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• An agreement between two or more persons to do or refrain from doing some act, a compact, a contract. The Hebrew word *berith'*, whose etymology is uncertain, appears over 280 times in the Hebrew Scriptures, more than 80 of these occurrences are in the five books of Moses. That its basic meaning is **covenant**, comparable to our modern legal word contract, is seen from cuneiform tablets found in 1927 C.E, at Qatna, an ancient non-Israelite city Southeast of Hamath.

• The contents of the two tablets, among 15 found, are simple. Tablet A contains a list of names, Tablet B is a ration list, List A is thus a **compact** in which the men in question, agree to enter someone's service or to carry out certain obligations. List B, written by the same scribe, then illustrates the nature of the **compact**, the men were to receive specified rations in return for their services, the Israelite concept of *berit*, **covenant**, was a central theme in Yahwist theology.

• Here we have the first published extra-biblical occurrence of the word from early times not later than the first third of the **Fourteenth Century B.C.** [Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, February 1951, p. 22]

• In some translations of the **Christian Greek Scriptures** the word *di-a-the'ke* is variously rendered **covenant**, will, testament, *testamentum*, *Vg.*

**However, MClintock and Strong's Cyclopaedia, 1891 C.E, says, under Covenant:**

- There seems, however, to be no necessity for the introduction of a new word, other than covenant, conveying a new idea. The Septuagint having rendered *berith'*, which never means **will** or **testament**, but always **covenant** or **agreement**, by *di-a-the'ke* consistently throughout the O.T, the N.T. writers, in adopting that word, may naturally be supposed to intend to convey to their readers, most of them familiar with the Greek O.T, the same idea.
- Moreover, in the majority of cases, the same thing which has been called a covenant, Hebrew *berith'* in the O.T. is referred to in the N.T.
- But their mental powers were dulled. For to this present day the same veil remains unlifted at the reading of the old covenant, because it is done away with by means of Christ. (**2 Corinthians 3:14**)
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- And the temple sanctuary of God that is in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his temple sanctuary. And there occurred lightnings and voices and thunders and an earthquake and a great hail. (**Revelation 11:19**)
- While in the same context the same word and thing in the **Greek** are in the **English, KJ**, sometimes represented by covenant, and sometimes by testament [**NW appendix, pp. 1584,1585**]
- To that extent also Jesus has become the one given in pledge of a better covenant. (**Hebrews 7:22**)
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- Furthermore, many had to become priests in succession because of being prevented by death from continuing as such. (**Hebrews 7:23**)

- But he because of continuing alive forever has his priesthood without any successors. (**Hebrews 7:24**)
- Consequently he is able also to save completely those who are approaching God through him, because he is always alive to plead for them. (**Hebrews 7:25**)
- For such a High Priest as this was suitable for us, loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, and become higher than the heavens. (**Hebrews 7:26**)
- He does not need daily, as those High Priests do, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, for this he did once for all time when he offered himself up. (**Hebrews 7:27**)
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- Repeatedly in the book of Hebrews,
- To that extent also Jesus has become the one given in pledge of a better **covenant**. (**Hebrews 7:22**)
- But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent public service, so that he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better **covenant**, which has been legally established upon better promises. (**Hebrews 8:6**)
- For he does find fault with the people when he says; Look! There are days coming, says Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a New Covenant. (**Hebrews 8:8**)
- Not according to the **covenant** that I made with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in my covenant, so that I stopped caring for them, says Yehowah. (**Hebrews 8:9**)
- For this is the **covenant** that I shall covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my Laws in

their mind, and in their hearts I shall write them. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. (Hebrews 8:10)

- This had a golden censer and the ark of the **covenant** overlaid all around with gold, in which were the golden jar having the manna and the rod of Aaron that budded and the tablets of the covenant. (Hebrews 9:4)
- So that is why he is a mediator of a New Covenant, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former covenant, the ones who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. (Hebrews 9:15)
- For where there is a **covenant**, the death of the human covenanter needs to be furnished. (Hebrews 9:16)
- For a **covenant** is valid over dead victims, since it is not in force at any time while the human covenanter is living. (Hebrews 9:17)
- Saying; This is the blood of the **covenant** that God has laid as a charge upon you. (Hebrews 9:20)
- The writer uses the word *di-a-the'ke* with undeniable reference to a **covenant** in the old Hebrew sense, even quoting from;
  - Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a **New Covenant**. (Jeremiah 31:31)
  - Not one like the **covenant** that I concluded with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of mine they themselves broke, although I myself had husbandly ownership of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 31:32)
  - For this is the **covenant** that I shall conclude with the house of Israel after those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. I will put my Law within them, and in their heart I shall write it. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. (Jeremiah 31:33)
- And they will no more teach each one his companion and each

one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all of them know me, from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. For I shall forgive their error, and their sin I shall remember no more. (**Jeremiah 31:34**)

- And referring to the ark of the **covenant**. In translating these verses of Jeremiah, the **Greek Septuagint** uses *di-a-the'ke* for the ancient **Hebrew** *berith'*, meaning **covenant**. Also,
- Saying; This is the blood of the **covenant** that God has laid as a charge upon you. (**Hebrews 9:20**)
- **Quotes from;**
- Then Moses took half the blood and put it in bowls, and half the blood he sprinkled upon the altar. (**Exodus 24:6**)
- Finally he took the book of the **covenant** and read it in the ears of the people. Then they said; All that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do and be obedient. (**Exodus 24:7**)
- So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people and said, Here is the blood of the **covenant** that Yehowah has concluded with you as respects all these words. (**Exodus 24:8**)
- Where a **covenant** is unmistakably spoken of.

#### •• **Application Of The Word**

- **Covenants** always involved two or more parties. They could be **unilateral**, where the party on one side was solely responsible to carry out the terms, or **bilateral**, where parties on both sides had terms to carry out. Besides the covenants in which God is a party, the Bible records the making of covenants between men, and between tribes, nations, or groups of persons. To break a covenant was a grievous sin.
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (**Ezekiel 17:11**)
- Say, please, to the rebellious house; Do you people actually not know what these things mean? Say; Look! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and proceeded to take its king and its princes and bring them to himself at Babylon. (**Ezekiel 17:12**)

- Furthermore, he took one of the royal seed and concluded a **covenant** with him and brought him into an oath, and the foremost men of the land he took away. (**Ezekiel 17:13**)
- In order, that the kingdom might become low, unable to lift itself up, that by keeping his **covenant** it might stand. (**Ezekiel 17:14**)
- But he finally rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, for it to give him horses and a multitudinous people. Will he have success? Will he escape, he who is doing these things, and who has broken a **covenant**? And will he actually escape? (**Ezekiel 17:15**)
- As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, in the place of the king who put in as king the one that despised his oath and that broke his **covenant**, with him in the midst of Babylon he will die. (**Ezekiel 17:16**)
- And by a great military force and by a multitudinous congregation Pharaoh will not make him effective in the war, by throwing up a siege rampart and by building a siege wall, in order to cut off many souls. (**Ezekiel 17:17**)
- And he has despised an oath in breaking a **covenant**, and, look! He had given his hand and has done even all these things. He will not make his escape. (**Ezekiel 17:18**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; As I am alive, surely my oath that he has despised and my **covenant** that he has broken, I will even bring it upon his head. (**Ezekiel 17:19**)
- And I will spread over him my net, and he will certainly be caught in my hunting net, and I will bring him to Babylon and put myself on judgment with him there respecting his unfaithfulness with which he acted against me. (**Ezekiel 17:20**)
- Without understanding, false to agreements, having no natural affection, merciless. (**Romans 1:31**)
- Although these know full well the righteous decree of God, that those practicing such things are deserving of death, they not only keep on doing them but also consent with those practicing them.

**(Romans 1:32)**

- The term **covenant** is applied to a sure ordinance, such as that concerning the showbread.
- On one Sabbath day after another he should set it in order before Yehowah constantly. It is a **covenant** to time indefinite with the sons of Israel. (**Leviticus 24:8**)
- Or to God's creation governed by his Laws, as the unchangeable succession of day and night
- This is what Yehowah has said; If you people could break my **covenant** of the day and my covenant of the night, even in order for day and night not to occur in their time. (**Jeremiah 33:20**)
- it is also used figuratively, as in the expression **covenant** with Death.
- And your **covenant** with Death will certainly be dissolved, and that vision of yours with Sheol will not stand. The overflowing flash flood, when it passes through, you must also become for it a trampling place. (**Isaiah 28:18**)
- Yehowah also speaks of a **covenant** in connection with the wild beasts.
- And for them I shall certainly conclude a **covenant** in that day in connection with the wild beast of the field and with the flying creature of the heavens and the creeping thing of the ground, and the bow and the sword and war I shall break out of the land, and I will make them lie down in security. (**Hosea 2:18**)
- The marriage compact is called a **covenant**.
- And you have said; On what account? On this account, that Yehowah himself has borne witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you yourself have dealt treacherously, although she is your partner and the wife of your **covenant**. (**Malachi 2:14**)
- The expression owners, masters, of the **covenant** has the sense of **confederates**, as at;

- After that a man who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. He was then tabernacling among the big trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and they were **confederates** of Abram. (**Genesis 14:13**)
- In effect, any promise made by Yehowah is a **covenant**. It is certain to be carried out. It can be relied on with confidence for its fulfillment.
- In order, that, through two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to the refuge may have strong encouragement to lay hold on the hope set before us. (**Hebrews 6:18**)
- A **covenant** is in force as long as the terms of it are operative and the obligation to perform rests on one or both parties. The results or the blessings brought about by the **covenant** may continue, even forever.

#### •• **Methods Of Ratifying A Covenant**

- God was often invoked as a witness.
- If you go to afflicting my daughters and if you go to taking wives in addition to my daughters, there is no man with us. See! God is a witness between me and you. (**Genesis 31:50**)
- And you must render loving-kindness toward your servant, for it is into a **covenant** of Yehowah that you have brought your servant with you. But if there is error in me, put me to death yourself, since why should it be to your father that you should bring me? (**1 Samuel 20:8**)
- Furthermore, he took one of the royal seed and concluded a **covenant** with him and brought him into an oath, and the foremost men of the land he took away. (**Ezekiel 17:13**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; As I am alive, surely my oath that he has despised and my **covenant** that he has broken, I will even bring it upon his head. (**Ezekiel 17:19**)
- An oath was sworn.



