

Older codes and codes contemporary to the Law of the Sinai Covenant:

- ◆ Lipit-Ishtar Law Code: Mesopotamia c. 2000 BC.
- ◆ Egyptian Law Codes: Dating back as far as c. 2000 BC.
- ◆ Laws of Ur: BC, Mesopotamian city on the Persian Gulf and home of Abraham c. 2000.
- ◆ Law Code of Hammurabi: Written between 1900 - 1700 BC; Babylon in Mesopotamia. This code includes the law of *lex talionis* = ["an eye for an eye.."] law of equivalent retaliation which is also found in the Mosaic code [law limited the scope of retribution].
- ◆ Eshnunna code: Believed to be older than Hammurabi's Code and at least 5 centuries older than The Sinai Covenant.
- ◆ Ras Shamra Tablets: Canaanite city on the coast just opposite the tip of Cyprus, c. 1400 BC.
- ◆ Ugarit Law Code: Ugarit was a Canaanite city contemporary to Ras Shamra, c. 1400 BC.
- ◆ Hittite Legal Code: Possibly contemporary to the Sinai Code, dates to c. 1300 BC and provides many parallels to the Sinai Code. At the height of their empire the Hittites ruled from south of the Black Sea to include Asia Minor [Turkey] and into modern Syria.
- ◆ Assyrian Law Code: 99 articles on three tablets found at Ashur in Mesopotamia and dating c. 1300 BC.