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JUST WHAT IS THE NEW COVENANT?

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There is much confusion in the Christian world today of just what is the New Covenant. For most Christians, their idea of a New Covenant is one of abolished Biblical laws. To the Christian, the New Covenant is based upon faith in a messiah who came, died for their sins, arose from the dead and established a New Covenant with them. Their New Covenant abolishes all the laws under the Old Covenant and is entered into by faith in their messiah's shed blood.

It all sounds so good, but is it really the New Covenant that was promised centuries ago by the prophet Jeremiah under the inspiration of the Set-apart Spirit of Yahweh (Jer. 31:31-34)? I believe the REAL TRUE FACTS will shock you. May Almighty Yahweh give you ears to hear, eyes to see, and an understanding heart to accept the New Covenant revealed by His Word.

The Hebrew words for "New Covenant" are found in the Hebrew lexicon of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* under: 2319 חָדָשׁ chādāsh, khaw-dawsh"; from 2318; new:— fresh, new thing.

2318 חָדַשׁ chādash, khaw-dawsh'; a prim. root; to be new; caus. to rebuild:— renew, repair.

1285 בְּרִית beriyth, ber-eeth'; from 1262 (in the sense of cutting [like 1254]; a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh):— confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league. [See Gen. 15:1-18 ed.]

Webster's II New Riverside Dictionary Revised Edition says the following about the word covenant: Cov-e-nant (kūv' e nant) n. A binding agreement: compact.-cov' e-nant v.

Notice the Hebrew word chadash in its root sense means to be new or to rebuild or renew. Also it means new thing or fresh. Thus, we see that the covenant (what ever it was) was to be new, yet renewed or rebuilt at the same time. Notice what Yahshua said that will shed light on our path to truth: "And He said to them, "Therefore every scholar of Scripture taught in the reign of the heavens is like a householder who brings out of his treasure matters, renewed, and old." Mt. 13:52.

NEW AND RENEWED

The Scriptures are the Treasure House of Truth of which we (scholars of Scripture) taught in the reign

of the heavens are to bring out of the Old Covenant Scriptures, matters old and renewed or new. Many people argue over whether the Covenant we are under today is to be a New or Renewed Covenant which, in truth, is actually both! The Coveant we are under today is both New (i.e. some aspects are different as we will soon see) and Renewed or Rebuilt (i.e. some aspects are the same as they were under the Old Covenant as we will also see). Let us be true scholars of Scripture who bring from the Treasure matters renewed, and old. We can only do this if we take heed to the words of the Apostle Shaul: "Do your utmost to present yourself approved to Elohim, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the Word of Truth." All Scripture is breathed by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work." (1 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17)

Thus, let us follow the Apostle Shaul's advice and use all Scripture and rightly handle it as well for only then will we be able to set straight the Truth about the New Covenant and why we need it. A good place to start is in the book of Hebrews where we read, "Now the summary of what we are saying is: We have such a High Priest [Yahshua the Messiah], Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Greatness in the heavens, and who serves in the set-apart place and of the true tent, which Yahweh set up, and not man.

"For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and slaughters. So it was also necessary for this One [Yahshua] to have somewhat to offer. For if indeed He [Yahshua] were on earth, He [Yahshua] would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the Torah [as applied to animal sacrifices and other sacrifices as well], who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly, as Mosheh was warned when he was about to make the tent. For He [Yahweh] said, 'See that you make all according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.

"But now He [Yahshua] has obtained a more excellent service, inasmuch as He [Yahshua] is also Mediator [c.f. Heb. 7:22; 8:16; 9:15; 12:24] of a better covenant which was constituted on better promises," Heb. 8:1-6.

Notice first, that the author of the book of Hebrews says that Yahshua the Messiah is our High Priest Who sits at the right hand of Yahweh the Father



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on His throne in the heavens.

Next he reveals that Yahshua serves in the true Tent that Yahweh set up in heaven and not man [Mosheh]. He also reveals that, as High Priest, Yahshua has to have something to offer His people and that if Yahshua was on earth, He would not be a priest since there were at that time priests who offered gifts according to the Torah.

