

COVENANTS

As we will see in this study there are many types of covenants that can be made and they all have consequences that we must be aware of. For those that require our acceptance and compliance we should scrutinize more closely before we make any decision or agreement to enter into these covenants. We should use Scriptural and Spiritual insight to assess and determine the ramifications they might and possibly could cause us to be put in direct conflict and disobedience with Yahweh/Yahuah and Yahshua/Yahusha.

Listed below are many different covenants that can occur and be entered into. We will take a look at each one in the Light of Scripture and review and discuss each in regards to Yahweh/Yahuahs' and Yahshua/Yahushas' Torah (Teachings, Doctrines, Precepts and Statutes).

Definitions:

A. Covenant (Easton)

A contract or agreement between two parties. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word berith is always thus translated. Berith is derived from a root which means "to cut," and hence a covenant is a "cutting," with reference to the cutting or dividing of animals into two parts, and the contracting parties passing between them, in making a covenant.

The corresponding word in the New Testament Greek is diatheke, which is, however, rendered "testament" generally in the Authorized Version. It ought to be rendered, just as the word berith of the Old Testament, "covenant."

B. Covenant (ISBE)

The etymological force of the Hebrew b^erith is not entirely certain. It is probable that the word is the same as the Assyrian birîtu, which has the common meaning "fetter," but also means "covenant." The significance of the root from which this Assyrian word is derived is uncertain. It is probable that it is "to bind," but that is not definitely established. The meaning of birîtu as covenant seems to come directly from the root, rather than as a derived meaning from fetter. If this root idea is to bind, the covenant is that which binds together the parties. This, at any rate, is in harmony with the general meaning of the word.

In the Old Testament the word has an ordinary use, when both parties are men, and a distinctly religious use, between God and men. There can be no doubt that the religious use has come from the ordinary, in harmony with the general custom in such cases, and not the reverse. There are also two shades of meaning, somewhat distinct, of the Hebrew word: one in which it is properly a covenant, i.e. a solemn mutual agreement, the other in which it is more a command, i.e. instead of an obligation voluntarily assumed, it is an obligation imposed by a superior upon an inferior. This latter meaning, however, has clearly been derived from the other. It is easy to see that an agreement, including as the contracting parties those of unequal position, might readily include those agreements which tended to partake of the nature of a command; but the process could not readily be reversed.

C. Covenant (The American Heritage Dictionary)

A formal binding agreement; compact; contract. A Promise or vow.

D. Covenant (Strong)

H1285

ברית

b^orîyth

ber-eeth'

From H1262 (in the sense of *cutting* (like H1254)); a *compact* (because made by passing between *pieces* of flesh): - confederacy, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, league.

G1242

διαθήκη

diathēkē

dee-ath-ay'-kay

From G1303; properly a *disposition*, that is, (specifically) a *contract* (especially a devisory *will*): - covenant, testament.

Types of Covenants to be discussed:

1. Yahweh/Yahuah & Yahshua/Yahusha to Themselves (Elohim)

2. **Yahweh/Yahuah & Yahshua/Yahusha to Mankind/World**
3. **Mankind to Yahweh/Yahuah & Yahshua/Yahusha**
4. **Mankind to Mankind**
5. **Nations/Governments/Organizations to Mankind**
6. **Mankind to Nations/Governments/Organizations**
7. **Nations/Governments/Organizations to Nations/Governments/Organizations**

1. **Yahweh/Yahuah & Yahshua/Yahusha to Themselves (Elohim)**

Gen 1:26

And Elohim said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness,.....

Gen 11:5-8

Then **יהוה** came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

And **יהוה** said, “Look, they are one people and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do! And now, they are not going to be withheld from doing whatever they plan to do.

“Come, let Us go there and confuse their language, so that they do not understand one another’s speech.”

And **יהוה** scattered them from there, over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

Heb 6:13

For Elohim, having promised Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, swore by Himself,

2. **Yahweh/Yahuah & Yahshua/Yahusha to Mankind/World**

Yahweh/Yahuah and Yahshua/Yahusha have made covenants with both mankind and the world and the covenants are irrevocable and will be in force and continue either forever or until the covenant is complete with all parts being satisfied.

Remember that Father has given us assurance in His Divine Word that:

2Pe 3:9-14

יהוה is not slow in regard to the promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward us, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of **יהוה** shall come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with intense heat, and the earth and the works that are in it shall be burned up.

Seeing all these are to be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be in set-apart behaviour and reverence, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of Elohim, through which the heavens shall be destroyed, being set on fire, and the elements melt with intense heat!

But according to His promise we wait for a renewed heavens and a renewed earth in which righteousness dwells.

So then, beloved ones, looking forward to this, do your utmost to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

A. Our Guarantee!

Psa 89:33-35

“But My kindness I do not take away from him, Nor be false to My trustworthiness.

“I shall not profane My covenant, Neither would I change what has gone out from My lips.

“Once I have sworn by My set-apartness, I do not lie to Dawid:

Heb 6:13-19

For Elohim, having promised Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, swore by Himself, saying, “Truly, blessing I shall bless you, and increasing I shall increase you.”

And so, after being patient, he obtained the promise.

For men do indeed swear by the one greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

In this way Elohim, resolving to show even more clearly to the heirs of promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, confirmed it by an oath, so that by two unchangeable matters in which it is impossible for Elohim to lie, we might have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the expectation set before us, which we have as an anchor of the life, both safe and firm, and entering into that within the veil,

B. Covenants That Have Been Made To Mankind:

1) Create man and gave him rule over all creatures and the earth.

Gen 1:26-31

And Elohim said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the earth.”

And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them.

And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, “Bear fruit and increase, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over all creatures moving on the earth.”

