

## COVENANT SCRIPTURES

**Genesis 6:17-18** . . . "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish. [18] **"But I will establish My covenant** with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

(One sided covenant) **Genesis 9:8-17** . . . Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, [9] "Now behold, I Myself do establish **My covenant** with you, and with your descendants after you; [10] and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. [11] "I establish **My covenant** with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth." [12] God said, "This is **the sign of the covenant** which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; [13] I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for **a sign of a covenant** between Me and the earth. [14] "It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, [15] and **I will remember My covenant**, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. [16] "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember **the everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." [17] And God said to Noah, "This is **the sign of the covenant** which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**Genesis 15:17-21** . . . It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. [18] On that day **the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: [19] the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite [20] and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim [21] and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

\*\*\* **Genesis 17:1-14** . . . Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "**I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless. [2]** **"I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you exceedingly."** [3] Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, [4] "As for Me, behold, **My covenant is with you**, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations. [5] "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. [6] "I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. [7] **"I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.** [8] "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." [9] God said further to Abraham, "**Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.** [10] "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. [11] "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and **it shall be the sign of**

**the covenant between Me and you.** [12] "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants. [13] "A servant who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. [14] "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, **that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.**"

**Genesis 17:17-22** . . . Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" [18] And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!" [19] But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. [20] "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. [21] "But **My covenant I will establish with Isaac**, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year." [22] When He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

**Exodus 2:23-25** . . . Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God. [24] So God heard their groaning; and **God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.** [25] God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them.

**Exodus 6:2-9** . . . God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am the LORD; [3] and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, LORD, I did not make Myself known to them. [4] "**I also established My covenant with them**, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned. [5] "Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and **I have remembered My covenant.** [6] "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, 'I am the LORD, 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. [7] 'Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. [8] 'I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the LORD.' " [9] So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage.

**\*\*\* Exodus 19:3-6** . . . Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: [4] 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. [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; [6] and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

\*\*\* **Exodus 24:3-8** . . . Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!" [4] Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. [5] He sent young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. [6] Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. [7] Then he took **the book of the covenant** and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!" [8] So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold **the blood of the covenant**, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

\*\*\* **Exodus 31:12-17** . . . The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [13] "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 the LORD who sanctifies you. [14] '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.** [15] 'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. [16] 'So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as **a perpetual covenant.**' [17] "**It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever**; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed."

**Exodus 34:8-10** . . . Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship. [9] He said, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession." [10] Then God 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 the LORD, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.

**Exodus 34:27-28** . . . Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words **I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.**" [28] So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

(unexplained covenant) **Leviticus 2:11-13** . . . 'No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer up in smoke any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to the LORD. [12] 'As an offering of first fruits you shall bring them to the LORD, but they shall not ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar. [13] 'Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that **the salt of the covenant of your God** shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

**Leviticus 24:5-9** . . . "Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. [6] "You shall set them in two rows, six to a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD. [7] "You shall put pure frankincense on each row that it may be

a memorial portion for the bread, even an offering by fire to the LORD. [8] "Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD continually; it is **an everlasting covenant** for the sons of Israel. [9] "It shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the LORD'S offerings by fire, his portion forever."

\*\*\* (keeping covenant with God) **Leviticus 26:3-13** . . . 'If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out, [4] then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit. [5] 'Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your food to the full and live securely in your land. [6] 'I shall also grant peace in the land, so that you may lie down with no one making you tremble. I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and no sword will pass through your land. [7] 'But you will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword; [8] five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword. [9] 'So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and **I will confirm My covenant with you**. [10] 'You will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new. [11] 'Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. [12] 'I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. [13] 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

\*\*\* (breaking covenant with God and His progressive discipline) **Leviticus 26:14-39** . . . 'But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, [15] if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, **and so break My covenant**, [16] I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up. [17] 'I will set My face against you so that you will be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you. [18] 'If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. [19] 'I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. [20] 'Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit. [21] 'If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins. [22] 'I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted. [23] 'And if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me, [24] then I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins. [25] 'I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands. [26] 'When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied. [27] 'Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me, [28] then I will act with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins. [29] 'Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat. [30] 'I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you. [31]

'I will lay waste your cities as well and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your soothing aromas. [32] 'I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will be appalled over it. [33] 'You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste. [34] 'Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. [35] 'All the days of its desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it. [36] 'As for those of you who may be left, I will also bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them, and even when no one is pursuing they will flee as though from the sword, and they will fall. [37] 'They will therefore stumble over each other as if running from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have no strength to stand up before your enemies. [38] 'But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you. [39] 'So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.

