

New Commandments and a New Covenant



On the first day of the third month After the Israelites left Egypt- on that very day - they came to the Desert of Sinai.

Here is the setting for God to give to the people the commandments and a new covenant.

Consider the ritual. Page 60 in "The Story"



For almost a year they would camp at Sinai.

During this time God would meet with His people.

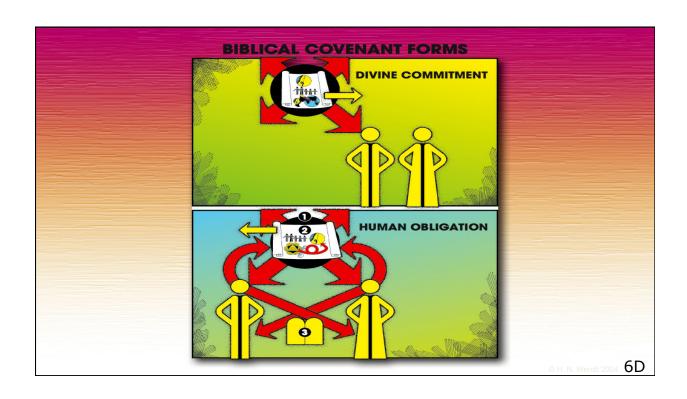
They affirmed their desire to be a covenant people, yet, they bowed down to idols.

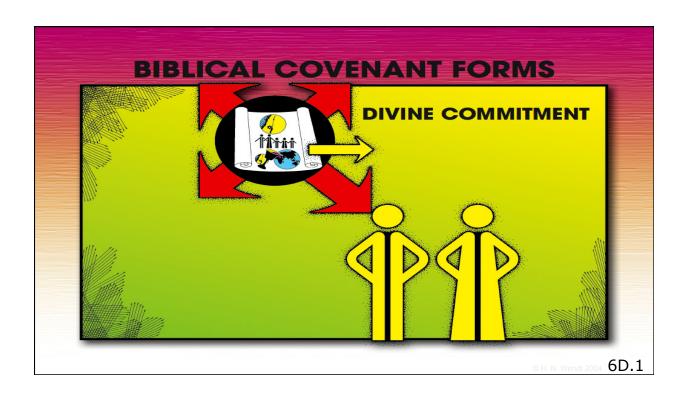


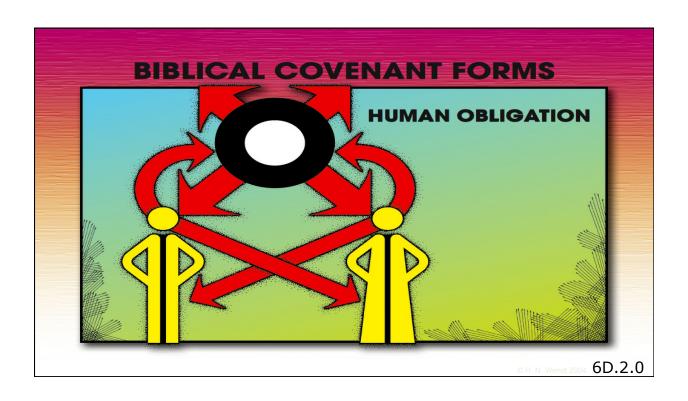
At Sinai God establishes a covenant Of human obligation.

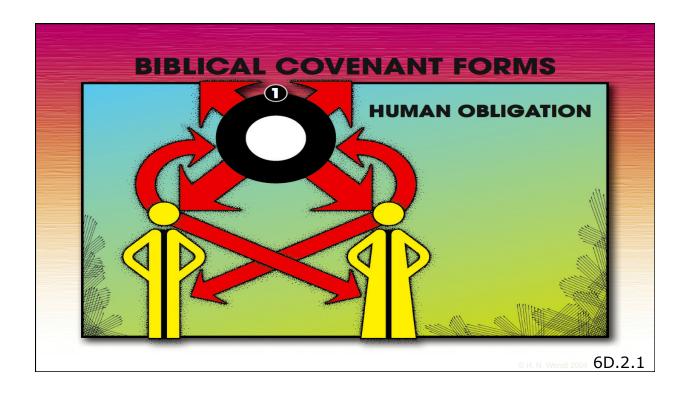
With Abraham God established a Covenant of Divine Commitment.

