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God's principles at work

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INTRODUCTION

Covenants are very important in life as they affect peoples' lives because they are meant to be binding on the parties involved and for that reason, they must be taken very seriously. If one takes time to look keenly at the scriptures, one will come to the realization that God the Creator of heaven and earth and all that therein, Is a God of covenants and in many instances he operates in covenants with His people – those he has called for his purpose like the Israelites in the old Testament and Christians in the new Testament.

There are various types of covenants some which are conditional in nature and others which are non-conditional. There are also some category of covenants and how covenants are entered into.

Covenants are always sealed with an oath or blood. The covenants that are sealed with blood are of a higher order and are very serious in nature. In this book you are going to read all about covenants for your own benefit in life as you come to understand them and the implications therein. Be enlightened and blessed as you read and take heed accordingly.

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Chapter 1

What is a covenant?

A covenant is a treaty, an agreement or a contract. Covenants just as are the laws of contract have a binding effect with both parties involved and are always sealed with an oath or blood e.g. marriage - a covenant between husband and wife.

God is a God of covenants and He respects covenants. God honors and takes seriously covenants. He does all these out of His love for mankind (2 Kings 13:22-25, 2 Chronicles 7:17-22; 21:4-7, Isaiah 54:4-10).

Covenants are the highest heights-levels of walking with God. God calls people and those who come nearer God he enters a covenant with them. God does not disappoint one he has entered into covenant with and he does not look at your level of holiness for Him to act, but looks at His covenant.

Israelites were delivered from Egypt and fed with manna; Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah delivered from furnace of fire, Daniel delivered from Lions'

den, Noah delivered from the floods and so on and so forth by the same principle.

There is something like a seal related to rubberstamp, signature, refers mainly to that ink. One cannot blame another as one has enacted it (made it official himself).

When covenants have become blood covenants, enacted with blood, they are very serious as they fall to personal curse, blood sealed the covenant. One defeats his defense before God if he had a covenant with Satan, as Satan claims he has covenant with you and your pleas to God for help is not forthcoming as God does not accept corruption.

Covenants of Satan are junior covenants. Jesus shed His blood to institute new covenant with God for us and His covenant is a senior covenant.

Shedding of blood God permitted

1. Blood is shed for food - with honor
2. Blood is shed for covenant making - circumcision
3. Blood is shed for breaking virginity - marriage

4. Blood is shed for sacrifices
5. Blood is shed for judgments

1. Food - Genesis 9,27
2. Circumcision - Genesis 17, Joshua 5
3. Sex- Breaking virginity - 1 Corinthians 7

   #2 and #3 is covenant making:
4. Sacrifices - 2 Chronicles 7:5, 1 Kings 18:23
5. Judgments - Joshua 7, 2 Samuel 24

NB: Sex that is holy is only between husband and wife, it is the climax of their unity, it is the renewal of their covenant- marriage.

You can open or close your door (life) to Satan or to God. (Revelation 3:20). Many Christians find difficulty walking with God because of their earlier participation/involvement with Satan - they opened their life to him and to go out is not easy.

Covenants are divine promises made by God unlike other contracts in that in covenants of God, God Himself makes them and fixes their terms and is prepared to fulfill them and man cannot argue them

out or try to negotiate in any way and has no option but just to obey / adhere to them (just like in the police or armed forces) one has to obey instructions given by the master without a debate or an argument and has to respond with a 'Yes Sir' or a 'Yes Madam' as the case may be, followed by doing what is required of one.

God's covenants fall into two groups: unconditional and conditional covenants, a good example of an unconditional covenant is the promise of God to Abraham of the land of Canaan which he committed himself to see that Abraham's descendants possess it without any merits on their part (Genesis 12:1; 13: 14-17). An example of a conditional covenant is the promise of God to Abraham to multiply him (Genesis 17:1-2) which stresses on Abraham walking before God perfectly and which do agree with the book of Matthew (Matthew 6:31-33 - righteousness). Example of some of those are such as some scripture among others record (Psalm 103:17-18; 132:12, Daniel 9:4).

God speaks to man through covenants and guarantees them and also promises man blessings for obedience and the penalty for disobedience.

Chapter 2

Category of covenants

A. Covenants of God

The covenants of God are sealed with blood and they are holy. There are 3 covenants of God which are as follows:

1. **Covenant of possession - creation**

O.T. 1st Creation 1st Birth

Genesis 2:21, Genesis 14:19, 22

God entered covenant with man before Satan (Genesis 3). Outside mind of God to create woman for man. Inside mind of God (secret mind of God) to have a covenant with man - Genesis 2:21 - He had covenant with Adam (blood). Theatre-operation - surgery.

Jesus (God) had covenant with men - 12 Disciples (Apostles) to be servants and to be with Him and not feel lonely when He leaves them.

2. Covenant of salvation

N.T. 2nd creation 2nd Birth

Salvation, deliverance, redemption, healing, The Spirit (power) Matthew 26:26-28 wine - blood

(symbol - cheque) - death (blood) John 3:1-8, Acts 2:38

3. Covenant of marriage

Union, togetherness Genesis 2:21, Hebrews 13:4. Marriage in God is a holy thing, a righteous thing, pleasure of God, blessing of God. Blood is shed when virginity of wife (woman) is broken. Marriage should not be broken.

1. Expansion of the New Testament covenant

O.T. covenant – irrevocable - of possession, of creation - the blood of Adam.

N.T. covenant - As many as will come to Him.