\*\*\* (repentance restores the covenant) **Leviticus 26:40-45** . . . 'If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me— [41] I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies—or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity, [42] **then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land.** [43] 'For the land will be abandoned by them, and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes. [44] '**Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.** [45] 'But I will remember for them **the covenant with their ancestors**, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD.' "

(unexplained covenant) **Numbers 18:19** . . . "All the offerings of the holy gifts, which the sons of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. It is **an everlasting covenant of salt** before the LORD to you and your descendants with you."

(unique covenant) **Numbers 25:10-13** . . . Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [11] "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. [12] "Therefore say, 'Behold, **I give him My covenant of peace**; [13] and it shall be for him and his descendants after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the sons of Israel.' "

\*\*\* **Deuteronomy 4:9-14** . . . "Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons. [10] "Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble

the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.' [11] "You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the very heart of the heavens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom. [12] "Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice. [13] "**So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments**; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. [14] "The LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it.

\*\*\* **Deuteronomy 4:21-24** . . . "Now the LORD was angry with me on your account, and swore that I would not cross the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. [22] "For I will die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land. [23] "**So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you**, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the LORD your God has commanded you. [24] "For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

\*\*\* (repentance restores the covenant) **Deuteronomy 4:25-31** . . . "When you become the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger, [26] I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed. [27] "The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you. [28] "There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. [29] "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. [30] "When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. [31] "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you **nor forget the covenant with your fathers** which He swore to them.

\*\*\* (Ten Commandments) **Deuteronomy 5:1-6** . . . Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. [2] "**The LORD our God made a covenant with us** at Horeb. [3] "The LORD did not make this **covenant** with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today. [4] "The LORD spoke to you face to face at the mountain from the midst of the fire, [5] while I was standing between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain. He said, [6] 'I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

\*\*\* **Deuteronomy 7:7-16** . . . "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, [8] but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand

of Pharaoh king of Egypt. [9] "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, **who keeps His covenant** and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; [10] but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face. [11] "Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them. [12] "Then it shall come about, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, that **the LORD your God will keep with you His covenant** and His lovingkindness which He swore to your forefathers. [13] "He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you. [14] "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there will be no male or female barren among you or among your cattle. [15] "The LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you. [16] "You shall consume all the peoples whom the LORD your God will deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them, nor shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

**\*\*\* Deuteronomy 8:11-20 . . .** "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; [12] otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, [13] and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, [14] then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. [15] "He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. [16] "In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. [17] "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' [18] "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, **that He may confirm His covenant** which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. [19] "It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. [20] "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

**Deuteronomy 9:8-21 . . .** "Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you. [9] "When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, **the tablets of the covenant** which the LORD had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water. [10] "The LORD gave me the two tablets of stone written by the finger of God; and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. [11] "It came about at the end of forty days and nights that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, **the tablets of the covenant**. [12] "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.' [13] "The LORD spoke further to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed, it is a stubborn people. [14] 'Let Me alone,

that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.' [15] "So I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain was burning with fire, and **the two tablets of the covenant** were in my two hands. [16] "And I saw that you had indeed sinned against the LORD your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you. [17] "I took hold of the two tablets and threw them from my hands and smashed them before your eyes. [18] "I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger. [19] "For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wrathful against you in order to destroy you, but the LORD listened to me that time also. [20] "The LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him; so I also prayed for Aaron at the same time. [21] "I took your sinful thing, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain.

**\*\*\* Deuteronomy 17:2-7 . . .** "If there is found in your midst, in any of your towns, which the LORD your God is giving you, a man or a woman who **does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, by transgressing His covenant**, [3] and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded, [4] and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. Behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel, [5] then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed to your gates, that is, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them to death. [6] "On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. [7] "The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

**Deuteronomy 29:1-9 . . . These are the words of the covenant** which the LORD 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. [2] And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land; [3] the great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders. [4] "Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear. [5] "I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot. [6] "You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, in order that you might know that I am the LORD your God. [7] "When you reached this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us for battle, but we defeated them; [8] and we took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites. [9] "**So keep the words of this covenant to do them**, that you may prosper in all that you do.

**Deuteronomy 29:10-13 . . .** "You stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders and your officers, even all the men of Israel, [11] your little ones, your wives, and the alien who is within your camps, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water, [12] **that you may enter into the covenant with the LORD your**

**God, and into His oath which the LORD your God is making with you today, [13]** in order that He may establish you today as His people and that He may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**\*\*\* Deuteronomy 29:14-21 . . . "Now not with you alone am I making this covenant and this oath, [15] but both with those who stand here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who are not with us here today [16]** (for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed; [17] moreover, you have seen their abominations and their idols of wood, stone, silver, and gold, which they had with them); [18] so that there will not be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; that there will not be among you a root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood. [19] "It shall be when he hears the words of this curse, that he will boast, saying, 'I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart in order to destroy the watered land with the dry.' [20] **"The LORD shall never be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and His jealousy will burn against that man,** and every curse which is written in this book will rest on him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven. [21] "Then the LORD will single him out for adversity from all the tribes of Israel, **according to all the curses of the covenant** which are written in this book of the law.

