~MESSENGER (721)

- ... Messenger Of The Covenant
- One bearing a message, either oral or written, or one sent on an errand.
- Then Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the field of Edom. (Genesis 32:3)
- And he commanded them, saying; This is what you will say to my lord, to Esau, This is what your servant Jacob has said; With Laban I have resided as an alien and I have stayed for a long time till now. (Genesis 32:4)
- And I have come to have bulls and asses, sheep, and menservants and maidservants, and I would like to send to notify my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes. (Genesis 32:5)
- In time the messengers returned to Jacob, saying; We got to your brother Esau, and he is also on his way to meet you, and four hundred men with him. (Genesis 32:6)
- And Yehowah's spirit enveloped Gideon so that he went blowing the horn, and the Abi-ezrites got to be called together after him. (Judges 6:34)
- And he sent out messengers through all of Manasseh, and they too got to be called together after him. He also sent out messengers through Asher and Zebulun and Naphtali, and they came on up to meet him. (Judges 6:35)
- Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying; What do I have to do with you, seeing that you have come against me to fight in my land? (Judges 11:12)
- So the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah; It is because Israel took my land when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok and as far as the Jordan. And now do return it peacefully. (Judges 11:13)
- But Jephthah sent once more messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon (Judges 11:14)

- And said to him; This is what Jephthah has said; Israel did not take the land of Moab and the land of the sons of Ammon. (Judges 11:15)
- For when they came up out of Egypt Israel went walking through the wilderness as far as the Red Sea and got to come to Kadesh. (Judges 11:16)
- Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying; Let me pass, please, through your land, and the king of Edom did not listen. And also to the king of Moab they sent, and he did not consent. And Israel kept dwelling in Kadesh. (Judges 11:17)
- When they walked on through the wilderness, they went their way around the land of Edom and the land of Moab, so that they went toward the rising of the sun as respects the land of Moab and took up camping in the region of the Arnon, and they did not come within the boundary of Moab, because Arnon was the boundary of Moab. (Judges 11:18)
- After that Israel sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him; Let us pass, please, through your land to my own place. (Judges 11:19)
- And Sihon did not feel sure about Israel's crossing through his territory, and Sihon went gathering all his people together and camping in Jahaz and fighting against Israel. (Judges 11:20)
- At this Yehowah the God of Israel gave Sihon and all his people into Israel's hand, so that they struck them and Israel took possession of all the land of the Amorites inhabiting that land. (Judges 11:21)
- Thus they took possession of all the territory of the Amorites from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok and from the wilderness as far as the Jordan. (Judges 11:22)
- And now Yehowah the God of Israel it was that dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and you, for your part, would dispossess them. (Judges 11:23)
- Is it not whomever Chemosh your god causes you to dispossess that you will dispossess? And every one whom Yehowah our God

has dispossessed from before us is the one we shall dispossess. (Judges 11:24)

- And now are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab? Did he ever contend with Israel, or did he ever fight against them? (Judges 11:25)
- While Israel was dwelling in Heshbon and its dependent towns and in Aroer and its dependent towns and in all the cities that are by the banks of Arnon for three hundred years, why, then, did you never snatch them away during that time? (Judges 11:26)
- As for me, I have not sinned against you, but you are dealing wrong with me by fighting against me. Let Yehowah the Judge, judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon. (Judges 11:27)
- And Hiram the king of Tyre proceeded to send messengers to David, and also cedar trees and workers in wood and workers in stone for walls, and they began to build a house for David. (2 Samuel 5:11)
- At that Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying; So may the gods do, and so may they add to it, if at this time tomorrow I shall not make your soul like the soul of each one of them! (1 Kings 19:2)
- After that Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had pulled away from Lachish. (2 Kings 19:8)
- He heard it said respecting Tirhakah the king of Ethiopia; Here he has come out to fight against you. Therefore he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying; (2 Kings 19:9)
- This is what you men should say to Hezekiah the king of Judah, Do not let your God in whom you are trusting deceive you, saying; Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. (2 Kings 19:10)
- Look! You yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria did to all the lands by devoting them to destruction, and will you yourself be delivered? (2 Kings 19:11)

