Tithes and Offerings

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
3 **I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;**
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Abram → Abraham – a covenant of faith → descendants went on to be the nation of Israel

Moses, the Law and Offerings to the Lord:

Items: Cattle, goats, grain, olive oil, wine, bread, spices, birds, money, jewelry, property
Tithe: one-tenth of all their crops, animals and earnings
Burnt offerings – usually for sin, blood was sprinkled as well
Offerings for special occasions - the birth of the first son, ordination of priests, …
Wave offering
Thank offering
Fellowship offering – a free will offering above the requirements of the law – you do it because of your relationship with God – they made a sacrifice

As Christians:

Tithe - **Matthew 23:23** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay **tithe** of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Malachi 3:8-10 "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

It's a heart issue. God created the tithe to provide for the priesthood. Offerings are above the tithe. Translated to today – tithe and offerings are to pay for the church and leadership's needs.

Principle at work: Give and it will be given unto you! Luke 6:38

The Abrahamic covenant is still in effect. As we bless Israel, we will be blessed!

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