**Deuteronomy 29:22-28 . . .** "Now the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has afflicted it, will say, [23] 'All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.' [24] "All the nations will say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great outburst of anger?' [25] "Then men will say, '**Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD,** the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt. [26] 'They went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not allotted to them. [27] 'Therefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which is written in this book; [28] and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.'

**\*\*\* Deuteronomy 31:14-22 . . .** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the time for you to die is near; call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the tent of meeting. [15] The LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood at the doorway of the tent. [16] The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; **and this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.** [17] "Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they will be consumed, and many evils and troubles will come upon them; so that they will say in that day, 'Is it not because our God is not among us that these evils have come upon us?' [18] "But I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they will do, for they will turn to other gods. [19] "Now

therefore, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips, so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel. [20] "For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, **then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.** [21] "Then it shall come about, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify before them as a witness (for it shall not be forgotten from the lips of their descendants); for I know their intent which they are developing today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore." [22] So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel.

**Deuteronomy 33:9** . . . Who said of his father and his mother, 'I did not consider them'; And he did not acknowledge his brothers, Nor did he regard his own sons, For they observed Your word, And kept Your covenant.

**Joshua 7:10-12** . . . So the LORD said to Joshua, "Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face? [11] **Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them.** And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put them among their own things. [12] "Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.

**Joshua 7:15** . . . 'It shall be that the one who is taken with the things under the ban shall be burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because **he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD,** and because he has committed a disgraceful thing in Israel.' "

\*\*\* **Joshua 23:14-16** . . . "Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed. [15] "It shall come about that just as all the good words which the LORD your God spoke to you have come upon you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the threats, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you. [16] **"When you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you will perish quickly from off the good land which He has given you."**

\*\*\* (God never breaks His side of the covenant, but we do) **Judges 2:1-5** [1] Now the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, '**I will never break My covenant with you,** [2] and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' **But you have not obeyed Me;** what is this you have done? [3] "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.'" [4] When the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. [5] So they named that place Bochim; and there they sacrificed to the LORD.

\*\*\* (breaking covenant brings discipline, first) **Judges 2:18-22** [18] When the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; **for the LORD was moved to pity** by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them. [19] But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways. [20] **So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel**, and He said, "**Because this nation has transgressed My covenant** which I commanded their fathers and **has not listened to My voice**, [21] I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, [22] in order to test Israel by them, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk in it as their fathers did, or not."

(in spite of David's descendant's sins, God kept this covenant through His son, Jesus) **II Samuel 7:8-17** . . . "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. [9] "I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. [10] "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, [11] even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. [12] "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, **I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.** [13] **"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.** [14] "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, [15] but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] **"Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."**" [17] In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

**II Samuel 23:1-7** . . . Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse declares, The man who was raised on high declares, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel, [2] "The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. [3] "The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me, 'He who rules over men righteously, Who rules in the fear of God, [4] Is as the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, When the tender grass springs out of the earth, Through sunshine after rain.' [5] **"Truly is not my house so with God? 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? [6] "But the worthless, every one of them will be thrust away like thorns, Because they cannot be taken in hand; [7] But the man who touches them Must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear, And they will be completely burned with fire in their place."

(The Ark of the Covenant was so called because it held the Ten Commandments which was God's short form of His covenant with Israel) **I Kings 8:21** . . . "There I have set a place for

the ark, **in which is the covenant of the LORD**, which He made with our fathers when He brought them from the land of Egypt."

**I Kings 8:22-26** . . . Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. [23] He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, **there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart**, [24] who have kept with Your servant, my father David, that which You have promised him; indeed, You have spoken with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand as it is this day. [25] "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David my father that which You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way to walk before Me as you have walked.' [26] "Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Your word, I pray, be confirmed which You have spoken to Your servant, my father David.

(Verse three seems to give a promise from God that lasts forever and can never be undone, with no strings attached. Yet a few verses later it appears that conditions were implied in the promise.) **I Kings 9:1-9** . . . Now it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all that Solomon desired to do, [2] that the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. [3] The LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me; **I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually**. [4] "As for you, if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you and will keep My statutes and My ordinances, [5] then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I promised to your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.' [6] "**But if you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, [7] then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight**. So Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples. [8] "And this house will become a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' [9] "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.' "

(broken covenant) **I Kings 11:9-13** . . . Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, [10] and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded. [11] So the LORD said to Solomon, "**Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant**. [12] "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. [13] "**However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen**."