- Have the gods of the nations that my forefathers brought to ruin delivered them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden that were in Tel-assar? (2 Kings 19:12)
- Where is he, the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad and the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? (2 Kings 19:13)
- Then Hezekiah took the letters out of the hand of the messengers and read them, after which Hezekiah went up to the house of Yehowah and spread it out before Yehowah. (2 Kings 19:14)
- Now John's disciples reported to him about all these things. (Luke 7:18)
- So John summoned a certain two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to say; Are you the Coming One, or are we to expect a different one? (Luke 7:19)
- When they came up to him the men said; John the Baptist dispatched us to you to say; Are you the Coming One or are we to expect another? (Luke 7:20)
- In that hour he cured many of sicknesses and grievous diseases and wicked spirits, and granted many blind persons the favor of seeing. (Luke 7:21)
- Hence in answer he said to the two; Go your way, report to John what you saw and heard, the blind are receiving sight, the lame are walking, the lepers are being cleansed and the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised up, the poor are being told the Good News. (Luke 7:22)
- And happy is he who has not stumbled over me. (Luke 7:23)
- When the messengers of John had gone away, he started to say to the crowds concerning John; What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed being tossed by the wind? (Luke 7:24)
- So he sent forth messengers in advance of him. And they went their way and entered into a village of Samaritans, to make preparation for him. (Luke 9:52)

- At times runners served in this capacity.
- Accordingly the runners with the letters from the hand of the king and of his princes went throughout all Israel and Judah, even according to the commandment of the king, saying; You sons of Israel, return to Yehowah the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that he may return to the escaped ones that are left of you out of the palm of the kings of Assyria. (2 Chronicles 30:6)
- And do not become like your forefathers and like your brothers that acted unfaithfully toward Yehowah the God of their forefathers, so that he constituted them an object of astonishment, just as you are seeing. (2 Chronicles 30:7)
- Now do not stiffen your neck as your forefathers did. Give place to Yehowah and come to his sanctuary that he has sanctified to time indefinite and serve Yehowah your God, that his burning anger may turn back from you. (2 Chronicles 30:8)
- For when you return to Yehowah, your brothers and your sons will be objects of mercy before those holding them captive, and be allowed to return to this land, for Yehowah your God is gracious and merciful, and he will not turn away the face from you if you return to him. (2 Chronicles 30:9)
- So the runners continued on, passing along from city to city throughout the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun, but they were continually speaking in mockery of them and deriding them. (2 Chronicles 30:10)
- One runner runs to meet another runner, and one reporter to meet another reporter, to report to the king of Babylon that his city has been captured at every end. (Jeremiah 51:31)
- For more rapid communication messengers were dispatched on horses.
- And the watchman was standing upon the tower in Jezreel, and he got to see the heaving mass of Jehu's men as he was coming, and he at once said; There is a heaving mass of men that I am seeing. At that Jehoram said; Take a cavalryman and send him to meet them, and let him say; Is there peace? (2 Kings 9:17)
- Accordingly a rider on a horse went to meet him and said; This is

what the king has said; Is there peace? But Jehu said; What do you have to do with peace? Get around to my rear! And the watchman went on to report, saying; The messenger came as far as to them, but he has not returned. (2 Kings 9:18)

- So he sent out a second rider on a horse, who, when he came to them, proceeded to say; This is what the king has said; Is there peace? But Jehu said; What do you have to do with peace? Get around to my rear! (2 Kings 9:19)
- And he proceeded to write in the name of King Ahasuerus and do the sealing with the kings signet ring and send written documents by the hand of the couriers on horses, riding post horses used in the royal service, sons of speedy mares. (Esther 8:10)
- That the king granted to the Jews that were in all the different cities to congregate themselves and stand for their souls, to annihilate and kill and destroy all the force of the people and jurisdictional district that were showing hostility to them, little ones and women, and to plunder their spoil. (Esther 8:11)
- On the one day in all the jurisdictional districts of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar. (Esther 8:12)
- A copy of the writing was to be given as Law throughout all the different jurisdictional districts, published to all the peoples, that the Jews should become ready for this day to avenge themselves upon their enemies. (Esther 8:13)
- The couriers themselves, riding post horses used in the royal service, went forth, being urged forward and being moved with speed by the kings word, and the Law itself was given out in Shushan the castle. (Esther 8:14)
- Messengers of ancient times included heralds who publicly proclaimed royal or state decrees.
- And the herald was crying out loudly; To you it is being said; O peoples, national groups and languages. (Daniel 3:4)
- That at the time that you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the zither, the triangular harp, the stringed instrument, the

bagpipe and all sorts of musical instruments, you fall down and worship the image of gold that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. (Daniel 3:5)