- **Let the god of Abraham and the god of Nahor judge between us, the god of their father. But Jacob swore by the Dread of his father Isaac. (Genesis 31:53)**
- **And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and then took the chiefs of hundreds of the Carian bodyguard and of the runners and brought them to himself at the house of Yehowah and concluded a **covenant** with them and made them swear at the house of Yehowah, after which he showed them the son of the king. (2 Kings 11:4)**
- **Yehowah has sworn, and he will feel no regret; You are a priest to time indefinite according to the manner of Melchizedek! (Psalms 110:4)**
- **For there are indeed men that have become priests without a sworn oath, but there is one with an oath sworn by the One who said respecting him, Yehowah has sworn, and he will feel no regret; You are a priest forever. (Hebrews 7:21)**
- **Men at times arranged a sign or witness, such as a gift.**
- **Then he said; You are to accept the seven female lambs at my hand, that it may serve as a witness for me that I have dug this well. (Genesis 21:30)**
- **A pillar or heap of stones.**
- **And now, come, let us conclude a **covenant**, I and you, and it must serve as a witness between me and you. (Genesis 31:44)**
- **Accordingly Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. (Genesis 31:45)**
- **Then Jacob said to his brothers; Pick up stones! And they went taking stones and making a heap. After that they ate there on the heap. (Genesis 31:46)**
- **And Laban began calling it Jegarsahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed. (Genesis 31:47)**
- **And Laban proceeded to say; This heap is a witness between me and you today. That is why he called its name Galeed. (Genesis 31:48)**

- **And The Watchtower, because he said; Let Yehowah keep watch between me and you when we are situated unseen the one from the other. (Genesis 31:49)**
- **If you go to afflicting my daughters and if you go to taking wives in addition to my daughters, there is no man with us. See! God is a witness between me and you. (Genesis 31:50)**
- **And Laban went on to say to Jacob; Here is this heap and here is the pillar that I have erected between me and you. (Genesis 31:51)**
- **This heap is a witness, and the pillar is something that bears witness, that I will not pass this heap against you and that you will not pass this heap and this pillar against me for harm. (Genesis 31:52)**
- **Let the god of Abraham and the god of Nahor judge between us, the god of their father. But Jacob swore by the Dread of his father Isaac. (Genesis 31:53)**
- **After that Jacob sacrificed a sacrifice in the mountain and invited his brothers to eat bread. Accordingly they ate bread and passed the night in the mountain. (Genesis 31:54)**
- **Or the naming of a place.**
- **That is why he called that place Beersheba, because there both of them had taken an oath. (Genesis 21:31)**
- **Yehowah used a rainbow in one instance.**
- **And God added; This is the sign of the **covenant** that I am giving between me and you and every living soul that is with you, for the generations to time indefinite. (Genesis 9:12)**
- **My rainbow I do give in the cloud, and it must serve as a sign of the **covenant** between me and the earth. (Genesis 9:13)**
- **And it shall occur that when I bring a cloud over the earth, then the rainbow will certainly appear in the cloud. (Genesis 9:14)**
- **And I shall certainly remember my **covenant** which is between**

me and you and every living soul among all flesh, and no more will the waters become a deluge to bring all flesh to ruin. (Genesis 9:15)

- And the rainbow must occur in the cloud, and I shall certainly see it to remember the **covenant** to time indefinite between God and every living soul among all flesh that is upon the earth. (Genesis 9:16)
- One method was to kill and divide animals, the **covenanting** parties passing between the pieces, from this custom came the standard Hebrew idiom cut a **covenant**.
- In turn he said to him; Take for me a three year old heifer and a three year old shegoat and a three year old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon. (Genesis 15:9)
- So he took all these to himself and cut them in two and put each part of them so as to match the other, but the birds he did not cut in pieces. (Genesis 15:10)
- And the birds of prey began to descend upon the carcasses, but Abram kept driving them away. (Genesis 15:11)
- The sun was now setting and a dense darkness came and, look! A smoking furnace and a fiery torch that passed in between these pieces. (Genesis 15:17)
- On that day Yehowah concluded with Abram a **covenant**, saying; To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: (Genesis 15:18) Footnote
- And I will give the men sidestepping my **covenant**, in that they did not carry out the words of the covenant that they concluded before me with the calf that they cut in two that they might pass between its pieces. (Jeremiah 34:18) Footnote
- Namely, the princes of Judah and the princes of Jerusalem, the court officials and the priests and all the people of the land who went passing between the pieces of the calf. (Jeremiah 34:19)
- At times festivities accompanied the making of alliances.
- To this they said; We have unmistakably seen that Yehowah has

- proved to be with you. Hence we said; Let, please, an oath of obligation occur between us, between us and you, and let us conclude a **covenant** with you. (**Genesis 26:28**)
- Then he made a feast for them and they ate and drank. (**Genesis 26:30**)
  - A communion meal might be participated in, as in conjunction with the making of the Law **covenant**.
  - As far as the boundary they have sent you. The very men in **covenant** with you have all deceived you. The men at peace with you have prevailed against you. Those eating food with you will place a net under you as one in whom there is no discernment. (**Obadiah 1:7**)
  - After that he sent young men of the sons of Israel and they offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as sacrifices, as communion sacrifices to Yehowah. (**Exodus 24:5**)
  - And he did not put out his hand against the distinguished men of the sons of Israel, but they got a vision of the true God and ate and drank. (**Exodus 24:11**)
  - The superior party might present to the other some article of his dress or arms.
  - And Jonathan and David proceeded to conclude a **covenant**, because of his loving him as his own soul. (**1 Samuel 18:3**)
  - Further, Jonathan stripped himself of the sleeveless coat that was on him and gave it to David, and also his garments, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. (**1 Samuel 18:4**)
  - Some pagan nations followed the custom of drinking one another's blood or blood mixed with wine, in violation of God's prohibition to all persons, at;
  - Only flesh with its soul, its blood, you must not eat. (**Genesis 9:4**)
  - And to Israel under the Law, and the **covenanters** uttered the strongest curses on the party who should later violate the **covenant**.

- The Bible uses the expression **covenant** of salt to denote the permanence and immutability of a **covenant**.
- All the holy contributions, which the sons of Israel will contribute to Yehowah, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as an allowance to time indefinite. It is a **covenant of salt** to time indefinite before Yehowah for you and your offspring with you. (**Numbers 18:19**)
- Is it not for you to know that Yehowah the God of Israel himself gave a kingdom to David over Israel to time indefinite, to him and to his sons, by a **covenant** of **salt**? (**2 Chronicles 13:5**)
- And every offering of your grain offering you will season with salt, and you must not allow the salt of the **covenant** of your God to be missing upon your grain offering. Along with every offering of yours you will present salt. (**Leviticus 2:13**)
- Among ancient peoples it was a sign of friendship to eat salt together and denoted enduring fidelity and loyalty, the eating of salt with communion sacrifices symbolized perpetual loyalty.

#### •• **Written Instruments**

- The Ten Commandments were written on stone by God's finger.
- Now as soon as he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai he proceeded to give Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone written on by God's finger. (**Exodus 31:18**)
- And the tablets were the workmanship of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved upon the tablets. (**Exodus 32:16**)
- Jeremiah wrote a deed, affixed a seal, and took witnesses.
- So I proceeded to buy from Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle the field that was in Anathoth. And I began to weigh out to him the money, seven shekels and ten silver pieces. (**Jeremiah 32:9**)
- Then I wrote in a deed and affixed the seal and took witnesses as I went weighing the money in the scales. (**Jeremiah 32:10**)

- **After that I took the deed of purchase, the one sealed according to the commandment and the regulations, and the one left open. (Jeremiah 32:11)**
- **And I then gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah the son of Mahseiah before the eyes of Hanamel the son of my paternal uncle and before the eyes of the witnesses, those writing in the deed of purchase, before the eyes of all the Jews who were sitting in the Courtyard of the Guard. (Jeremiah 32:12)**
- **I now commanded Baruch before their eyes, saying; (Jeremiah 32:13)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Taking these deeds, this deed of purchase, even the sealed one, and the other deed left open, you must also put them into an earthenware vessel, in order, that they may last for many days. (Jeremiah 32:14)**
- **For this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Houses and fields and vineyards will yet be bought in this land. (Jeremiah 32:15)**
- **Clay tablets of ancient peoples have been found, setting forth the terms of contracts. Often these were sealed within clay envelopes.**
- **The Edenic Promise. Yehowah God, at;**
- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (Genesis 3:15)**
- **Stated his purpose prophetically in the garden of Eden in the presence of Adam, Eve, and the serpent, as to the identity of those involved in this promise and prophecy. The vision given to the apostle John, at;**
- **So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. (Revelation 12:9)**

- **Inform us that the serpent is Satan the Devil. Evidence indicates that the seed of the woman, long looked for by righteous men, is to be identified with the seed of Abraham, Jesus Christ.**
- **Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not. And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. ([Galatians 3:16](#))**
- **The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. ([Matthew 1:1](#))**
- **The seed was to be bruised in the heel by the serpent. Jesus Christ was put to death, a wound that proved not to be permanent, however, for God raised Jesus out of death. But the seed is, in turn, to bruise the serpents head, defeating him permanently.**
- **Who is the woman involved in the **covenant**? Certainly not Eve, who had become God's enemy. In order to defeat, bring to nothing, the **spirit** creature Satan the Devil, the seed would have to be, not human, but spirit.**
- **Therefore, since the young children are sharers of blood and flesh, he also similarly partook of the same things, that through his death he might bring to nothing the one having the means to cause death, that is, the Devil. ([Hebrews 2:14](#))**
- **Jesus at birth was a human Son of God, but at the time of Jesus baptism God acknowledged him as His Son, sending Holy Spirit down upon him. Jesus here became the **spirit-begotten** Son of God.**
- **Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, in order to be baptized by him. ([Matthew 3:13](#))**
- **But the latter tried to prevent him, saying; I am the one needing to be baptized by you, and are you coming to me? ([Matthew 3:14](#))**
- **In reply Jesus said to him; Let it be, this time, for in that way it is suitable for us to carry out all that is righteous. Then he quit preventing him. ([Matthew 3:15](#))**
- **After being baptized Jesus immediately came up from the water, and, look! The heavens were opened up, and he saw descending like a dove God's spirit coming upon him. ([Matthew 3:16](#))**

- **Look! Also, there was a voice from the heavens that said; This is my Son, the beloved, whom I have approved. (Matthew 3:17)**
- **In answer Jesus said to him; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)**
- **Nicodemus said to him; How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter into the womb of his mother a second time and be born, can he? (John 3:4)**
- **Jesus answered; Most truly I say to you, unless anyone is born from water and spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)**
- **Later, at his resurrection, he was made alive in the **spirit**.**
- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**
- **Who, then, was the mother, not of the human babe Jesus but of the spirit-begotten Son of God? The apostle Paul says that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, and Ishmael figured in a symbolic drama, in which Isaac represented those who had heavenly hopes, including Paul himself. Paul then states that their mother is the Jerusalem above. Jesus Christ calls these his brothers, indicating they have the same mother.**
- **For both he who is sanctifying and those who are being sanctified all stem from one, and for this cause he is not ashamed to call them brothers. (Hebrews 2:11)**
- **This provides a basis for identifying the woman of;**
- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (Genesis 3:15)**
- **With the Jerusalem above.**
- **Tell me, you who want to be under Law, do you not hear the**



## Law? (Galatians 4:21)

- For example, it is written that Abraham acquired two sons, one by the servant girl and one by the free woman. (Galatians 4:22)
- But the one by the servant girl was actually born in the manner of flesh, the other by the free woman through a promise. (Galatians 4:23)
- These things stand as a symbolic drama, for these women mean two **covenants**, the one from Mount Sinai, which brings forth children for slavery, and which is Hagar. (Galatians 4:24)
- Now this Hagar means Sinai, a mountain in Arabia, and she corresponds with the Jerusalem today, for she is in slavery with her children. (Galatians 4:25)
- But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)
- For it is written: Be glad, you barren woman who does not give birth, break out and cry aloud, you woman who does not have childbirth pains, for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than those of her who has the husband. (Galatians 4:27)
- Now we, brothers, are children belonging to the promise the same as Isaac was. (Galatians 4:28)
- But just as then the one born in the manner of flesh began persecuting the one born in the manner of spirit, so also now. (Galatians 4:29)
- The terms of the promise imply a lapse of time during which the serpent would bring forth a seed and enmity would develop between the two seeds. Some 6,000 years have passed since the statement of the promise. Just prior to Christ's Thousand Year Reign the serpent will be hurled into the abyss of inactivity, and following the end of the thousand years he will be annihilated forever.
- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (Revelation 20:1)
- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil

and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:2**)