Sign 1- Repentance

Sign 2- Water baptism (by immersion)

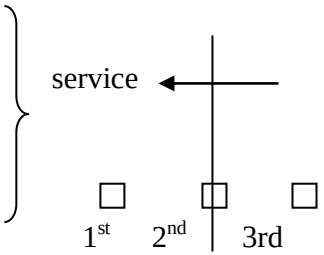
Sign 3- Subject to inherit Holy Spirit.

2. Expansion on the covenant of marriage

Glory of the second covenant - N.T. covenant Jesus Christ.

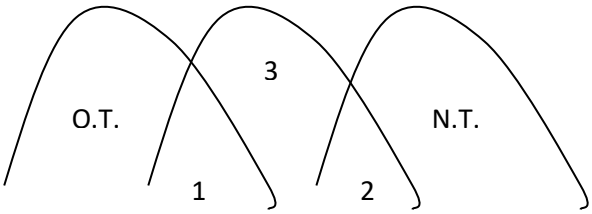
Marriage revolves on a covenant

People- vows
Living- one another
Giving-sex, tithe



3. Greatest covenant of God

N.T. everlasting covenant. Umbrella of the Lord - cover, protection of the Lord.



Genesis 12 - call to Abram

Exodus 3 - call to Moses

John 3:16 - God's call to Christ

Wisdom of God

- Covenant people (Church)
- Covenant living
- Covenant healing
- Covenant spirit

Purpose of covenants (Hebrews 10:35-38)

1. We are not saved for nothing but for something. From danger (Israel) from Egypt)
2. To follow the Lord - Israel, Moses, Abraham – Lord - follow me
3. To serve - Lord called disciples to serve. Wife to serve husband (Psalm 103:4)
4. Health - The Lord give you health
5. Power - anointing
6. Wealth - The Lord gave His own Son, Holy Spirit. What can he not give? (Matthew 6:31-33)
7. Deliver - Israel delivered from Egypt, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

B. Covenants of Satan

Covenants of: destruction, defeat, failure, deception (Genesis 3, Revelation 20, Matthew 4)

Satan was defeated in heaven

Satan was defeated on earth

Satan was defeated in hell

Satan can't care, save.

There are 3 covenants of Satan

1. **Covenant of - through fornication and adultery**

Most popular, unclean, promoted Satan's kingdom - unholy sex.

God's way

Draws woman ⟶ man (holy) no guilt.

Satan

Draws woman ⟶ man (fornication) guilt

Later disperse ⇄ guilt

Carrying covenant of: defeat, failure - broken covenants.

2. **Covenant of Witchcraft - through**
   - i) When you go to a witchdoctor for love- he cuts your breast back etc. - broken family.
   - ii) When you go to a witchdoctor for wealth - he cuts your feet, hands - poverty.

iii) When you go to a witchdoctor you have a problem with others - he cuts your tongue - false prophet.

iv) When you go to a witchdoctor you want to pass an examination - he cuts your hands - failure.

b) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you to bring a chicken, priest of the devil needs blood for covenant with Satan - your people die.

c) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring a goat, needs blood- sacrifice family - people die

d) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring nails - (have blood samples)

e) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring urine (have blood samples)

f) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring hair (have blood samples)

g) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring saliva (have blood samples)

h) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring an egg (has life/ blood)

i) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you need special medicine, come tomorrow it will be ready; when you finally come tells you sleep here and he sleeps with you - results in immorality (in sex) – blood covenant.

j) When you go to a witchdoctor with a problem and tells you bring such an amount of money- whatever the amount, you have dirtied your wealth by giving to Satan - God is a jealous God you cannot give to Satan and then go give to God - He does not accept your giving - poverty. (Witchcraft brings the covenant of rebellion in people).

3. Covenant of Death - through

The covenant of death is abortion, murder, killing, suicide. It is a covenant of equality- equal to God, as the Lord the only with mandate to give or take life (Job 1:21).

Doctors who perform abortion are partakers of other peoples' sins - fornication, adultery - should lead patient to repent of the sin and the spirit of fornication, adultery cast out.

Unclean and unholy sex

Fornication

Adultery

Incest

Masturbation

Homosexuality

Lesbianism

Sodomy

Rape

Covenants of God and Satan

God's covenants - positive signs

Satan's covenants - negative signs

1. Backsliding people with covenant of Satan, cannot walk properly with God.
2. They cannot serve God, if preacher he'll move from denomination to denomination.
3. They cannot be healed - cannot inherit food of children - dogs
4. They cannot carry authority - family like a football pitch.
5. They cannot acquire real wealth (riches), anything they get is passed to others.
6. They cannot be delivered if not saved.

Cleanse the following

1. Your faith - Baptism, Repentance
2. Your marriage - Restore covenant
3. Your body - from wicked sex with sorcerers, witchdoctors, preachers, parents, animals (1 Corinthians 6:18)
4. Your money - wealth
5. Authority - The sin of fornication, adultery, abortion, incest brings a sin covenant with Satan and authority of Satan and not of God. Break authority of Satan and bring

authority of God. Blood donation to Hospital not covenant, women circumcision wrong, male castration wrong, God knows fornication, adultery etc lead to pollution of sex system response to only one partner in marriage - Israel warned.

Chapter 3

The Everlasting covenant

In this chapter we are going to see the everlasting covenant of God that he made to mankind.

And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the

everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

Genesis 9:11-16

This is one of the covenant God made with Noah and the rainbow was a symbol to remind God never to bring a deluge to destroy the earth, as it happened during Noah's life.

