that becomes absolutely central to Israel's hope: the covenant with David. God's covenant promises do not evaporate with time. They do not become null and void. The Lord is faithful. When He makes a promise, He carries it forward until it reaches fulfillment.

In *2 Samuel 7*, the Lord promises David an eternal throne, an enduring kingdom, a forever King. David responds in humility and awe, recognizing that this is not merely about his household — it is a revelation for humanity. And the question presses forward: if God promised David an everlasting throne... where is that King? The prophets knew this tension. Isaiah speaks of a child born to reign on David's throne forever (Is. 9:5-6). Where is the Son of David?

#### **2. COVENANT REVEALS THE HEART — EXILE AND THE NEED FOR RENEWAL**

The Torah was good. God's instructions were good. But Israel's history reveals what Sinai exposed: the stubbornness of the human heart. Jeremiah declares the tragedy plainly — the covenant was broken, not because Torah failed, but because the people walked in the stubbornness of their evil heart. The Lord Himself says, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurable—who can know it?”* (Jer. 17:9).

Exile was not proof that God was finished. It was discipline, consequence, and revelation. The Lord was not done progressively unfolding His purposes. Even in judgment, covenant mercy remained. The prophets did not announce abandonment — they announced renewal. The Lord was preparing His people for something deeper than external obedience: inward transformation.

Let the Spirit search you today. Ask honestly: where has the heart resisted God, even while the Word remains good? Invite the Lord to do inward work, not merely outward correction.

### 3. COVENANT PROMISE FULFILLED — TORAH WRITTEN ON THE HEART

In the midst of exile, Jeremiah speaks one of the most astonishing promises in all of Scripture: *“Behold, days are coming... when I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah**”* (Jer. 31:30). This is not a covenant with strangers. It is not replacement. It is restoration. The Lord ties this promise directly back to Sinai — the covenant made when He took Israel by the hand and brought them out of Egypt.

And then comes the heart of it: *“I will put My Torah within them. Yes, I will write it on their heart”* (Jer. 31:32). Sinai was Torah on stone, but the Lord promises Torah on the heart. The issue was never Torah being flawed — the issue was always the stubborn human heart. So God promises forgiveness, cleansing, and renewal. And He anchors Israel’s permanence to creation itself: as long as the sun, moon, and stars remain, God is not finished with His people. Pray Jeremiah’s promise personally today: *“Adonai, write Your Torah within me. Bring Your instruction into my heart, not just my mind.”*

### CONCLUSION

Don’t hear this as mere theology or history — hear it as an invitation. The God of Sinai is still the God who draws near. The One who carried Israel on eagle’s wings is still carrying. His covenant story has *never* been about pushing His people away, but about bringing them close — step by step, promise by promise, revelation by revelation, until redemption reaches its fullness. And if something in your heart is stirring — not coercion, not argument, but a quiet sense that *ADONAI* is calling you nearer — respond to that. Simply pray: *“Lord, show me Your faithfulness. Write Your Torah within me. Reveal the Messiah You promised. Bring me near.”* The New Covenant is not abandonment. It is restoration. The covenant has not been cancelled. It has been completed. And the Holy One of Israel is still saying, with gentleness and love: **Come.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is Sinai best understood as a covenant encounter rather than merely a law-giving event?
2. What does the covenant with David add to Israel’s hope, and why does it demand fulfillment?
3. How does exile reveal the deeper issue of the heart rather than a failure in Torah?
4. What does it mean for Torah to be written on the heart instead of on stone?
5. How does the New Covenant promise in Jeremiah remain rooted in Israel rather than replacing Israel?

### CLOSING PRAYER:

*Avinu Malkeinu*, our Father, our King, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we thank You that You are faithful to Your covenant promises. Thank You that You carried Your people on eagle’s wings and brought them near to Yourself. Thank You for the holiness of Sinai, for the promise to David, and for the hope spoken through the prophets. Lord, You promised a New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. You promised to write Your Torah upon the heart. You promised forgiveness and restoration. So we ask You today: draw near to Your people. Reveal Your faithfulness. Lead seekers into truth. Write Your instruction within us. And bring us into the fullness of redemption that You have been unfolding all along. We trust Your wisdom, Your patience, Your process, and Your love. Bring us near to Yourself, for Your glory.

*B’Shem Yeshua*, In Yeshua’s Name, Amen