- And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (**Revelation 20:3**)
- Now as soon as the thousand years have been ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison. (**Revelation 20:7**)
- And he will go out to mislead those nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war. The number of these is as the sand of the sea. (**Revelation 20:8**)
- And they advanced over the breadth of the earth and encircled the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city. But fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. (**Revelation 20:9**)
- And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (**Revelation 20:10**)
- For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you. (**Romans 16:20**)

#### •• **Covenant With Noah**

- Yehowah God made a **covenant** with Noah, who represented his family, with regard to His purpose to preserve human and animal life while destroying the wicked world of that day.
- And as for me, here I am bringing the deluge of waters upon the earth to bring to ruin all flesh in which the force of life is active from under the heavens. Everything that is in the earth will expire. (**Genesis 6:17**)
- And I do establish my **covenant** with you, and you must go into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons wives with you. (**Genesis 6:18**)
- And of every living creature of every sort of flesh, two of each,

- you will bring into the ark to preserve them alive with you. Male and female they will be. (**Genesis 6:19**)
- **Of the flying creatures according to their kinds and of the domestic animals according to their kinds, of all moving animals of the ground according to their kinds, two of each will go in there to you to preserve them alive. (**Genesis 6:20**)**
  - **And as for you, take for yourself every sort of food that is eaten, and you must gather it to yourself, and it must serve as food for you and for them. (**Genesis 6:21**)**
  - **And by those means the world of that time suffered destruction when it was deluged with water. (**2 Peter 3:6**)**
  - **Noah had begun to have sons after he was 500 years old.**
  - **And Noah got to be five hundred years old. After that Noah became father to Shem, Ham and Japheth. (**Genesis 5:32**)**
  - **At the time God revealed this purpose to Noah, his sons were grown and married. Noah, on his part, was to build the ark and take in his wife, his sons, and his sons wives, as well as animals and food. Yehowah was to preserve flesh on earth, both of man and animals. Noah's obediently keeping the terms of the **covenant** resulted in Yehowah's preservation of human and animal life. The **covenant** was completely fulfilled in **2369 B.C.E**, after the Flood, when men and animals were again able to live on the ground and to reproduce their kind.**
  - **God now spoke to Noah, saying; (**Genesis 8:15**)**
  - **Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons wives with you. (**Genesis 8:16**)**
  - **Every living creature that is with you of every sort of flesh, among the flying creatures and among the beasts and among all the moving animals that move upon the earth, bring out with you, as they must swarm in the earth and be fruitful and become many upon the earth. (**Genesis 8:17**)**

## •• **Rainbow Covenant**

- The rainbow **covenant** was made between Yehowah God and all flesh, human and animal, as represented by Noah and his family, in **2369 B.C.E**, in the mountains of Ararat. Yehowah stated that he would never again destroy all flesh by means of a flood. The rainbow was then given as a sign of the **covenant**, which endures as long as mankind lives on earth, that is, forever.
- And God went on to say to Noah and to his sons with him. (**Genesis 9:8**)
- And as for me, here I am establishing my **covenant** with you men and with your offspring after you. (**Genesis 9:9**)
- And with every living soul that is with you, among fowls, among beasts and among all living creatures of the earth with you, from all those going out of the ark to every living creature of the earth. (**Genesis 9:10**)
- Yes, I do establish my **covenant** with you; No more will all flesh be cut off by waters of a deluge, and no more will there occur a deluge to bring the earth to ruin. (**Genesis 9:11**)
- And God added; This is the sign of the **covenant** that I am giving between me and you and every living soul that is with you, for the generations to time indefinite. (**Genesis 9:12**)
- My rainbow I do give in the cloud, and it must serve as a sign of the **covenant** between me and the earth. (**Genesis 9:13**)
- And it shall occur that when I bring a cloud over the earth, then the rainbow will certainly appear in the cloud. (**Genesis 9:14**)
- And I shall certainly remember my **covenant** which is between me and you and every living soul among all flesh, and no more will the waters become a deluge to bring all flesh to ruin. (**Genesis 9:15**)
- And the rainbow must occur in the cloud, and I shall certainly see it to remember the **covenant** to time indefinite between God and every living soul among all flesh that is upon the earth. (**Genesis 9:16**)
- And God repeated to Noah; This is the sign of the **covenant** that I do establish between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

**(Genesis 9:17)**

- The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it. **(Psalms 37:29)**

## **•• Covenant With Abraham**

- The **covenant** with Abraham apparently went into effect when Abram or Abraham, crossed the Euphrates on his way to Canaan. The Law covenant was made 430 years later.
- Further, I say this; As to the **covenant** previously validated by God, the Law that has come into being four hundred and thirty years later does not invalidate it, so as to abolish the promise. **(Galatians 3:17)**
- Yehowah had spoken to Abraham when he was living in Mesopotamia, in Ur of the Chaldeans, telling him to travel to the country that God would show him.
- He said, Men, brothers and fathers, hear. The God of glory appeared to our forefather Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he took up residence in Haran. **(Acts of Apostles 7:2)**
- And he said to him, go out from your land and from your relatives and come on into the land I shall show you. **(Acts of Apostles 7:3)**
- After that Terah took Abram his son and Lot, the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of Abram his son, and they went with him out of Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan. In time they came to Haran and took up dwelling there. **(Genesis 11:31)**
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Abram; Go your way out of your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father to the country that I shall show you. **(Genesis 12:1)**
- And I shall make a great nation out of you and I shall bless you and I will make your name great, and prove yourself a blessing. **(Genesis 12:2)**
- And I will bless those who bless you, and him that calls down evil

- upon you I shall curse, and all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves by means of you. (**Genesis 12:3**)
- **And the dwelling of the sons of Israel, who had dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. (**Exodus 12:40**)**
  - **And it came about at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, it even came about on this very day that all the armies of Yehowah went out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 12:41**) [LXX]**
  - **Tells us that at the end of 430 years of dwelling in Egypt and in the land of Canaan, on this very day Israel, who had been in slavery in Egypt, went out. The day they were delivered from Egypt was **Nisan 14,1513 B.C.E**, the date of the Passover.**
  - **This month will be the start of the months for you. It will be the first of the months of the year for you. (**Exodus 12:2**)**
  - **And it must continue under safeguard by you until the fourteenth day of this month, and the whole congregation of the assembly of Israel must slaughter it between the two evenings. (**Exodus 12:6**)**
  - **And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the upper part of the doorway belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (**Exodus 12:7**)**
  - **This would seem to indicate that Abraham crossed the Euphrates River on his way to Canaan on **Nisan 14,1943 B.C.E**, and evidently that is when the Abrahamic **covenant** took effect. God appeared to Abraham again after he had traveled into Canaan as far as Shechem and enlarged on the promise, saying;**
  - **At that Abram went just as Yehowah had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he went out from Haran. (**Genesis 12:4**)**
  - **So Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother and all the goods that they had accumulated and the souls whom they had acquired in Haran, and they got on their way out to go to the land of Canaan. Finally they came to the land of Canaan. (**Genesis 12:5**)**
  - **And Abram went on through the land as far as the site of**

Shechem, near the big trees of Moreh, and at that time the Canaanite was in the land. (**Genesis 12:6**)

- Yehowah now appeared to Abram and said; To your seed I am going to give this land. After that he built an altar there to Yehowah, who had appeared to him. (**Genesis 12:7**)
- **Other enlargements by Yehowah were later expressed, as recorded at;**
- And Yehowah said to Abram after Lot had separated from him; Raise your eyes, please, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. (**Genesis 13:14**)
- Because all the land at which you are looking, to you and to your seed I am going to give it until time indefinite. (**Genesis 13:15**)
- And I will constitute your seed like the dust particles of the earth, so that, if a man could be able to count the dust particles of the earth, then your seed could be numbered. (**Genesis 13:16**)
- Get up, go about in the land through its length and through its breadth, because to you I am going to give it. (**Genesis 13:17**)
- On that day Yehowah concluded with Abram a **covenant**, saying; To your seed I will give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. (**Genesis 15:18**)
- And I will give my covenant between me and you, that I may multiply you very, very much. (**Genesis 17:2**)
- At this Abram fell upon his face, and God continued to speak with him, saying; (**Genesis 17:3**)
- As for me, look! My covenant is with you, and you will certainly become a father of a crowd of nations. (**Genesis 17:4**)
- And your name will not be called Abram anymore, and your name must become Abraham, because a father of a crowd of nations I will make you. (**Genesis 17:5**)
- And I will make you very, very fruitful and will make you become nations, and kings will come out of you. (**Genesis 17:6**)

- **And I will carry out my covenant between me and you and your seed after you according to their generations for a covenant to time indefinite, to prove myself God to you and to your seed after you. (Genesis 17:7)**
- **And I will give to you and to your seed after you the land of your alien residences, even the entire land of Canaan, for a possession to time indefinite, and I will prove myself God to them. (Genesis 17:8)**
- **To this God said; Sarah your wife is indeed bearing you a son, and you must call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him for a **covenant** to time indefinite to his seed after him. (Genesis 17:19)**
- **And Yehowah's angel proceeded to call to Abraham the second time out of the heavens (Genesis 22:15)**
- **And to say; By myself I do swear, is the utterance of Yehowah, that by reason of the fact that you have done this thing and you have not withheld your son, your only one. (Genesis 22:16)**
- **I shall surely bless you and I shall surely multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and like the grains of sand that are on the seashore, and your seed will take possession of the gate of his enemies. (Genesis 22:17)**
- **And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (Genesis 22:18)**
- **The **covenant** promises were passed on to Abraham's posterity through Isaac;**
- **Then Yehowah appeared to him and said; Do not go down to Egypt. Tabernacle in the land that I designate to you. (Genesis 26:2)**
- **Reside as an alien in this land, and I shall continue with you and bless you, because to you and to your seed I shall give all these lands, and I will carry out the sworn statement that I swore to Abraham your father. (Genesis 26:3)**



- **And I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens and I will give to your seed all these lands, and by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves. (Genesis 26:4)**
- **Jacob,**
- **And, look! There was Yehowah stationed above it, and he proceeded to say; I am Yehowah the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land upon which you are lying, to you I am going to give it and to your seed. (Genesis 28:13)**
- **And your seed will certainly become like the dust particles of the earth, and you will certainly spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and by means of you and by means of your seed all the families of the ground will certainly bless themselves. (Genesis 28:14)**
- **And here I am with you and I will keep you in all the way you are going and I will return you to this ground, because I am not going to leave you until I have actually done what I have spoken to you. (Genesis 28:15)**
- **And God said further to him; I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and become many. Nations and a congregation of nations will proceed out of you, and kings will come out of your loins. (Genesis 35:11)**
- **As for the land that I have given to Abraham and to Isaac, to you I shall give it, and to your seed after you I shall give the land. (Genesis 35:12)**
- **The apostle Paul says that Christ, as primary one, and those in union with Christ are the real seed.**
- **Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not. And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. (Galatians 3:16)**
- **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one person in union with Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)**
- **Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's seed,**

heirs with reference to a promise. ([Galatians 3:29](#))