(broken covenant) **I Kings 19:9-10** . . . Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [10] He said, "**I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword.** And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

\*\*\* (the Priest made a covenant between God, the king, and the people) **II Kings 11:17-20** . . . Then **Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they would be the LORD'S people**, also between the king and the people. [18] All the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and tore it down; his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD. [19] He took the captains of hundreds and the Carites and the guards and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. [20] So all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword at the king's house. (II Chronicles 23:16-21)

\*\*\* (grace of God because of His covenant with the Patriarchs) **II Kings 13:22-25** . . . Now Hazael king of Aram had oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. [23] But the LORD was gracious to them and had compassion on them and turned to them because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence until now. [24] When Hazael king of Aram died, Ben-hadad his son became king in his place. [25] Then Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken in war from the hand of Jehoahaz his father. Three times Joash defeated him and recovered the cities of Israel.

\*\*\* (consequences of breaking covenant) **II Kings 17:7-23** . . . **Now this came about because the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God**, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and they had feared other gods [8] and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel, and in the customs of the kings of Israel which they had introduced. [9] The sons of Israel did things secretly which were not right against the LORD their God. Moreover, they built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. [10] They set for themselves sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, [11] and there they burned incense on all the high places as the nations did which the LORD had carried away to exile before them; and they did evil things provoking the LORD. [12] They served idols, concerning which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing." [13] **Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets and every seer**, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets." [14] **However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck like their fathers**, who did not believe in the LORD their God. [15] **They rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings with which He warned them.** And they followed vanity and became vain, and went after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the LORD had commanded them not to do like them. [16] They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten

images, even two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. [17] Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him. [18] **So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from His sight;** none was left except the tribe of Judah. [19] Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs which Israel had introduced. [20] **The LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them out of His sight.** [21] When He had torn Israel from the house of David, they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD and made them commit a great sin. [22] The sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them [23] until the LORD removed Israel from His sight, as He spoke through all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away into exile from their own land to Assyria until this day.

**II Kings 17:34-41 . . .** To this day they do according to the earlier customs: **they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances or the law, or the commandments which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, whom He named Israel; [35] with whom the LORD made a covenant** and commanded them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow down yourselves to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them. [36] "But the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, Him you shall fear, and to Him you shall bow yourselves down, and to Him you shall sacrifice. [37] "The statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment which He wrote for you, you shall observe to do forever; and you shall not fear other gods. [38] **"The covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget,** nor shall you fear other gods. [39] "But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies." [40] However, they did not listen, but they did according to their earlier custom. [41] So while these nations feared the LORD, they also served their idols; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

**\*\*\* II Kings 18:9-12 . . .** Now in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it. [10] At the end of three years they captured it; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was captured. [11] Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and put them in Halah and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, [12] **because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant,** even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded; they would neither listen nor do it. (II Chronicles 29-30)

**\*\*\* (Josiah's reading the covenant, making a covenant) II Kings 23:1-3 . . .** Then the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. [2] The king went up to the house of the LORD and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem 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 was found in the house of the LORD. [3] The king stood by the pillar and **made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the words of this covenant**

**that were written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant.** (II Chronicles 34-35)

\*\*\* (The Ten Commandments, the scripture – both seem to be covenant material) **II Kings 23:21** . . . Then the king commanded all the people saying, "Celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God as it is written in **this book of the covenant.**"

(an everlasting covenant) **I Chronicles 16:14-18** . . . He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. [15] **Remember His covenant forever**, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations, [16] **the covenant which He made with Abraham**, and His oath to Isaac. [17] He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as **an everlasting covenant**, [18] saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, as the portion of your inheritance."

(Ten Commandments in the Ark) **II Chronicles 5:7-10** . . . Then the priests brought the **ark of the covenant** of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim. [8] For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles. [9] The poles were so long that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; and they are there to this day. [10] **There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel**, when they came out of Egypt.

**II Chronicles 6:12-17** . . . Then he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. [13] Now Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. [14] He said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no god like You in heaven or on earth, **keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart**; [15] who has kept with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him; indeed You have spoken with Your mouth and have fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. [16] "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me.' [17] "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, let Your word be confirmed which You have spoken to Your servant David.