And Elohim said, “See, I have given you every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you it is for food.

“And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to every creeping creature on the earth, in which there is life, every green plant is for food.” And it came to be so.

And Elohim saw all that He had made, and see, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the sixth day.

- 2) Father told man that if you eat of the tree you will die (spiritually).**

Gen 2:15-17

And יהוה Elohim took the man and put him in the garden of Ėden to work it and to guard it.

And יהוה Elohim commanded the man, saying, “Eat of every tree of the garden,

but do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat of it you shall certainly die.”

- 3) Father made a covenant to Qayin (Cain)**

Gen 4:8-15

And Qayin told Hebel his brother. And it came to be when they were in the field, that Qayin rose up against Hebel his brother and killed him.

And יהוה said to Qayin, “Where is Hebel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s guard?”

And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.

“And now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

“If you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

And Qayin said to יהוה, “My punishment is too great to bear!

“See, You have driven me from the face of the ground today, and I am hidden from Your face. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and it shall be that anyone who finds me kills me.”

And יהוה said to him, “Well, if anyone kills Qayin, vengeance is taken on him sevenfold.” And יהוה set up a sign for Qayin, lest anyone finding him kills him.

- 4) Father made a covenant with Noah to preserve him, his wife their sons and their wives.**

Gen 6:13, 17-18, 22; 7:1, 5

and Elohim said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And see, I am going to destroy them from the earth.

“And see, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life from under the heavens – all that is on the earth is to die.

“And I shall establish My covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

And Noah did according to all that Elohim commanded him, so he did.

And יהוה said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

And Noah did according to all that יהוה commanded him.

- 5) Father made a covenant with Noah, his sons and the earth (every living creature on the earth).**

Gen 9:8-17

And Elohim spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

“And I, see, I establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you,

and with every living creature that is with you: of the birds, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

“And I shall establish My covenant with you, and never again is all flesh cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again is there a flood to destroy the earth.”

And Elohim said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for all generations to come:

“I shall set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

**“And it shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud,
and I shall remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and never again let the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.**

“And the rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I shall see it, to remember the everlasting covenant between Elohim and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

And Elohim said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

6) Father made a covenant with Abram/Abraham and his seed.

Gen 12:1-4; 17:7-14

And יהוה said to Abram, “Go yourself out of your land, from your relatives and from your father’s house, to a land which I show you.

“And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing!

“And I shall bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you. And in you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram left, as יהוה had commanded him, and Lot went with him.

And Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran.

“And I shall establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohim to you and your seed after you.

“And I shall give to you and your seed after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Kena’an, as an everlasting possession. And I shall be their Elohim.”

And Elohim said to Abraham, “As for you, guard My covenant, you and your seed after you throughout their generations.

“This is My covenant which you guard between Me and you, and your seed after you: Every male child among you is to be circumcised.

“And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall become a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

“And a son of eight days is circumcised by you, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with silver from any foreigner who is not of your seed.

“He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your silver, has to be circumcised. So shall My covenant be in your flesh, for an everlasting covenant.

“And an uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, his life shall be cut off from his people – he has broken My covenant.”

- 7) **Father made a covenant with Ya’aqob and his seed.**

Gen 28:13-19

And see, יהוה stood above it and said, “I am יהוה Elohim of Abraham your father and the Elohim of Yitshaq. The land on which you are lying, I give it to you and your seed.

“And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall break forth to the west and to the east, to the north and the south. And all the clans of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your seed.

“And see, I am with you and shall guard you wherever you go, and shall bring you back to this land. For I am not going to leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

And Ya’aqob awoke from his sleep and said, “Truly, יהוה is in this place, and I did not know it.”

And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of Elohim, and this is the gate of the heavens!”

And Ya’aqob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a standing column, and poured oil on top of it.

And he called the name of that place Bëyth Ėl, however, the name of that city had been Luz previously.

- 8) **Elohim remembers His covenant with Abraham, Yitshaq and Ya’aqob.**

Exo 2:23-25

And it came to be after these many days that the sovereign of Mitsrayim died. And the children of Yisra’ël groaned because of the slavery, and they cried out. And their cry came up to Elohim because of the slavery.

And Elohim heard their groaning, and Elohim remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Yitshaq, and with Ya’aqob.

And Elohim looked on the children of Yisra’ël, and Elohim knew!

- 9) **Elohim made a covenant with Mosheh to be the deliver.**

Exo 3:10-14

“And now, come, I am sending you to Pharaoh, to bring My people, the children of Yisra’ël, out of Mitsrayim.”

And Mosheh said to Elohim, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Yisra’el out of Mitsrayim?”

And He said, “Because I am with you. And this is to you the sign that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Mitsrayim, you are to serve Elohim on this mountain.”

And Mosheh said to Elohim, “See, when I come to the children of Yisra’el and say to them, ‘The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His Name?’ what shall I say to them?”

And Elohim said to Mosheh, “I am that which I am.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Yisra’el, ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

- 10) Elohim made a covenant not to harm any Yisraelites and strangers who were under the protect of the blood on the two doorposts and the lintel of the house they were in and this would be a statute forever.**

Exo 12:7-15

‘And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

‘And they shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire – with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

‘Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire, its head with its legs and its inward parts.

‘And do not leave of it until morning, and what remains of it until morning you are to burn with fire.

‘And this is how you eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Passover of יְהוָה.

‘And I shall pass through the land of Mitsrayim on that night, and shall smite all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, both man and beast. And on all the mighty ones of Mitsrayim I shall execute judgment. I am יְהוָה.

‘And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you when I smite the land of Mitsrayim.