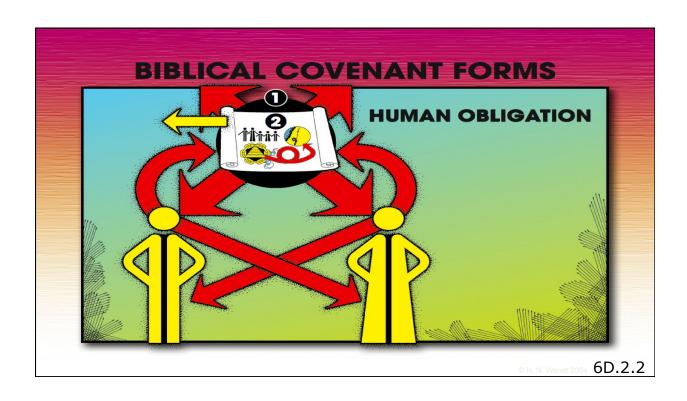
Look at the difference between a Covenant of Divine Commitment And a human obligation.

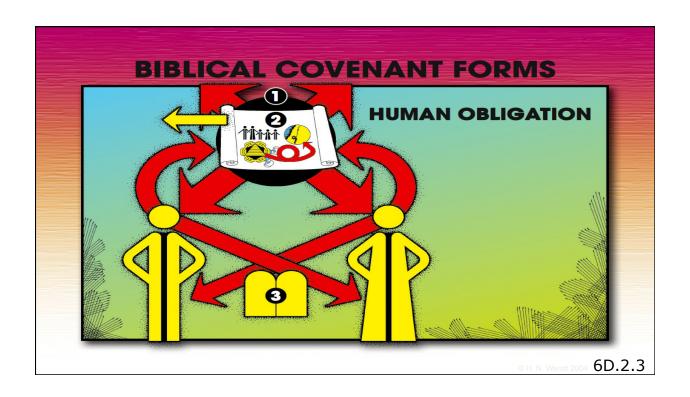


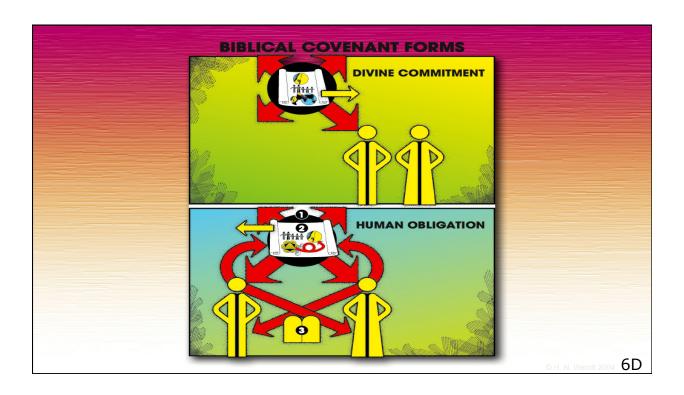














During their time at Sinai they witnessed God's glory in flame and thunder.

God gave the Law to His new nation, Israel.

Here we would see the cycle of sin, repentance and renewal. A cycle we will see repeated over and over throughout the Scriptures.



The Ten Commandments Page 61-62 (Exodus 20)

God's Law is divided into two parts.
Relationship to God
Relationship to one another

Jesus affirms this division in Matthew 22:37, 39.

The covenant God has with Israel is spelled out in Exodus 21-23.

Chapter 24 confirms this covenant God makes with His people.



Chapters 25 – 31 deal with the Tabernacle.

The Tabernacle was to be the place where God would dwell with His people.

While all of this was being revealed to Moses, he stayed for forty day and nights.

The people became restless and take matters into their own hands Page 64-65 (Exodus 32)



Interesting exchange between Moses and God in Chapter 32.

God considers destroying the people for their corruption, but Moses pleads on their behalf.

Throughout this section we come to realize just how gracious God is.



Pages 68-69 reveal a compassionate God as He shows Himself to Moses.

This encounter has significance for the people, as they cannot look upon his face.

Through this time at Sinai God fulfilled the promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God set apart this nation to be different.

This covenant was to be about God dwelling with His people.