\*\*\* (clearly two sides of the covenant) **II Chronicles 7:12-22** . . . Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. [13] **If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, [14] and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.** [15] "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place. [16] "For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. [17] "As for you, **if you walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep My statutes and My ordinances,**

**[18] then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to be ruler in Israel.'** [19] **"But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,** [20] **then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you,** and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. [21] "As for this house, which was exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' [22] "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

(covenant of salt) **II Chronicles 13:4-5** . . . Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel: [5] "Do you not know that the LORD God of Israel gave the rule over Israel forever to David and his sons by **a covenant of salt?**

(making a covenant to seek God and a covenant with God) **II Chronicles 15:8-15** . . . Now when Asa heard these words and the prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He then restored the altar of the LORD which was in front of the porch of the LORD. [9] He gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon who resided with them, for many defected to him from Israel when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. [10] So they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. [11] They sacrificed to the LORD that day 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought. [12] **They entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul; [13] and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death,** whether small or great, man or woman. [14] Moreover, they made an oath to the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets and with horns. [15] All Judah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him earnestly, and He let them find Him. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.

(the patience of the Lord because of the covenant) **II Chronicles 21:4-7** . . . Now when Jehoram had taken over the kingdom of his father and made himself secure, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and some of the rulers of Israel also. [5] Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [6] He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did (for Ahab's daughter was his wife), and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. [7] **Yet the LORD was not willing to destroy the house of David because of the covenant which He had made with David,** and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.

(a prayer to God concerning His covenant with Israel) **Nehemiah 1:5-11** . . . I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, **who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,** [6] let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father's house have sinned.

[7] "We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. [8] "Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples; [9] but if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.' [10] "They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. [11] "O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man." Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

(a prayer to God concerning His covenant with Israel) **Nehemiah 9:6-8, 13-14, 16-17, 20, 24-31**  
. . . "You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, The earth and all that is on it, The seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them And the heavenly host bows down before You. [7] "You are the LORD God, Who chose Abram And brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees, And gave him the name Abraham. [8] **"You found his heart faithful before You, And made a covenant with him To give him the land of the Canaanite, Of the Hittite and the Amorite, Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite and the Girgashite— To give it to his descendants.** And You have fulfilled Your promise, For You are righteous.[13] "Then You came down on Mount Sinai, And spoke with them from heaven; You gave them just ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments. [14] "So You made known to them Your holy sabbath, And laid down for them commandments, statutes and law, Through Your servant Moses.[16] "But they, our fathers, acted arrogantly; They became stubborn and would not listen to Your commandments. [17] "They refused to listen, And did not remember Your wondrous deeds which You had performed among them; So they became stubborn and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. **But You are a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness; And You did not forsake them.**[20] "You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, Your manna You did not withhold from their mouth, And You gave them water for their thirst. [24] "So their sons entered and possessed the land. And You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, And You gave them into their hand, with their kings and the peoples of the land, To do with them as they desired. [25] "They captured fortified cities and a fertile land. They took possession of houses full of every good thing, Hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive groves, Fruit trees in abundance. So they ate, were filled and grew fat, And reveled in Your great goodness. [26] "But they became disobedient and rebelled against You, And cast Your law behind their backs And killed Your prophets who had admonished them So that they might return to You, And they committed great blasphemies. [27] "Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their oppressors who oppressed them, But when they cried to You in the time of their distress, You heard from heaven, and according to Your great compassion You gave them deliverers who delivered them from the hand of their oppressors. [28] "But as soon as they had rest, they did evil again before You; Therefore You abandoned them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them. When they cried again to You, You heard from heaven, And many times You rescued them according to Your compassion, [29] And admonished them in order to turn them back to Your law. Yet they acted arrogantly and did not listen to Your commandments but sinned against Your ordinances, By which if a man observes them he shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their

neck, and would not listen. [30] "However, You bore with them for many years, And admonished them by Your Spirit through Your prophets, Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. [31] "Nevertheless, in Your great compassion You did not make an end of them or forsake them, For You are a gracious and compassionate God.

**Psalms 25:8-10** . . . Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. [9] He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His way. [10] **All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

**Psalms 25:12-14** . . . Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. [13] His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. [14] The secret (intimacy) of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and **He will make them know His covenant.**

**Psalms 50:3-6** . . . May our God come and not keep silence; fire devours before Him, and it is very tempestuous around Him. [4] He summons the heavens above, and the earth, to judge His people: [5] "Gather My godly ones to Me, **those who have made a covenant with Me** by sacrifice." [6] And the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge. Selah.

**Psalms 78:9-10** . . . The sons of Ephraim were archers equipped with bows, yet they turned back in the day of battle. [10] They did not keep the **covenant of God** and refused to walk in His law;

(speaking of Israel) **Psalms 78:34-39** . . . When He killed them, then they sought Him, and returned and searched diligently for God; [35] and they remembered that God was their rock, and the Most High God their Redeemer. [36] But they deceived Him with their mouth and lied to Him with their tongue. [37] **For their heart was not steadfast toward Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant.** [38] But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them; and often He restrained His anger and did not arouse all His wrath. [39] Thus He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and does not return.