‘And this day shall become to you a remembrance. And you shall observe it as a festival to יְהוָה throughout your generations – observe it as a festival, an everlasting law.

‘Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. Indeed on the first day you cause leaven to cease from your houses. For whoever eats

leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that being shall be cut off from Yisra'el.

- 11) **Yahweh/Yahuah made a covenant with the children of Yisrael and the strangers who came out of Mitsrayim that He would be there Elohim and he gave them His Ten Commands.**

Exo 19:25; 20:1-20, 22

And Mosheh went down to the people and spoke to them.

And Elohim spoke all these Words, saying,

“I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery.

“You have no other mighty ones against My face.

“You do not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יהוה your Elohim am a jealous Ėl, visiting the crookedness of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands.

“You do not bring the Name of יהוה your Elohim to naught, for יהוה does not leave the one unpunished who brings His Name to naught.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart.

“Six days you labour, and shall do all your work,

but the seventh day is a Sabbath of יהוה your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

“For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore יהוה blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.

“Respect your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.

“You do not murder.

“You do not commit adultery.

“You do not steal.

“You do not bear false witness against your neighbour.

“You do not covet your neighbour’s house, you do not covet your neighbour’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, or whatever belongs to your neighbour.”

And all the people saw the thunders, the lightning flashes, the sound of the ram’s horn, and the mountain smoking. And the people saw it, and they trembled and stood at a distance,

and said to Mosheh, “You speak with us and we hear, but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die.”

And Mosheh said to the people, “Do not fear, for Elohim has come to prove you, and in order that His fear be before you, so that you do not sin.”

And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Say this to the children of Yisra’el: ‘You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from the heavens.

- 12) Yahweh/Yahuah made a covenant with Gid'on to save Yisra'el from the hand of the Midyanites.

Jdg 6:12-23

And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him, and said to him, “יהוה is with you, you mighty brave one!”

And Gid'on said to Him, “O my master, if יהוה is with us, why has all this come upon us? And where are all His wonders which our fathers related to us, saying, ‘Did not יהוה bring us up from Mitsrayim?’ But now יהוה has left us and given us into the hands of Midyan.”

And יהוה turned to him and said, “Go in this strength of yours, and you shall save Yisra’el from the hand of the Midyanites. Have I not sent you?”

And he said to Him, “O יהוה, with what do I save Yisra’el? See, my clan is the weakest in Menashsheh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”

And יהוה said to him, “Because I am with you, you shall smite the Midyanites as one man.”

And he said to Him, “Please, if I have found favour in Your eyes, then show me a sign that it is You who are speaking with me.

“Please do not move away from here, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You.” And He said, “I shall stay until you return.”

And Gid'on went in, and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot. And he brought them out to Him, under the terebinth tree, and presented it.

And the Messenger of Elohim said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And he did so.

And the Messenger of יהוה put forth the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread. And fire

went up out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Messenger of יהוה went from his sight.

And when Gid'on saw that He was a Messenger of יהוה, Gid'on said, "Oh Master יהוה! For I have seen a Messenger of יהוה face to face."

And יהוה said to him, "Peace be with you! Do not fear, you do not die."

- 13) Yahweh/Yahuah made a covenant with Manowah and his wife about her conception and bearing a son (Shimshon) and he would begin to save Yisra'el out of the hand of the Philistines.

Jdg 13:1-25

And again the children of Yisra'el did evil in the eyes of יהוה, so יהוה gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

And there was a certain man from Tsor'ah, of the clan of the Danites, whose name was Manowah. And his wife was barren and had not borne.

And a Messenger of יהוה appeared to the woman and said to her, "See now, you are barren and have not borne, but you shall conceive, and you shall bear a son.

"And now, please guard, and do not drink wine or strong drink, and do not eat any unclean *food*.

"For look, you are conceiving and bearing a son. And let no razor come upon his head, for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb on. And he shall begin to save Yisra'el out of the hand of the Philistines."

And the woman came and spoke to her husband, saying, "A Man of Elohim came to me, and His appearance was like the appearance of a Messenger of Elohim, very awesome. But I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not declare to me His name.

"And He said to me, 'See, you are conceiving and bearing a son. And now, drink no wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *food*, for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb to the day of his death.'

And Manowah prayed to יהוה, and said, "O יהוה, please let the Man of Elohim whom You sent come to us again and teach us what to do for the youth who is to be born."

And Elohim listened to the voice of Manowah, and the Messenger of Elohim came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field, but Manowah her husband was not with her.

And the woman ran hurriedly and informed her husband, and said to him, "See, He has appeared to me, the Man who came to me the other day!"

And Manowah arose and went after his wife, and came to the Man, and he said to Him, “Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?” And He said, “I am.”

And Manowah said, “Now let Your words come true! What is to be the rule for the youth’s life and his work?”

And the Messenger of יהוה said to Manowah, “Let the woman guard all that I said to her.

“Let her not eat any *food* that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean *food*. Let her guard all that which I have commanded her.”

And Manowah said to the Messenger of יהוה, “Please let us detain You, and prepare a young goat for You.”

And the Messenger of יהוה said to Manowah, “Though you detain Me, I do not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, offer it to יהוה.” For Manowah did not know He was a Messenger of יהוה.

Then Manowah said to the Messenger of יהוה, “What is Your name? When Your words come true, then we shall esteem You.”

And the Messenger of יהוה said to him, “Why do you ask My name, since it is wondrous?”

And Manowah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to יהוה. And He did wondrously while Manowah and his wife looked on.

And it came to be, as the flame went up toward the heavens from the altar, that the Messenger of יהוה went up in the flame of the altar.