Thirdly, notice that the author of Hebrews reveals that the priests, gifts and the Tent itself served as a copy and shadow of the True Heavenly Tent and the ministry of Yahshua as High Priest in the heavens.

Lastly, that Yahshua is the Mediator of a better covenant that was constituted on better promises than the former. Just what were the promises on which the Old Covenant was based and what are the better promises on which the New Covenant is constituted? To fully understand this we must go back in time in the Scriptures to the day that the Old Covenant was constituted and look at the promises that were made then and compare them to the promises Yahweh makes under the New or Renewed Covenant. So, let us examine the Scriptures that pertain to the establishing of the Old Covenant found in the following verses, “In the third month after the children of Yisrael had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on this day they came to the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Yisrael camped there before the mountain.

“And Mosheh went up to Elohim, and Yahweh called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘This is what you are to say to the house of Ya’acob, and declare to the children of Yisrael: You have seen what I did to the Mitsrites, and how I bore you on eagle’s wings and brought you to Myself.

“And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples—for all the earth is Mine—and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation. Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisrael.’

“And Mosheh came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which Yahweh commanded him.

“And all the people answered together and said, ‘All that Yahweh has spoken we shall do.’ So Mosheh brought back the words of the people to Yahweh,” Ex. 19:1-8.

THE PROMISES

Here is the very **foundational promises** of which the Old Covenant was based. Did you notice the

promises in verses 5-8? Notice that: 1. Yahweh initiated the covenant with the promise that if the children of Yisrael would obey His voice and guard His covenant then He would accept them as His treasured possession above all other people and that they would be a reign of priests and set-apart nation.

2. The people in response promised to obey all that Yahweh had spoken and do it.

These are the foundational promises of the Old Covenant between Yahweh and His people Yisrael. Yahweh accepted the terms and the covenant was ratified by the sacrifice of burnt offerings and peace offerings of bulls and the blood was sprinkled on all the people and the book of the covenant: “And Mosheh came and related to the people all the words of Yahweh and all the right-rulings. And all the people answered with one voice and said, ‘All the words which Yahweh has spoken we shall do.’ And Mosheh wrote down all the words of Yahweh, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve standing columns for the twelve tribes of Yisrael.

“And he sent young men of the children of Yisrael, and they offered burnt offerings and slaughtered peace slaughterings of bulls to Yahweh.

“And Mosheh took half the blood and put in in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people, and they said, ‘All that Yahweh has spoken we shall do, and obey.’ And Mosheh took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, ‘See, the blood of the covenant which Yahweh has made with you concerning all these words,” Ex. 24:3-8.

This was the ratifying of the Old Covenant that was based on the promises of Yahweh and the children of Yisrael that: 1. Yahweh would be the Elohim of the children of Yisrael and if they kept His covenant, He would also make the nation of Yisrael His treasured possession above all other people, because they obeyed His voice. And that: 2. **All the people promised to obey all the words Yahweh had spoken and do them.**

Now let us return to the book of Hebrews and look at the problems with the Old Covenant Yahweh made with His people Yisrael: “For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. For finding fault with them,...” Heb. 8:7-8a.

THE FAULT OR FAILURE



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Notice, the fault was not in the covenant revealed to the children of Yisrael in Exodus chapters 20 thru 23. Sadly, the fault was in the weakness of the people themselves. As we will soon see, the children of Yisrael could not live up to their promise to obey Yahweh (Ex. 19:8; 23:3, 7), because of their sinful, carnal nature inherited from Adam (Ro. 5:12-21; 7:14; 8:7).

Let us again continue with Hebrews: "For finding fault with them, He says, 'See, the days are coming,' says Yahweh, 'when I shall conclude with the house of Yisrael [dispersed by Assyria, II Ki. 17:6-18] and with the house of Yehudah, a renewed [New] covenant, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Mitsrayim [c.f. Exodus, chapters 19 thru 24], because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says Yahweh," Heb. 8:8-9.

