

G-d's Contract with the Jewish People

- Being Blessed by Him:

Genesis 12:3 *"I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

- Establishment of an Everlasting Covenant:

Genesis 17:1 ~ When Avram was 99 years old Adonai appeared to Avram and said to him *"I am El Shaddai [G-d Almighty]....I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will increase your numbers greatly. You will be the father of many nations. Your name will no longer be Avram, but your name will be Avraham.....I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you."*

Genesis 17:8 ~ *"I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendents after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be G-d for you and for your descendents after you."*

- A Covenant Established by Circumcision:

Genesis 17:10: - *"Here is my covenant, which you are to keep, between me and you, along with your descendants after you: every male among you is to be circumcised. You are to be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin: this will be the sign of*

the covenant between me and you. Generation after generation every male among you who is eight days old is to be circumcised.”

- A Covenant Which Includes Land:

Genesis 15:18 - *On that day Adonai made a covenant with Avram saying “I have given this land to your descendants- from the vadi of Egypt to the great river Euphrates.”*

Genesis 17:8 - *“I will give to you and your descendants all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their G-d.”*

- Establishment as a Holy People:

Deuteronomy 7:6 & 14:2 - *‘For you are a people set apart as holy for Adonai your G-d. Adonai your G-d has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his own unique treasure.’*

- Why the Jews?

Deuteronomy 7:7 - *Adonai didn’t set his heart on you or chose you because you numbered more than any other people - on the contrary, you were the fewest of all peoples. Rather it was because Adonai loved you, and because he wanted to keep the oath which he had sworn to your ancestors, that Adonai had brought out with a strong hand and redeemed you from a life of slavery under Pharaoh.*

- A Covenant Which Includes Torah (instruction):

Exodus 19:3 - *Moshe went up to G-d, and Adonai called to him from the mountain: “Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya’akov [Jacob], to tell the people of Israel....pay*

careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you will be a kingdom of cohanim [priests] for me, a nation set apart.”

Exodus 34:1 – Adonai said to Moshe “*Cut yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones; and I will inscribe on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets....”*

Exodus 34:5 – Adonai descended in the cloud, stood with him [Moshe] and pronounced the name of Adonai. Adonai passed before him and proclaimed “*YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! is G-d...*”

- Establishment of the Sabbath:

Exodus 20:10 – “*The seventh day is a Shabbat [Sabbath] for Adonai your G-d.*” Adonai blessed this day and separated it for himself.

Exodus 31:17 – “*...the people of Israel are to observe Shabbat through all their generations as a perpetual covenant.*”

Exodus 34:21 – “*Six days you are to work, but on the seventh day you are to rest.*”

- Establishment of His Appointed Times [Feasts]:

Leviticus 23:1 – Adonai said to Moshe, “*tell the people of Israel the designated times of Adonai which you are to proclaim as holy convocations are my designated times.*”

- Establishment of an Eternal Kingdom:

2 Samuel 7:11-13 – “*Moreover, Adonai tells you that Adonai will make you a house. When your days come to an end and you sleep with your ancestors, I will establish one of your*

descendants to succeed you, one of your own flesh and blood; and I will set up his rulership, He will build a house for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever...thus your house and your kingdom will be made secure forever before you; your throne will be set up forever.”

- Establishment of a Renewed Covenant:

Jeremiah 31:31 ~ “Here the days are coming,” says Adonai, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Y’hudah [Judah]....” I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their G-d, and they will be my people.....for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more.”

- Affirming His Torah Through Messiah:

Matthew 5:17 ~ “Don’t think I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish but to complete. Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or stroke will pass from the Torah- not until everything that must happen, has happened. So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot [commandments] and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P’rushim [Pharisees], you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

- Reaffirming His Torah:

Romans 3:31 ~ “Does it follow that we should abolish Torah...? Heaven forbid! On the contrary, we confirm Torah.

- Reaffirming of His Everlasting Covenant:

Romans 11:1 ~ “Did G-d reject his people? Heaven forbid! I myself am a son of Israel, from the seed of Avraham, of the tribe of Binyamin [Benjamin]. G-d has not rejected his people, whom he chose in advance.”

- Saving His People:

Romans 11:26 ~ “...all Israel will be saved.” 11:27 ~ “...this will be my covenant with them...when I take away their sins.”
11:29 ~ “G-d’s free gifts and his calling are irrevocable.”

- Link Between Moses and Jesus/Yeshua:

John 5:46 ~ “For if you really believed Moshe, you would believe me, because it was about me that he wrote. But if you don’t believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

- Grafted in to the Family of Israel:

Romans 11:16 ~ “If the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you ~ a wild olive ~ were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree, then don’t boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember

that you are not supporting the foot, the root is supporting you.”

- Judgment for Scattering His People:

Joel 3:2 ~ “I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Y’hoshafat. I will enter into judgment there for my people, my heritage Israel, whom they scattered among the nations; then they divided my land.”

- Affirmation of His Unchanging Ways:

Malachi 3:6 ~ “I, Adonai do not change.”