And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:20-22

Another covenant of God made with Noah that the four seasons to remain on earth throughout.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:15-17

This is a covenant that God made to Adam. Unlike the ones God gave to Noah, this one was conditional in that he could enjoy life in the Garden of Eden as long as he was obedient to God's commandment. Adam and Eve disobeyed and were removed from the garden (Genesis 3:6, 22-24).

This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee, every man child among you shall be circumcised.

And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Genesis 17:10-14

This is a covenant God made to Abram concerning circumcision of all male children among them, the flesh of their foreskin was to be circumcised as a symbol of a covenant between God and them as God's people. It applied to all the descendants of

Abraham and the parents of Jesus did the same to the baby Jesus. Read Luke 2:21.

And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.
And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.
And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord.
Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

Leviticus 24:5-8

This is a covenant God made to Moses to give to the children of Israel to observe concerning the showbread which was to be presented on a table before the Lord every Sabbath (to be baked and presented every Sabbath). The showbread (showbread as sometimes was called) represented the twelve tribes of Israel who were continually in the presence of God. The old bread of the last

Sabbath were taken and eaten by the priests and new (fresh ones) replaced them.

And the LORD spake to Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel: unto thee have I given them by reason of anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, I have I given thee and thy sons and daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and thy seed with thee.

Numbers 18:8, 19

This is a covenant God made for Aaron and his sons (priests) to be taking heave offerings from sacrificial animal as theirs, it included giving to Aaron's daughters as well.

Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;
Even of the covenant which be made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; and hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,
Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.

1 Chronicles 16:15-18

This is a covenant God made to Abraham of possessing the land of Canaan.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but **my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.**

Isaiah 54:10

This is a covenant God made to Israel on his love for it as he has mercy for it.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: **hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.**

Isaiah 55:3

This is a covenant God has made to whoever can hear and come to Him, for he is full of mercy. Just as David had mercy on several occasions and spared the life of king Saul (in fact in all the opportunities he had and could easily kill him he did not kill king Saul). Read similar promise by God in the book of Acts (Acts 2:36-41).

AND it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good and multiply thee above thy fathers.

And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand in the fruit of thy body,

and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of the land for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

This is a covenant of Restoration God made for the children of Israel to restore them back to their land and to restore them back to Him to cleave to Him. This was a conditional covenant.

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all earth.
He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;
And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant
Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.

Psalm 105:6-11

The Lord God still remembered his covenant he made with Abraham concerning land inheritance (the promised land of Canaan). God is more than faithful in keeping his covenant with humanity.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of E'-phra-im, and for all the house of Israel his companions:
And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these?

Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of E-phra-im, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things nor with

any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Ezekiel 37:15-28

This is a covenant of restoration of a united Israel and which is everlasting in nature made by God and the children of Israel - It is a covenant of peace.

BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.
The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.
The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.
The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Isaiah 24:1-6

Because humanity is disobedient and corrupt generally and hardly keeps God's covenants God is surely going to judge them and the earth as well at some point in the future. Humanity has defiled and corrupted the world right from the beginning (Genesis 6) and now it is clocking its climax and as God never changes - (Hebrews 13:8) 1 can smell/see the epistle of apostle Peter to the Church of Christ come to pass (2 Peter 3).

Chapter 4

The Divine covenant

In this chapter we are going to see God's divine covenant which he made.

Now the LORD had said to Abraham, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:
And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-3

This is a covenant God made with Abram in which God promised him a land.

And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD:

And **I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JE-HO'-VAH was I not known to them.**

And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

Exodus 6:2-6

This is renewal of the covenant God made with Abraham on the land promised, God renewing it with Moses. God did show his faithful commitment when he sent Moses to the children of Israel what he was just about to do.

And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Mid'-ia-nitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And when Phin'-e-has the son of El-e-a'-zar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand;

And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Phin'-e-has, the son of El-e-a'-zar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.

Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: and he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

Numbers 25:6-13

This is a covenant God made to Phinehas for his zeal for his God and it was a covenant of everlasting priesthood.

Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:
And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.
Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall

the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as before time,

And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee a house.

And when thy days be fulfilled and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

2 Samuel 7:8-16

This is a covenant God made with David that the royal lineage of the Messiah will come, through him. (Only the Messiah's kingdom will be established for ever - Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14).

And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.

Isaiah 59:20-21

This is a covenant of deliverance God made with Israel.

AND an angel of the LORD came up from Gil'-gal to Bo'-chim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I

sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have you done this?

Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

And they called the name of that place Bo'-chim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

Judges 2:1-5

The children of Israel were rebuked by an angel of God for misbehaving by not obeying the voice of God regarding the inhabitants of the land whom they entered a league with and also did not throw down the altars there.

They had broken their covenant with God but God had committed Himself to the covenant and would

not break it. The people repented of that by weeping.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shallt thou establish in the very heavens.
I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.
And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
For who in the heavens can be compared unto the LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Psalm 89:1-8

The faithfulness of the Lord God of the universe. God is ever faithful and He does not break his covenants. It is us human beings who keep on breaking the covenants of God. All people are liars but God will never lie.

Chapter 5

Covenants between God and Man

What many Christians don't know is that when they got converted to Christ (got saved) they literally entered into a covenant with God through His Son Jesus Christ (Colossians 2: 9-11). Therefore they need not to continue living a careless or carefree lives but a careful, cautious and obedient lives as their lives become more precious to God because of accepting the blood of His Son that he shed on the cross at Calvary to wash away their sins (2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 1:18-21, Matthew 3:13-17).

The Christian Walk is a covenant walk (a close walk) with God and the blessings of God are anchored on that covenant walk with Him (John 15:7)

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'-an.

