

THE LOVE STORY OF EXODUS

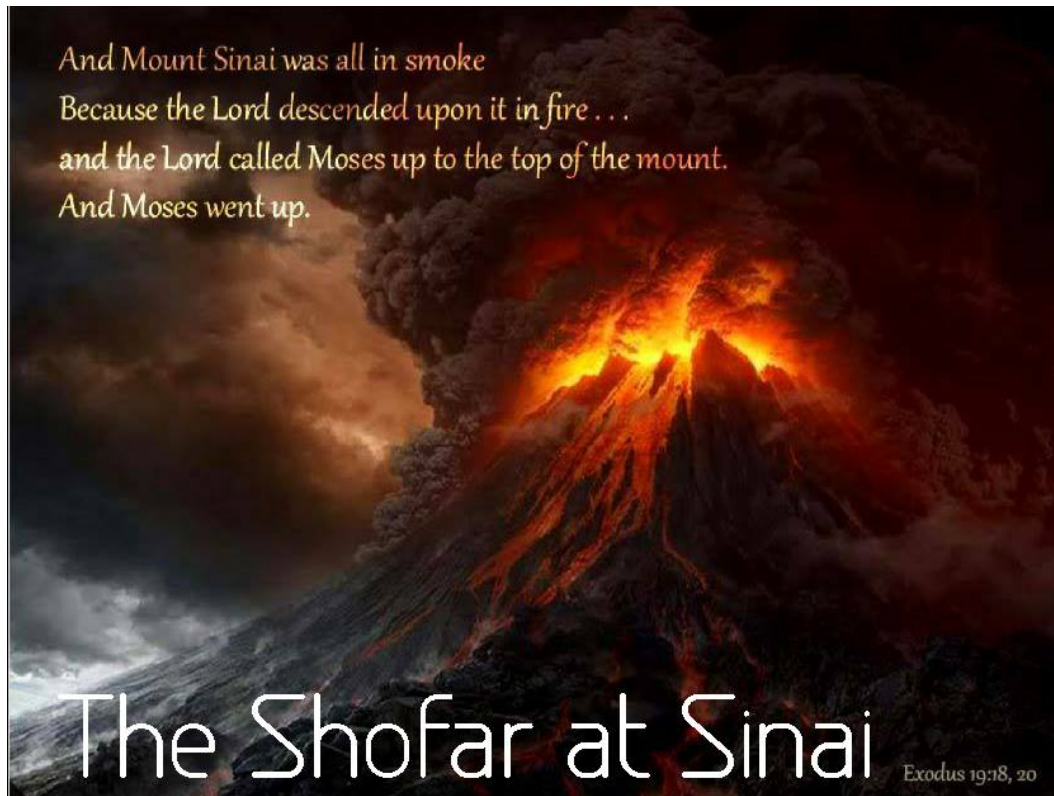
The Book of Exodus is a love story between Elohim and His bride, His people who accept His marriage covenant. This love story can be divided up into four parts:

1) **We see the promises He makes to His bride to be in: Exod. 6:6-8** “Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am ADONAI. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgements. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am ADONAI, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Avraham, Yitz’chak and Ya’akov — I will give it to you as your inheritance. I am ADONAI.”

2) **In Exod. 19:5-6 we see His proposal or engagement to His bride.** *“Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.’ These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra’el.”*

3) **In Exodus 20 the bride appears under the huppah (canopy..her husbands prayer shawl) of clouds, smoke, and thunder, and the ketubah (marriage contract) is read.** Then a sign is given for all His brides to prove that they await His coming back for them. **Exod. 31:13** clearly tells the sign: *“Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘You are to observe my Shabbats; for this is a sign between me and you through all your generations; so that you will know that I am ADONAI, who sets you apart for me.”*

4) **The love story concludes with the building of the Tabernacle, where the bride and groom enjoy an intimate relationship in the holy of Holies.** As in Gen. 2:23 when Adam declared Eve to be bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, so did the Israelites become one with the flesh of the Almighty. **Gen. 2:23** *“The man-person said, “At last! This is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh. She is to be called Woman [Hebrew: ishah], because she was taken out of Man [Hebrew: ish].”*



Exodus 19:5 and 8 make it clear as a bell, we are to obey His commandments, the covenant of marriage. The people back then accept, like we are to now, His commandments as given to us, exclusively. We are to share them with the rest of the world. We are to act as agents for the Most High, revealing the words of that marriage covenant. All those who obey His Torah are the chosen ones. By living out the written words in the Torah we embody in our lives the living image of Yah. By living the Torah others can see who Yah is.

As you recall, when Moses came down from the mountain the first time with the tablets and saw them worshipping an image of Elohim, he broke the tablets (marriage contract) before all who were present. When Moses went back up Yah had Moses himself carve out the tablets for Yah to write on. These tablets represent our heart. We are to bring to Him our heart of stone and He will change it into a heart of flesh that He writes His

Torah on. **Ezek. 11:19-20** *“And I shall give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within them. And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their Elohim.”*

Jer. 31:31-33 *“Behold, days are coming,” declares Yahveh, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares Yahveh. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares Yahveh, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”*

The content of the two covenants is the same, only the location changed. The Holy Spirit writes the Torah on our heart. Once this happens the law is under us. This is the covenant of marriage for His true bride. When this is done, that individual is declared to be His bride and He will protect His bride till He returns for the wedding ceremony and the Feast. **Gal. 3:22-25** *But instead, the Tenakh shuts up everything under sin; so that what had been promised might be given, on the basis of Yeshua the Messiah’s trusting faithfulness, to those who continue to be trustingly faithful. Now before the time for this trusting faithfulness came, we were imprisoned in subjection to the system which results from perverting the Torah into legalism, kept under guard until this yet-to-come trusting faithfulness would be revealed. Accordingly, the Torah functioned as a custodian until the Messiah came, so that we might be declared righteous on the ground of trusting and being faithful. But now that the time for this trusting faithfulness has come, we are no longer under a custodian.* **Gal. 5:18** *But if you are led by the Spirit, then you are not in subjection to the system that results from perverting the Torah into legalism. **Rom. 7:6** But now we have been released from this aspect of the Torah, because we have died to that which had us in its clutches, so that we are serving in the new way provided by the Spirit and not in the old way of outwardly following the letter of the law.*