- And whoever does not fall down and worship will at the same moment be thrown into the burning fiery furnace. (Daniel 3:6)
- At that time Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, with a necklace of gold about his neck, and they heralded concerning him that he was to become the third ruler in the kingdom. (Daniel 5:29)
- Messengers might be sent to sue for peace;
- Look! Their very heroes have cried out in the street. The very messengers of peace will weep bitterly. (Isaiah 33:7)
- To request military assistance,
- So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser the king of Assyria, saying; I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me out of the palm of the king of Syria and out of the palm of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me. (2 Kings 16:7)
- However, the king of Assyria got to find conspiracy in Hoshea's case, in that he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt and did not bring the tribute up to the king of Assyria as in former years. Hence the king of Assyria shut him up and kept him bound in the house of detention. (2 Kings 17:4)
- Or to demand tribute or the surrender of a city.
- As for Ben-hadad the king of Syria, he collected all his military forces together and also thirty-two kings with him and horses and chariots, and he proceeded to go up and lay siege to Samaria and fight against it. (1 Kings 20:1)
- Then he sent messengers to Ahab the king of Israel at the city. And he went on to say to him; This is what Ben-hadad has said; (1 Kings 20:2)
- Your silver and your gold are mine, and your wives and your sons, the best looking, are mine. (1 Kings 20:3)

- To this the king of Israel answered and said; According to your word, my lord the king, yours I am with all that belongs to me. (1 Kings 20:4)
- Later the messengers came back and said; This is what Benhadad has said; I sent to you, saying; Your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons you will give me. (1 Kings 20:5)
- But about this time tomorrow I shall send my servants to you, and they must carefully search your house and the houses of your servants, and it must occur that everything desirable to your eyes they will put in their hand, and they must take it away. (1 Kings 20:6)
- At that the king of Israel called all the older men of the land and said; Take note, please, and see that it is calamity that this one is seeking, for he sent to me for my wives and my sons and my silver and my gold, and I did not hold them back from him. (1 Kings 20:7)
- Then all the older men and all the people said to him; Do not obey, and you should not consent. (1 Kings 20:8)
- So he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad; Say to my lord the king, All that you sent to your servant at first I shall do, but this thing I am not able to do. With that the messengers went off and brought word back to him. (1 Kings 20:9)
- And the king of Assyria proceeded to send Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a heavy military force to Jerusalem, that they might go up and come to Jerusalem. So they went up and came and stood still by the conduit of the upper pool, which is at the highway of the laundryman's field. (2 Kings 18:17)
- And they began to call out to the king, but there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebnah the secretary and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. (2 Kings 18:18)
- Accordingly Rabshakeh said to them; Please, say to Hezekiah,
 This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, has said; What is this confidence in which you have trusted? (2 Kings 18:19)

- You have said, but it is the word of lips; There are counsel and mightiness for the war. Now in whom have you put your trust, that you have rebelled against me? (2 Kings 18:20)
- Now, look! You have put your trust in the support of this crushed reed, Egypt, which, if a man should brace himself upon it, would certainly enter into his palm and pierce it. That is the way Pharaoh the king of Egypt is to all those putting their trust in him. (2 Kings 18:21)
- And in case you men should say to me, It is Yehowah our God in whom we have put our trust, is he not the one whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has removed, while he says to Judah and Jerusalem, Before this altar you should bow down in Jerusalem? (2 Kings 18:22)
- Now, then, make a wager, please, with my lord the king of Assyria, and let me give you two thousand horses to see whether you are able, on your part, to put riders upon them. (2 Kings 18:23)
- How, then, could you turn back the face of one governor of the smallest servants of my lord, while you, for your part, put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? (2 Kings 18:24)
- Now is it without authorization from Yehowah that I have come up against this place to bring it to ruin? Yehowah himself said to me, Go up against this land, and you must bring it to ruin. (2 Kings 18:25)
- At this Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebnah and Joah said to Rabshakeh; Speak with your servants, please, in the Syrian language, for we can listen, and do not speak with us in the Jews language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. (2 Kings 18:26)
- But Rabshakeh said to them; Is it to your lord and to you that my lord has sent me to speak these words? Is it not to the men sitting upon the wall, that they may eat their own excrement and drink their own urine with you men? (2 Kings 18:27)
- And Rabshakeh continued to stand and call out in a loud voice in the Jews language, and he went on to speak and say; Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. (2 Kings 18:28)

