ABRAHAM'S COVENANT AND THE WORLD TOMORROW FOT 2018 DAY 6 29.9.18 JAMIE MCNAB

The World Tomorrow will be very different from today!

Goodbye to an evil ... wicked world ... with corrupt people and behaviour.

Instead ... a world of fairness ... kindness ... good health ... respect ... between man and God ... between people generally.

There will be laws in the World tomorrow. It won't be a lawless world where "anything goes". There'll be expected standards of behaviour that everyone will be expected to follow.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-

32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. (That covenant was at Mt Sinai)

33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (That is not today ... but in the World To Come)

34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.". (Everyone knows God in the World To Come)

A New Covenant — in people's hearts.

And this is still New Testament teaching.

Hebrews 8:6-13

- 6 <u>But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry</u>, inasmuch as <u>He is</u> <u>also Mediator of a better covenant</u>, which was established on better promises.
- 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.
- 8 <u>Because finding fault with them</u>, (the people) He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--
- 9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; *(the first Exodus)* because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.
- 10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- 11 "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for *all shall know Me*, from the least of them to the greatest of them.
- 12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."
- 13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

A new Covenant — A Better Covenant — the laws written in people's hearts. People will live a different way.

A major part of life in the World Tomorrow will be establishing this special covenant.

Today ... believers can live under the terms of this covenant — but soon — worldwide — kept by everyone.

Every Passover we take a small amount of wine. Jesus explained that the wine represents His blood of the New Covenant. Jesus' blood is a key part of making the New Covenant possible.

Although we today don't really think a lot about covenants (apart from sermons like this ③) — God Himself has always worked through covenants —.

He had a Covenant with Noah ... with Abraham ... with Israel ... with David ... the Old and New Covenants.

One of Jesus' titles from Malachi 3:1 is "The Messenger of the Covenant".

So ... covenants are important (at least to God ©). In the World Tomorrow He'll write His laws/His values/His standards ... in people's hearts as part of that New Covenant.

But which laws? Circumcision? Wearing tassels? Stoning adulterers?

Jewish Rabbis calculate that there are 613 Commandments in the Torah. Will we keep them all? Should we ... even now?

Let's look at a very important Covenant.

Galatians 3:7-9

- 7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.
- 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles (nations) by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."
- 9 **So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham**.

The Gospel was preached to Abraham.

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Blessing of Abraham.

Galatians 3:15-19

- 15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.
- 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, (with Abraham) that it should make the promise of no effect.

18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; (added only a temporary basis) and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Moses was that mediator)

<u>Sinai cannot annul (cancel or invalidate) Abraham's Covenant</u> — to bless all nations.

Galatians 3:26-29

- 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise

We are Abraham's seed — heirs of the Covenant Promise.

There is probably more to Abraham's Covenant than we realise? Promises under it of everlasting importance. It got Abraham really excited! Eternal life!!

He's unlikely to get too excited over a plot of land? Especially when most happens after he's dead!

Abraham had heard the Gospel! And it excited him.

Hebrews 11:8-10

- 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would. (Afterward) receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;
- 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

He looked eagerly for <u>the city</u> — whose architect and builder is God! God has a Holy City — the New Jerusalem.

<u>Abraham knew his future was in the New Jerusalem</u> — <u>life with God</u> — forevermore!

The greatest part of Abraham's Covenant and Promise was everlasting life in glory! IN THE CITY OF GOD! WITH GOD!

That Covenant Promise then went to Isaac ... then Jacob.

And ... of course ... it contained values and behaviours that God expected.

Genesis 26:2-5

- 2 Then the LORD appeared to him *(Isaac)* and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.
- 3 "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- 4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;
- 5 "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

Abraham obeyed. He was an obedient man. Loyal and faithful.

The statutes and laws almost certainly included "the big 10" — the 10 commandments — even if not known by that name at the time (think of incidents with Cain ... the major sin at Sodom (homosexuality was a sin even then) ... the incident with Abimelech).

Four hundred years later ... it's time to offer this Covenant to this big family of Abraham ... the "new" nation of Israel. The place — Mount Sinai.