**Psalms 89:3-4, 26-29, 34-37, 38-45** . . . "I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, [4] I will establish your seed forever and build up your throne to all generations." [26] "He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' [27] "I also shall make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. [28] **My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall be confirmed to him.** [29] "So I will establish his descendants forever and his throne as the days of heaven. [34] **My covenant I will not violate**, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. [35] "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. [36] "His descendants shall endure forever and his throne as the sun before Me. [37] "It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful." (discipline for breaking the covenant) [38] But You have cast off and rejected, You have been full of wrath against Your anointed. [39] **You have spurned the covenant of Your servant;** You have profaned his crown in the dust. [40] You have broken down all his walls; You have brought his strongholds to ruin. [41] All who pass along the way plunder him; he has become a reproach to his neighbors. [42] You have

exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice. [43] You also turn back the edge of his sword and have not made him stand in battle. [44] You have made his splendor to cease and cast his throne to the ground. [45] You have shortened the days of his youth; You have covered him with shame.

**Psalms 105:8-11 . . . He has remembered His covenant forever**, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations, [9] **the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac. [10] Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant**, [11] saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion of your inheritance,"

**Psalms 106:44-46 . . .** Nevertheless He looked upon their distress when He heard their cry; [45] and **He remembered His covenant for their sake**, and relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness. [46] He also made them objects of compassion in the presence of all their captors.

**Psalms 111:4-5, 7-10 . . .** He has made His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. [5] He has given food to those who fear Him; **He will remember His covenant forever**. [7] The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His precepts are sure. [8] They are upheld forever and ever; they are performed in truth and uprightness. [9] He has sent redemption to His people; **He has ordained His covenant forever**; holy and awesome is His name. [10] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

(conditions of the covenant) **Psalms 132:11-12 . . .** The LORD has sworn to David a truth from which He will not turn back: "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne. [12] **"If your sons will keep My covenant** and My testimony which I will teach them, their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."

**Isaiah 24:3-6 . . .** The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word. [4] The earth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth fade away. [5] **The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant**. [6] Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

**Isaiah 54:9-10 . . .** "For this is like the days of Noah to Me, when I swore that the waters of Noah would not flood the earth again; so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you nor will I rebuke you. [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 the LORD who has compassion on you.

**Isaiah 55:1-3 . . .** "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. [2] "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. [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.

(rewards for keeping covenant) **Isaiah 56:1-7** . . . Thus says the LORD, "Preserve justice and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come and My righteousness to be revealed. [2] "How blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who takes hold of it; who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." [3] Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from His people." Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." [4] For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs **who keep My sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant**, [5] to them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. [6] "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants, **every one who keeps from profaning the Sabbath and holds fast My covenant**; [7] even those I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

**Isaiah 59:21** . . . "As for Me, **this is My covenant with them**," says the LORD: "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 the LORD, "from now and forever."

**Isaiah 61:6-8** . . . But you will be called the priests of the LORD; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. [7] Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, and instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs. [8] For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; and **I will faithfully give them their recompense and make an everlasting covenant with them**.

\*\*\* **Jeremiah 11:1-14** . . . The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, [2] "**Hear the words of this covenant**, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; [3] and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "**Cursed is the man who does not heed the words of this covenant** [4] which I commanded your forefathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Listen to My voice, and do according to all which I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God,' [5] in order to confirm the oath which I swore to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day.'" Then I said, "Amen, O LORD." [6] And the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, '**Hear the words of this covenant and do them**. [7] 'For I solemnly warned your fathers in the day that I brought them up from the land of Egypt, even to this day, warning persistently, saying, "Listen to My voice." [8] 'Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked, each one, in the stubbornness of his evil heart; **therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant**, which I commanded them to do, but they did not.'" [9] Then the LORD said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [10] "They have turned back to the iniquities of their

ancestors who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah **have broken My covenant** which I made with their fathers." [11] Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold I am bringing disaster on them which they will not be able to escape; though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them. [12] "Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they surely will not save them in the time of their disaster. [13] "For your gods are as many as your cities, O Judah; and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal. [14] **"Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them;** for I will not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster.

(plea of repentance) **Jeremiah 14:19-22** . . . Have You completely rejected Judah? Or have You loathed Zion? Why have You stricken us so that we are beyond healing? We waited for peace, but nothing good came; And for a time of healing, but behold, terror! [20] We know our wickedness, O LORD, The iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against You. [21] Do not despise us, for Your own name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory; **Remember and do not annul Your covenant with us.** [22] Are there any among the idols of the nations who give rain? Or can the heavens grant showers? Is it not You, O LORD our God? Therefore we hope in You, For You are the one who has done all these things.