- This is what the king has said; Do not let Hezekiah deceive you people, for he is not able to deliver you out of my hand. (2 Kings 18:29)
- And do not let Hezekiah cause you to trust in Yehowah, saying; Without fail Yehowah will deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. (2 Kings 18:30)
- Do not listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria has said; Make a capitulation to me, and come out to me, and eat each one from his own vine and each one from his own fig tree and drink each one the water of his own cistern. (2 Kings 18:31)
- Until I come and I actually take you to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil-olive trees and honey, and keep living that you may not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah, for he allures you, saying; Yehowah himself will deliver us. (2 Kings 18:32)
- Have the gods of the nations at all delivered each one his own land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? (2 Kings 18:33)
- Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? (2 Kings 18:34)
- Who are there among all the gods of the lands that have delivered their land out of my hand, so that Yehowah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? (2 Kings 18:35)
- They were accorded freedom of passage to accomplish their mission. A mistreatment of royal messengers sent on a courtesy visit to another nation was serious enough to precipitate war.
- And it came about afterward that the king of the sons of Ammon came to die, and Hanun his son began to reign instead of him. (2 Samuel 10:1)
- At this David said; I shall exercise loving-kindness toward Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father exercised loving-kindness toward me. Accordingly David sent by means of his servants to comfort him over his father, and the servants of David proceeded to come into the land of the sons of Ammon. (2 Samuel 10:2)

- However, the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun their Lord; Is David honoring your father in your eyes in that he has sent to you comforters? Is it not for the sake of searching through the city and to spy it out and to overthrow it that David has sent his servants to you? (2 Samuel 10:3)
- So Hanun took the servants of David and shaved off half their beards and cut their garments in half to their buttocks and sent them away. (2 Samuel 10:4)
- Later people reported it to David, and he at once sent to meet them, because the men had come to feeling very humiliated, and the king went on to say; Dwell in Jericho until your beards grow abundantly. Then you must return. (2 Samuel 10:5)
- In time the sons of Ammon saw that they had become foulsmelling to David, and the sons of Ammon proceeded to send and hire Syrians of Beth-rehob and Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand men on foot, and the king of Maacah, a thousand men, and Ishtob, twelve thousand men. (2 Samuel 10:6)
- When David heard of it, then he sent Joab and all the army and the mighty men. (2 Samuel 10:7)

See Also AMBASSADOR See Also COURIER

- Both the Hebrew and the Greek words for messenger may refer to spirit messengers, or angels.
- Making his angels spirits, this ministers a devouring fire. (Psalms 104:4)
- He further said to him; Most truly I say to you men, you will see heaven opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending to the Son of man. (John 1:51)
- Whether human or angelic messengers are meant can be determined by the context.
- During all their distress it was distressing to him. And his own personal messenger saved them. In his love and in his compassion he himself repurchased them, and he proceeded to

lift them up and carry them all the days of long ago. (Isaiah 63:9)

- For example, Yehowah's personal messenger is evidently his angel, for this messenger saved the Israelites. (Exodus 14:19,20)
- Besides using angelic messengers to convey information to men and women on earth and to accomplish other tasks, Yehowah has repeatedly employed human messengers. His prophets and priests were his messengers to the nation of Israel.
- And Yehowah the God of their forefathers kept sending against them by means of his messengers, sending again and again, because he felt compassion for his people and for his dwelling. (2 Chronicles 36:15)
- But they were continually making jest at the messengers of the true God and despising his words and mocking at his prophets, until the rage of Yehowah came up against his people, until there was no healing. (2 Chronicles 36:16)
- And Haggai the messenger of Yehowah went on to say to the people according to the messengers commission from Yehowah, saying; I am with you people, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Haggai 1:13)
- For the lips of a priest are the ones that should keep knowledge, and the Law is what people should seek from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Yehowah of armies. (Malachi 2:7)
- The statements of his prophets were certain of fulfillment, for Yehowah is the One that carries out completely the counsel of his own messengers.
- The One making the word of his servant come true, and the One that carries out completely the counsel of his own messengers, the One saying of Jerusalem, She will be inhabited, and of the cities of Judah, They will be rebuilt, and her desolated places I shall raise up. (Isaiah 44:26)

