

Abstract: We are continuing our study of the **Backgrounds of the New Testament** by exploring the nature of covenant and Torah in the Old Testament, and based on that understanding will then discuss how those inherent ideas bridge across to the New Covenant. In the process we will give attention to the prominent values of relationship and divine presence, and will open up new avenues of thinking regarding divine kingship, Torah, and holiness.

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