The fourth and MAIN covenant Yah made with His people was at Mt. Sinai. The sign of this covenant was the tablets that Yah gave to Moses, the contract that was put in the ark of the covenant, and **Sabbath** keeping. It was a conditional covenant; how closely they followed the Torah determined the blessings and curses they would receive as per Yah’s instructions. Many consider the covenant made with Abraham the covenant of promise, and the one made with Moses as the ability to dwell within the promises (Gal. 3:10-23). **Exod. 24:12** *“Now Adonai said to Moses, **“Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.”*** Yah redeemed His Bride out of Egypt, baptized (mikveh) her in the Red Sea, married her at Mt. Sinai, and gave her the marriage agreement (ketubah). **Exod. 34:10** *“Then Yah said, **“Behold, I am going to make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform miracles which have not been produced in all the earth, nor among any of the nations; and all the people among whom you live will see the working of Adonai, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.”*** This covenant was a conditional covenant, as per the blessings and curses of Deuteronomy, it gave the recipient the right to choose between receiving the blessings of Adonai, or the curses. (Deut. 11:26-28, 28:45) This covenant explained clearly that we are to follow the everlasting Ten Commandments and the Law given at Mt. Sinai. Moses was told to publicly read the Law/Torah to the people every seven years so they would always remember it. **Deut. 31:10-12** *“Then Moses commanded them, saying, **“At the end of {every} seven years, at the time of the year of remission of debts, at the Feast of Booths, when all Israel comes to appear before Adonai Yahveh at the place which He will choose, you shall read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing. “Assemble the people, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, in order that they may hear and learn and fear Adonai Yahveh, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.”*** It didn’t take long before Israel started to depart from Yah’s Torah.

King Hilkiah realized the importance of the book of the law, and soon obeyed its rules as divinely given. **2Kgs. 22:8** says, *“Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, **“I have found the book of the law in the house of Adonai.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.”** **2Kgs. 22:13** *“Go, inquire of Adonai for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of Adonai that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”* How did Israel lose Yah’s Torah? Easy, they lost the Torah because they neglected it! Is the Torah being neglected in churches today? I will let you answer that one for yourself.*

In Exod. 6:6-7 Yahveh tells Moses what He intends to do for the people of Israel. He said He would “deliver them”, “set them apart”, “redeem them”, and “take them” to be His people. **Exod. 6:6-7** *“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am Adonai, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ‘Then I will take you for My people, and I will be Yahveh; and you shall know that I am Adonai Yahveh, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.’”*

The covenant with Moses was a covenant of faith that included obedience (Gen. 15:12). This covenant gave those who partook the ability to be in the blessings of their inheritance. In Gen. 15 it is made clear that the Mosaic covenant didn't make the Abrahamic covenant obsolete, the two complement each other.

The blessing of Adonai is explained to Moses in **Exod. 19:5** 'Now then, **if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;**'

The books of the Law were so important that Moses insisted they be put with the ark of the covenant (Deut 31:26). This type of emphasis makes it obvious as to how important they were, and still are, to His true Bride.

Another sign of the everlasting covenant between Yah and Moses shows up as the "**SEVENTH DAY SABBATH**" in **Exod. 31:12-16** "And Adonai spoke to Moses, saying, "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; **for {this} is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am Adonai who sanctifies you. 'Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to Adonai; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. 'So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.'** Ask yourself how long perpetual is?

The covenant is updated in **Deut. 29:1** "**These are the words of the covenant which Adonai commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He had made with them at Horeb.**" Then Moses is told. **Deut. 29:9** "**So keep the words of this covenant to do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.**"

Malachi also accepted the covenant of Moses as described in Mal. 2:4-10.

5. DAVIDIC COVENANT (2Sam. 7)

Yah made an unconditional covenant with King David. There are various ideas as to what the sign of

the Davidic covenant was; I happen to believe that the Temple/House that was built for Yah was the sign of the covenant (2Sam. 7). The physical Temple was destroyed eventually, but the Temple within all true saints cannot be destroyed. The Temple is now within. **2Sam. 23:5** "Truly is not my house so with Yah? For **He has made an everlasting covenant with me, Ordered in all things, and secured; For all my salvation and all {my} desire, Will He not indeed make {it} grow?** **2Sam. 7:16** "And your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; **your throne shall be established forever.**" Notice again the word "everlasting" being used. Messiah, the Root of Jesse, is the One who continually upholds the everlasting covenant made with David. Yah's covenant with David was unconditional. **Ps. 89:34** "**My covenant I will not violate, Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips**"

Some of the covenants in our good book had tremendous regional impacts as well as spiritual. An example of this impact can be seen in the covenant of David involving considerable economic involvement as materials were needed to build Solomon's Temple to Yah. (1Kgs. 5:6-11)

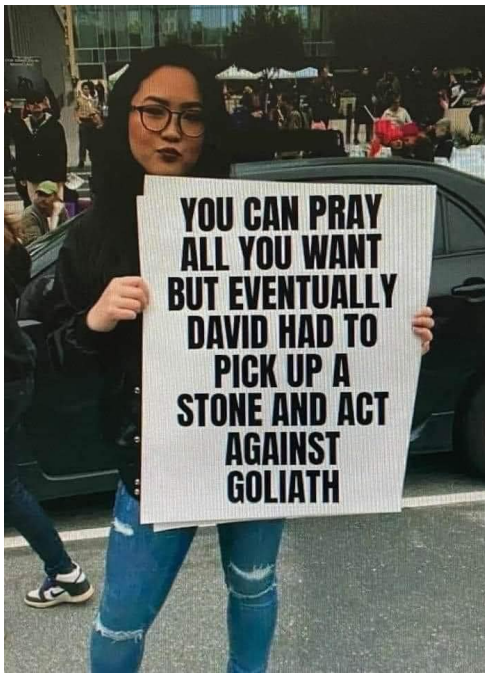
The Davidic covenant ensured David's house would rule forever IF they kept Yah's commandments.

6. RENEWED COVENANT (BRIT HADASHA--JER. 31)

The last covenant Yah makes with His people is the Renewed (New) Covenant. **Simply put, the Renewed Covenant is established**

when we have the Old Covenant on our circumcised heart, and OBEY it. It is the Prophets who testified to the coming Renewed Covenant. **Isa. 55:3** "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; **And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, {According to} the faithful mercies shown to David.**" Again the word "everlasting" comes up. Just as the previous covenants are everlasting, so the Renewed Covenant is also everlasting. **Jer. 32:40** "And **I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.**" Again we see the "everlasting" theme in this verse.

Ezek. 37:23-28 "And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. **And they will be My people, and I will be their Yah.** "And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; **and they will walk in My ordinances, and**



keep My statutes, and observe them. “And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons’ sons, forever; and David My servant shall be their prince forever. **“And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them.** And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their Yah, and they will be My people. “And the nations will know that I am Adonai who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.” This covenant of peace with Phinehas is also spoken of in Num. 25:11-13 **“Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel, in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy. “Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give him My covenant of peace; and it shall be for him and his descendants after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his Yah, and made atonement for the sons of Israel.’”**

If we look close at Isaiah, we will see that the re-newed covenant spoken of, was to include “foreigners”. It wasn’t just for the Jewish people. Isa. 56:3a **“Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to Adonai say,” Isa. 56:6 “Also the foreigners who join themselves to Adonai,”** Notice that it says “who join themselves to Adonai”. Isaiah is including Gentiles in this prophecy; those who follow the Torah, those who join themselves to the Torah, not those who go along for the ride. Isaiah is talking about God-fearers, that accept the covenants of Torah.