And Manowah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

And the Messenger of יהוה did not appear any more to Manowah and his wife. Then Manowah knew that He was a Messenger of יהוה.

And Manowah said to his wife, “We shall certainly die, because we have seen Elohim!”

But his wife said to him, “If יהוה had been pleased to put us to death, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all this, nor would He have let us hear the like of this!”

So the woman bore a son and called his name Shimshon. And the child grew, and יהוה blessed him.

And the Spirit of יהוה began to move him at Maḥaněh Dan, between Tsor’ah and Eshta’ol.

- 14) **Yahweh/Yahuah made a covenant to David that his throne would last forever and Yahshua/Yahusha would be of that lineage.**

2Sa 7:4-17

And it came to be that night that the word of יהוה came to Nathan, saying,

“Go and say to My servant Dawid, ‘Thus said יהוה, “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?”

“For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Yisra’el up from Mitsrayim, even to this day, but have moved about in a Tent and in a Dwelling Place.

“Wherever I have walked with all the children of Yisra’el, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Yisra’el, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Yisra’el, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’ ” ’

“And now, say to My servant Dawid, ‘Thus said יהוה of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be ruler over My people, over Yisra’el.

“And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great ones who are on the earth.

“And I shall appoint a place for My people Yisra’el, and shall plant them, and they shall dwell in a place of their own and no longer be afraid, neither shall the children of wickedness oppress them again, as at the first,

even from the day I appointed rulers over My people Yisra’el, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. And יהוה has declared to you that He would make you a house.

“When your days are filled and you rest with your fathers, I shall raise up your seed after you, who comes from your inward parts, and shall establish his reign.

“He does build a house for My Name, and I shall establish the throne of his reign forever.

“I am to be his Father, and he is My son. If he does perversely, I shall reprove him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

“But My kindness does not turn aside from him, as I turned it aside from Sha’ul, whom I removed from before you.

“And your house and your reign are to be steadfast forever before you – your throne is established forever.” ’ ”

According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to Dawid.

- 15) **Yahweh/Yahuah made a covenant to mankind and the world for eternal salvation.**

Joh 3:14-21

“And as Mosheh lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so the Son of Ađam has to be lifted up,

so that whoever is believing in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

“For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.

“For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

“He who believes in Him is not judged, but he who does not believe is judged already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only brought-forth Son of Elohim.

“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were wicked.

“For everyone who is practising evil *matters* hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

“But the one doing the truth comes to the light, so that his works are clearly seen, that they have been wrought in Elohim.”

- 16) **Yahshua/Yahusha made a covenant with mankind to return and take us with Him to dwell forever.**

Joh 14:1-7

“Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in Elohim, believe also in Me.

“In My Father’s house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too.

“And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

T’oma said to Him, “Master, we do not know where You are going, and how are we able to know the way?”

יהושע said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father too. From now on you know Him, and have seen.”

- 17) **Yahweh/Yahuah and Yahshua/Yahusha made a covenant to the seven congregations in the book of revelations.**

Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26-29; 3:5-6, 12-13, 21-22

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I shall give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of Elohim.”

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who overcomes shall by no means be harmed by the second death.”

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I shall give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I shall give him a white stone, and on the stone a renewed Name written which no one knows except him who receives it.” ’

“And he who overcomes, and guards My works until the end, to him I shall give authority over the nations, and he shall shepherd them with a rod of iron, as the potter’s vessels shall be broken to pieces, as I also have received from My Father.

“And I shall give him the morning star.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’

“He who overcomes shall be dressed in white robes, and I shall by no means blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I shall confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’

“He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’

“To him who overcomes I shall give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’ ”

18) Yahweh/Yahuah made a covenant with regards to the two Witnesses.

Rev 11:3-12

“And I shall give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.”

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.

And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and consumes their enemies. And if anyone wishes to harm them, he has to be killed in that way.

These possess authority to shut the heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy. And they possess authority over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they wish.

And when they have ended their witness, the beast coming up out of the pit of the deep shall fight against them, and overcome them, and kill them,

and their dead bodies *lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sedom and Mitsrayim, where also our Master was impaled,
 and some of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their dead bodies for three and a half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be placed into tombs,
 and those dwelling on the earth rejoice over them and exult. And they shall send gifts to each other, because these two prophets tortured those dwelling on the earth.
 And after the three and a half days a spirit of life from Elohim entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.
 And they heard a loud voice from the heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up into the heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

3. Mankind to Yahweh/Yahuah & Yahshua/Yahusha

A. Ya’aqob made a covenant to Yahweh/Yahuah with regards to the tithe.

Gen 28:20-22

And Ya’aqob made a vow, saying, “Seeing Elohim is with me, and has kept me in this way that I am going, and has given me bread to eat and a garment to put on –
 when I have returned to my father’s house in peace, and יהוה has been my Elohim,
 then this stone which I have set as a standing column shall be Elohim’s house, and of all that You give me, I shall certainly give a tenth to You.”

B. Yisra’el made a covenant to Yahweh/Yahuah to be His people and for Him to be their Elohim.

Jos 24:15-28

“And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve יהוה, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But I and my house, we serve יהוה.”

And the people answered and said, “Far be it from us to forsake יהוה, to serve other mighty ones,

for יהוה our Elohim is He who has brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs

before our eyes, and has guarded us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed.

“And יהוה drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We too serve יהוה, for He is our Elohim.”

Then Yehoshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve יהוה, for He is a set-apart Elohim, a jealous Ĕl is He. He does not bear with your transgression and with your sins, if you forsake יהוה and shall serve mighty ones of a stranger. Then He shall turn back and do you evil and consume you, after He has been good to you.”

And the people said to Yehoshua, “No, but we do serve יהוה!”