See Also ANGEL

- Messenger Of The Covenant
- In fulfillment of;

- Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:1)
- John the Baptizer appeared as the messenger who prepared the way before Yehowah by getting the Jews ready for the coming of God's chief representative, Jesus Christ.
- This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I myself am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you! (Matthew 11:10)
- Truly I say to you people, among those born of women there has not been raised up a greater than John the Baptist, but a person that is a lesser one in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he is. (Matthew 11:11)
- The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ. (Mark 1:1)
- Just as it is written in Isaiah the prophet; Look! I am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way.
 (Mark 1:2)
- Listen! Someone is crying out in the wilderness; Prepare the way of Yehowah, you people, make his roads straight. (Mark 1:3)
- John the baptizer turned up in the wilderness, preaching baptism in symbol of repentance for forgiveness of sins. (Mark 1:4)
- This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you. (Luke 7:27)
- I tell you, Among those born of women there is none greater than John, but a person that is a lesser one in the kingdom of God is greater than he is. (Luke 7:28)
- As the foretold, messenger of the covenant, Jesus Christ came to the temple and cleansed it.
- And Jesus entered into the temple and threw out all those selling

and buying in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (Matthew 21:12)

- And he said to them; It is written: My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a cave of robbers.

 (Matthew 21:13)
- Now they came to Jerusalem. There he entered into the temple and started to throw out those selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (Mark 11:15)
- And he would not let anyone carry a utensil through the temple. (Mark 11:16)
- But he kept teaching and saying; Is it not written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a cave of robbers. (Mark 11:17)
- And he entered into the temple and started to throw out those who were selling. (Luke 19:45)
- Saying to them; It is written: And my house will be a house of prayer, but you made it a cave of robbers. (Luke 19:46)
- He evidently was the messenger of the Abrahamic covenant, for it was on the basis of this covenant that the Jews were the first ones to be granted the opportunity to become Kingdom heirs.
- This was the covenant to which Peter appealed when calling upon the Jews to repent. It is also noteworthy that John the Baptizers father, Zechariah, referred to the Abrahamic covenant in connection with Yehowah's raising up a horn of salvation in the house of David, this horn being the Messiah.
- These twelve Jesus sent forth, giving them these orders; Do not go off into the road of the nations, and do not enter into a Samaritan city. (Matthew 10:5)
- But, instead, go continually to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 10:6)
- As you go, preach, saying; The kingdom of the heavens has

drawn near. (Matthew 10:7)

- In answer he said; I was not sent forth to any but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 15:24)
- Which of the two did the will of his father? They said; The latter. Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the harlots are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. (Matthew 21:31)
- And he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David his servant. (Luke 1:69)
- Just as he, through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, has spoken. (Luke 1:70)
- Of a salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all those hating us. (Luke 1:71)
- To perform the mercy in connection with our forefathers and to call to mind his holy covenant. (Luke 1:72)
- The oath that he swore to Abraham our forefather. (Luke 1:73)
- To grant us, after we have been rescued from the hands of enemies, the privilege of fearlessly rendering sacred service to him. (Luke 1:74)
- With loyalty and righteousness before him all our days. (Luke 1:75)
- When Peter saw this, he said to the people; Men of Israel, why are you wondering over this, or why are you gazing at us as though by personal power or godly devotion we have made him walk? (Acts of Apostles 3:12)
- Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. (Acts of Apostles 3:19)
- And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 3:20)
- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of

- restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. (Acts of Apostles 3:21)
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (Acts of Apostles 3:22)
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (Acts of Apostles 3:23)
- And all the prophets, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (Acts of Apostles 3:24)
- You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. (Acts of Apostles 3:25)
- To you first God, after raising up his Servant, sent him forth to bless you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds. (Acts of Apostles 3:26)