Just how did Yisrael break Yahweh's covenant and Yahweh in turn disregard them? Let us be noble Bereans (Acts 17:10-12) and diligently search the Scriptures for the truth! The Scriptures reveal just how soon Yisrael broke Yahweh's covenant in Exodus, chapter 32, from which I now quote the sad state of affairs: "And when the people saw that Mosheh was so long in coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aharon, and said to him, 'Arise, make us mighty ones who go before us. For this Mosheh, the man who brought us up out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.'

"And Aharon said to them, 'Take off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.'

"And all the people took off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aharon. And he took this from their hand, and he formed it with an engraving tool, and made a moulded calf. And they said, 'This is your mighty one, O Yisrael, that brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim!'

"And Aharon saw and built an altar before it. And Aharon called out and said, 'Tomorrow is a festival to Yahweh.'

"And they rose early on the next day, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play," Ex. 32:1-6.

"While it is said, 'Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.' For who having heard, rebelled? Was it not all who came out of Mitsrayim, led by Moshes? And with whom was He grieved forty years? Was it not with those

who sinned [broke His covenant], whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter into His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they were unable to enter in because of unbelief," Heb. 3:15-19.

"This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Messenger who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received the living words to give to us, unto whom our fathers would not become obedient, but thrust away, and in their hearts they turned back to Mitsrayim, saying to Aharon, 'Make us mighty ones to go before us, for this Mosheh who led us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.' And the made a calf in those days, and brought an offering to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their own hands.

"So Elohim turned and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven, as it has been written in the book of the Prophets, 'Did you bring slaughtered beasts and offerings unto Me during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Yisrael?'

"And you took up the tent of Molek, and the star of your mighty on Kiyyun, images which you made to bow before them. Therefore I shall remove you beyond Babel," Acts 7:38-43.

"But I intend to remind you, though you once knew this, that Yahweh, having saved a people out of Mitsrayim, afterward destroyed those who did not believe," Jude 5 (c.f. Num. 14:26-38; Ez. 20:1-26).

Thus, we see that Yisrael broke Yahweh's covenant by idolatry and disobedience. Yahweh gave them up to worship the host of the heaven and even for the forty years wandering, the people didn't worship Yahweh but worshipped Molek and Kiyyun! Who is this being the children of Yisrael worshipped in the wilderness under the star of their mighty one Kiyyun and whom the Jews still worship today in ignorance? I think you will be both shocked and appalled.

MAGEN DAVID (STAR OF DAVID)

The Magen David (star or shield of David) is a symbol of modern day Judaism. It consists of two superimposed equilateral triangles, forming a hexagram. It was used for decoration and as a magical sign in many civilizations and in various parts of the world, but it was not known as a specifically Jewish symbol in Biblical and Talmudic times. Where it appears in Jewish contexts, as in synagogues and on tombstones, it had a purely ornamental function. The phrase itself appears in the third benediction after the reading of the haftarah,



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where it is a designation for God. [Which God? We will soon see. Ed.] According to the authoritative study by Gershon Scholem, Jewish groups took over the designation seal of Solomon from Islamic magic sources. As a luck sign it appeared on magical versions of the Mezuzah from the 10th century. It is uncertain whether the term shield of David arose in Islamic or Jewish mystical circles...However, it only became widespread in the nineteenth century when central European Jews were looking for a striking symbol that would represent Judaism as the cross did Christianity.” (*The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* by Werblowsky E. Wigoder).

In reference to the same star, the former Satanist Bill Schnoebelen says, “To the sorcerer the hexagram is a powerful tool to invoke Satan...” (*Hidden Secrets of the Eastern Star* p. 171)

It is quite shocking to learn that the very people who had made a covenant with Yahweh actually broke that covenant and worshipped Satan under the guise of the tent of Molek and the star of the god Kiyun! It is no wonder then, that Yahweh, after saving a people out of Mitsrayim afterward destroyed them in the wilderness for they turned away from Yahweh to worship Satan. It is sad that the majority of the children of Yisrael were disregarded by Yahweh with only a small remnant throughout Yisrael’s long history continuing in Yahweh’s covenant. Of course, this was prophesied to happen in Dt. 32:17 wherein Moses wrote that they would sacrifice to devils.