Then Yehoshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen יהוה for yourselves, to serve Him.” And they said, “Witnesses!”

“And now, put away the mighty ones of the stranger which are in your midst, and incline your heart to יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ĕl.”

And the people said to Yehoshua, “יהוה our Elohim we serve, and His voice we obey.”

And Yehoshua made a covenant with the people that day, and laid on them a law and a right-ruling in Shekĕm.

Then Yehoshua wrote these words in the Book of the Torah of Elohim. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the set-apart place of יהוה.

And Yehoshua said to all the people, “See, this stone is a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of יהוה which He spoke to us. And it shall be a witness against you, lest you lie against your Elohim.”

Then Yehoshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.

- C. Hannah made a covenant to Yahweh/Yahuah with regards to having a male child and she would give the child to Yahweh/Yahuah for the rest of his life and no razor would ever come upon his head and this child was Shemu’ĕl.

1Sa 1:9

And Hānnaḥ rose up after eating and drinking in Shiloh, while Ĕli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the Hĕkal of יהוה.

And she was bitter in life, and prayed to יהוה and wept greatly.

And she made a vow and said, “O יהוה of hosts, if You would indeed look on the affliction of your female servant and remember me, and not forget your female servant, but shall give your female servant a male child, then

I shall give him to יהוה all the days of his life, and let no razor come upon his head.”

And it came to be, as she kept on praying before יהוה, that Ēli was watching her mouth.

And Ḥannah spoke in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. So Ēli thought she was drunk.

Then Ēli said to her, “How long are you going to be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”

And Ḥannah answered and said, “No, my master, I am a woman pained in spirit. And I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my being before יהוה.

“Do not take your female servant for a daughter of Beliya'al, for it is out of my great concern and provocation that I have spoken until now.”

And Ēli answered and said, “Go in peace, and the Elohim of Yisra'el give you your petition which you have asked of Him.”

And she said, “Let your female servant find favour in your eyes.” And the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no more *sad*.

And they rose up early in the morning and worshipped before יהוה, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elqanah knew Ḥannah his wife, and יהוה remembered her.

And it came to be at the turn of days, that Ḥannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Shemu'el, “Because I have asked יהוה for him.”

And the man Elqanah and all his house went up to offer to יהוה the yearly slaughtering and his vow.

But Ḥannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “When the child is weaned, then I shall take him. And he shall appear before יהוה and remain forever there.”

And her husband Elqanah said to her, “Do what is good in your eyes. Remain until you have weaned him. Only let יהוה establish His word.” And the woman remained and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, and one ĕphah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the House of יהוה in Shiloh. And the child was young.

And they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Ēli.

And she said, “O my master! As your being lives, my master, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to יהוה.

“I prayed for this youth, and יהוה has granted me what I asked of Him.

“So I have also loaned him to יהוה. All the days that he lives he shall be loaned to יהוה.” And he worshipped there before יהוה.

D. Yoshiyahu Made a covenant with Yahweh/Yahuah for himself and all the people.

2Ki 23:1-21

And the sovereign sent, and they gathered all the elders of Yehuḏah and Yerushalayim to him.

And the sovereign went up to the House of יהוה with all the men of Yehuḏah, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the House of יהוה.

And the sovereign stood by the column and made a covenant before יהוה, to follow יהוה and to guard His commands and His witnesses and His laws, with all his heart and all his being, to establish the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

Then the sovereign commanded Hīlqiyahu the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the Hēkal of יהוה all the objects that were made for Ba'al, and for Asherah, and for all the host of the heavens. And he burned them outside Yerushalayim in the fields of Qidron, and took their ashes to Bēyth Ēl.

And he put down the black-robed priests whom the sovereigns of Yehuḏah had appointed to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Yehuḏah and in the places all around Yerushalayim, and those who burned incense to Ba'al, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the constellations, and to all the host of the heavens.

And he brought out the Asherah from the House of יהוה, to the wadi Qidron outside Yerushalayim, and burned it at the wadi Qidron and ground it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the graves of the sons of the people.

And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes that were in the House of יהוה, where the women wove tapestries for the Asherah.

And he brought all the priests from the cities of Yehuḏah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Be'ersheba, and broke down the high places at the gates which were at the entrance of the Gate of Yehoshua the governor of the city, which were to the left of the city gate.

However, the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of יהוה in Yerushalayim, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, so that no man could make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molek.

And he did away with the horses that the sovereigns of Yehudāh had given to the sun, at the entrance to the House of יהוה, by the room of Nathan-Melek the eunuch, that were in the court. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

And the altars that were on the roof of the upper room of Aḥaz, which the sovereigns of Yehudāh had made, and the altars which Menashsheh had made in the two courtyards of the House of יהוה, the sovereign broke down, and rushed from there, and threw their dust into the wadi Qidron.

And the sovereign defiled the high places that were before Yerushalayim, which were on the right hand of the Mountain of Destruction, which Shelomoh sovereign of Yisra'el built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Tsidonians, and for Kemosh the abomination of the Mo'abites, and for Milkom the abomination of the children of Ammon.

And he broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Ashērim, and filled their places with the bones of men.

And also the altar that was at Bēyth Ĕl, and the high place which Yarob'am son of Neḥat made, by which he made Yisra'el sin, both that altar and the high place he broke down. And he burned the high place and ground it to dust, and burned the Ashērah.

Then Yoshiyahu turned, and saw the tombs that were there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned them on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of יהוה which the man of Elohim proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

And he said, "What tombstone is this that I see?" And the men of the city said to him, "It is the tomb of the man of Elohim who came from Yehudāh and proclaimed these matters which you have done against the altar of Bēyth Ĕl."