And Abram took Sar'-a-i his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Har'-an, and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Caanan they came.

Genesis 12:1-5

AND the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Genesis 21:1-5

Just as God promised Abram in Genesis 12:1-2 to make him a great nation, God as a God of covenants, he began to fulfil it through the birth of this son Isaac by his wife Sarah. You will see in the following scriptures God continuing to confirm his covenant with Abram with Abraham's son Isaac and also continuing to fulfil the same.

And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Be-thu'-el the Syrian of Pa'-dan-ar'-am, the sister to Laban the Syrian.
And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

And the LORD said unto her, two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:19-28

Already more nations have been added to Abraham through his son Isaac. Now God appears to Isaac

and reaffirms his covenant with Abraham. Read On.

And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.
And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

Genesis 26:124-25

Later now God appeared to Jacob in a dream and indirectly reaffirms his covenant with Abraham to Jacob.

And Jacob went out from Beer-she'-ba, and went toward Har'-an. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

And behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

Genesis 28:10-15

Verse 14 above are the same words God told Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).

Jacob married both Leah and Rachel and from them came out the twelve sons of Jacob who became the

twelve tribes of Israel and which populated the whole land there which became the nation of Israel. Read on.

And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.
And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction: now therefore my husband will love me.
And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.
And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.
And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

And she said, Behold my maid Bil'-hah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

And she gave him Bil'-hah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

And Bil'-hah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

And Bil'-hah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

And Rachel said, with great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naph'-ta-li.

When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.

And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.

And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? And wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee tonight for thy son's mandrakes.

And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely, I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

And Leah said, God hath given me my live, because I have given my maiden to my husband:

and she called his name Is'-sa-char. And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Is'-sa-char. And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called him name Zeb'-u-lun.

And afterward she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened unto her, and opened her womb.

And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:

And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

Genesis 29:31-30:24

What comes out clear from the above scripture is that God is an all wise God (Genesis 29:31-35) and that polygamy is really a bad practice and is sin and

is full of competition and women are always jealous of the blessings of other women and that women are also fond of talking and that they want to have children at any cost and use even blackmail sometimes to have conjugal relationship in a home (Genesis 30:1-24). Because of competition in a polygamous home some women resort to witchdoctors to get children or to be loved more by their husbands a real pity! It seems it was customary in the Jewish culture for barren wives to give their maidens to their husbands to wife it all started with Abram (Genesis 16:1-4).
Now let me take you to the last segment on God's fulfillment of his covenant with Abraham.

And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to E-phrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-o'-ni: but his father called him Benjamin.
And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to E'-phrath, which is Beth-lehem.
And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

Genesis 35:16-20

From the twelve sons of Israel (formerly Jacob) came about the twelve tribes of Israel and it became quite a big population and God fulfilled his promise (covenant) with Abraham and were delivered from their bondage in Egypt and left for the promised land to possess it. Read on

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.
And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this El-i-e'-zer of Damascus?

And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, this shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, so shall thy seed be.

And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chal'-deas, to give thee this land to inherit it.

And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

And he said unto him, Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

And he said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Am'-o-ri-tes is not yet full.

And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Eu-phra'-tes. The Ken'-ites, and the Ken'-izzites, and the Kad'-mo-nites,
And the Hit'-tites, and the Per'-iz-zites, and the Reph'-a-im,
And the Am'-o-rites, and the Ca'-na-an-ites, and Gir'-ga-shites, and the Jeb'-u-sites.

Genesis 15

The fulfillment proper follows:

And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle.
And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

Also take your flocks and your herd as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. And the children of Israel journeyed from Ram'-e-ses to Suc'-coth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

It is a might to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in all their generations.

Exodus 12:29-42

The Lord God did exactly as he had promised Abraham his friend.

The Egyptians exploited the Israelites and it was now the time of the Israelites to exploit them (Matthew 7:12). The Lord avenged (Romans 12:19)

For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that **the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant** and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

The Lord God is not only a God of covenants but he is also faithful to keep them up to a thousand generations!

But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

And the Lord was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

2 Kings 13:22-23

God truly keeps his covenants which he has covenanted with his people and has compassion and respect.

The Lord therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord God of Israel.

And he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

For Solomon had made a brazen scafford, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits

high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands towards heaven,

And said, O Lord God of Israel, **there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepeth covenant**, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

2 Chronicles 6:10-14

King Solomon acknowledged the fact that God truly keeps his covenants.

NOW Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he was the first born.

Now when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel.

Jehoram was thirst and two years old when he began to reign, and reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord.

Howbeit the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons forever.

2 Chronicles 21:1-7

Now that shows without an iota of doubt how serious God take his covenants.

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and A-bi'-hu, and

seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, ALL the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Exodus 24:1-7

This is a covenant of obedience between the Israelites and God and was enacted by blood by Moses the servant of God.

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Am'-o-rites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Am'-o-rites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

And Joshua said unto the people, ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

And Joshua said unto the people,

Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, we are witnesses.

Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in She'-chem.

And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

Joshua 24:14-28

This is another covenant of obedience between the Israelites and God and which Joshua enacted in his farewell address to them and just like Moses, he had to put it in writing as a covenant is a treaty, an agreement or a contract and which need to be in writing for it to be binding on both parties. Joshua even went further and put a stone to be a witness/to

serve as a seal to the covenant before God and the people.

And Je-hoi'-a-da made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people that they should be the LORD's people between the king also and the people.

And all the people of the land went into the house of Ba'-al, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mat'-tan the priest of Ba'-al before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Ath-a-li-ah with the sword beside the king's house.