It is very interesting to note that the Renewed Covenant has elements of the previous existing covenants. Notice the Davidic covenant when Yah says, **“My servant David will be king over them...and David my servant will be their leader FOREVER.”** Notice the Abrahamic covenant when Yah says, **“They will live in the land I gave to Jacob my servant, where your ancestors lived.”** And notice the Mosaic covenant when Yah says, **“they will live by my rulings and keep and observe my regulations.”** Yah took elements from the earlier covenants and created the Renewed Covenant.

Just as the rainbow was an outward sign of this covenant with Noah and physical circumcision the outward sign of the covenant with Abraham, so to, the circumcision of our heart is now an inner sign of the keeping of the re-newed covenant of YHVH. You might consider the blood of Yeshua and His love also as signs of the partially conditional and unconditional Brit Hadasha. Without accepting the Torah covenants, one cannot have a circumcised heart. Yah tells us that He gives us a new heart and His Spirit to enable us to obey and live by His commands. The Renewed Covenant is the circumcision of our hearts. Only after our hearts have been properly circumcised by the hand of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, can His Torah (five books of Moses), be written on our hearts.

Jer. 31:31-34 **“Behold, days are coming,” declares Adonai, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares Adonai. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares Adonai, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Yah, and they shall be My people. “And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know Adonai,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares Adonai, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”** Jeremiah states with the Renewed covenant Yah will write His Torah on our hearts. The author of Hebrews quotes Jeremiah in Hebr. 8:8-12 when he talks to the Messianic Jews. What is the significance of Yah writing His Torah on our hearts? It is the only way we can truly follow it, out of love for our Father. Love comes from our heart. Yah had to write His Torah on our hearts because we could not keep it otherwise. The **Renewed Covenant** is Yah’s Torah written on our hearts. There is more to the Renewed Covenant than just Yah’s Torah written on our hearts. Jer. 31:34 has already stated that Yah will forgive our wickedness and remember our sins no more. Yah would ultimately forgive our wickedness and remember our sins no more through the sacrificial death of Messiah. (Hebr. 7-10, Gal. 3:17)

Many think that the Renewed covenant is only clearly talked about in Jeremiah, but let us look at a few verses the wisest man in the world (King Solomon) wrote talking about the covenant being on our heart.

Prov. 3:1 **“My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;”**

Prov. 7:3 **“Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart”**

Then we see it also talked about in **Isa. 51:7** **Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, A people in whose heart is My law; Do not fear the reproach of man, Nor be dismayed at their revilings.”**

Ps. 37:31 **“The law of his Elohim is in his heart; His steps do not slip.”**

Ps. 40:8 **“I delight to do Your will, O my Yahveh; Your Law is within my heart.”**

We also see His love on our heart as part of the Shema. **Deut. 6:5** **“You shall love Yahveh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”** If we have the torah on our heart, we truly love Him.

Matt. 26:27-28 "And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave {it} to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins" Messiah instituted the Renewed (New) Covenant in the upper room just hours before He offered up His sinless body as the perfect sacrifice. The sign of the Renewed Covenant is the blood of the Messiah our Passover Lamb. **1Cor. 5:7** "Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are {in fact} unleavened. **For Messiah our Passover also has been sacrificed.**" Our sins are now forgiven **by faith in the blood of Messiah. Just as the rainbow, circumcision, and the Sabbath are everlasting signs of Yah's existing covenants, now the blood of Messiah is the everlasting sign of the Renewed Covenant. Messiah was the final sacrifice for sins when He said in John 19:30 "...It is finished..." and is now the mediator of the Renewed Covenant. Hebr. 12:24 "and to Yeshua, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than (the blood) of Abel"**

Under the old covenant it was the responsibility of Moses to teach the Torah (laws) to all the people who accepted Adonai as their God. It was Moses who had to gather all the people together every seven years and publicly read the Torah to them so they would always have it as their guide. (Deut. 31:10-13). As the population grew and people became more worldly, they withdrew from the writings of Moses. It became more and more difficult to do this and the people simply fell away. This falling away is what has happened to our Christian churches today. They have fallen away from the word, and claim the name of Jesus. (Matt. 7:21-23, 15:7-9, 24:4-5) Do you know of ANY church that truly follows the Torah?

In **Deut. 4:2** "**You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of Adonai, Yahveh, which I command you.**"

Much of today's confusion about Yah's Law, the Ten Commandments and the covenants, is because of three things that took place: (A) in the past those involved in Judaism often added to the Torah. (B) both Judaism and Christianity have ignored and avoided many parts of the Torah, and (C) Believers have subtracted from the Torah, torn out pages that didn't suit their doctrine. The Torah is to be the basis of the doctrine of the church. Failure to recognize this has been the biggest downfall of the church in this new age. "*Many call me Lord, Lord and do not what I say*". (Luke 6:46)

The Torah is perfect, and Yah gave it to Moses to teach the people. The Torah has never changed, but mankind has severely changed to the worse. There is no place in El Gibor's word that says Adonai will give us a new updated book of laws and regulations. Yah said His Torah is to be on our hearts because that is where love comes from, our love for Him being shown by our keeping His laws. In the times of the Temple the Torah/old covenant was placed in the Holy of Holies, but now we have this Torah/re-newed covenant on our hearts, if we are truly His people.

WHY WAS THE RENEWED COVENANT MADE IN THE FIRST PLACE? A RENEWED COVENANT?

The reason we call this part "a New Covenant?" is twofold. First, because it is new in the sense of it being something almost never heard of as we shall see. Second, because au contraire, in a most essential manner, it is not new, "neos", at all, but "kainen", a renewal and a compendium of the prior five covenants, from the Noachic to the Davidic.

Why do we say it is not new at all? Because if we take a comprehensive view of Elohim's grand strategy, regarding the future of the world, we can see the final outcome in Elohim's eyes. His strategy is to restore the Garden of Eden with a "second Adam", the Rabbi Yeshua marrying a second Eve, His Bride the Church. They are to reign as the King and queen of an eternal Kingdom, a Kingdom headquartered in a land with His moral order.

The Noachic covenant furnishes the security of non-destruction by Elohim. The Abrahamic gives the King and queen a land. The Israeli covenant (Abrahamic), offers the blessings. The Mosaic furnishes the moral borders of their Kingdom. And finally, the Davidic covenant promises in advance, the Kingdom, and an eternal King.

To see in what way, on the other hand, it is a Renewed Covenant, let us ask ourselves the following question: With whom was the Renewed Covenant made? With the Church, right? Wrong! **Jer. 31:31-33** "*Behold, the days come, saith Yah Adonai, that I will make a brit ha Hadashah/renewed covenant with the House of Israel, and with the House of Judah; Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith Yah Adonai: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel; After those days, saith Yah Adonai, I will put my law *be kirbam[close to them], and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people" * [Note- The translators mistook kirbam (Strong Number 7131), which is the word appearing in the original Hebrew, for kribaim (Strong number 7130), meaning "in their inward parts". In Hebr. 10:16-17 the words used are: "This is the covenant with which I will covenant with them after those days, says Adonai Yahveh, I will give my Torah, Instructions, Commandments,*

"Law" on their hearts. And on their minds I will write them. And the sins and deeds (against) the Torah/ Instructions/Commandments I shall not remember any longer."