- God revealed the purpose and accomplishments of the Abrahamic **covenant**, saying that through Abraham the seed of promise would come, this seed would possess the gate of his enemies. Abraham's seed through Isaac would number many, uncountable to man at that time. Abraham's name would be made great. The seed would possess the Promised Land. All families of the earth would bless themselves by means of the seed.
- There was a literal fulfillment of these things, which was typical of the greater fulfillment through Christ. Paul gives additional information as to the symbolic and prophetic nature of the terms of this **covenant** when he says that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar, and Ishmael enacted a symbolic drama.
- Tell me, you who want to be under Law, do you not hear the Law? ([Galatians 4:21](#))
- For example, it is written that Abraham acquired two sons, one by the servant girl and one by the free woman. ([Galatians 4:22](#))
- But the one by the servant girl was actually born in the manner of flesh, the other by the free woman through a promise. ([Galatians 4:23](#))
- These things stand as a symbolic drama, for these women mean two **covenants**, the one from Mount Sinai, which brings forth children for slavery, and which is Hagar. ([Galatians 4:24](#))
- Now this Hagar means Sinai, a mountain in Arabia, and she corresponds with the Jerusalem today, for she is in slavery with her children. ([Galatians 4:25](#))
- But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ([Galatians 4:26](#))
- For it is written: Be glad, you barren woman who does not give birth, break out and cry aloud, you woman who does not have childbirth pains, for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than those of her who has the husband. ([Galatians 4:27](#))
- Now we, brothers, are children belonging to the promise the

- same as Isaac was. (**Galatians 4:28**)
- But just as then the one born in the manner of flesh began persecuting the one born in the manner of spirit, so also now. (**Galatians 4:29**)
  - Nevertheless, what does the Scripture say? Drive out the servant girl and her son, for by no means shall the son of the servant girl be an heir with the son of the free woman. (**Galatians 4:30**)
  - Wherefore, brothers, we are children, not of a servant girl, but of the free woman. (**Galatians 4:31**)
  - The Abrahamic **covenant** is a covenant to time indefinite. Its terms require that it extend on until the destruction of all God's enemies and the blessing of the families of the earth have been accomplished.
  - And I will carry out my **covenant** between me and you and your seed after you according to their generations for a covenant to time indefinite, to prove myself God to you and to your seed after you. (**Genesis 17:7**)
  - But each one in his own rank, Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence. (**1 Corinthians 15:23**)
  - Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. (**1 Corinthians 15:24**)
  - For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet (**1 Corinthians 15:25**)
  - As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing. (**1 Corinthians 15:26**)
  - In discussing the Abrahamic and the Law **covenants**, Paul stated the principle that there is no mediator where only one person is concerned, and then he added that God is only one.
  - Now there is no mediator where only one person is concerned, but God is only one. (**Galatians 3:20**)

- **Yehowah made the **covenant** with Abraham unilaterally. It was in reality a promise, and Yehowah set forth no conditions that Abraham must meet in order for the promise to be fulfilled.**
- **For if the inheritance is due to Law, it is no longer due to promise, whereas God has kindly given it to Abraham through a promise. (**Galatians 3:18**)**
- **Thus, no mediator was needed. On the other hand, the Law **covenant** was bilateral. It was made between Yehowah and the nation of Israel, with Moses as mediator. The Israelites agreed to the terms of the covenant, making a sacred promise to obey the Law.**
- **Then Moses came and related to the people all the words of Yehowah and all the judicial decisions, and all the people answered with one voice and said; All the words that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do. (**Exodus 24:3**)**
- **Accordingly Moses wrote down all the words of Yehowah. Then he got up early in the morning and built at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars corresponding with the twelve tribes of Israel. (**Exodus 24:4**)**
- **After that he sent young men of the sons of Israel and they offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as sacrifices, as communion sacrifices to Yehowah. (**Exodus 24:5**)**
- **Then Moses took half the blood and put it in bowls, and half the blood he sprinkled upon the altar. (**Exodus 24:6**)**
- **Finally he took the book of the **covenant** and read it in the ears of the people. Then they said; All that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do and be obedient. (**Exodus 24:7**)**
- **So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people and said, Here is the blood of the **covenant** that Yehowah has concluded with you as respects all these words. (**Exodus 24:8**)**
- **This latter **covenant** did not invalidate the Abrahamic covenant.**
- **Further, I say this, As to the **covenant** previously validated by God, the Law that has come into being four hundred and thirty years later does not invalidate it, so as to abolish the promise. (**Galatians 3:17**)**

- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**

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### **·· Covenant Of Circumcision**

- **The covenant of circumcision was made in 1919 B.C.E, when Abraham was 99 years old. Yehowah made the covenant with Abraham and his natural seed, all males of the household, including slaves, were to be circumcised, anyone refusing was to be cut off from his people.**
- **And God said further to Abraham; As for you, you are to keep my covenant, you and your seed after you according to their generations. (Genesis 17:9)**
- **This is my covenant that you men will keep, between me and you men, even your seed after you; Every male of yours must get circumcised. (Genesis 17:10)**
- **And you must get circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it must serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you. (Genesis 17:11)**
- **And every male of yours eight days old must be circumcised, according to your generations, anyone born in the house and anyone purchased with money from any foreigner who is not from your seed. (Genesis 17:12)**
- **Every man born in your house and every man purchased with money of yours must without fail get circumcised, and my covenant in the flesh of you men must serve as a covenant to time indefinite. (Genesis 17:13)**
- **And an uncircumcised male who will not get the flesh of his foreskin circumcised, even that soul must be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant. (Genesis 17:14)**

- **Later, God stated that the alien resident who desired to eat the Passover, one who wished to become a worshiper of Yehowah with Israel, would have to circumcise the males of his household.**
- **And in case an alien resident resides as an alien with you and he will actually celebrate the Passover to Yehowah, let there be a circumcising of every male of his. First then he may come near to celebrate it, and he must become like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised man may eat of it. (Exodus 12:48)**
- **One Law is to exist for the native and for the alien resident who is residing as an alien in your midst. (Exodus 12:49)**
- **Circumcision served as a seal of the righteousness Abraham had by faith while in the uncircumcised state, and it was a physical sign of the **covenant** relationship of Abraham's descendants through Jacob, with Yehowah.**
- **And he received a sign, namely, circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness by the faith he had while in his uncircumcised state, that he might be the father of all those having faith while in uncircumcision, in order for righteousness to be counted to them. (Romans 4:11)**
- **And a father of circumcised offspring, not only to those who adhere to circumcision, but also to those who walk orderly in the footsteps of that faith while in the uncircumcised state which our father Abraham had. (Romans 4:12)**
- **God recognized circumcision until the ending of the Law **covenant**, in 33 C.E. (Acts of Apostles 15)**
- **Circumcision is, in fact, of benefit only if you practice law, but if you are a transgressor of law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. (Romans 2:25)**
- **If, therefore, an uncircumcised person keeps the righteous requirements of the Law, his uncircumcision will be counted as circumcision, will it not? (Romans 2:26)**
- **And the uncircumcised person that is such by nature will, by carrying out the Law, judge you who with its written code and circumcision are a transgressor of Law. (Romans 2:27)**

- For he is not a Jew who is one on the outside, nor is circumcision that which is on the outside upon the flesh. (**Romans 2:28**)
- Circumcision does not mean a thing, and uncircumcision means not a thing, but observance of God's commandments does. (**1 Corinthians 7:19**)
- Even though physical circumcision was carried on under the Law, Yehowah repeatedly showed that he was more concerned with its symbolic significance, counseling Israel to circumcise the foreskin of their hearts.
- And you must circumcise the foreskin of your hearts and not harden your necks any longer. (**Deuteronomy 10:16**)
- Yet I, for my part, proceeded to walk in opposition to them, and I had to bring them into the land of their enemies. Perhaps at that time their uncircumcised heart will be humbled, and at that time they will pay off their error. (**Leviticus 26:41**)
- Upon Egypt and upon Judah and upon Edom and upon the sons of Ammon and upon Moab and upon all those with hair clipped at the temples who are dwelling in the wilderness, for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart. (**Jeremiah 9:26**)
- Obstinate men and uncircumcised in hearts and ears, you are always resisting the Holy Spirit, as your forefathers did, so you do. (**Acts of Apostles 7:51**)

## •• Law Covenant

- The Law **covenant** between Yehowah and the nation of natural Israel was made in the third month after their leaving Egypt, in **1513 B.C.E.**
- In the third month after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. (**Exodus 19:1**)
- It was a **national covenant**. One born a natural Israelite was, by birth, in the **Law covenant** and was thus in this special relationship with Yehowah. The Law was in the form of a code, arranged in an orderly way, its statutes grouped together.

- **The Law, transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator, Moses, was made operative by a sacrifice of animals, in the place of Moses, the mediator, or **covenanter**, at Mount Sinai.**
- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**
- **For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. (Hebrews 2:2)**
- **For where there is a **covenant**, the death of the human covenanter needs to be furnished. (Hebrews 9:16)**
- **For a **covenant** is valid over dead victims, since it is not in force at any time while the human covenanter is living. (Hebrews 9:17)**
- **Consequently neither was the former **covenant** inaugurated without blood. (Hebrews 9:18)**
- **For when every commandment according to the Law had been spoken by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of the young bulls and of the goats with water and scarlet wool and hyssop and sprinkled the book itself and all the people. (Hebrews 9:19)**
- **Saying; This is the blood of the **covenant** that God has laid as a charge upon you. (Hebrews 9:20)**
- **At that time Moses sprinkled half the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar, then he read the book of the **covenant** to the people, who agreed to be obedient. Afterward he sprinkled the blood upon the book and upon the people.**
- **Then Moses came and related to the people all the words of Yehowah and all the judicial decisions, and all the people answered with one voice and said; All the words that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do. (Exodus 24:3)**
- **Accordingly Moses wrote down all the words of Yehowah. Then he got up early in the morning and built at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars corresponding with the**



twelve tribes of Israel. (**Exodus 24:4**)

- After that he sent young men of the sons of Israel and they offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed bulls as sacrifices, as communion sacrifices to Yehowah. (**Exodus 24:5**)
- Then Moses took half the blood and put it in bowls, and half the blood he sprinkled upon the altar. (**Exodus 24:6**)
- Finally he took the book of the **covenant** and read it in the ears of the people. Then they said; All that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do and be obedient. (**Exodus 24:7**)
- So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it upon the people and said, Here is the blood of the **covenant** that Yehowah has concluded with you as respects all these words. (**Exodus 24:8**)
- Under the Law, a priesthood was established in the house of Aaron, of the family of Kohath of the tribe of Levi.
- Now these were the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that Yehowah spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai. (**Numbers 3:1**)
- And these were the names of Aaron's sons, the firstborn Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. (**Numbers 3:2**)
- These were the names of Aaron's sons, the anointed priests whose hands had been filled with power to act as priests. (**Numbers 3:3**)
- And you should appoint Aaron and his sons, and they must take care of their priesthood, and any stranger coming near should be put to death. (**Numbers 3:10**)
- The High Priesthood passed by descent from Aaron to his sons, Eleazar succeeding Aaron, Phinehas succeeding Eleazar, and so forth.
- Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up into Mount Hor. (**Numbers 20:25**)
- And strip Aaron of his garments, and you must clothe with them Eleazar his son, and Aaron will be gathered and must die there. (**Numbers 20:26**)

- So Moses did just as Yehowah had commanded, and before the eyes of all the assembly they went climbing Mount Hor. **(Numbers 20:27)**
- Then Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and clothed Eleazar his son with them, after which Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came on down from the mountain. **(Numbers 20:28)**
- Also, Eleazar the son of Aaron died. So they buried him in the Hill of Phinehas his son, which he had given him in the mountainous region of Ephraim. **(Joshua 24:33)**
- After that the sons of Israel inquired of Yehowah, as it was there that the ark of the **covenant** of the true God was in those days. **(Judges 20:27)**
- Now Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, was standing before it in those days, saying; Shall I go out yet again to battle against the sons of Benjamin my brother or shall I cease to? To this Yehowah said; Go up, because tomorrow I shall give him into your hand. **(Judges 20:28)**
- The terms of the Law **covenant** were that if the Israelites kept the covenant they would be a people for the name of Yehowah, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, with His blessing
- And now if you will strictly obey my voice and will indeed keep my **covenant**, then you will certainly become my special property out of all other peoples, because the whole earth belongs to me. **(Exodus 19:5)**
- And you yourselves will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you are to say to the sons of Israel. **(Exodus 19:6)**
- And it must occur that if you will without fail listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by being careful to do all his commandments that I am commanding you today, Yehowah your God also will certainly put you high above all other nations of the earth. **(Deuteronomy 28:1)**
- And all these blessings must come upon you and overtake you, because you keep listening to the voice of Yehowah your God.