Seven years old was Je-ho'-ash when he began to reign.

2 Kings 11:17-21

This is a covenant Jehoiada the High priest enacted between the Lord and the king and the people that they should be the Lord's people between the king also and the people and they went ahead to bring a radical change by acting as they did to bring things to order as per the covenant.

AND the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
And the king went up into 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 ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.
And the king stood by a 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 their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this

covenant that were written in the book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

2 Kings 23:1-3

This is a covenant of obedience which King Josiah made between God and the children of Israel.

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Si'-nai.
For they were departed from Reph'-i-dim, and were come to the desert of Si'-nai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.
And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying,
Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.
Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a

peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.

And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

Exodus 19:1-8

This is a covenant of obedience enacted by Moses between God and the children of Israel who unanimously approved/endorsed.

And when A'-sa heard these words, and the prophecy of O'-ded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount E'phra-im, and

renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.

And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of E'phra-im and Ma-nas'-seh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of A-sa.

And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

2 Chronicles 15:8-15

This is a covenant of seeking the Lord which king Asa enacted between God and the children of Israel and which they stuck to and God was found of them.

And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

NOW those that sealed were, Ne-hem-i'-ah, the Tirsha'-tha, the son of Hach-a-li-ah, and Zid-ki'-jah,

Se-rai'-ah, Az-a-ri'-ah, Jere-mi'-ah, Pash'-ur, Am-a-ri'-ah, Mal – chi'- jah, Hat' – tush, Sheb – a – ni' – ah, Mal'-luch, Har'-im, Mer'-e-moth, O-ba-di'-ah, Daniel, Gin'-ne-thon, Bar'-uch, Me-shul'-lam, A-bi'-jah, Mij'-a-min, Ma-a-zi'-ah, Bil'-ga-i, Shem-ai-ah: these were the priests.

And the Levites: both Jesh'-u-a the son of Az-a-ni'-ah, Bin-u-i the sons of Hen'-a-dad, Kad'-mi-el;
And their brethren, Sheb-a-ni'-ah, Ho-di'-jah, Ke-li'-ta, Pe-lai'-ah, Ha'-nan, Mi'-cha, Re'-hob, Hash-a-bi'-ah, Ho-di'-jah, Ba'-ni, Be-ni'-nu.
The chief of the people; Par'-osh, Pa'-hath-mo'-ab, E'-lam, Zat'-thu, Ba'-ni,
Bun'-ni, Azgad, Be'-ba-i, Ad-o-ni-jah, Big'-va-I, A'-din,
A'-ter, Hiz-ki'-jah, Azzur,
Ho-di'-jah, Hash'-um, Be'-za-i
Har-iph, An-a-thoth, Ne-ba-i
Mag-pi-ash, Me-shul-lam, He-zir, Me-shez-a-beel, za-dok, Jad-du-a,
Pel-a-ti-ah, Ha-nan, A-nai-ah,
Ho-she-a, Han-a-ni-ah, Hash-ub,
Hal-lo-hesh, pil-e-ha, Sho-bek,
Re-hum, Ha-shab-nah, Ma-a-sei-ah,
And A-hi-jah, Ha-nan, Anan,
Mal-luch, Har-im, Ba-a-nah,
And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Neth-i-nim, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of

the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our God, and his judgments and his statutes;

And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the Sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shek'-el for service of the house of our God;

For the showbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the

Sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law:

And to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruits of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

Also the first-borns of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and our flocks to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

And that we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same

Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

Nehemiah 9:38-10:39

This is a covenant Nehemiah with the people made with God and as you can see many, many people sealed the covenant as enumerated in the scripture above.

Chapter 6

Covenants between Men

Covenants are serious matters as they are binding and God recognizes them as such, He being the God of covenants. Therefore they must not be entered into carelessly as they have far reaching consequences, as we are going to see in the following scriptures.

And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the Great Sea over against Leb'-a-non, the Hit'-tite, and the Am'-o-rite, the Ca'-na-an-ite, the Per'-iz-zite, the Hi'-vite, and the Jeb'-u-site, heard thereof;

That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

And when the inhabitants of Gib-eon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to A'-i,

They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

And also shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy.

And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gil'gal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, we be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

And the men of Israel said unto the Hi'-vites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

And they said unto Joshua, we are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye and from whence come ye?

And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

And all that he did to the two kings of the Am'-o-rites, that were beyond Jordan, to Si'-han king of Hesh'-bon, and to Og king of Ba'-shan, which was at Ash'-ta-roth.

Wherefore our elders and all the inhabintants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you

for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is moldy:

And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelt among them.

And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. now their cities were Gib'-eon, and Che-phi'-rah, and Beer'-oth, and Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim.

And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

But all the princes said unto all the congregation, we have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed wood from being bondmen, and hewers of and drawers of water for the house of my God.

And they answered Joshua, and said, because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us do.

And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

Joshua 9

Now let us come to the place where rain began to hit the children of Israel and the reason thereof.

THEN there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year and David inquired

of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gib'-eonites.

And the king called the Gib'-eonites, and said unto them; (now the Gib'-eonites were not of the children of Israel but of the remnant of the Am'-o-rites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.)

Wherefore David said unto the Gib'-eonites, what shall I do for you? And wherewith shall I make an atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

And the Gib'-eonites said unto him, we will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, what ye shall say, that will I do for you.

And they answered the king, the man that consumed us and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gib'-e-ah of Saul, whom the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give them.

But the king spared Me-phib'-o-sheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORDs oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

But the king took the two sons of Riz'-pah the daughter of Ai'-ah, whom she bare unto Saul, Ar-mo'-ni and Me-phib'-o-sheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for A'-dri-el the son of Bar-zil'-lai the Me-ho'-la-thite.