And he said, "Let him alone, let no one move his bones." So they left his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Shomeron.

And Yoshiyahu also took away all the houses of the high places that were in the cities of Shomeron, which the sovereigns of Yisra'el had made to provoke. And he did to them according to all the deeds he did in Bēyth Ĕl. And he slaughtered all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and burned men's bones on them, and went back to Yerushalayim.

And the sovereign commanded all the people, saying, "Prepare the Passover to יהוה your Elohim, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant."

- E. **Zakkai made a covenant with Yahshua/Yahuah to give half of possessions to the poor and return fourfold anything he had taken wrongly.**

Luk 19:2-9

And see, a man called Zakkai! And he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich,

and he was seeking to see who יהושע was, but was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

And having run ahead, he climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was about to pass by.

And as יהושע came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zakkai, hurry and come down, for I have to stay at your house today.”

And he hurried and came down, and received Him, rejoicing.

And seeing it, they all grumbled, saying, “He has gone in to stay with a man who is a sinner.”

But Zakkai stood up and said to the Master, “Look, Master, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have taken whatever from anyone by false accusation, I repay fourfold.”

And יהושע said to him, “Today deliverance has come to this house – since he also is a son of Abraham.

4. Mankind to Mankind

- A. **Esaw made a covenant with Ya’aqob and sold his birthright.**

Gen 25:30-34

And Ęsaw said to Ya’aqob, “Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary.” That is why his name was called Edom.

But Ya’aqob said, “Sell me your birthright today.”

And Ęsaw said, “Look, I am going to die, so why should I have birthright?”

Then Ya’aqob said, “Swear to me today.” And he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Ya’aqob.

Ya’aqob then gave Ęsaw bread and stew of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up and left. Thus Ęsaw despised his birthright.

- B. **Ya’aqob made a covenant with Laban his mothers brother to work for him for seven years for Le’ah and seven years for Rah’el.**

Gen 29:16-30

And Laban had two daughters, the name of the elder was Lě'ah, and the name of the younger was Raḥěl.

And Lě'ah's eyes were weak, but Raḥěl was lovely of form and appearance.

And Ya'aqoḇ loved Raḥěl, so he said, "Let me serve you seven years for Raḥěl your younger daughter."

And Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

So Ya'aqoḇ served seven years for Raḥěl, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Ya'aqoḇ said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my days are completed, and let me go in to her."

And Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

And it came to be in the evening, that he took Lě'ah his daughter and brought her to Ya'aqoḇ. And he went in to her.

And Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Lě'ah as a female servant.

And in the morning it came to be, that see, it was Lě'ah. So he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Raḥěl that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"

And Laban said, "It is not done this way in our place, to give the younger before the first-born.

"Complete the week of this one, then we give you this one too, for the service which you shall serve with me still another seven years."

And Ya'aqoḇ did so and completed her week. Then he gave him his daughter Raḥěl too, as wife.

And Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Raḥěl as a female servant.

And he also went in to Raḥěl, and he also loved Raḥěl more than Lě'ah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

C. Pharaoh made a covenant to Yoseph giving him rule over all Mitsrayim.

Gen 41:38-44

And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Could we find another like him, a man in whom is the Spirit of Elohim?"

Then Pharaoh said to Yosěph, "Since Elohim has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

"Be over my house, you yourself, and at your mouth all my people shall kiss – only in the throne I am greater than you."

And Pharaoh said to Yosëph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Mitsrayim.”

And Pharaoh took his seal-ring off his hand and put it on Yosëph’s hand. And he dressed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had. And they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” And he set him over all the land of Mitsrayim.

And Pharaoh said to Yosëph, “I am Pharaoh, and without *a word* from you let no man lift his hand or foot in all the land of Mitsrayim.”

- D. The two Hebrew spies that Yehoshua sent made a covenant with Rahab to deal kindly with her and her family when they came to possess the land, as long as she said nothing of their business.

Jos 2:1-21

And Yehoshua son of Nun secretly sent out two men from Shittim to spy, saying, “Go, see the land, and Yeriho.” And they went, and came to the house of a woman, a whore, and her name was Raḥab, and they lay down there.

But it was reported to the sovereign of Yeriho, saying, “See, men from the children of Yisra’ël have come here tonight to search out the land.”

And the sovereign of Yeriho sent to Raḥab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.”

But the woman had taken the two men and hid them. So she said, “The men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.

“Then it came to be as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, so that you overtake them.”

But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid out on the roof.

And the men pursued them by the way to the Yardën, to the fords. And they shut the gate afterwards as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

And before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

and she said to the men, “I know that יהוה has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of you.

“For we have heard how יהוה dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds for you when you came out of Mitsrayim, and what you did to the two sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Yardën, Sihon and Og, whom you put under the ban.

“And when we heard, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in anyone because of you, for יהוה your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above and on earth beneath.

“And now, please swear to me by יהוה, since I have shown you kindness, that you also show kindness to my father’s house, and shall give me a true token,

and shall spare my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and shall deliver our lives from death.”

And the men said to her, “Our lives for yours, if you do not expose this matter of ours, then it shall be, when יהוה has given us the land, that we shall treat you in kindness and truth.”

So she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall and she dwelt on the wall.

And she said to them, “Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers come upon you. And you shall hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned, and afterwards go on your way.”

And the men said to her, “We are released from this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father’s household to your own home.

“And it shall be that anyone who goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood is on his own head, and we are innocent. And anyone who is with you in the house, his blood is on our head if a hand is laid on him.

“And if you expose this matter of ours, then we shall be released from your oath which you made us swear.”