Exodus 19:3-8

3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

- 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.
- 5 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.
- 6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."
- 7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him.
- 8 Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

God asked the people to obey His voice and to keep His Covenant ... and they would be a "Kingdom of priests".

The people agreed to the offer. So far ... so good.

God then gave the 10 Commandments publicly in His own voice ... Exodus 20:1-17.

It is not clear why ... but Israel then backed away.

Exodus 20:18-21

- 18 Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off.
- 19 Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but <u>let</u> not God speak with us, lest we die." (Something has changed their attitude here)
- 20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."
- 21 **So the people stood afar off**, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

We can deduce there's a problem?

What happened to God's offer — as part of the Covenant — that they would be a Kingdom of priests?

Shortly afterwards — there are only Aaron and his 4 sons (then 2 of them died for being arrogant before God). So only Aaron and his 2 sons — not quite a Kingdom of priests! Only 3 men as priests. The Kingdom of Priests never turned up.

It seems that the offer of Abraham's Covenant was withdrawn? God made a different Covenant with them — with many more laws and regulations — known as the Old Covenant.

The old Covenant — with its 613 Commandments — made at Mount Sinai with Israel. But ... that <u>is not the Covenant</u> — the one made with Abraham — which should have been available to all of Israel.

Exodus 34:1-4, 28

- 1 And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.
- 2 "So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.
- 3 "And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain."
- 4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.
- 28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments

<u>The 10 Commandments are the Covenant</u> — not the 613!! <u>But they are not the "Old Covenant"</u>.

Fast forwarding 40 years.

Deuteronomy 4:11-13

- 11 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.
- 12 "And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice.

13 "So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

Is there any doubt of what's God Covenant is? No!! It's the 10 Commandments!

Deuteronomy 5:2-21

- 2 "The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
- <u>3 "The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those</u> who are here today, all of us who are alive.
- 4 "The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.
- 5 "I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said:
- 6 'I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 7 'You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 8 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;
- 9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
- 10 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- 11 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- 12 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.
- 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.
- 15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

- 16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- 17 'You shall not murder.
- 18 'You shall not commit adultery.
- 19 'You shall not steal.
- 20 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 21 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbour's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.'

Deuteronomy 5:22

22 "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

God added no more! That's it! The 10 Commandments ARE THE COVENANT!

Deuteronomy 9:7-11

- 7 "Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.
- 8 "Also in Horeb *(Mt Sinai)* you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry enough with you to have destroyed you.
- 9 "When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.
- 10 "Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.
- 11 "And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

The two tablets of the Covenant were then placed in a special box covered in gold known as The Ark of The Covenant.

Deuteronomy 10:1-5

- 1 "At that time the LORD said to me, Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. (Ark = box)
- 2 'And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.'
- 3 "So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.
- 4 "And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the LORD had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me. 5 "Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, just as the LORD commanded me."

The 10 Commandments are special — God spoke them! He wrote them on stone (permanent). They were placed in a special gold-plated box ... the Ark of The Covenant. To keep them safe and secure.

And the Ark of The Covenant ... of which one exists in Heaven — even today!

Revelation 11:15-19

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (The Millennium starts)

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying:

"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,

The One who is and who was and who is to come,

Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,

And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,

And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,

And those who fear Your name, small and great,

And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

- 7th Trumpet
- Kingdom established
- Ark of His Covenant seen in Heaven!

The 10 Commandments are still relevant in the Kingdom of God. After all ... what's wrong with them?

In all likelihood ... these "particular laws" or values have existed since the Garden of Eden. And will continue!!

But what about the myriads of other laws that we read of in the Old Testament? What about the "613" Commandments in The Torah? Aren't they for us as well? Will they be kept in the World Tomorrow? Where do they fit in?

Many "Hebrew Roots" groups think we should keep them all. But the 10 Commandments are in the Ark of The Covenant. (Though we can't keep them all of the 613 — some were for the priests ... or women ... or farmers).