And he delivered them into the hands of the Gib'-eonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven, together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

And Riz'-pah the daughter of Ai'-ah, took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds

of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

And it was told David what Riz'-pah the daughter of Ai'-ah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Ja'-besh-gil'-e-ad, which had stolen them from the street of Beth'-shan, where the Phil-is'-tines had hanged them, when the Phil-is'-tines had slain Saul in Gil-bo'-a.

And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Ze'-lah, in the sepulcher of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land.

2 Samuel 21:1-14

Now I wish all leaders and more so the top leaders in every land were God fearing and would seek God's counsel when things were going in the

wrong direction as David, the greatest king of Israel and Judah did, for he was a wise king and he got a solution for the land. Quite a contrast to king Saul who even acted out of zeal for the people but without knowledge which is a dangerous thing to do as it brought a great calamity to the land. It is better to have a zeal for God and for his children but with knowledge just as apostle Paul had to say in his epistle to the church in Rome (Romans 10:1-4). King David was wise and did not break his covenant which they had made with Jonathan the son of Saul and that is why he remembered that covenant and spared Jonathan's son Mefibosheth from the Gibeonites. From the above incident it is quite clear that when a covenant is entered into it becomes law in itself and therefore should not be taken lightly as such as breaking it results into a curse like any other sin. For more information on sin and curses you can read my book entitled "The Christian Walk volume 2".

In law it has been said that ignorance has no defense and which became true as we have seen in the case of Saul who may have forgotten or not

known of that covenant but because he broke it in his life while he was alive and though he had been slain by the Philistines, seven of his sons had to suffer the consequences in his stead, unfortunate as it was. Now that underscores the seriousness of breaking any law be it of God or of the land where one resides in, including any covenant one may have entered into with any other party/parties.

And it came to pass at that time, that A-bim'-e-lech and Phi'-chol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:
Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.
And Abraham said, I will swear
And Abraham reproved A-bim'-e-lech because of a well, of water, which A-bim'-e-lech because of a

well of water, which A-bim'-e-lech's servants had violently taken away.

And A-bim'-e-lech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but today.

And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto A-bim'-e-lech; and both of them made a covenant.

And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

And A-bim'-e-lech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? And he said, for these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

Genesis 21:22-30

This is a covenant between Abraham and Abimelech concerning the well Abraham dug at Beersheba (verses 31-33).

AND it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was

knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

1 Samuel 18:1- 4

This is a covenant between Jonathan and David concerning Jonathan's love to David and which he showed in action (verse 4) Read also 1 John 3:18 - touching on love.

This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zed-e-ki'-ah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem; to proclaim liberty unto them;

That every man should let his manservant, being a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that everyone should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them anymore, then they obeyed, and let them go.

But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for hand maids.

Jeremiah 34:8-11

This is a covenant between the people of Jerusalem and their servants which they (the people) later broke and made the servants they had set to go free to be subject to them again. It was quite sad to be set free and much later to be enslaved again. Just as I said earlier in chapter 4 – men are liars and not God who is ever faithful.

THEN came all the tribes of Israel to David unto He'-bron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

So all the elders of Israel came to the king to He'-bron; and king David made a league with them in He'-bron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

2 Samuel 5:1-3

This is an agreement entered between David and the elders of Israel to enthrone David over Israel as their king.

AND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

Thou knowest how David my father could not build a house unto the name of the LORD his God for the

wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurent.

And, behold; I purpose to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build a house unto my name.

Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Leb'-a-non; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Si-do'-ni-ans.

And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for:

and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

My servants shall bring them down from Leb'-a-non unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and I will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire in giving food for my household.

So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.

And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

1 Kings 5:1-12

This is an agreement that King Solomon entered with king Hiram of Tyre.

And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-ha'-dad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

Now the men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Ben-ha'-dad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-ha'-dad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

And Ben-ha'-dad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shall make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Sa-mar'-i-a. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

1 Kings 20:31-34

Chapter 7

The New Covenant

In this chapter we are going to see God's new covenant to the house of Israel and by extension to the Church of Christ.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the LORD.

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the

LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is a covenant between God and all who will believe in Him (believe in His Son Jesus Christ, the Messiah).

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?
And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.
And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.
Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:17-28

This is the covenant between God and all people on the earth concerning His Son Jesus Christ and was a totally different (new) covenant he made with mankind and was accomplished by Jesus Christ when he was crucified on a cross, died and later

rose on the third day and much later ascended back to heaven to his Father and sat at the right hand of his Father.

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.
And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, **There shall come out of Zion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.**

Romans 11:25-27

As I said earlier, this is a new covenant that God made to all mankind the Israelites included though for sometime now the Israelites have been partly blinded concerning the deliverer (the Messiah) until the fullness of the Gentiles become in, as this scripture has said.

All along the sins of mankind for the repentant had been just covered and of course God could remember them. But now God in the new covenant brought a lasting solution to sin so that sins can now be taken away and not covered and God would remember them no more (Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 1:29; 35-36).

NOW of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.
For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.
For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all

things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a god, and they shall be to me a people.

Hebrews 8:1-8, 10

Halleluia, No more stone tablets, the word of the Lord must be in our hearts as well as in our minds (we who have truly believed in the Son of the living God).

But ye are come unto mount Zi'-on, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22-24

Chapter 8

Promises on keeping of covenants

In this chapter we are going to come across God's promises based on keeping of his covenants by people.