And she said, “Let it be according to your words.” And she sent them away, and they went. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

- E. Ruth made a covenant to Na’omi to go where she went, to lodge where she lodged, to die where she died, to be buried where she was buried and her Elohim would be her Elohim. This covenant would bring forth the line of David and the lineage of Yahshua/Yahusha HaMashiach.**

Rth 1:16-22

But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you, or to go back from following after you. For wherever you go, I go; and wherever you stop over, I stop over. Your people is my people, and your Elohim is my Elohim.

“Where you die, I die, and there I shall be buried. יהוה do so to me, and more also – for death itself parts you and me.”

And when she saw that she was strengthening herself to go with her, she ceased to speak to her.

And both of them went until they came to Běyth Lehem. And it came to be, when they had come to Běyth Lehem, that all the city was moved because of them, and they said, “Is this Na’omi?”

And she said to them, “Do not call me Na’omi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

“I went out filled, and יהוה has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Na’omi, since יהוה has witnessed against me, and the Almighty has done evil to me?”

Thus Na’omi returned, and Ruth the Mo’abitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the fields of Mo’ab, and they came to Běyth Lehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

F. Yehonathan and David made a covenant for David to be King.

1Sa 18:1-4

And it came to be, when he had ended speaking to Sha’ul, that the being of Yehonathan was knit to the being of Dawid, and Yehonathan loved him as his own being.

And Sha’ul took him that day, and would not let him return to his father’s house any more.

And Yehonathan and Dawid made a covenant, because he loved him as his own being.

And Yehonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to Dawid, and his garments, even to his sword and his bow and his girdle.

5. Nations/Governments/Organizations to Mankind

A. Pharaoh made a vow to Mosheh and the children Yisra’el to leave take their flock, possessions and the bounty of Mitsrayim with them so they might finally be blessed.

Exo 12:30-37

And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Mitsrites. And there was a great cry in Mitsrayim, for there was not a house where there was not a dead one.

Then he called for Mosheh and Aharon by night, and said, “Arise, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the children of Yisra’el. And go, serve יהוה as you have said.

“Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go. Then you shall bless me too.”

And the Mitsrites urged the people, to hasten to send them away out of the land. For they said, “We are all dying!”
And the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their garments on their shoulders.
And the children of Yisra’el had done according to the word of Mosheh, and they had asked from the Mitsrites objects of silver, and objects of gold, and garments.
And יהוה gave the people favour in the eyes of the Mitsrites, so that they gave them what they asked, and they plundered the Mitsrites.
And the children of Yisra’el set out from Ra’meses to Sukkoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides the little ones.

B. Ahashwërosh made a covenant with Sovereign Estër, Mordeķai and the Yehudim for their protection, safety and retribution.

Est 8:7-17

And Sovereign Ahashwërosh said to Sovereign Estër and Mordeķai the Yehudite, “Look, I have given Estër the house of Haman, and they have impaled him on the stake because he laid his hand on the Yehudim.

“Now you write on behalf of the Yehudim, as it pleases you, in the sovereign’s name, and seal it with the sovereign’s signet ring. For a letter which is written in the sovereign’s name and sealed with the sovereign’s signet ring no one turns back.”

So the sovereign’s scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Siwan, on the twenty-third day. And it was written, according to all that Mordeķai commanded to the Yehudim, and to the viceroys, and the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Kush, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, to every province in its own writing, to every people in their own language, and to the Yehudim in their own writing, and in their own language.

And he wrote in the name of Sovereign Ahashwërosh, and sealed it with the sovereign’s signet ring, and sent letters by runners on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from speedy mares:

That the sovereign has granted to the Yehudim who were in every city to be assembled and stand for their lives – to cut off, to slay, and to destroy all the power of the people or province that would distress them, little children and women, and to plunder their possessions,

on one day in all the provinces of Sovereign Ahashwërosh, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

The copy of the writing to be made law in every province was announced to all the peoples, so that the Yehudim would be ready on that day to be avenged on their enemies.

The runners, riding on royal horses, went out, hastened and pressed on by the sovereign's command. And the decree was given out in the citadel of Shushan.

And Mordekai went out from the presence of the sovereign wearing royal garments of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

For the Yehudim there was light and gladness and joy and value.

And in every province and in every city where the sovereign's command and decree came, the Yehudim had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day.

And many of the people of the land were becoming Yehudim, for the fear of the Yehudim had fallen upon them.

- C. Dareyawesh and Koresh made a covenant to the Yehudim to rebuild the Holy Place in Yerushalayim.**

Ezr 6:1-12

Then Dareyawesh the sovereign made a decree, and a search was made in the house of the books wherein also the treasures of Babel were kept.

And at Ahmetha, in the palace which is in the province of Media, a scroll was found, and this was written in it:

In the first year of Sovereign Koresh, Sovereign Koresh made a decree concerning the House of Elah at Yerushalayim, "Let the house be built in the place where they brought offerings, and its foundations strongly laid, its height sixty cubits, its width sixty cubits,

three rows of heavy stones and one row of new timber. Let the expenses be paid from the sovereign's house.

"And let the gold and silver utensils of the House of Elah, which Nebukadnetzar took from the Hekal which is in Yerushalayim and brought to Babel, be returned and go to the Hekal which is in Yerushalayim, to its place, and deposit them in the House of Elah,"

Now, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, and Shethar-Bozenai, and your companions the officials beyond the River, stay away from there.

Leave the work of this House of Elah alone. Let the governor of the Yehudim and the elders of the Yehudim build this House of Elah on its place.

And I make a decree as to what you should do for the elders of these Yehudim, for the building of this House of Elah: Let the exact expense be paid to these men from the sovereign's resources, out of the taxes beyond the River, so that they are not stopped.