We must understand that the "postal address" of the Renewed Covenant is "P.O. Box Israel", not "The Church." In other words, Elohim made the Renewed Covenant with the same Chosen People He made the previous ones; with Israel. How is that possible? The answer lies in Romans Eleven. **Rom. 11:16-21** *"And if the first piece {of dough} be holy, the lump is also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, {remember that} it is not you who supports the root, but the root {supports} you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for if Yah did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you."*

Romans Eleven holds part of the key to the position of the Church within the Malkut ha Shamaim/ Kingdom of Elohim. In Elohim's eye there is what could be called "the Olive Tree of Romans Eleven" which is a "Who's Who" within His Malkut/Kingdom. The roots of the tree are the patriarchs and prophets of the House of Israel, the trunk, and some of the branches are the bride of Israel. The Israelites, and most of the branches are the Church. There is no Jewish tree on one side and a Gentile tree called "the Church" on the other.

It has been the custom of olive farmers to invigorate an olive tree which is ceasing to bear fruit, by grafting it in with a shoot of the wild olive, so that the sap of the tree enables this wild shoot and the tree now again begins to bear fruit. This grafting helps both trees. The wild olive tree produced poor olives. Its ingrafting enabled it to bear wonderful fruit. On the other hand, the cultivated olive tree sometimes needed to have new vigor put into it. This was accomplished by the grafting in of the new shoot. The process was beneficial to both. In such an unusual grafting, we are told, both the graft and the stock on which it was grafted are affected; the old stock is reinvigorated by the new graft, and the new graft in turn, fed by the sap of the olive stock, is able to bear such fruit as the wild-olive could never produce.

Another important implication from these verses is that the branches were grafted into the olive tree in order to bear olives, not peaches, oranges, or any other kind of fruit. The produce (seed) from an olive tree bears all the characteristics of an olive tree. It is important to note that when the gentiles are grafted in, they do not eliminate Israel nor change Israel into something other than Israel. The tree remains an olive tree! Other branches are merely added on to it, not replacing any of the natural ones.

Thus, with this visual picture in mind, the fact that the Renewed Covenant was also made with Israel begins to make a lot more sense. Why? Because Judaism and Christianity are not two separate religions as we are lead to believe, but a spiritual continuum, and Romans Eleven is a scriptural proof of that. Now, do you see why this is called "A Renewed Covenant"?

Yeshua told the people how to keep the covenant, and yet they continued to stray away from it, just like the people do to this day. **John 5:46-47** *"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"*

NOT A NEW COVENANT!

Second, let us see why it is not a new covenant. Again, let us ask ourselves a second question: The Rabbi Yeshua came to abolish the Mosaic Covenant, didn't He? Again, the answer must be: No. **Matt. 5:17-19** *"Think not that I am come to destroy the (Torah-Instructions-Commandments) "law", or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to make full. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Torah, till all be full. Howsoever therefore shall break one of the these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the malkut ha shamaim/kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven"*

There is an interesting wordplay by Rabbi Yeshua on the words in Greek for "to destroy" and "to fulfill", katalusai and plerosai, respectively. While the former means "to destroy utterly", according to Vine's Dictionary, the latter means exactly the opposite in a sense, to "fill," in the sense of to make the Torah maleh/pregnant with His Holy Spirit. In verses 18-19 the Rabbi Yeshua makes absolutely clear beyond any doubt that the Torah shall not pass away, nor should we teach anybody that it has.

The key to understanding the Renewed Covenant lies in Jer. 31:33's expression: "I will put my Torah, (my Instructions, "Law") close to them [be kirbam] and write it in their hearts." If we really understand what these words wish to convey we will begin to understand the real meaning of the Renewed Covenant.

How did Elohim put the Torah, the Instructions" close to them ('the House of Israel and the House of Judah'), and write it in their hearts"?

First, the Rabbi Yeshua plerosai, filled the Torah/Instructions (Mat. 5:17) with His Holy Spirit, i.e., **He is THE walking Torah**. Then, when we receive the Rabbi Yeshua as our Savior, He is inside us. The Torah is inside us too. Thus, we have not only the tools, the Torah to fulfill it, but the Divine Instrument with whom to

carry it out! (This is the real meaning of Grace! Grace is to have not only our Instructions but the tools to carry them out!)

With Him we have the opportunity, the ability, and the duty to obey the Torah. Because He fulfilled it and then we received Him inside us, we can and should fulfill it too. Not the external Torah, but the Torah placed in us through the Rabbi Yeshua. That is what Jer. 31:33 means: to put the Torah "**close to them and write it in their hearts**"! How can Elohim "**write it in our hearts**"? Only, if, and when, He has someone inside our hearts writing it: the Rabbi Yeshua through the Holy Spirit in us.

On the other hand, this is the "walking in the spirit" mentioned in **Rom. 8:1-2,14** "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Messiah Yeshua, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yeshua hath made me free from the law of sin and death...For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, they are the sons of Elohim.*" Let us note what is said in Rom. 8:

- 1) those who walk in the spirit are under no condemnation;
- 2) one is free from the Torah only provided that we are walking under the "law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yeshua"; and,
- 3) if one wants to be called "sons of Elohim", one has to be lead by the Spirit of Elohim. "Wait a minute" critics will say. "Aren't we supposed to be free from the Law in the New Covenant?" However, **Rom. 3:31** says: "*Do we then make void the law through faith? May it not be! But we affirm the Torah.*"

What about the famous "...for ye are not under the (Torah) the "law," but under grace" of Rom. 6:14? To say it again, we are no longer under the Torah in the sense of an external Torah/Instructions, written in stone, but we indeed are under "*the Torah of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yeshua*"; i.e., *when we walk in the Spirit, when "we are lead by the Spirit of Elohim,"* the Holy Spirit leads us to obey the Torah. It is in this sense that the Covenant is not new at all, but a renewed one.

To conclude, a more comprehensive view of the Renewed Covenant is needed to put the pieces of the Scripture puzzle together, especially if we are dealing with a delicate subject such as the "Old" Covenant vs. the New One. Instead of taking for granted certain common understandings regarding the Renewed Covenant, we should delve more into it, and retrieve the deeper meanings Elohim is willing to share with us. May the Holy Spirit of the Elohim of Israel guide us in this holy quest.

