

CONQUER IN CHRIST

New and Living Way

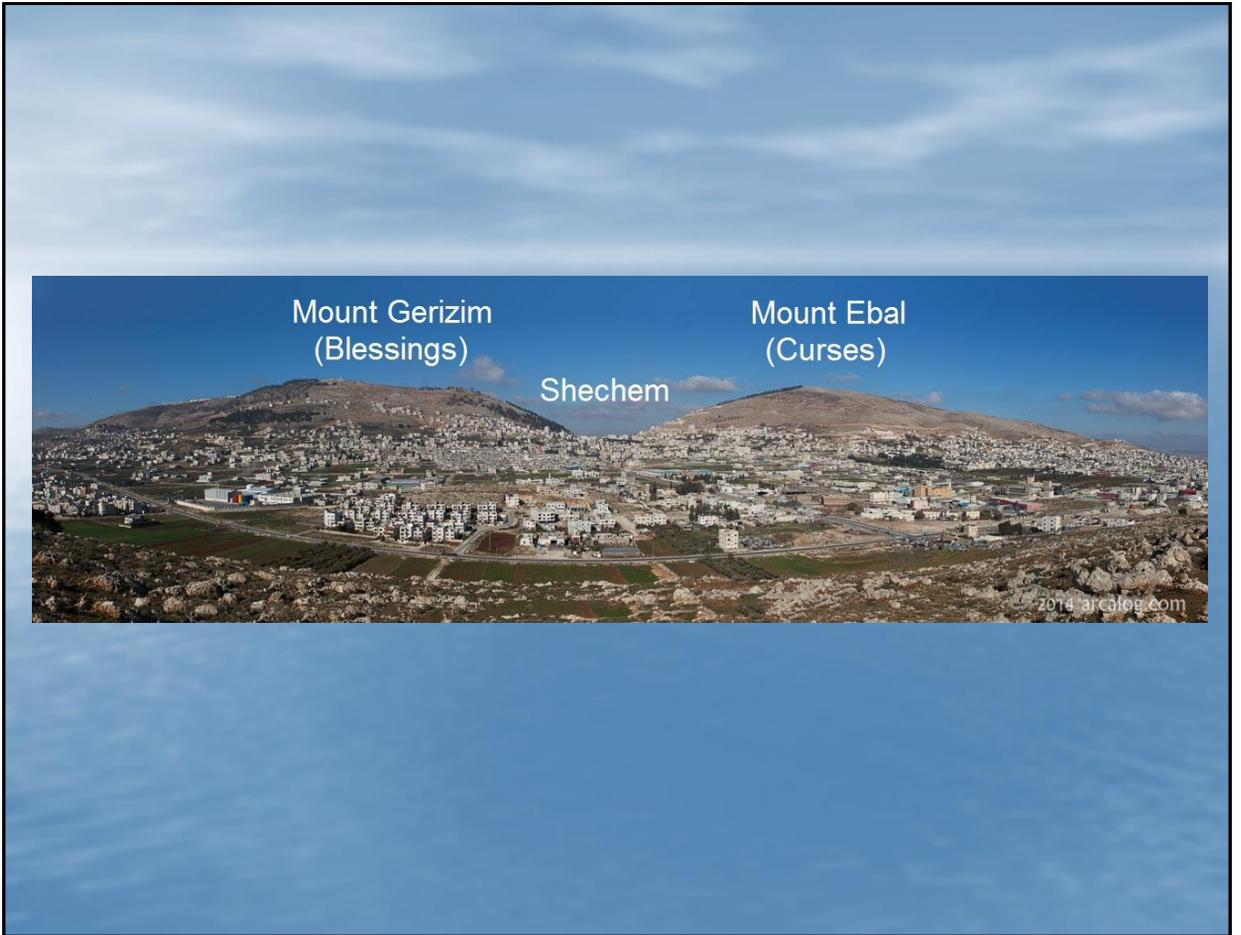


EBAL AND GERAZIM

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 8:30** Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal, ³¹ just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel... ³³ And all Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel.

JUST AS MOSES COMMANDED

- ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 11:26** "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known. ²⁹ "And it shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.



WRITING ALL THE WORDS OF THE LAW

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 8:32** And he wrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.
- ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 27:1** Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you today. ² "So it shall be on the day when you shall cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set up for yourself large stones, and coat them with lime ³ and write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over... ⁴ "So it shall be when you cross the Jordan, you shall set up on Mount Ebal, these stones, as I am commanding you today, and you shall coat them with lime... ⁸ "And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law very distinctly."

OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 8:30** Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal, ³¹ just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of uncut stones, on which no man had wielded an iron *tool*; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.
- ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 27:5** "Moreover, you shall build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not wield an iron *tool* on them. ⁶ "You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of uncut stones; and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the LORD your God; ⁷ and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God.



READING ALL THE WORDS OF THE LAW

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 8:34** Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. ³⁵ There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were living among them.





SIGNIFICANCE

SHECHEM

- ^{NAS} **Genesis 12:5** And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ And Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land. ⁷ And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

SHECHEM

- Site of land promise of Abrahamic covenant
 - *Covenant of promise*
- Site of renewal of Mosaic covenant
 - *Covenant of possession*
- Shechem links the promise of the land with possession of the land.
- Israel had renewed the covenant of promise (Abrahamic) with circumcision ceremony and now they are renewing the covenant of possession (Mosaic) and an altar at Shechem is the link between the two.

OFFERINGS

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 8:31** ... and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.
- Burnt offering
 - animal is completely consumed by the flames
 - smell of the burning animal is a pleasing aroma to the Lord
 - designed to atone for sins
- Peace offering
 - did not consume the entire animal
 - those offering the animals were able to eat the remaining portions
 - picture of Israel's covenant fellowship with the Lord

OFFERINGS

- Burnt offering
 - sin offering
 - to God alone
 - points to Jesus on the cross
- Peace offering
 - fellowship offering
 - shared with God
 - points to the Lord's table & the marriage supper of Lamb

APPLICATION

SHADOW VS REALITY

- ^{ESV} **Hebrews 10:1** For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near ... ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified...¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
- ^{ESV} **John 19:30** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

THE REAL PROMISE ... IN CHRIST

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:19** Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by [in] the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,
 - Shadow – promised land of Canaan through Joshua
 - Reality – kingdom of Heaven in Christ

REAL FREEDOM – IN CHRIST

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
 - Shadow – Levitical priests and animal sacrifices
 - Reality – the great High Priest and lamb of God

FREE TO PERSEVERE

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.



CONCLUSIONS

NEW AND LIVING WAY

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:19** ...we have confidence to enter the holy place by [in] the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us ...
- ^{NAS} **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me...¹¹ "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me..."

LIVING THE NEW AND LIVING WAY

- ^{NAS} **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 12:2** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.