**(Deuteronomy 28:2)**

- **Blessed will you be in the city, and blessed will you be in the field. (Deuteronomy 28:3)**
- **Blessed will be the fruit of your belly and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your domestic beast, the young of your cattle and the progeny of your flock. (Deuteronomy 28:4)**
- **Blessed will be your basket and your kneading trough. (Deuteronomy 28:5)**
- **Blessed will you be when you come in, and blessed will you be when you go out. (Deuteronomy 28:6)**
- **Yehowah will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you. By one way they will come out against you, but by seven ways they will flee before you. (Deuteronomy 28:7)**
- **Yehowah will decree for you the blessing on your stores of supply and every undertaking of yours, and he will certainly bless you in the land that Yehowah your God is giving you. (Deuteronomy 28:8)**
- **Yehowah will establish you as a holy people to himself, just as he swore to you, because you continue to keep the commandments of Yehowah your God, and you have walked in his ways. (Deuteronomy 28:9)**
- **And all the peoples of the earth will have to see that Yehowah's name has been called upon you, and they will indeed be afraid of you. (Deuteronomy 28:10)**
- **Yehowah will also make you overflow indeed with prosperity in the fruit of your belly and the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground, on the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give you. (Deuteronomy 28:11)**
- **Yehowah will open up to you his good storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain on your land in its season and to bless every deed of your hand, and you will certainly lend to many nations, while you yourself will not borrow. (Deuteronomy 28:12)**
- **And Yehowah will indeed put you at the head and not at the tail,**

and you must come to be only on top, and you will not come to be on the bottom, because you keep obeying the commandments of Yehowah your God, which I am commanding you today to observe and to do. (**Deuteronomy 28:13**)

- And you must not turn aside from all the words that I am commanding you today, to the right or to the left, to walk after other gods to serve them. (**Deuteronomy 28:14**)
- If they violated the **covenant**, they would be cursed.
- And it must occur that if you will not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by taking care to do all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, all these maledictions must also come upon you and overtake you. (**Deuteronomy 28:15**)
- Cursed will you be in the city, and cursed will you be in the field. (**Deuteronomy 28:16**)
- Cursed will be your basket and your kneading trough. (**Deuteronomy 28:17**)
- Cursed will be the fruit of your belly and the fruitage of your ground, the young of your cattle and the progeny of your flock. (**Deuteronomy 28:18**)
- Cursed will you be when you come in, and cursed will you be when you go out. (**Deuteronomy 28:19**)
- Yehowah will send upon you the curse, confusion and rebuke in every undertaking of yours that you try to carry out, until you have been annihilated and have perished in a hurry, because of the badness of your practices in that you have forsaken me. (**Deuteronomy 28:20**)
- Yehowah will cause the pestilence to cling to you until he has exterminated you from off the ground to which you are going to take possession of it. (**Deuteronomy 28:21**)
- Yehowah will strike you with tuberculosis and burning fever and inflammation and feverish heat and the sword and scorching and mildew, and they will certainly pursue you until you have perished. (**Deuteronomy 28:22**)

- **Your skies that are over your head must also become copper, and the earth that is beneath you iron. (Deuteronomy 28:23)**
- **Yehowah will give powder and dust as the rain of your land. From the heavens it will come down upon you until you have been annihilated. (Deuteronomy 28:24)**
- **Yehowah will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. By one way you will go out against them, but by seven ways you will flee before them, and you must become a frightful object to all the earth's kingdoms. (Deuteronomy 28:25)**
- **And your dead body must become food for every flying creature of the heavens and to the beast of the field, with no one to make them tremble. (Deuteronomy 28:26)**
- **Yehowah will strike you with the boil of Egypt and piles and eczema and skin eruption, from which you will not be able to be healed. (Deuteronomy 28:27)**
- **Yehowah will strike you with madness and loss of sight and bewilderment of heart. (Deuteronomy 28:28)**
- **And you will indeed become one who gropes about at midday, just as a blind man gropes about in the gloom, and you will not make your ways successful, and you must become only one who is always defrauded and robbed, with no one to save you. (Deuteronomy 28:29)**
- **You will become engaged to a woman, but another man will rape her. You will build a house, but you will not dwell in it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will not begin to use it. (Deuteronomy 28:30)**
- **Your bull slaughtered there before your eyes, but you will not eat any of it. Your ass taken in robbery from before your face, but it will not return to you. Your sheep given to your enemies, but you will have no savior. (Deuteronomy 28:31)**
- **Your sons and your daughters given to another people and your eyes looking on and yearning for them always, but your hands will be without power. (Deuteronomy 28:32)**

- **The fruitage of your ground and all your production a people will eat whom you have not known, and you must become one who is only defrauded and crushed always. (Deuteronomy 28:33)**
- **And you will certainly become maddened at the sight of your eyes that you will see. (Deuteronomy 28:34)**
- **Yehowah will strike you with a malignant boil upon both knees and both legs, from which you will not be able to be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. (Deuteronomy 28:35)**
- **Yehowah will march you and your king whom you will set up over you to a nation whom you have not known, neither you nor your forefathers, and there you will have to serve other gods, of wood and of stone. (Deuteronomy 28:36)**
- **And you must become an object of astonishment, a proverbial saying and a taunt among all the peoples to whom Yehowah will lead you away. (Deuteronomy 28:37)**
- **A lot of seed you will take out to the field, but little will you gather, because the locust will devour it. (Deuteronomy 28:38)**
- **Vineyards you will plant and certainly cultivate, but you will drink no wine and gather nothing in, because the worm will eat it up. (Deuteronomy 28:39)**
- **You will come to have olive trees in all your territory, but you will rub yourself with no oil, because your olives will drop off. (Deuteronomy 28:40)**
- **Sons and daughters you will bring forth, but they will not continue yours, because they will go off into captivity. (Deuteronomy 28:41)**
- **All your trees and the fruitage of your ground whirring insects will take in possession. (Deuteronomy 28:42)**
- **The alien resident who is in your midst will keep ascending higher and higher above you, while you, you will keep descending lower and lower. (Deuteronomy 28:43)**
- **He will be the one to lend to you, while you, you will not lend to**

- him. He will become the head, while you, you will become the tail. ([Deuteronomy 28:44](#))
- **And all these maledictions will certainly come upon you and pursue you and overtake you until you have been annihilated, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. ([Deuteronomy 28:45](#))**
  - **And they must continue on you and your offspring as a sign and a portent to time indefinite. ([Deuteronomy 28:46](#))**
  - **Due to the fact that you did not serve Yehowah your God with rejoicing and joy of heart for the abundance of everything. ([Deuteronomy 28:47](#))**
  - **And you will have to serve your enemies whom Yehowah will send against you with hunger and thirst and nakedness and the want of everything, and he will certainly put an iron yoke upon your neck until he has annihilated you. ([Deuteronomy 28:48](#))**
  - **Yehowah will raise up against you a nation far away, from the end of the earth, just as an eagle pounces, a nation whose tongue you will not understand. ([Deuteronomy 28:49](#))**
  - **A nation fierce in countenance, who will not be partial to an old man or show favor to a young man. ([Deuteronomy 28:50](#))**
  - **And they will certainly eat the fruit of your domestic animals and the fruitage of your ground until you have been annihilated, and they will let no grain, new wine or oil, no young of your cattle or progeny of your flock, remain for you until they have destroyed you. ([Deuteronomy 28:51](#))**
  - **And they will indeed besiege you within all your gates until your high and fortified walls in which you are trusting fall in all your land, yes, they will certainly besiege you within all your gates in all your land, which Yehowah your God has given you. ([Deuteronomy 28:52](#))**
  - **Then you will have to eat the fruit of your belly, the flesh of your sons and your daughters, whom Yehowah your God has given you, because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in. ([Deuteronomy 28:53](#))**

- **As for the very delicate and dainty man among you, his eye will be evil-inclined toward his brother and his cherished wife and the remainder of his sons whom he has remaining. (Deuteronomy 28:54)**
- **So as not to give one of them any of the flesh of his sons that he will eat, because he has nothing at all remaining to him because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within all your gates. (Deuteronomy 28:55)**
- **As for the delicate and dainty woman among you who never attempted to set the sole of her foot upon the earth for being of dainty habit and for delicateness, her eye will be evil-inclined toward her cherished husband and her son and her daughter. (Deuteronomy 28:56)**
- **Even toward her afterbirth that comes out from between her legs and toward her sons whom she proceeded to bear, because she will eat them in secrecy for the want of everything because of the tightness and stress with which your enemy will hem you in within your gates. (Deuteronomy 28:57)**
- **If you will not take care to carry out all the words of this Law that are written in this book so as to fear this glorious and fear-inspiring name, even Yehowah, your God. (Deuteronomy 28:58)**
- **Yehowah also will certainly make your plagues and the plagues of your offspring especially severe, great and long-lasting plagues, and malignant and long-lasting sicknesses. (Deuteronomy 28:59)**
- **And he will indeed bring back upon you all the diseases of Egypt before which you got scared, and they will certainly hang onto you. (Deuteronomy 28:60)**
- **Also, any sickness and any plague that is not written in the book of this law, Yehowah will bring them upon you until you have been annihilated. (Deuteronomy 28:61)**
- **And you will indeed be left with very few in number, although you have become like the stars of the heavens for multitude, because you did not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God. (Deuteronomy 28:62)**