THE ANTI-MESSIAH RAISES HIS UGLY HEAD AGAIN

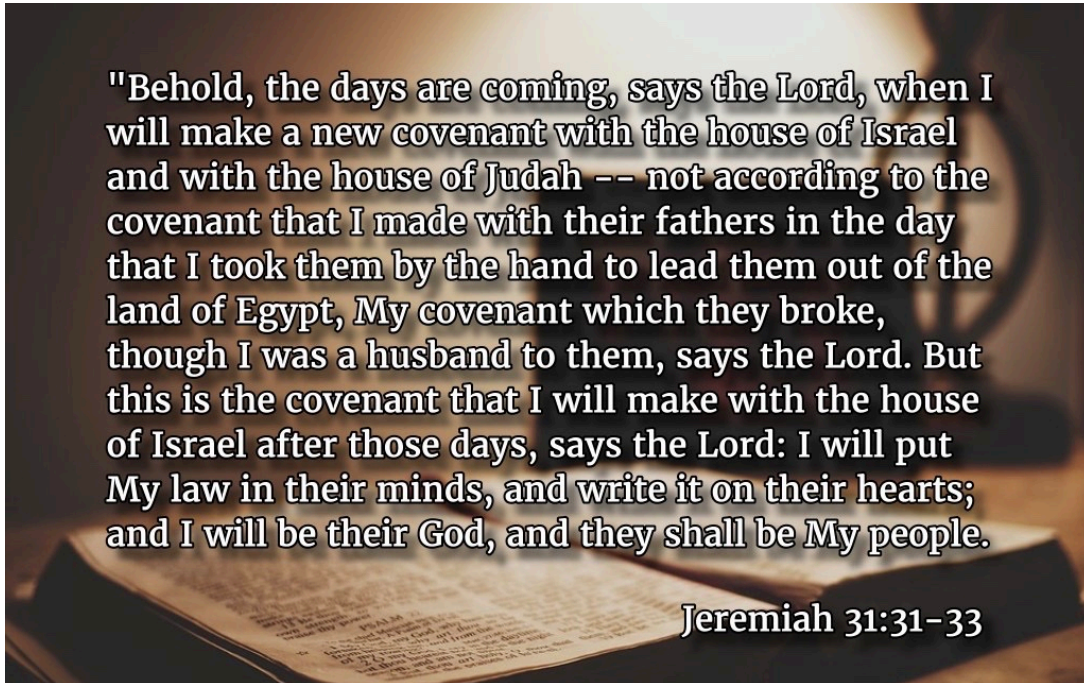
If you look closely at what the great prophet Daniel said would happen in these last days, you will plainly see who Daniel was warning us about. **Dan. 7:25** "*And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*" The "HE" that Daniel is speaking of is the anti-Messiah. It is the spirit of the anti-Messiah that has caused Yah's children to stray from the ways directed by Yah. The spirit of the anti-Messiah is prevalent in our Christian churches today, and that is why many of the people who claim to love Adonai, have been deceived. This deception is spoken of many times throughout the good book, as in (Matt. 7:21). The lawless one is the anti-Messiah, he is the deceiver of the world. **2Ths. 2:8** "*And then that lawless one will be revealed whom Adonai will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;*" It is the lawless one, not our Messiah Yeshua, who is convincing the Christians (through His unbiblical churches), to neglect and disregard Yahveh's Law. In real simple terms; "people are lawless when they don't keep the laws of Yahveh". It is Satan working through his anti-Messiah spirit that has persuaded the pro-claimed Believers to be lawless. Their failure to get seriously into the word of Yahveh has lead the people and the clergy down this garden path. Our Yeshua came to show us the importance of the laws of the Father. He clarified and correctly interpreted His Fathers Torah for days of old, and for our time.

Yah speaks of covenant breakers, people polluted by worldly influences, and evil in **Isa. 24:5** "*The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant.*" Another stiff warning from Adonai is given to believers who did things that they know are not proper in **Ezek. 44:7** "*when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, {even} My house, when you offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant void — {this} in addition to all your abominations.*"

THE RE-NEWED COVENANT (BRIT HADASHA) IS BETTER THAN THE OLD COVENANT

Many ask "why did Yah make a new covenant with His people, what was wrong with the old one?" This is a very good question. Was there something wrong with the Old Covenant? The answer to this question can be found in **Jer. 31:32** "*not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,*" declares Adonai." **Hebr. 8:9** also says, "**NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF**

EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS ADONAI” There was nothing wrong with the Old Covenant, but there was everything wrong with the people’s faithfulness to that covenant. Yah always remained faithful to His promises, and always upheld His end of the deal. It was the people who broke His covenant. **Hebr.8:8** says, **“For finding fault with them, He says, BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS ADONAI, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH”** But Yah did find fault with the people. Again we see that it was the people who were at fault and not Yah. Yah had to “renew” His covenant with His people because of their continual covenant unfaithfulness. El Gibor renewed His covenant with His people in such a way that they would have no excuse to break it again. Even though we are partakers of this Renewed Covenant, it will not reach its final fulfillment until the Messianic Age and all of Israel is back in the land.



Why was the Renewed Covenant made in the first place? Because sinful man could not fulfill the 613 Commandments of Elohim. In fact man cannot fulfill even the first one, *"Thou shalt love Yah ADONAI thy Yah with all thine heart..."* (Dvarim/Words/"Deut "6:4). Man was defeated on Round One, with Adam and Eve, so Elohim had to start all over again using little Messiah’s living inside each one of us (Rom. 8:10; Col. 3:3) through the Holy Spirit. Now we have a Church which is made out of the Rabbi Yeshua, just as Eve was made from one of Adam's ribs. For Elohim cannot tolerate anything made of flesh. Flesh is perishable, but the spirit is eternal.

If you pay close attention to the theme of the book of Hebrews, you will see that it explains the supremacy of Yeshua our Messiah. **Hebr. 8:6** *“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises”* “Yeshua is the mediator of a better covenant,” makes it clear that the renewed covenant is superior to the old. If you understand the Greek meaning of “better,” you will see it doesn’t mean the “old” one is no longer there, it means it has been re-newed, improved upon, more useful, or more excellent.

As stated in Hebrews, our Messiah was superior in regards to: Angels, (Hebr. 1-2), Moses, (Hebr. 3-4:13), Aaronic priesthood, (Hebr. 4:14-6:20), and the Melchizedek priesthood of (Hebr. 7:1-28). Yeshua’s work as the High Priest was superior in regards to: the Covenant, (Hebr. 8), the Sanctuary, (Hebr. 9:1-12), and the Sacrifice, (Hebr. 9:13-18). Only the blood of Yeshua could take away the sins of the world. All the sacrifices of the past simply covered the sins of the world. Because of the Renewed covenant we can claim the blood of our precious lamb of Yah as our ability to be directly forgiven for our sins.

Messiah “updated” or “amended” the Torah through His sacrifice on the stake. These modifications had no effect on the morals and civil instructions contained in the books of Moses.