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

Exodus 19:5

We become a peculiar treasure to God among all people if we obey him. What a good thing!

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Psalm 103:17-18

God's mercy are ever there for the obedient. A real privilege indeed.

The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

Psalm 132:11-12

God's promise to king David that by the obedience of his children they will be rulers too throughout the years.

IN the first year of Da-ri'-us the son of A-has-u-e'-rus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chal-de'-ans; In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and

sackcloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, **O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;**

Daniel 9:1 - 4

If you obey God's commandments you can be sure he will keep His covenant and mercy on you.

AND this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

And he said, The LORD came from Si'-nai, and rose up from Se'-ir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them. Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

And he was king in Jesh'-urun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

Let Reuben live, and not die; and let not his men be few.

And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou a help to him from his enemies.

And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Mer'-ibah;

Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: **for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.**

They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise

against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

And for the precious thing of the earth and fullness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of E'-phra-im, and they are the thousands, of Manas'-seh.

And of Zeb'-ubun he said, Rejoice Zeb'-u-lun, in thy going out; and Is'-sachar, in thy tents.

They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlarged Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

An he provided the first part for himself, because there, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

And of Naph'-ta-li he said, O Naph'-ta-li, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the LORD, possess thou the west and the south.

And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

There is none like unto the God of Jesh'-u-run, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

The external God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Deuteronomy 33

Wonderful, wonderful, I fear the Holy Spirit working in us. If you and me observe God's word and keep his covenant, we can as well count ourselves with the tribes of Israel, as we are the Israel of God and be a blessed lot as well.

From all the forgoing you can see that it is most beneficial for one to keep the covenants of God and not to break them.

My covenant will I not break, no alter the thing that is gone out of my lips

Psalm 89:34

Chapter 9

Consequences for breaking covenants

In this chapter we are going to encounter the various consequences for breaking the covenants of God.

And the LORD said unto Moses in Mid'-i-an, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my first-born:

And I say unto thee, let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy first-born:

And I say unto thee, let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy first-born.
And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.
Then Zip-po'-rah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, surely a bloody husband art thou to me.
So he let him go: then she said, a blood husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

Exodus 4:19-26

Moses had not circumcised his son and therefore had broken God's covenant (Genesis 17:9-14) yet was going ahead to Egypt to try to deliver the Israelites and God was not amused for that disobedience and was ready to kill him. God does not work with the disobedient. But Zipporah Moses' wife hastened and circumcised her son in a crude way using a sharp stone instead of a knife (probably because she was not happy with this circumcision covenant, as she was an Ethiopian-Numbers 12:1). That brings the issue of

intermarriages, which is a controversy. God spared the life of Moses only because the needful had been done. Let us not hesitate in doing God's will as it is a very dangerous thing to do so.

And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant.
I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.
And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

And if ye walk contrary to me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors.

And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

Then shall the land enjoy her Sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your Sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.
And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies. Lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

Leviticus 26:15-39

Look how grave it is to break God's covenants – it is a very sorry story.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron of furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:

That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, So be it, O LORD.

Then the LORD said unto me, proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.

For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.

Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words

of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.

And the LORD said unto me, a conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

They are turned back to the iniquities of their fore fathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went 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.

Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Ba'-al.

Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.
What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.
The LORD called thy name, a green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.
For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Ba'-al.

Jeremiah 11:1-17

THUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou,

and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gil'-e-ad unto me, and the head of Leb'-a-non: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.

And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall

say every man to his neighbor, wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?

Then they shall answer, because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.

Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: but weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

For this saith the LORD touching Shal'-lum the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Jo-si'-ah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbors service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? Did not thy father eat and drink, and do

judgement and justice, and then it was well with him?

He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD.

But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to oppression, and for violence, to do it.

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah;

They shall not lament for him, saying, ah my brother! Or Ah sister! They shall not lament for him, saying, ah Lord! Or ah his glory!

He shall be buried with the buried of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem;

Go up to Leb'-a-non, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Ba'-shan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

O inhabitant of Leb'-a-non, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

As I live, saith the LORD, though Co-ni'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zah king of Babylon, and into the hand of Chal-de'-ans.

And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

But to the land where unto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.

Is this man Co-ni'-ah a despised broken idol? Is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? Wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

Jeremiah 22

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;
And say, thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came unto Leb'-a-non, and took the highest branch of the cedar:
He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a load of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.
He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow tree.
And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches twined toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God; Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up the roots thereof, that it wither? It shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me saying,

Say now to the rebellious house, know ye not what these things mean? Tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:

Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

Ezekiel 17:1-20

THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.

Then said the LORD unto me; this gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and behold, the

glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof: and mark well the entering in of the house with every going forth of the sanctuary.

And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you all your abominations,

In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my sanctuary for yourselves.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh,

shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

Ezekiel 44:1-10

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became

vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise they became fools,

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves:

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. A'-men.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worth of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 1:17-32

BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the

lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

Isaiah 24:1-6

From all the above scriptures you can see for yourself the consequences for breaking the covenants of God - they are truly very, very severe indeed and one would not wish to experience such in one's life.

Chapter 10

Comparison of covenants

There are two major covenants of God which I am now going to compare. One which was the first during the life of Moses and the other which was during the life of Christ on earth and thereafter.

For administrative purposes I do call them wills (the two covenants) and for operational purposes I do call them systems (the two testaments).

Because of the time frame or period were different, even so their operations were different in nature.