- **And it must occur that just as Yehowah exulted over you to do you good and to multiply you, so Yehowah will exult over you to destroy you and to annihilate you, and you will simply be torn away from off the soil to which you are going to take possession of it. (Deuteronomy 28:63)**
- **And Yehowah will certainly scatter you among all the peoples from the one end of the earth to the other end of the earth, and there you will have to serve other gods whom you have not known, neither you nor your forefathers, wood and stone. (Deuteronomy 28:64)**
- **And among those nations you will have no ease, nor will there prove to be any resting-place for the sole of your foot, and Yehowah will indeed give you there a trembling heart and a failing of the eyes and despair of soul. (Deuteronomy 28:65)**
- **And you will certainly be in the greatest peril for your life and be in dread night and day, and you will not be sure of your life. (Deuteronomy 28:66)**
- **In the morning you will say; If it only were evening! and in the evening you will say; If it only were morning! Because of the dread of your heart with which you will be in dread and because of the sight of your eyes that you will see. (Deuteronomy 28:67)**
- **And Yehowah will certainly bring you back to Egypt by ships by the way about which I have said to you; You will never see it again, and you will have to sell yourselves there to your enemies as slave men and maidservants, but there will be no buyer. (Deuteronomy 28:68)**
- **Its purposes were, to make transgressions manifest,**
- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**
- **To lead the Jews to Christ;**
- **Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. (Galatians**

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- **To serve for a shadow of the good things to come;**
- **For since the Law has a shadow of the good things to come, but not the very substance of the things, men can never with the same sacrifices from year to year which they offer continually make those who approach perfect. (Hebrews 10:1)**
- **For those things are a shadow of the things to come, but the reality belongs to the Christ. (Colossians 2:17)**
- **To protect the Jews from false, pagan religion and preserve the true worship of Yehowah, to protect the line of the seed of promise. Added to the **covenant** with Abraham**
- **Further, I say this; As to the **covenant** previously validated by God, the Law that has come into being four hundred and thirty years later does not invalidate it, so as to abolish the promise. (Galatians 3:17)**
- **For if the inheritance is due to Law, it is no longer due to promise, whereas God has kindly given it to Abraham through a promise. (Galatians 3:18)**
- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**
- **It organized the natural seed-nation of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob.**
- **The Law **covenant** extended benefits to others not of natural Israel, for they could become proselytes, getting circumcised, and could receive many of the Laws benefits.**
- **And in case an alien resident resides as an alien with you and he will actually celebrate the Passover to Yehowah, let there be a circumcising of every male of his. First then he may come near to celebrate it, and he must become like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised man may eat of it. (Exodus 12:48)**
- **One Law is to exist for the native and for the alien resident who**

is residing as an alien in your midst. ([Exodus 12:49](#))

## · How Did The Law Covenant Become Obsolete

- However, the Law **covenant** became in a sense **obsolete** when God announced by means of the prophet Jeremiah that there would be a **New Covenant**.
- Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a **New Covenant**. ([Jeremiah 31:31](#))
- Not one like the **covenant** that I concluded with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of mine they themselves broke, although I myself had husbandly ownership of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Jeremiah 31:32](#))
- For this is the **covenant** that I shall conclude with the house of Israel after those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. I will put my Law within them, and in their heart I shall write it. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. ([Jeremiah 31:33](#))
- And they will no more teach each one his companion and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all of them know me, from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. For I shall forgive their error, and their sin I shall remember no more. ([Jeremiah 31:34](#))
- In his saying a **New Covenant** he has made the former one obsolete. Now that which is made obsolete and growing old is near to vanishing away. ([Hebrews 8:13](#))
- In **33 C.E.** the **Law covenant** was canceled on the basis of Christ's death on the torture stake.
- And blotted out the handwritten document against us, which consisted of decrees and which was in opposition to us, and He has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the torture stake. ([Colossians 2:14](#))
- The **New Covenant** replacing it.

- For since the priesthood is being changed, there comes to be of necessity a change also of the Law. (**Hebrews 7:12**)
- So that is why he is a mediator of a **New Covenant**, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former **covenant**, the ones who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. (**Hebrews 9:15**)
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (**Acts of Apostles 2:1**)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (**Acts of Apostles 2:2**)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (**Acts of Apostles 2:3**)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (**Acts of Apostles 2:4**)

### ·· **Covenant With The Tribe Of Levi**

- Yehowah made a **covenant** with the tribe of Levi, that the entire tribe should be set aside to constitute the tabernacle service organization, including the priesthood. This occurred in the wilderness of Sinai, in **1512 B.C.E.**
- On the day of the first month, on the first of the month, you are to set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. (**Exodus 40:2**)
- Then you must bring Aaron and his sons near to the entrance of the tent of meeting and wash them with water. (**Exodus 40:12**)
- And you must clothe Aaron with the holy garments and anoint him and sanctify him, and so he must act as priest to me. (**Exodus 40:13**)
- After that you will bring his sons near and you must clothe them with robes. (**Exodus 40:14**)

- **And you must anoint them just as you anointed their father, and so they must act as priests to me, and their anointing must serve continually for them as a priesthood to time indefinite during their generations. (Exodus 40:15)**
- **And Moses proceeded to do according to all that Yehowah had commanded him. He did just so. (Exodus 40:16)**
- **And you will have to know that I have sent to you this commandment, in order, that my covenant with Levi may continue; Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 2:4)**
- **Aaron and his sons, of the family of Kohath, were to be priests, the remaining families of Levi taking care of other duties, such as setting up the tabernacle, moving it, and other matters.**
- **Bring the tribe of Levi near, and you must stand them before Aaron the priest, and they must minister to him. (Numbers 3:6)**
- **And they must keep their obligation to him and their obligation to all the assembly before the tent of meeting in discharging the service of the tabernacle. (Numbers 3:7)**
- **And they must take care of all the utensils of the tent of meeting, even the obligation of the sons of Israel in discharging the service of the tabernacle. (Numbers 3:8)**
- **And you must give the Levites to Aaron and his sons. They are given ones, given to him from the sons of Israel. (Numbers 3:9)**
- **And you should appoint Aaron and his sons, and they must take care of their priesthood, and any stranger coming near should be put to death. (Numbers 3:10)**
- **And Yehowah continued to speak to Moses, saying; (Numbers 3:11)**
- **As for me, look! I do take the Levites from among the sons of Israel in place of all the firstborn opening the womb of the sons of Israel, and the Levites must become mine. (Numbers 3:12)**
- **For every firstborn is mine. In the day that I struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified to myself every**

firstborn in Israel from man to beast. They should become mine. I am Yehowah. (**Numbers 3:13**)

- Later, they served likewise at the temple. (**1 Chronicles Chapter 23**) The installation services for the priesthood were carried out **Nisan 1-7,1512 B.C.E**, and they began serving on Nisan 8 (**Leviticus Chapters 8,9**). The Levites had no inheritance in the land, but received tithes from the other tribes, and had enclave cities in which to dwell.
- And the Levites themselves must carry on the service of the tent of meeting, and they are the ones who should answer for their error. It is a statute to time indefinite during your generations that in the midst of the sons of Israel they should not get possession of an inheritance. (**Numbers 18:23**)
- For the tenth part of the sons of Israel, which they will contribute to Yehowah as a contribution, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance. That is why I have said to them, In the midst of the sons of Israel they should not get possession of an inheritance. (**Numbers 18:24**)
- All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities together with their pasture grounds. (**Joshua 21:41**)
- On account of Phinehas zeal for exclusive devotion to Yehowah, God made a **covenant** of peace with him, a **covenant** for the priesthood to time indefinite for him and his offspring.
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 25:10**)
- Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest has turned back my wrath from upon the sons of Israel by his tolerating no rivalry at all toward me in the midst of them, so that I have not exterminated the sons of Israel in my insistence on exclusive devotion. (**Numbers 25:11**)
- For that reason say; Here I am giving him my **covenant** of peace. (**Numbers 25:12**)
- And it must serve as the **covenant** of a priesthood to time indefinite for him and his offspring after him, due to the fact that he tolerated no rivalry toward his God and proceeded to make atonement for the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 25:13**)

- The **covenant** with Levi continued in operation until the ending of the Law covenant.

- For since the priesthood is being changed, there comes to be of necessity a change also of the law. (**Hebrews 7:12**)

### •• **Covenant With Israel At Moab**

- Just before Israel entered the Promised Land, in **1473 B.C.E**, Yehowah made a **covenant** with natural Israel at Moab.

- These are the words of the **covenant** that Yehowah commanded Moses to conclude with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab aside from the **covenant** that he had concluded with them in Horeb. (**Deuteronomy 29:1**)

- And it came about that in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first of the month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Yehowah had commanded him for them. (**Deuteronomy 1:3**)

- Much of the Law was here restated and explained by Moses. The purpose of the **covenant** was to encourage faithfulness to Yehowah and to make adjustments and set forth certain laws necessary for the Israelites as they changed from a life of wandering to a settled life in the land.

- And Moses proceeded to call all Israel and to say to them; Hear, O Israel, the regulations and the judicial decisions that I am speaking in your ears today, and you must learn them and be careful to do them. (**Deuteronomy 5:1**)

- Yehowah our God concluded a **covenant** with us in Horeb. (**Deuteronomy 5:2**)

- And you people must take care to do just as Yehowah your God has commanded you. You must not turn to the right or to the left. (**Deuteronomy 5:32**)

- In all the way that Yehowah your God has commanded you, you should walk, in order, that you may live and it may be well with you and you may indeed lengthen your days in the land of which you will take possession. (**Deuteronomy 5:33**)

- Now these are the commandment, the regulations and the judicial decisions that Yehowah your God has commanded to teach you, so as to do them in the land to which you are passing over there to take possession of it. (**Deuteronomy 6:1**)
- As for any man of the house of Israel who slaughters a bull or a young ram or a goat in the camp or who slaughters it outside the camp (**Leviticus 17:3**)
- And does not actually bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to present it as an offering to Yehowah before the tabernacle of Yehowah, bloodguilt will be counted to that man. He has shed blood, and that man must be cut off from among his people. (**Leviticus 17:4**)
- In order, that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they are sacrificing in the open field, and they must bring them to Yehowah to the entrance of the tent of meeting to the priest, and they must sacrifice these as communion sacrifices to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 17:5**)
- Only whenever your soul craves it you may slaughter, and you must eat meat according to the blessing of Yehowah your God that he has given you, inside all your gates. The unclean one and the clean one may eat it, like the gazelle and like the stag. (**Deuteronomy 12:15**)
- In case the place that Yehowah your God will choose to put his name there should be far away from you, you must then slaughter some of your herd or some of your flock that Yehowah has given you, just as I have commanded you, and you must eat inside your gates whenever your soul craves it. (**Deuteronomy 12:21**)
- This **covenant** ended with the abolition of the Law **covenant**, for it was an integral part of the Law.

#### ·· **Covenant With King David**

- The **covenant** with David was made at some time during David's reign in Jerusalem, **1070-1038 B.C.E**, the parties being Yehowah and David as representative of his family.



