

# THE LORD'S - COVENANTS OF PROMISE

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## Our Approach to the Study of Covenants

We are studying the **Covenants** for ourselves. [Not adopting an existing Theology on Covenants]

We are starting in Genesis and working forward through the Old Testament to understand how **they** are **Chronologically** and **Progressively Revealed** and how each **Covenant** builds on or does not build on each previous **Covenant**.

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**COVENANT** of **GOD**. A **Promise** of **God**, always initiated and established by **God**, **Gen 6:18, 9:9, 11, 17** between **God** and a **Person**, a **People** Group, or all **Living** things, **Gen 9:10, Gen 9:17**, according to **His Plan, Purpose, and Will**.

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, as “**Promises**”, often with “**I will**” or “**I shall**” statements, that “will come to pass”.

IF the **Covenant** specified certain binding conditions for **God** to fulfill both parties’ obligations then **it** was considered a **Unilateral** or **Un-Conditional Covenant**.

IF the **Covenant** specified certain binding conditions for **God** to fulfill, **God’s** Part, and separate conditions for **Man** to fulfill, **Man’s** Part, then **it** was considered a **Bi-lateral** or **Conditional Covenant**.

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, often has **offered burnt** (killed) offerings, **Gen 8:20, Gen 22:2, Ex 24:5, Rom 8:3**

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, often has “**a sign**” to “remember” or to identify with, that **Covenant**, **Gen 9:12**

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, is often identified as an “**everlasting** (perpetual) **covenant**”, **Gen 9:16, Gen 17:7, Jer 32:40**

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, may be **Ratified** with **Blood**, **Ex 24:5-8, Gal 3:15-17, Heb 9:15-22, 13:20**

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, may be **Ratified** by passing between cut animals, **Gen 15:10, 17, Jer 34:18**

**COVENANT** of **GOD**, may be **Ratified** by **Swearing** and/or by **Oath**, **Gen 26:3, 50:24, Num 14:15-16, Deut 7:6-9, Deut 9:5, 29:9-15, 1 Chron 16:13-18, Ps 105:6-11, Jer 11:1-5, Ezek 16:59-60, Lk 1:67-74, Acts 2:29-31, Heb 6:16-18**

## GOD’S COVENANT OF SHOWBREAD OR BREAD OF PRESENCE

Working Outline > **Leviticus 24:5-9** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

**12 Loaves of Bread of Presence, before the Lord, an Everlasting Covenant**

**Read Leviticus 24:5-9**

- I. 5 “Then **you** (**Moses**) shall take **fine flour** and bake **twelve cakes** (loaves) with **it** (flour);
  - A. **two-tenths** of an **ephah** (22 liters x 0.20 = 4.4 liters) shall be in each **cake** (loave).
- II. 6 “**You** shall set **them** (**Bread of Presence, Ex 25:30, 39:36**) in **two** rows (stacks), **six** to a row (stack),
  - A. on the pure (overlaid) **gold table** (**Ex 25:23-30**) before **the Lord**. (2-cubits L x 1-cubit W x 1.5-cubits H)
- III. 7 “**You** shall put pure **frankincense** on each row (stack of loaves)
  - A. that **it** (**frankincense**) may be a memorial portion for **the bread**,
    1. even an (burnt) offering by fire to **the Lord**.
- IV. 8 “Every **sabbath day** **he** shall set **it** (the bread) in order before **the Lord** continually (**Ex 25:30**);
  - A. **it** (the bread) is an **everlasting** (**forever**) **covenant for the sons of Israel**.
  - B. 9 “**it** (the bread) shall be for **Aaron** and **his sons**,
    1. and **they** shall eat **it** (the bread) in a **holy** place;
  - C. for **it** (the bread) is most **holy** to **him** from **the Lord’s** offerings by fire (burnt offerings),
    1. **his** (the Lord’s) portion **forever**.”

# Covenant of Showbread – Lev 24:5–9

## The Covenant of Showbread or Bread of Presence

The **12 Loaves of Bread**, for the **Tabernacle**, were baked by the **Kohathites** 1 Chron 9:32

The **Loaves** were to be set in **2 stacks of 6 Loaves** each stack, Lev 24:5

The **Loaves** were to be set on the **Table** of acacia wood overlaid with pure **gold**, Ex 25:30

The **Loaves** were to have **frankincense** put on **the bread**,  
as a memorial (remembrance) to **the Lord**, Lev 24:7

The **12 Loaves of Bread** were to be set every **Sabbath Day**, before **the Lord** continually, Lev 24:8

The **12 Loaves of Bread** are an **everlasting (forever) covenant** for **the sons of Israel**, Lev 24:8

The **12 Loaves of Bread** are for **Aaron** and **his sons** (the Priests), to **eat** in a **holy place**, Lev 24:9

The **twelve Loaves of Bread** represented the **12 Tribes of Israel**, Lev 24:8

The **twelve Loaves** represented an **everlasting (forever) covenant**  
for **the sons of Israel** to **the Lord** Lev 24:8

The **twelve Loaves** represented a continual reminder  
of **God's everlasting (forever) covenant** with **His people, the sons of Israel**, Lev 24:8  
of **God's everlasting (forever) covenant provision** for the **Nation of Israel**

The **twelve Loaves of Bread** were called “**the Bread of the Presence (Bread of the Face)**”, Ex 25:30  
Because **the Bread** was always in **God's presence** or **face**, in the **Tabernacle**



The entire tent was 45 feet (13.7 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high. It was a wooden skeletal structure, overlaid with gold, with no solid roof or front wall (Ex. 26:15–29). Five wooden bars (overlaid with gold) passed through rings attached to each frame (Ex. 26:26–30).