Our Country has what we call a “charter of rights,” or “bill of rights”. That is the law of the people. When our Government leaders get together in Parliament, or Legislature, they don’t change the entire bill of rights when they put into place a new law or rule. They “amend” the original bill to include the change, or addition. It is this same principal that Yah had in mind when Yeshua came to “update” or “modify,” the Law of the Torah.

The old covenant was not thrown out, but “amended” to include, or re-new it, because of what Yeshua replaced at Calvary in regards to the sacrificial system, laws, and priesthood.

CONFUSING SCRIPTURES ABOUT COVENANTS

There are many scriptures that have caused confusion about the things of the Renewed Covenant. The following are a few typical mis-understood verses:

Hebr. 7:17-18 *“For it is witnessed {of Him}, THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.” For, on the one hand, **there is a setting aside** of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness”* The commandment being talked about here is the commandments or rules pertaining to the priesthood. If you look closely at the following verse you will see it is the “priesthood” that is being set aside, not the Torah. **Hebr. 10:9** *“then He said, “BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL.”* He takes away the first in order to establish the second.” Here something better is being introduced. Messiah is the priest forever (in the priesthood of Melchizedek), as per verse 17. As in verse 18 the “weak and uselessness” is referring to the Levitical priesthood (Hebr. 7:11), and the sacrifices.

There is often confusion with **Hebr. 8:7** *“For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.”* **Hebr. 8:13** *“When He said, “A new {covenant},” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.”* At first glance it may seem that the so-called old covenant was totally thrown away, abandoned, and a new covenant was about to replace it. This is what most would have you believe, but look closely at what it really says, in context to what was happening at the time this was written.

At that time the writer of Hebrews was telling the Jewish people that one aspect of the old covenant regarding sacrifices and the levitical system, was about to change. This verse is found in the middle of a discussion of priestly duties, atonement, and the sacrificial system in general. When it is kept in context, one can see that it was referring to that part of the covenant which was all about to change, because Yeshua was about to become the ultimate, once and for all, sacrifice to replace that system of atonement. Yeshua’s famous words: “it is finished” come into play here. The sacrificial system for atonement was near completion. This verse is not referring to the Torah as a whole, but simply the old sacrificial system instructed in the Torah.

What is being referred to here as “made the first obsolete,” is the old priesthood, not the covenant as some would have you believe. “Ready to disappear” is the old priesthood, because Yeshua (the High Priest), was replacing the old Levitical priesthood. “One covenant does not set aside another; one does not invalidate another so as to nullify its stipulations. Rather, it renews expands, adapts, up-dates.” In addition, the Renewed Covenant, like all biblical covenants made with Israel, incorporates all the provisions of the previous covenant, made necessary by the historically accomplished sacrifice of Yeshua. The Torah is still in effect as a covenant, and its provisions are still Yah’s instructions for the righteous. David Stern has this to say concerning the “vanishing” of the old covenant, in this verse: “What is actually on the verge of vanishing is the old priesthood, not the old covenant-or, perhaps we may say, not Yah’s unchangeable nature which stands behind the old covenant. The priesthood is the subject of the whole section (indeed, the sacrificial system is the subject of the whole letter), and it is this which is about to disappear or, at the very least, take on a very transformed role”.

The Mosaic Covenant has not vanished in as much as the Abrahamic, Noahaic, or Davidic Covenants, have not vanished. All of these covenants are still in effect, and we continue to receive the blessings from each. When Yah amends His covenant with His people, this amendment is an addition or adaptation to the previous covenants. When Yah introduces a new covenant, it does not abolish the existing covenants. God simply builds upon His earlier covenants. There are great dangers in cancelling any of Yah’s covenants. No one has the authority to cancel covenants made by El emet (God of truth), other than El emet Himself. That means no clergy, no teachers, no prophets, and no saints, can change the word of Yah. We must abide by what He told us to do, and respect His wishes, for He is the maker of heaven and earth. We are the created, not the creators.

VOWS..PROMISES..COVENANTS

The following is a subject that is included in the Mattot (Tribes) Torah portion (parashah). Because it is so misunderstood, I have decided to have a special teaching on this alone. I hope you enjoy it. There are other vows spoken of in the bible that are associated with blessings or curses, but in this teaching I am specifically referring to what is being revealed in the Book of Numbers.

Num. 30:1-8 *Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, “This is the word which Adonai has commanded. 2 **“If a man makes a vow to Adonai, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.”** Also if a woman makes a vow to Adonai, and binds herself by an obligation in her father’s house in her youth, 4 and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand. 5 “But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and Adonai will forgive her because her father had forbidden her. 6*

“However, if she should marry while under her vows or the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself, 7 and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears it, then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand. 8 “But if on the day her husband hears of it, he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which she is under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and Adonai will forgive her.”



Num. 30:9-15 *“But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her. 10 “However, if she vowed in her husband’s house, or bound herself by an obligation with an oath, 11 and her husband heard it, but said nothing to her and did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she bound herself shall stand. 12 “But if her husband indeed annuls them on the day he hears them, then whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the obligation of herself, shall not stand; her husband has annulled them, and Adonai will forgive her. 13 “Every vow and every binding oath to humble herself, her husband may confirm it or her husband may annul it. 14 “But if her husband indeed says nothing to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all her obligations which are on her; he has confirmed them, because he said nothing to her on the day he heard them. 15 “But if he indeed annuls them after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt.”*

WHAT IS A VOW?

Yah is the Great creator, but in a sense He has given us the ability to “change His creation”, by making a vow. The vow actually takes His created word and adjusts it so to speak for our spoken word. He in fact gives us authority to put into action or make things happen that normally wouldn’t happen. Because of this divine right He bestows upon us, the responsibilities are supernatural also. By His spoken word all things were created and by our spoken word (in a sense) we create slight changes to His Word.

A promise is something spoken between two or more people. The reason a vow is far more powerful than a promise, is because when we make a vow we are asking Yahveh to be our witness. As a result, He is going to hold us accountable for it if we break the vow. A vow is the strongest form of speech there is. Vows and promises are reserved for very specific things. With that said, the wedding vow is to be taken very seriously. We can be blessed or cursed according to our keeping or breaking that vow. So whether one understands it or not, when we divorce we are officially breaking that vow and we are cursed for doing so.

For example: whether we understand or not, Yah has given both Father’s and Husband’s special authority over their family. The father or husband has the authority whether he deserves it or not, the father or husband is then responsible before Yah. This is not ever to be taken lightly. This is what is revealed to us in Num. 30:1-15.

Yah will likewise bless us for doing as we vowed to do and curse us if we don’t do what we vowed to do. This is the basic principal of blessings and curses revealed to us throughout scriptures, especially in the Book of Deuteronomy.

This flies in the face of what the Feminist’s in our society would have you believe. Someone has to have authority when it comes right down to it. One can argue about many things, but there can be no argument about the fact that when it comes right down to the nitty gritty, someone must have the authority to make a final decision. Someone must have the authority to step up to the plate. That authority today is revealed in the court system, but Yah’s system supersedes any court system even though that court system itself is based on the Word of Yah.