- **Even from the day that I put judges in command over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. And Yehowah has told you that a house is what Yehowah will make for you. (2 Samuel 7:11)**
- **When your days come to the full, and you must lie down with your forefathers, then I shall certainly raise up your seed after you, which will come out of your inward parts, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingdom. (2 Samuel 7:12)**
- **He is the one that will build a house for my name, and I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingdom firmly to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:13)**
- **I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son. When he does wrong, I will also reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of Adam. (2 Samuel 7:14)**
- **As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. (2 Samuel 7:15)**
- **And your house and your kingdom will certainly be steadfast to time indefinite before you, your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:16)**
- **The terms of this **covenant** were that a son from David's line would possess the throne forever, and that this son would build a house for Yehowah's name. God's purpose in this **covenant** was to provide a kingly dynasty for the Jews, to give Jesus, as David's heir, the legal right to the throne of David, Yehowah's throne**
- **And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's throne as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (1 Chronicles 29:23)**
- **This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father. (Luke 1:32)**
- **And to provide identification for Jesus as the Messiah.**
- **And as for you, O deadly wounded, wicked chieftain of Israel, whose day has come in the time of the error of the end. (Ezekiel**

**21:25)**

- **This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Remove the turban, and lift off the crown. This will not be the same. Put on high even what is low, and bring low even the high one. (Ezekiel 21:26)**
- **A ruin, a ruin, a ruin I shall make it. As for this also, it will certainly become no one's until he comes who has the legal right, and I must give it to him. (Ezekiel 21:27)**
- **Jesse became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (Matthew 1:6)**
- **Solomon became father to Rehoboam. Rehoboam became father to Abijah. Abijah became father to Asa. (Matthew 1:7)**
- **Asa became father to Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat became father to Jehoram. Jehoram became father to Uzziah. (Matthew 1:8)**
- **Uzziah became father to Jotham. Jotham became father to Ahaz. Ahaz became father to Hezekiah. (Matthew 1:9)**
- **Hezekiah became father to Manasseh. Manasseh became father to Amon. Amon became father to Josiah. (Matthew 1:10)**
- **Josiah became father to Jeconiah and to his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon. (Matthew 1:11)**
- **After the deportation to Babylon Jeconiah became father to Shealtiel; Shealtiel became father to Zerubbabel. (Matthew 1:12)**
- **Zerubbabel became father to Abiud. Abiud became father to Eliakim. Eliakim became father to Azor. (Matthew 1:13)**
- **Azor became father to Zadok. Zadok became father to Achim. Achim became father to Eliud. (Matthew 1:14)**
- **Eliud became father to Eleazar. Eleazar became father to Matthan. Matthan became father to Jacob. (Matthew 1:15)**
- **Jacob became father to Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (Matthew 1:16)**

- **Furthermore, Jesus himself, when he commenced his work, was about thirty years old, being the son, as the opinion was, of Joseph, son of Heli. (Luke 3:23)**
- **Son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph. (Luke 3:24)**
- **Son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai. (Luke 3:25)**
- **Son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda. (Luke 3:26)**
- **Son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri. (Luke 3:27)**
- **Son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er. (Luke 3:28)**
- **Son of Jesus, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi. (Luke 3:29)**
- **Son of Symeon, son of Judas, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim. (Luke 3:30)**
- **Son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David. (Luke 3:31)**
- **This covenant included no priesthood, the Levitical priesthood served in conjunction with kings of David's line, priesthood and kingship were strictly separate under the Law. Since Yehowah acknowledges this kingship and works through it forever, the covenant has everlasting duration.**
- **To the abundance of the princely rule and to peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom in order to establish it firmly and to sustain it by means of justice and by means of righteousness, from now on and to time indefinite. The very zeal of Yehowah of armies will do this. (Isaiah 9:7)**
- **In fact, thus there will be richly supplied to you the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:11)**

## ·· Covenant To Be A Priest Like Melchizedek

- This **covenant** is expressed at;
- Yehowah has sworn, and he will feel no regret; You are a priest to time indefinite according to the manner of Melchizedek! (**Psalms 110:4**)
- And the writer of the Bible book of Hebrews applies it to Christ at;
- For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him (**Hebrews 7:1**)
- And to whom Abraham apportioned a tenth from all things, is first of all, by translation, King of Righteousness, and is then also king of Salem, that is, King of Peace. (**Hebrews 7:2**)
- In being fatherless, motherless, without genealogy, having neither a beginning of days nor an end of life, but having been made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. (**Hebrews 7:3**)
- And it is still more abundantly clear that with a similarity to Melchizedek there arises another priest. (**Hebrews 7:15**)
- Who has become such, not according to the Law of a commandment depending upon the flesh, but according to the power of an indestructible life. (**Hebrews 7:16**)
- For in witness it is said; You are a priest forever according to the manner of Melchizedek. (**Hebrews 7:17**)
- It is a **covenant** made by Yehowah with Jesus Christ alone. Jesus apparently referred to it when making a **covenant** for a kingdom with his followers.
- And I make a **covenant** with you, just as my Father has made a **covenant** with me, for a kingdom. (**Luke 22:29**)
- By Yehowah's oath Jesus Christ, the heavenly Son of God, would be a priest according to the manner of Melchizedek. Melchizedek was

king and priest of God on earth. Jesus Christ would hold both offices of King and High Priest, not on earth, but in heaven. He was installed permanently into office after his ascension to heaven.

- Where a forerunner has entered in our behalf, Jesus, who has become a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek forever. (**Hebrews 6:20**)
- For such a High Priest as this was suitable for us, loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners, and become higher than the heavens. (**Hebrews 7:26**)
- For the Law appoints men High Priests having weakness, but the word of the sworn oath that came after the Law appoints a Son, who is perfected forever. (**Hebrews 7:28**)
- Now as to the things being discussed this is the main point. We have such a High Priest as this, and he has sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens. (**Hebrews 8:1**)
- The **covenant** is forever in operation, since Jesus will act under Yehowah's direction as King and High Priest forever.
- In being fatherless, motherless, without genealogy, having neither a beginning of days nor an end of life, but having been made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. (**Hebrews 7:3**)

#### •• **New Covenant**

- Yehowah foretold the **New Covenant** by the prophet Jeremiah in the **Seventh Century B.C.E.**, stating that it would not be like the Law covenant, which Israel broke.
- Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will conclude with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah a **New Covenant**. (**Jeremiah 31:31**)
- Not one like the **covenant** that I concluded with their forefathers in the day of my taking hold of their hand to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt, which covenant of mine they themselves broke, although I myself had husbandly ownership of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 31:32**)

- For this is the **covenant** that I shall conclude with the house of Israel after those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. I will put my Law within them, and in their heart I shall write it. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. (**Jeremiah 31:33**)
- And they will no more teach each one his companion and each one his brother, saying; Know Yehowah! For they will all of them know me, from the least one of them even to the greatest one of them, is the utterance of Yehowah. For I shall forgive their error, and their sin I shall remember no more. (**Jeremiah 31:34**)
- On the night before his death, **Nisan 14,33 C.E**, when he established the celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal, Jesus Christ announced the **New Covenant**, to be validated by his sacrifice.
- Also, the cup in the same way after they had the evening meal, he saying; This cup means the New Covenant by virtue of my blood, which is to be poured out in your behalf. (**Luke 22:20**)
- On the 50th day from his resurrection and 10 days after he had ascended to his Father, he poured out the Holy Spirit, which he had received from Yehowah, on his disciples gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem.
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (**Acts of Apostles 2:1**)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (**Acts of Apostles 2:2**)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (**Acts of Apostles 2:3**)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (**Acts of Apostles 2:4**)
- And in the last days, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men

will dream dreams. ([Acts of Apostles 2:17](#))

- Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you see and hear. ([Acts of Apostles 2:33](#))
- Who has indeed adequately qualified us to be ministers of a New Covenant, not of a written code, but of spirit, for the written code condemns to death, but the spirit makes alive. ([2 Corinthians 3:6](#))
- Why should not the administering of the spirit be much more with glory? ([2 Corinthians 3:8](#))
- For if the code administering condemnation was glorious, much more does the administering of righteousness abound with glory. ([2 Corinthians 3:9](#))
- How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was verified for us by those who heard him. ([Hebrews 2:3](#))
- While God joined in bearing witness with signs as well as portents and various powerful works and with distributions of Holy Spirit according to his will? ([Hebrews 2:4](#))
- The parties to the **New Covenant** are Yehowah, on one side, and the Israel of God, the spirit-begotten ones in union with Christ, making up his congregation or body, on the other side.
- For this is the **covenant** that I shall **covenant** with the house of Israel after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my laws in their mind, and in their hearts I shall write them. And I will become their God, and they themselves will become my people. ([Hebrews 8:10](#))
- But you have approached a Mount Zion and a city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and myriads of angels. ([Hebrews 12:22](#))
- In general assembly, and the congregation of the firstborn who have been enrolled in the heavens, and God the Judge of all, and the spiritual lives of righteous ones who have been made perfect. ([Hebrews 12:23](#))

- **And Jesus the mediator of a **New Covenant**, and the blood of sprinkling, which speaks in a better way than Abel's blood. (Hebrews 12:24)**
- **For neither is circumcision anything nor is uncircumcision, but a new creation is something. (Galatians 6:15)**
- **And all those who will walk orderly by this rule of conduct, upon them be peace and mercy, even upon the Israel of God. (Galatians 6:16)**
- **You are all, in fact, sons of God through your faith in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:26)**
- **For all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Galatians 3:27)**
- **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one person in union with Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)**
- **For he is not a Jew who is one on the outside, nor is circumcision that which is on the outside upon the flesh. (Romans 2:28)**
- **But he is a Jew who is one on the inside, and his circumcision is that of the heart by spirit, and not by a written code. The praise of that one comes, not from men, but from God. (Romans 2:29)**
- **The **New Covenant** is made operative by the shed blood, the sacrifice of the human life, of Jesus Christ, the value of which was presented to Yehowah after Jesus ascension to heaven.**
- **For this means my blood of the **covenant**, which is to be poured out in behalf of many for forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:28)**
- **When one is selected by God for the heavenly calling,**
- **Consequently, holy brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Jesus. (Hebrews 3:1)**
- **God brings that one into His **covenant** over Christ's sacrifice.**



- Gather to me my loyal ones, those concluding my **covenant** over sacrifice. (**Psalms 50:5**)
- How much more will the blood of the Christ, who through an everlasting spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works that we may render sacred service to the living God? (**Hebrews 9:14**)
- So that is why he is a mediator of a **New Covenant**, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former **covenant**, the ones who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. (**Hebrews 9:15**)
- Otherwise, he would have to suffer often from the founding of the world. But now he has manifested himself once for all time at the conclusion of the systems of things to put sin away through the sacrifice of himself. (**Hebrews 9:26**)
- **Jesus Christ is the Mediator of the New Covenant**
- But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent public service, so that he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better **covenant**, which has been legally established upon better promises. (**Hebrews 8:6**)
- So that is why he is a mediator of a **New Covenant**, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former covenant, the ones who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. (**Hebrews 9:15**)
- **And is the primary Seed of Abraham.**
- Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not. And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. (**Galatians 3:16**)
- **By means of Jesus mediatorship of the New Covenant, he assists those in the covenant to become part of the real seed of Abraham**
- For he is really not assisting angels at all, but he is assisting Abraham's seed. (**Hebrews 2:16**)

- Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's seed, heirs with reference to a promise. ([Galatians 3:29](#))
- Through forgiveness of their sins. Yehowah declares them righteous.
- Therefore, now that we have been declared righteous as a result of faith, let us enjoy peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ([Romans 5:1](#))
- Through whom also we have gained our approach by faith into this undeserved kindness in which we now stand, and let us exult, based on hope of the glory of God. ([Romans 5:2](#))
- Who will file accusation against God's chosen ones? God is the One who declares them righteous. ([Romans 8:33](#))
- This is the **covenant** that I shall **covenant** toward them after those days, says Yehowah. I will put my laws in their hearts, and in their minds I shall write them. ([Hebrews 10:16](#))
- It says afterwards; And I shall by no means call their sins and their lawless deeds to mind anymore. ([Hebrews 10:17](#))
- These spirit-begotten, anointed brothers of Christ become underpriests of the High Priest, a royal priesthood.
- But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for special possession, that you should declare abroad the excellencies of the one that called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ([1 Peter 2:9](#))
- And they sing a new song, saying; You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought persons for God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ([Revelation 5:9](#))
- And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. ([Revelation 5:10](#))
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. ([Revelation 20:6](#))