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

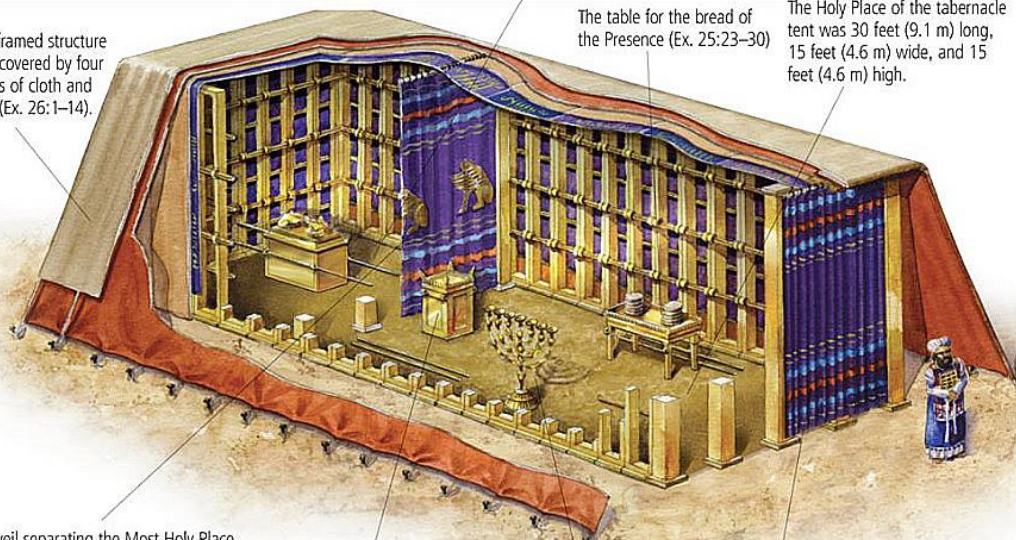
The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).





## Israel Began to Play the Harlot with Moab Gods at Shittim, about 39 years later

**Read** Numbers 25:1–9

1 While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

2 For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods,  
and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.

3 So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the Lord was angry against Israel. Ps 106:28

4 the Lord said to Moses,

“Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the Lord,  
so that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away from Israel.” (wages of sin is death)

5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves  
to Baal of Peor.” Deut 4:3–4, Ps 106:26–29, Hos 9:10; 1 Cor 10:8

6 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his relatives a Midianite woman,  
in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel,  
while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

7 When Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it,  
he arose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand,

8 and he (Phinehas) went after the man of Israel (Zimri, 25:14) into the tent  
and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the body.

So the plague (25:4) on the sons of Israel was checked.

9 Those who died (were slain) by the plague (25:4) were 24,000.

Shittim in Moab, was the last stop for the sons of Israel before crossing the Jordan River, Num 25:1, Jos 2:1  
Israel had been in the wilderness almost 40 years.

Israel began to play the harlot with Moab Gods,

the people had sacrificed, ate, and bowed down to of Moab gods, and joined themselves to Baal of Peor

the Lord said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight,  
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into the tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the body.

So the plague (of the Lord’s wrath) on the sons of Israel was checked.

But Those who died (were slain) by the plague (of the Lord’s wrath) were 24,000 (people). Num 25:9

## The Lord’s Response to Phinehas’ Jealousy for his God

**Read** Numbers 25:10–13

10 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

11 “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest,  
has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel (one man of Faith, Turns away God’s Wrath)  
in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them,  
so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.

12 “Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give him (Phinehas) My covenant of peace; (Because of Faith, God Blessed him)  
13 and it (covenant of peace) shall be for him (Phinehas) and his descendants after him, (for All Descendants)  
a covenant of a perpetual (everlasting) priesthood,

(Reason) because he (Phinehas) was jealous for his God (Reason Covenant given)  
and made atonement (covering sin) for the sons of Israel.’” (Sins atoned for)

# GOD'S COVENANT OF PERPETUAL PRIESTHOOD

## Covenant - Perpetual Priesthood - Num 25:10-13

**Covenant of a Perpetual Priesthood,**  
at Shittim, through **Phinehas**, Num 25:10-13

The zeal of **Phinehas** in being jealous for **his God**  
was rewarded with a **divinely** ordained relationship.

**His descendants** would serve continuously as **high priests**,  
as part of a **covenant of perpetual priesthood**, over the **nation of Israel**  
through **his family line** would come all future, legitimate **High-Priests** (Ps 106:30-31).

This **Covenant Promise** will extend even into the **Millennial Kingdom** (Ezek 44:15; 48:11).

**Phinehas** was the direct **Descendant of Levi**: of **Levitical Priesthood**, through **Aaron**  
**Levi, Kohath, Amram, Aaron, Eleazar, Phinehas**, 1 Chron 6:1-11