**\*\*\* Jeremiah 22:8-10** . . . "Many nations will pass by this city; and they will say to one another, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?' [9] "Then they will answer, '**Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD their God** and bowed down to other gods and served them.'" [10] Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him, But weep continually for the one who goes away; For he will never return Or see his native land.

(the New Testament / Covenant) **Jeremiah 31:31-34** . . . "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "**when I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, [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 the LORD. [33] "**But this is the covenant which I will make** with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [34] "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

(notice the global language) **Jeremiah 32:37-42** . . . "Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety. [38] "They shall be My people, and I will be their God; [39] and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them. [40] **"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. [41] "I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul. [42] "For thus says the LORD, 'Just as I brought all this great disaster on this people, so I am going to bring on them all the good that I am promising them.

\*\*\* **Jeremiah 33:19-26** . . . The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, [20] "Thus says the LORD, **'If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night,** so that day and night will not be at their appointed time, [21] **then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant** so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, **and with the Levitical priests,** My ministers. [22] 'As the host of heaven cannot be counted and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'" [23] And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, [24] "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD chose, He has rejected them'? Thus they despise My people, no longer are they as a nation in their sight. [25] "Thus says the LORD, **'If My covenant for day and night stand not, and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established,** [26] **then** I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.' "

\*\*\* **Jeremiah 34:12-22** . . . Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, [13] "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, **'I made a covenant with your forefathers** in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, saying, [14] "At the end of seven years each of you shall set free his Hebrew brother who has been sold to you and has served you six years, you shall send him out free from you; but your forefathers did not obey Me or incline their ear to Me. [15] "Although recently you had turned and done what is right in My sight, each man proclaiming release to his neighbor, and you had made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name. [16] "Yet you turned and profaned My name, and each man took back his male servant and each man his female servant whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your male servants and female servants." [17] "Therefore thus says the LORD, **'You have not obeyed Me** in proclaiming release each man to his brother and each man to his neighbor. **Behold, I am proclaiming a release to you,**' declares the LORD, 'to the sword, to the pestilence and to the famine; and I will make you a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth. [18] **'I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me,** when they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts— [19] the officials of Judah and the officials of Jerusalem, the court officers and the priests and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf— [20] I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life. And their dead bodies will be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth. [21] 'Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has gone away from you. [22] 'Behold, I am going to command,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring them back to this city; and they will fight against it and take it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without inhabitant.' "

**Jeremiah 50:4-5** . . . "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek. [5] "They will ask for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; **they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.**

(history of Israel) **Ezekiel 16:8** . . . "Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and **entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,**" declares the Lord GOD.

(history of Israel) **Ezekiel 16:58-63** . . . "You have borne the penalty of your lewdness and abominations," the LORD declares. [59] For thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also do with you as you have done, **you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant.** [60] **Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant** with you in the days of your youth, and **I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.** [61] "Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. [62] **Thus I will establish My covenant with you,** and you shall know that I am the LORD, [63] so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord GOD declares.

(history of Israel) **Ezekiel 17:19-21** . . . Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "As I live, **surely My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will inflict on his head.** [20] "I will spread My net over him, and he will be caught in My snare. Then I will bring him to Babylon and enter into judgment with him there regarding the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me. [21] "All the choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will be scattered to every wind; and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

(future work of God) **Ezekiel 20:33-38** . . . "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. [34] "I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; [35] and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. [36] "As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord GOD. [37] "I will make you pass under the rod, and **I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;** [38] and I will purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

(future work of God) **Ezekiel 34:23-26** . . . "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. [24] "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. [25] **I will make a covenant of peace with them** and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. [26] "I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.

**Ezekiel 37:24-28** . . . "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. [25] "They will 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 will be their prince forever. [26] **"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. [27] "My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. [28] "And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.""

(voiding the covenant) **Ezekiel 44:4-8** . . . Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I fell on my face. [5] The LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the statutes of the house of the LORD and concerning all its laws; and mark well the entrance of the house, with all exits of the sanctuary. [6] "You shall say to the rebellious ones, to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel, [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. [8] "And you have not kept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set foreigners to keep charge of My sanctuary."

**Daniel 9:3-6** . . . So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. [4] I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, **who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,** [5] we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. [6] "Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.

(reference to Adam and a covenant) **Hosea 6:4-7** . . . What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? For your loyalty is like a morning cloud and like the dew which goes away early. [5] Therefore I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth. [6] For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. [7] **But like Adam they have transgressed the covenant;** there they have dealt treacherously against Me.

**Hosea 8:1-3** . . . Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the LORD, **because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled against My law.** [2] They cry out to Me, "My God, we of Israel know You!" [3] Israel has rejected the good; the enemy will pursue him.