Here are a few of those 613 laws:

- Tassels
- Mezzuzahs on the door
- Don't reap the corners of a field
- Don't marry Gentiles
- Don't farm your land in the Sabbath year
- Don't gather fruit in a Jubilee Year
- Make parapets on your roof
- Don't kidnap
- Men are not to wear women's clothing
- Don't mix seeds in your fields

These were given by God — not Moses ideas. <u>They were part of the Sinai</u> Covenant ... given to Israel. Are they for us today? For the World Tomorrow?

Deuteronomy 28:58-61

58 "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,

59 "then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues--great and prolonged plagues--and serious and prolonged sicknesses.

- 60 "Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
- 61 "Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.

Note. These laws are written in a book. Clearly very different from the Ark of The Covenant.

Deuteronomy 29:1-2

- 1 These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.
- 2 Now Moses called all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land—

Clearly another Covenant!

Deuteronomy 29:9-15

- 9 "Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.
- 10 "All of you stand today before the LORD your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel,
- 11 "your little ones and your wives--also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water--
- 12 "that you may enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into Hisoath, which the LORD your God makes with you today,
- 13 "that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- 14 "I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone,
- 15 "but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today

Another covenant being referred to here.

Deuteronomy 29:20-21

20 "The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this

book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven.

21 "And the LORD would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law,

Deuteronomy 30:9-10

- 9 "The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,
- 10 "if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

This is a different covenant written in the Book of The Law.

Deuteronomy 31:22-26

- 22 Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.
- 23 Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you."
- 24 So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished,
- 25 **that Moses commanded the Levites**, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying:
- 26 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;
- The Book of The Law
- Written on perishable animal skins?
- Beside the Ark of The Covenant!

<u>These additional laws — this additional Covenant — was given to a carnal nation</u>. They had a history of rebellion! And lived up (down?) to their reputation.

If someone is teachable — humble — and who loved you — how many laws do you need? 613??! You could aim for just one: LOVE. Or maybe two: LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR as yourself. Perhaps a handful more?

But not hundreds of laws! That's for carnal-minded people — a carnal nation — and largely for their own protection!

Deuteronomy 31:26-29

- 26 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;
- 27 "<u>for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck</u>. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death?
- 28 "Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them.
- 29 "For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."

This Book of The Law was a witness against them!

The laws were good of themselves. The laws acted as a fence from going completely out of control!

But temporary. For a carnal people. Written on animal skins — so perishable.

Galatians 3:16-19

- 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.
- 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.
- 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.
- 19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was

made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Moses)

The Law was added because of their transgressions ... "till the Seed should come" — Jesus.

Galatians 3:23-25

- 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.
- 24 **Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.
- 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

The added law was a tutor — to guard them. Good laws for a good purpose until Christ came. (NET: Hold us in custody). UNTIL FAITH CAME ... THEN IT'S FINISHED. The Sinai Covenant is over!

So now we are back to Abraham's Covenant ... as his heirs.

The issue isn't law versus grace. The issue is — which Covenant are you under? There are 2 Covenants ... and only 1 belongs to us.

Galatians 4:21-31

- 21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?
- 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.
- 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,
- 24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar-- ("Allegoreo" in Greek. [Ideas or principles expressed as characters in a narrative story])
 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children--
- 26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. (Mount Zion)

27 For it is written:

"Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor!
For the desolate has many more children
Than she who has a husband."

- 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.
- 29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.
- 30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."
- 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

TWO COVENANTS:

- Sinai —Covenant of bondage
- •Isaac Covenant of Promise

You can't mix the Covenants! <u>Cast out the Sinai Covenant</u> (Others: Get rid of/throw out). The Sinai Covenant with its 613 laws is finished.

We are Abraham's seed —through Isaac — through Jesus. We enjoy the Promises of the Covenant made with Abraham (Terms found in the Ark of The Covenant).

Very soon they will be written on everyone's hearts ... soon!

Hebrews 12:18-24

- 18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."

 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling."
- 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 **to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel

2 Mountains — 2 Covenants

Jesus is The Mediator of this New Covenant ... which will be made with everyone in The Millennium.

The Ark still contains the terms — the values which are God's standard for all times!

We can look forward to the 10 Commandments carrying on in the World To Come.