In a sense Yah has vows available to us so that we can prove to Him that our word is honorable. He has proven to us throughout scriptures that He keeps His word and that His word is honorable. In the same way He gives us the opportunity to prove our worthiness in regards to our words in a sense, creating life. All the covenants in our bible are based on vows Yah made to us. Our ancestors made a covenant with Yah at Mt. Sinai. That covenant is forever for all those agreeing to be His BRIDE. That covenant/vow from Mt. Sinai is

FOREVER, for all of us willing to commit to His Word. Yah promised His people at that time the “Promised Land” and He indeed delivered them into it just as He said He would. He made many promises to His people throughout history that have been passed down from generation to generation of those who accept His promises and the responsibility required in those promises. Yah has always kept His part of His contract with us, it is always us who struggle with keeping up our end of the contract. He even made a promise that if we didn’t keep our end of the contract He would do it for us, IF we are obedient to His Word. That’s the reason Yeshua came to die on our behalf. Yah used His own Son to pay the price for our transgressions.

That commitment is part of the “born again” concept. In order for one to be born again and achieve eternal salvation (not momentary), we must honor the vow/covenant made by our people back at Mt. Sinai. Our people are the Israelites, Israel meaning “overcome by Yah”. All of us who are overcome by Yahveh are His bride Israel. There is no Jew or Gentile when we accept His ketubah (wedding contract) given out on the mountain. We are all Israel who accept this covenant/vow forever and our children can likewise accept or deny this vow according to their free will. He made a covenant with Israel and He will never break His end of it.

It is like ripping apart Yah’s soul when we make a vow like our bridal betrothal with Him and break it by not keeping His torah commandments. We are to keep that promise when we are “born again” or we are simply NOT born again. He is our Father. He is our Husband if we are truly His bride and He has the authority to bless us for keeping our vows, promises and covenants, or to not bless us when we break them. Yah takes on this responsibility just as a father or husband takes on the same responsibility of his family. A father or husbands supernatural authority is designed after Yah’s supernatural authority. It can be a blessing or a curse depending on our completion or not of the promise.

VOW OF MARRIAGE

If a daughter makes a vow, in the day that the father hears of this vow, he must make a decision for his daughter. His decision is to either allow the vow to stand or to make it null and void. He is confirming or nullifying the vow. If he decides to annul the vow, it is as if she never spoke one at all. In the case of a wife, it works the same way.

If the daughter made a vow and the father accepts the vow and then gets married, in the day that the husband hears of the vow he has the same authority as the father. He can annul the vow if he wishes to even though it has previously been accepted. The burden of the vow is on the husband, so it is his obligation to either accept or annul the vow.

In the case of vows, the authority of the father or husband is superior to the wife or daughter who made the vow.

A marriage is started by a vow. If in the day that a young lady goes out and makes a vow of marriage and her father hears it, he has the spiritual authority to void it. The man’s vow would be considered acceptable, but not that of the daughter. It’s as if she never did make a vow. That’s why it is so important to get the fathers participation in a wedding, without his approval (according to Torah), there is no wedding. The blessings of being married cannot take affect unless the father condones the wedding vow. **That’s why even in today’s traditional weddings the pastor asks: “who gives this bride to be wed”?** Tradition for many years has also been for the presiding pastor to ask if anyone objects to the marriage of the bride and groom. That is why that is asked. It is spoken to uphold the fathers right to deny the grooms approval of a wedding vow if he so deems. The one with spiritual authority presiding over the wedding must know that it is approved by the father in authority.

The father I am talking about here is a moral person. We are not talking about a worldly man, a man who hates people for no reason or rants and raves about everything going on in the world. We are talking about a virtuous fathers blessing. If the man is evil in his nature he has no blessing to offer anyone, so his condoning the wedding means absolutely nothing spiritually.

RESPECT FOR THE FATHER OR HUSBAND

An overwhelming need that all fathers and husbands has is the need for respect. That need for respect from his family members is a core issue in the foundation of a families existence. If a man is not respected by his family members it affects the depths of his soul. Depending how great the disrespect is, how public it is made, etc., it can be devastating to a man’s soul. It can literally tare him apart, seer him for the rest of his life. That disrespect is considered equivalent to any form of disrespect that you can come up with against a wife or the children. It is his judgement as to what he thinks is best for his family. If he misuses his authority it doesn’t change the fact that he does have this authority. If he misuse's that authority he becomes accountable to Yah. We must trust in Yah and the authority He has given. To rebel against that authority is to rebel against Yah Himself. We need in our society, husbands and fathers who will stand up and take on the responsibilities for our families. The responsibility of the world begins right at home, at the supper table. If all is well at home, all will be well when we go out into the world and deal with the injustice all around us.

Paul's verse about a women not talking in the church is in regards to this authority of a vow.

1Cor. 14:34-35 *Let the women keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but let them*

*subject themselves, just as the Law also says. 35 And if they desire to learn anything, **let them ask their own husbands at home**; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.* This verse is tied together with the husbands authority over his family. This verse is relating to a woman speaking against the authority of her husband, which is an embarrassment to the husband. This is simply contrary to the commandments of Yah.

If one wants to have an acceptable wedding you must have the approval of the father. If this takes place Yah can bless the couple. If it doesn't then Yah cannot bless the married couple. That is one of the reasons so many couples today have a bad marriage, because it has not and cannot be blessed by Yah. This is for the protection of the bride. The same protection that a father has for his daughter is that of a husband for his wife. It doesn't mean that someone is superior, it means that some one has to be responsible for the actions of the bride and Yah has spoken that it be the father of the bride. This is all part of the authority a man has over his house, his children and with regard to his wife. Most fathers and husbands today don't know about the authority and responsibilities they have been given by Yah. Even after they do understand, most are somewhat hesitant to use their authority. Most men want their wives and children to respect and like them as a friend. This in itself is a huge error, it's not about liking one another it's about whether or not the man of the house truly loves them enough to stand on what Yah has given us for guidelines. It's about whether or not the man is going to stand up for his family members in good times and in bad. Any Dad who just stands up when it is go for the family is a fair weather Dad, he is not a true man. The family deserves better than just a fair weather Dad, they deserve a Dad who will stand up for the families spiritual rights at all times, good or bad.

VOWS HAVE CREATED NATIONS

Vows are so important that Nations themselves have been formed on declarations, vows. Canada and America are examples of what vows create. They came to be, in spite of much opposition, because of a vow of independence, separation from Britain. Vows make words create. Vows from someone in authority literally change reality.