**Zechariah 9:11** . . . As for you also, because of **the blood of My covenant** with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

\*\*\* **Malachi 2:1-9** [1] "And now **this commandment is for you, O priests.** [2] "If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart. [3] "Behold, I am going to rebuke your

offspring, and I will spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. [4] **"Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant may continue with Levi,"** says the LORD of hosts. [5] **"My covenant with him was one of life and peace,** and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me and stood in awe of My name. [6] "True instruction was in his mouth and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many back from iniquity. [7] "For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. [8] "But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by the instruction; **you have corrupted the covenant of Levi,"** says the LORD of hosts. [9] "So I also have made you despised and abased before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways but are showing partiality in the instruction.

**\*\*\* Malachi 2:10-12 . . .**"Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as **to profane the covenant of our fathers?** [11] "Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god. [12] "As for the man who does this, may the LORD cut off from the tents of Jacob everyone who awakes and answers, or who presents an offering to the LORD of hosts.

**Malachi 3:1-4 . . .**"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and **the messenger of the covenant,** in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. [2] "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. [3] "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. [4] "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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**Matthew 26:26-28 . . .** While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." [27] And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; [28] for this is **My blood of the covenant,** which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

**Mark 14:22-25 . . .** While they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body." [23] And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. [24] And He said to them, **"This is My blood of the covenant,** which is poured out for many. [25] "Truly I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

\*\*\* (The new covenant brought in by Jesus is an extension of God's covenant with Abraham and, as with Abraham, requires righteousness from those who enter into this covenant relationship with God) **Luke 1:67-79** . . . And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: [68] "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, [69] and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant— [70] as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old— [71] Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; [72] to show mercy toward our fathers, and **to remember His holy covenant, [73] the oath which He swore to Abraham our father, [74] to grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, [75] in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.** [76] "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; [77] to give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, [78] because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, [79] to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**Luke 22:19-20** . . . And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." [20] And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is **the new covenant in My blood.**

\*\*\* (Jesus is the fulfillment – between God and man – of the covenant with Abraham) **Acts 3:17-26** . . . "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. [18] "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. [19] "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; [20] and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, [21] whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. [22] "Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed to everything He says to you. [23] '**And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'** [24] "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days. [25] "**It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant** which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' [26] "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

**I Corinthians 11:23-26** . . . For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; [24] and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." [25] In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is **the new covenant in My blood**; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**II Corinthians 3:4-6** . . . Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. [5] Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy

is from God, [6] who also made us adequate as servants of a **new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**Galatians 3:15-18** . . . Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. [16] Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. [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 God, so as to nullify the promise. [18] For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

**Galatians 4:21-31** . . . Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law? [22] For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. [23] But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. [24] This is allegorically speaking, for **these women are two covenants**: one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. [25] Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. [26] But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. [27] For it is written, "Rejoice, barren woman who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in labor; for more numerous are the children of the desolate than of the one who has a husband." [28] And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. [29] But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. [30] But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be an heir with the son of the free woman." [31] So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.

**Hebrews 7:18-22** . . . For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness [19] (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. [20] And inasmuch as it was not without an oath [21] (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, 'You are a priest forever' "); [22] so much the more also **Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant**.

**Hebrews 8:6-13, 9:1** . . . 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. [7] For if that **first covenant** had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a **second**. [8] For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, when I will effect a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; [9] 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 the Lord. [10] "For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [11] "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the

Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. [12] "For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." [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. [9:1] Now **even the first covenant** had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.

**Hebrews 9:15-22** . . . For this reason He is **the mediator of a new covenant**, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the **first covenant**, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. [16] For where a **covenant** is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. [17] For a **covenant** is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives. [18] Therefore even the **first covenant** was not inaugurated without blood. [19] For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, [20] saying, "This is **the blood of the covenant** which God commanded you." [21] And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. [22] And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

**Hebrews 10:11-18** . . . Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; [12] but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, [13] waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. [14] For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [15] And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, [16] "**This is the covenant** that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, and on their mind I will write them," He then says, [17] "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." [18] Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

**Hebrews 10:26-31** . . . For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, [27] but a terrifying expectation of judgment and The fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. [28] Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. [29] How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean **the blood of the covenant** by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? [30] For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." [31] It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**Hebrews 12:18-24** . . . For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, [19] and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. [20] For they could not bear the command, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned." [21] And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I am full of fear and trembling." [22] But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, [23] to the general assembly and church of the firstborn

who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, [24] and **to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant**, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

**Hebrews 13:20-21** . . . Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep **through the blood of the eternal covenant**, even Jesus our Lord, [21] equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.