And whatever they need – both young bulls and rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings of the Elah of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the request of the priests who are in Yerushalayim – let it be given them day by day without fail, so that they bring pleasing offerings to the Elah of heaven, and pray for the life of the sovereign and his sons.

And I make a decree that whoever changes this word, let a timber be pulled from his house, and let him be impaled, hanged on it. And let his house be made a dunghill because of this.

And Elah, who has caused His Name to dwell there does overthrow any sovereign or people who put their hand to change, to destroy this House of Elah which is in Yerushalayim! I Dareyawesh make the decree – let it be done promptly.

6. Mankind to Nations/Governments/Organizations

- A. Ya'aqob blessed Pharaoh convened with him to live in the land peacefully.**

Gen 47:7-12

And Yosëph brought in his father Ya'aqob and set him before Pharaoh. And Ya'aqob blessed Pharaoh.

And Pharaoh said to Ya'aqob, "How old are you?"

And Ya'aqob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojournings are one hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not reached the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojournings."

And Ya'aqob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

So Yosëph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Mitsrayim, in the best of the land, in the land of Ra'meses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

And Yosëph provided his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household with bread for the mouth of the little ones.

- B. Yehoshua and the rulers of the congregation made a covenant with the inhabitants Gib'on not to destroy them and allow them to be their servants.**

Jos 9:3-27

And the inhabitants of Gib'on heard what Yehoshua had done to Yeriho and Ai, and they acted slyly and went and pretended to be envoys. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended,

and old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves.
 And all the bread of their provision was dry, it was crumbs.
 And they went to Yehoshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Yisra'el, "We have come from a far land, and now, make a covenant with us."

But the men of Yisra'el said to the Hīwwites, "It could be that you dwell in our midst, so how would we make a covenant with you?"
 And they said to Yehoshua, "We are your servants." And Yehoshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"
 So they said to him, "From a land very far off your servants have come, because of the Name of יהוה your Elohim. For we have heard the report of Him, and all that He did in Mitsrayim, and all that He had done to the two sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Yardēn, to Siḥon sovereign of Ḥeshbon, and Oḡ sovereign of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth.
 "So our elders and all the inhabitants of our land spoke to us, saying, 'Take food with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, "We are your servants, and now, make a covenant with us."'
 "This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day that we left to come to you. But now, see, it is dry and it is crumbly.
 "And these wineskins which we filled were new, and see, they are torn. And these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey."
 And the men of Yisra'el took some of their food, but they did not ask the mouth of יהוה.

And Yehoshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live, and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.
 And it came to be at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours who dwelt near them.
 And the children of Yisra'el set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gib'on, and Kephirah, and Be'eroth, and Qiryath Ye'arim.

But the children of Yisra'el did not smite them, because the rulers of the congregation had sworn to them by יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el. And all the congregation grumbled against the rulers.
 But all the rulers said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, and we are unable to touch them now.
 "Let us do this to them: We shall keep them alive, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore to them."
 And the rulers said to them, "Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and drawers of water for all the congregation, as the rulers had promised them."

Then Yehoshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, “Why have you deceived us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ yet you are dwelling in our midst?

“And now you are cursed, and you shall not cease from being slaves, and woodcutters and drawers of water for the House of my Elohim.”

And they answered Yehoshua and said, “Your servants were clearly told that יהוה your Elohim commanded His servant Mosheh to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you. So we were very much afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this deed.

“And now, see, we are in your hands. Do with us as it seems good and right to do to us.”

And he did so to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Yisra’el, and they did not kill them.

And that day Yehoshua made them woodcutters and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of יהוה, even to this day, at the place that He should choose.

7. Nations/Governments/Organizations to Nations/Governments/Organizations

1Ki 22:1-8

And they continued three years without fighting between Aram and Yisra’el.

And it came to be, in the third year, that Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah came down to the sovereign of Yisra’el.

And the sovereign of Yisra’el said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth in Gil’ad is ours, and we are keeping silent from taking it out of the hand of the sovereign of Aram!”

And he said to Yehoshaphat, “Do you go with me to battle at Ramoth Gil’ad?” And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra’el, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”

And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra’el, “Please, first inquire for the word of יהוה.”

And the sovereign of Yisra’el gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and said to them, “Do I go against Ramoth Gil’ad to battle, or do I refrain?”

And they said, “Go up, for יהוה does give it into the hand of the sovereign.”

And Yehoshaphat said, “Is there not here a prophet of יהוה besides, that we might inquire of him?”

And the sovereign of Yisra’el said to Yehoshaphat, “There is still one man, Mikayehu son of Yimlah, to inquire of יהוה by him. But I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.” And Yehoshaphat said, “Let not the sovereign say so!”

Questions about Covenants:

- 1. How do we determine if we have or if we are about to enter into a binding covenant or agreement?**
- 2. What kind of obligation do we assume when we enter into a covenant with Elohim, to others, or a joint covenant?**
- 3. Can we arbitrarily violate or annul a covenant?**
- 4. Can a covenant be dissolved or annulled and under what conditions and by whom can this covenant be terminated?**
- 5. How long does a covenant remain in force?**
- 6. What might result or possibly be the outcome of one breaching a covenant?**

As we can see the making of covenants and vows are serious matters and must be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Elohim never breaks His Covenants and Vows because He can never lie and as such we are required to try and achieve the standards. Let us look at the Scripture:

Jas 5:12

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by the heaven or by the earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No, lest you fall into judgment.

Php 4:6-8

Do not worry at all, but in every *matter*, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to Elohim.

And the peace of Elohim, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Messiah יהושע.

For the rest, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is righteous, whatever is clean, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report, if there is any uprightness and if there is any praise – think on these.