A VOW CAN BE A BLESSING OR A CURSE

A vow when heeded can create or bring to pass a blessings, but vows made in haste and not kept can likewise bring a curse. That's why Yeshua said: **"let your answer be yes or no"**. We must be very careful when we speak words of a vow. A vow is in the fibre of your soul. When it is enforced it becomes a very powerful vehicle (blessing), when broken it becomes a powerful curse. One of the reasons married couples who get divorced sometimes suffer so much emotionally is because a portion of their soul has been damaged. The soul tie, if you will, created when the two became one, can do serious harm to the innermost parts of our soul when it is broken. Today it is common for us to say 'we have a broken heart', this is much more realistic than most consider. That's is why most divorces become a tragedy, because it tares the very fabric of our being. It has the affect of scar tissue, there for the remainder of our lives to remind us of our poorly spoken words. To paint a vivid picture, imagine the healing that would have to take place if ones arm was pulled off compared to being precisely cut off. It is not like a surgeons sharp cut which normally heals nicely over a short period of time. There are consequences for a broken vow, just as there are consequences for sin. Breaking a vow is in fact a sin.

A PROMISE

A promise is totally different than a vow. A promise is like a contract. In the case of a contract we must consider the "eye for eye" concept. Damages for breaking the contract must be dealt with. It is common in the legal system (not justice system) today, to have court rulings on damages incurred from people who get into verbal or written contracts and break them. It is a basic part of the court system that is derived from the "eye for an eye" statute in the scriptures. Breaking a promise is a minor issue commonly dealt with, breaking a vow has consequences for the rest of your life. Yah holds us in account for all vows for the rest of our lives. When we promise something it is always pertaining to the future. The future depends entirely on what Yah decides to happen, so when making a promise of any kind we must always say the promise is conditional on Yah's will be done.

Yah often puts us to the test with what we have vowed or promised. Sometimes we say things without realizing that He is listening and He has the ability to put us to the test on our vows and promises at any given time. If we desire to do something we must be very careful to make a distinction between what we promise and what we vow. A promise is one thing, a vow is a whole different matter. We must have our priorities right. We must be very careful about the words that come out of our mouth. Yah is watching and He is listening. The books are open and our words and actions are being recorded, someday to be read back to us. Are you prepared to listen?

Matt. 12:36-37 *"And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. 37 **"For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."***

James 1:26 *"Anyone who thinks he is religiously observant but does not control his tongue is deceiving himself, and his observance counts for nothing."*

SUMMARY OF COVENANTS AND VOWS

Poor memory seems to be a common fault with man. Yah emphasized from the very beginning to remember: “remember my law”, “remember my Sabbaths”, “remember the poor, the widow and the orphan”, and “remember Adonai your God”. It seems all of humanity has been stricken with collective amnesia. Everyone has forgotten what Yah told them clearly to remember for perpetuity. Man has in fact forgotten Adonai. Those who claim to be His people have forgotten most of the basic things that He told them never to forget. Poor memory seems to be a common fault with mankind even though Yahveh has told us clearly from the very beginning NEVER to forget.

Our Father in Heaven gives us His own unquestionable opinion about His covenants. **Gal. 3:17** “*What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, **does not invalidate a covenant** previously ratified by Yah, so as to nullify the promise.*” The establishment of the Re-newed covenant did not make the old ones disappear, it did not abrogate the old ones. It did not cancel the old ones out. It strengthened and complemented the other covenants. That is exactly what Paul was saying in **Gal. 3:21** “when he asks: **“Is the Torah then contrary to the promises of Yah? May it never be!”**”

Shalom

שלום - (Sha-lom)

A Hebrew word for
“Complete peace,
contentment,
completeness,
wholeness, well
being and
harmony.”



Isa. 54:10 “*For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And **My covenant of peace will not be shaken,**” Says Adonai who has compassion on you.*”

Isa. 59:21 “*And as for Me, **this is My covenant with them,**” says Adonai: “My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, **shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,**” says Adonai, “**from now and forever.**”*”

As Believers, us saints must not separate Yah’s covenants, but keep them together as a whole unit, showing Yah’s total redemptive plan for mankind. We do not have a “cut and paste” Bible like some would have you think. We have a book of the living word become flesh in Yeshua Himself. It is Yeshua we should be following! Not like mankind is, using His precious name in an unworthy manner; “Hallowed by thy name”.

When we become “born again” believers, “people of the way”, we must accept all six of the covenants of Adonai in order to receive the blessings of the covenants, in order to have the covering of Yah’s authority, and in order to accept the promises and commitments in all the covenants. We cannot accept the Renewed covenant and proclaim to be partners with Yah unless we do as He said, and have His Laws and Commandments written on our hearts (Jer. 31:33-34).

Yeshua was resurrected after three days and nights as the “FIRST FRUITS”, the first born, like Abraham’s Isaac. If we believe as Abraham believed, the righteousness of Yeshua is given to us. We put on

His robe of righteousness, and through faith in Him, He becomes our full armor of Yah, and we receive salvation as our reward (2Cor. 5:21).

Adonai offered up His Son Yeshua to die for us on the very same mountain Abraham offered up His Son Isaac. Abraham carried the wood for His sacrifice on His shoulders as our Yeshua bore His own wooden stake on that day of Calvary. Our God Almighty offered up His ONLY Son as a burnt offering, to be a blessing for all of us, and to make it possible for us to be set free. Each time we think about who has been offered up in place of us for the final sacrifice, we should humble ourselves, get prostrate, and thank Yah for the right to be able to be called a FRIEND. Each time we think about who has been offered up in place of us for the final sacrifice we should humble ourselves, get down on our knees, and say, "Yah have mercy on me". Each time we thank Him for our freedom, we should get down on our knees, and say: "though I am not worthy Father I accept your Hebrew Son Yeshua as the substitutionary sacrifice for me, and I accept your covenants as put before me in your precious word made flesh in Yeshua Hamashiah. "I, pledge to do my best to bring glory to your precious name."

When we accept the covenants of Yah, when we enter into His contracts, all the promises made to Abraham become rightfully ours, but first you must say "YES" to them. You must accept Yeshua into your life as the one who walked through the covenant in place of you, just as Abraham did. We must have a circumcised heart and all become of one spirit inwardly. **Rom. 2:29** *"But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from Yah."* Yah's covenants of love through the blood of Yeshua bring all us former Gentiles and Jews into union with each other, with Adonai, in one spirit. **Gal. 3:28-29** *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Messiah Yeshua. And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."*

As described within this text, "blood covenants" are not to be taken lightly. If you want to call yourself a friend of Yah's then you'd best realize the seriousness of your proclamation, and the ramifications of not holding up to your end of the deal. Are you willing to truly offer up **EVERYTHING** to our Father? Are you truly willing to SURRENDER ALL? Are you willing to break open the box of alabaster and pour it all out? Have you offered up your Isaac? Have you offered up YOURSELF as a living sacrifice? Are you truly worthy of calling yourself a "**FRIEND OF THE LIVING YAH**", a "**CHILD OF Yah**"? **Rom. 9:8** *"That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of Yah, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants."* I leave that with you to chew on, for only you know whats on your heart. The truth has been made available here! The TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE!

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