Earlier we had found out that a covenant is a treaty, an agreement or contract. Now these two major treaties, the first (old) and the second (new) were based on some principles. The first (old) was based on God's laws and mercy (Hebrews 9:1, Galatians 3:12, 2 Timothy 1:8-9, Leviticus 16:2, Exodus 26:33-34, Micah 7:18), whereas the second (new) is based on God's grace and love (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 2:11-14, John 3:16, Romans 5:8).

The old system was more on works of the law whereas the new system is more on faith (Galatians 2:15-16; 3:6-14).

Now in summarizing let me give you a comparative list or table as indicated below.

1. People paid for the forgiveness of sins by gifts and sacrifices of animals (Hebrews 8:3-4)	People don't pay anything for forgiveness of sins as Christ had paid the full price on the cross (Romans 3:21-24, John 19:30, Isaiah 53:4-5)
2. Priests who offered sacrifices to God were themselves sinners (Leviticus 16:17, Hebrews 5:1-3, 9:6-7)	Christ who offered Himself being a high priest was sinless (Hebrews 7:26, 2 Corinthians 5:21)
3. Temporary priesthood as priests being mortal men died and replaced (Hebrews 7:23)	Eternal priesthood of Christ (Hebrews 7:24-25)
4. Faulty covenant (Hebrews 8:7-8)	Faultless covenant (Hebrews 8:6-7)

5. Sins of people were only covered and not taken away and there was a continual sacrifice (Hebrews 10:4, 11)	Sins of people are taken away as Christ's sacrifice was a conclusive sacrifice (John 1:29, Hebrews 9:12, 24-26)
6. Sins were forgiven but remembered by God (Leviticus 4:25-26; 5:10, 16; 6:6-7, Hebrews 10:3)	Sins are forgiven and not remembered by God (Hebrews 8:12)
7. Blood of animals were used for sin atonement (Hebrews 9:12)	Blood of Christ made available for sin atonement (Hebrews 9:12, 14, Romans 3:24-25)
8. People were not being perfected by the sacrifices that were being offered by priests to God (Hebrews 10:1-2)	People coming to Christ by faith are perfected (Hebrews 10:14)

9. God had no pleasure in the sacrifices (Hebrews 10:3-6, 8)	God had pleasure in the sacrifice by His Son Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:7-10, 12, 14)
10. Superficial covenant (Hebrews 8:5,8)	Better/Real covenant (Hebrews 8:6, 10-13, Galatians 3:13-14)
11. People focused on the physical building (tabernacle) (Hebrews 8:5)	People focus on Christ and his reign in their lives (Hebrews 8:10).
12. Inferior priesthood (Hebrews 7:11)	Superior priesthood (Hebrews 7: 14-17, 21, 24)
13. Restricted access to holy places (Hebrews 9:1 – 7)	Free access to holy places (Matthew 27:50-53, Hebrews 10:19-22)
14. Legal cleansing (Hebrews 9:8-10)	Personal cleansing (Hebrews 9:12, 1 John 1:7; 2:2)
15. Priest entered the holy place in a	Christ entered into heaven itself and not a

tabernacle (Hebrews 9:6-7)	holy place made by hands (Hebrews 9:24)
16. Imperfect sacrifices made (Hebrews 10:11)	Perfect sacrifice made (Hebrews 10:12)
17. Tabernacles or temple was physical and one could see and touch (Hebrews 9:1-6)	Temple/House of God is spiritual (in the heart of believers) and one can't see by the naked eyes (1 Corinthians 6:19)
18. The recipients of the Holy Spirit were mainly the prophets and the Kings / Leaders (Numbers 11:16-17, Ezekiel 8, Exodus 31:1-11, 1 Samuel 10: 1-13; 16:1-13) in Exodus 31:1-11we see also people given special	All the true believers in Christ Jesus are the recipients of the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:36-49, John 14:12-17, Acts 1:6-8, 2:1 – 4, Ephesians 1:13-14)

task by God being recipients as well	
19. The Israelites ate physical food known as manna which God rained on earth for them (Exodus 16, John 6:49)	The Christians eat spiritual food which is the word of God, for their soul (John 6:50-51, 1 Peter 2:2-3, Matthew 4:4)
20. Only the Levites were allowed to serve God as priests (Numbers 8:5-26; 18:20-23)	All true believers in Christ Jesus are allowed to serve as priests (1 Peter 2:5-9, Revelation 1:4-6)
21. God's laws (the Ten Commandments) were written on stone tables. (Deuteronomy 10:1-5)	God's laws are written in the hearts of Christians (Hebrews 8:10-11)
22. The destination of the children of Israel was the land of Canaan which God	The destination of the now true children of God (the Church) is in New Jerusalem which

promised their fathers, which is on earth here. (Exodus 3, Genesis 12:1, 17:1-8)	is in heaven (John 14:1-3, Revelation 21 and 22)
23. The children of Israel received only a physical healing (Exodus 15:26, Numbers 21:1-9)	The Christians (the saints) do receive a spiritual healing in addition to physical healing if at all they fall sick (Isaiah 53:4-6, 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 15:21-26)
24. There were official garments or vestments for serving in the priesthood and which it was a must to dress on them before serving as a priest (Exodus 28 & 39)	There are no special garments that Christians must put on before serving but only righteousness, salvation being their dressing (Isaiah 61:10, Psalm 132:9, Romans 13:13-14, Revelation 19:7 -8)

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The God of Covenants

A serious issue to take note of in life

Covenants are very important in life as they affect people's lives because they are binding on the parties involved and therefore must be taken very seriously.

By reading this book you will have learnt the following: What a covenant is and their various categories, the everlasting covenant and the divine covenant and covenants between God and Men and the new covenant among some other issues.

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