- **These do a priestly work, a public service.**
- **Notwithstanding, even if I am being poured out like a drink offering upon the sacrifice and public service to which faith has led you, I am glad and I rejoice with all of you. ([Philippians 2:17](#))**
- **And are called ministers of a **New Covenant**.**
- **Who has indeed adequately qualified us to be ministers of a New Covenant, not of a written code, but of spirit. For the written code condemns to death, but the spirit makes alive. ([2 Corinthians 3:6](#))**
- **These called ones must follow Christ's steps closely, faithfully, until laying down their lives in death. Yehowah will then make them a kingdom of priests, making them sharers in divine nature, and will reward them with immortality and incorruption as joint heirs in the heavens with Christ.**
- **In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely. ([1 Peter 2:21](#))**
- **Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ([Romans 6:3](#))**
- **Therefore we were buried with him through our baptism into his death, in order, that, just as Christ was raised up from the dead through the glory of the Father, we also should likewise walk in a newness of life. ([Romans 6:4](#))**
- **For this which is corruptible must put on incorruption, and this which is mortal must put on immortality. ([1 Corinthians 15:53](#))**
- **To an incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance. It is reserved in the heavens for you. ([1 Peter 1:4](#))**
- **Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand promises, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. ([2 Peter 1:4](#))**

- The purpose of the **covenant** is to take out a people for Yehowah's name as a part of Abraham's seed.
- Symeon has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name. ([Acts of Apostles 15:14](#))
- They become the bride of Christ, and are the body of persons whom Christ takes into a **covenant** for the Kingdom, to rule with Him.
- He that has the bride is the bridegroom. However, the friend of the bridegroom, when he stands and hears him, has a great deal of joy on account of the voice of the bridegroom. Therefore this joy of mine has been made full. ([John 3:29](#))
- For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#))
- And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls which were full of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lambs wife. ([Revelation 21:9](#))
- And I make a **covenant** with you, just as my Father has made a covenant with me, for a kingdom. ([Luke 22:29](#))
- John to the seven congregations that are in the district of Asia; May you have undeserved kindness and peace from The One who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne. ([Revelation 1:4](#))
- And from Jesus Christ, the Faithful Witness, the firstborn from the dead, and The Ruler of the kings of the earth. To him that loves us and that loosed us from our sins by means of his own blood. ([Revelation 1:5](#))
- And he made us to be a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, yes, to him be the glory and the might forever. Amen. ([Revelation 1:6](#))
- And they sing a new song, saying; You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought persons for God out of every tribe and

- tongue and people and nation. (**Revelation 5:9**)
- And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. (**Revelation 5:10**)
  - Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
  - The purpose of the **New Covenant** requires that it continue in operation until all of the Israel of God are resurrected to immortality in the heavens.

### •• **Jesus Covenant With His Followers**

- On the night of **Nisan 14,33 C.E.**, after celebrating the Lord's Evening Meal Jesus made this **covenant** with his faithful apostles. To the 11 faithful apostles he promised that they would sit on thrones.
- However, you are the ones that have stuck with me in my trials. (**Luke 22:28**)
- And I make a **covenant** with you, just as my Father has made a covenant with me, for a kingdom. (**Luke 22:29**)
- That you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. (**Luke 22:30**)
- If we go on enduring, we shall also rule together as kings, if we deny, he also will deny us. (**2 Timothy 2:12**)
- Later, he showed that this promise extended to all spirit-begotten conquerors.
- To the one that conquers I will grant to sit down with me on my throne, even as I conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (**Revelation 3:21**)
- John to the seven congregations that are in the district of Asia; May you have undeserved kindness and peace from The One who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne. (**Revelation 1:4**)

- **And from Jesus Christ, the Faithful Witness, The firstborn from the dead, and The Ruler of the kings of the earth. To him that loves us and that loosed us from our sins by means of his own blood. (Revelation 1:5)**
- **And he made us to be a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, yes, to him be the glory and the might forever. Amen. (Revelation 1:6)**
- **And they sing a new song, saying; You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought persons for God out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. (Revelation 5:9)**
- **And you made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are to rule as kings over the earth. (Revelation 5:10)**
- **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (Revelation 20:6)**
- **On the day of Pentecost he inaugurated this **covenant** toward them by the anointing with Holy Spirit of those disciples present in the upper room in Jerusalem. (Acts of Apostles 2:1-4,33)  
Those who would stick with him through trials, dying his kind of death**
- **So as to know him and the power of his resurrection and a sharing in his sufferings, submitting myself to a death like his. (Philippians 3:10)**
- **I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for you, and I, in my turn, am filling up what is lacking of the tribulations of the Christ in my flesh on behalf of his body, which is the congregation. (Colossians 1:24)**
- **Would reign with him, sharing his Kingdom rule. The **covenant** remains operative between Jesus Christ and these associate kings forever.**
- **Also, night will be no more, and they have no need of lamplight nor do they have sunlight, because Yehowah God will shed light upon them, and they will rule as kings forever and ever.**

**(Revelation 22:5)**

**·· Various Other Covenants**

· **Joshua and the chieftains of Israel with the inhabitants of the city of Gibeon to let them live. Though they were cursed Canaanites, whom the Israelites were to destroy, yet a **covenant** was considered so binding that the Gibeonites were allowed to live, but the curse was carried out by making them gatherers of wood and drawers of water for the assembly of Israel.**

· **And Joshua went making peace with them and concluding a **covenant** with them to let them live, and so the chieftains of the assembly swore to them. (Joshua 9:15)**

· **And it came about that at the end of three days, after they had concluded a **covenant** with them, they got to hear that they were near to them and it was in their vicinity they were dwelling. (Joshua 9:16)**

· **And now you are cursed people, and a slaves position and being gatherers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God will never be cut off from you. (Joshua 9:23)**

· **Then they answered Joshua and said; It was because your servants were plainly told that Yehowah your God had commanded Moses his servant to give you all the land and to annihilate all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and we became very much afraid for our souls because of you. So we did this thing. (Joshua 9:24)**

· **And now here we are, in your hand. Just as it is good and right in your eyes to do to us, do. (Joshua 9:25)**

· **And he proceeded to do so to them and to deliver them from the hand of the sons of Israel, and they did not kill them. (Joshua 9:26)**

· **Accordingly Joshua constituted them on that day gatherers of wood and drawers of water for the assembly and for Yehowah's altar, down to this day, at the place that he should choose. (Joshua 9:27)**

· **Joshua with Israel to serve Yehowah.**

- And Joshua proceeded to **conclude a covenant** with the people on that day and to constitute for them a regulation and judicial decision in Shechem. (**Joshua 24:25**)
- Then Joshua wrote these words in the book of God's Law and took a great stone and set it up there under the massive tree that is by the sanctuary of Yehowah. (**Joshua 24:26**)
- The older men of Gilead with Jephthah at Mizpah to make him head over the inhabitants of Gilead if Yehowah gave him victory over the Ammonites.
- At this the older men of Gilead said to Jephthah; That is why now we have returned to you, and you must go with us and fight against the sons of Ammon, and you must become for us the head of all the inhabitants of Gilead. (**Judges 11:8**)
- So Jephthah said to the older men of Gilead; If you are bringing me back to fight against the sons of Ammon, and Yehowah does abandon them to me, I, for my part, shall become your head! (**Judges 11:9**)
- In turn the older men of Gilead said to Jephthah; Let Yehowah prove to be the listener between us if the way we shall do is not according to your word. (**Judges 11:10**)
- Consequently Jephthah went with the older men of Gilead and the people set him over them as head and commander. And Jephthah proceeded to speak all his words before Yehowah in Mizpah. (**Judges 11:11**)
- **Between Jonathan and David.**
- And Jonathan and David proceeded to conclude a **covenant**, because of his loving him as his own soul. (**1 Samuel 18:3**)
- Then the two of them concluded a **covenant** before Yehowah, and David kept dwelling in Horesh, and Jonathan himself went to his own home. (**1 Samuel 23:18**)
- Jehoiada the priest with the chiefs of the Carian bodyguard and of the runners.



- And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and then took the chiefs of hundreds of the Carian bodyguard and of the runners and brought them to himself at the house of Yehowah and concluded a **covenant** with them and made them swear at the house of Yehowah, after which he showed them the son of the king. (2 Kings 11:4)
- And in the seventh year Jehoiada showed himself courageous and proceeded to take the chiefs of hundreds, namely, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan and Azariah the son of Obed and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, with him into the **covenant**. (2 Chronicles 23:1)
- Afterward they went around throughout Judah and collected together the Levites from all the cities of Judah and the heads of the paternal houses of Israel. So they came to Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 23:2)
- Then all the congregation concluded a **covenant** with the king in the house of the true God, after which he said to them; Look! The son of the king himself will reign, just as Yehowah promised concerning the sons of David. (2 Chronicles 23:3)
- Israel with Yehowah to put away foreign wives.**
- And now let us conclude a **covenant** with our God to put away all the wives and those born from them according to the counsel of Yehowah and of those trembling at the commandment of our God, that it may be done according to the Law. (Ezra 10:3)
- Yehowah to give his servant as a **covenant** of, or for the people.**
- I myself, Yehowah, have called you in righteousness, and I proceeded to take hold of your hand. And I shall safeguard you and give you as a **covenant** of the people, as a light of the nations. (Isaiah 42:6)
- This is what Yehowah has said; In a time of goodwill I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you, and I kept safeguarding you that I might give you as a **covenant** for the people, to rehabilitate the land, to bring about the repossessing of the desolated hereditary possessions. (Isaiah 49:8)

- **David with all the older men of Israel, at Hebron.**
- **So all the older men of Israel came to the king at Hebron and David concluded a **covenant** with them in Hebron before Yehowah, after which they anointed David as king over Israel, according to Yehowah's word by means of Samuel. (1 Chronicles 11:3)**
- **A **covenant** of the people, during Asa's reign, to search for Yehowah with all their heart and soul.**
- **Furthermore, they entered into a **covenant** to search for Yehowah the God of their forefathers with all their heart and with all their soul. (2 Chronicles 15:12)**
- **Josiah with Yehowah to keep Yehowah's commandments, according to the Law.**
- **And the king kept standing in his place and proceeded to conclude the **covenant** before Yehowah to go following Yehowah and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his regulations with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. (2 Chronicles 34:31)**
- **The braggarts who ruled Jerusalem were erroneously thinking they were safe in a **covenant** with Death.**
- **Therefore hear the word of Yehowah, you braggarts, you rulers of this people who are in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 28:14)**
- **Because you men have said; We have concluded a **covenant** with Death, and with Sheol we have effected a vision, the overflowing flash flood, in case it should pass through, will not come to us, for we have made a lie our refuge and in falsehood we have concealed ourselves. (Isaiah 28:15)**
- **And your **covenant** with Death will certainly be dissolved, and that vision of yours with Sheol will not stand. The overflowing flash flood, when it passes through, you must also become for it a trampling place. (Isaiah 28:18)**