THE NEW COVENANT

Let us now return to the book of Hebrews and carry on our study of the New Covenant: “Because this is the covenant that I shall make with the house of Yisrael after those days, says Yahweh, giving My laws in their mind, and I shall write them on their hearts, and I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people,” Heb. 8:10.

Did you notice that the very purpose of the New Covenant is the exact opposite of what Christianity teaches it to be? Christianity teaches that Yahweh’s laws are abolished by Yahshua’s torture stake by a misinterpretation of Ephesians 2:13-17 and Colossians 2:13-17, but the fact is the very promises of the New Covenant rebuff such a stance or interpretation! In fact, notice the better promises of Yahweh which make the New Covenant a better covenant. Yahweh’s promises under the New Covenant are:

1. Yahweh will place His laws in their mind and,
2. Yahweh will write His laws on their hearts!

Notice the terms of the New Covenant have changed! It is no longer we the people who promise to obey Yahweh’s laws, but it is the promise of Yahweh that He will place His laws [same laws of the Old Covenant] in our minds and write them in our hearts. That this is the true understanding is verified by the prophet Ezekiel who spoke thus by the inspiration of the Set-apart Spirit of Yahweh, “And I shall sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean—from all your filthiness and from all your idols I cleanse you. And I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh, and put My Spirit within you. And I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them,” Ez. 36:25-27.

PRIESTHOOD RESPONSIBILITY

“And they are to teach My people the difference between the set-apart and the profane, and make them know what is unclean and clean. And they are to stand as judges in a disputes, and judge it according to My right-rulings. And they are to guard My Torat and My laws in all My appointed festivals, and set-apart My Sabbaths,” Ez. 44:23-24.

In fact Yahweh has warned the rebellious children of Yisrael in no uncertain terms, “And what comes up in your spirit shall never be, when you say, ‘Let us be like the gentiles, like the tribes in other lands, serving wood and stone.’

“As I live,’ declares the Master Yahweh, ‘do not I, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, reign over you?’

“And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out.

“And I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and shall enter into judgment with you face to face there. As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Mitsrayim, so I shall enter into judgment with you,’ declares the Master Yahweh.

“And I shall make you pass under the rod, and shall bring you into the bond of the covenant, and purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me. From the land where they sojourn I bring them out, but they shall not come into the land of Yisrael. And you shall know that I am Yahweh,” Ez. 20:32-38.

Yes, Yisrael will be brought into the bond of the New covenant! Those who rebel and refuse will be



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purged out and destroyed in judgment! Far from abolishing any of Yahweh's Covenant laws, we see that Yahweh is soon to take matters into His own hands and begin a terrible purging process in Yisrael. Oh Yisrael, let us enter the New Covenant with Yahweh now and let Him write His laws on our hearts and put them in our minds lest soon we be purged out for our rebellion. Yahweh promises to do all the work in us if we will just submit to Him and allow Him to work!

THE GENTILES' ROLE

There are those who will say, That's fine for Yisrael, but we are gentiles in the churches and assemblies, not Yisraelites. But still, you have no excuse for Yahweh spoke through the Prophet Jeremiah by the Set-apart Spirit concerning all the gentiles thus, "Thus said Yahweh, 'As for all My evil neighbors who tough the inheritance which I have caused My people Yisrael to inherit; see, I am plucking them out, I shall return, and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his inheritance and everyone to his land.

"And it shall be, if they [the gentiles] learn well the ways of My people [to walking obedience to Yahweh's laws, commandments, statutes and judgments], to swear by My Name, "As Yahweh lives," as they taught My people to swear by Ba'al, then they shall be established in the midst of My people. But if they do not obey, I shall pluck up, pluck up and destroy that nation, declares Yahweh," Jer. 12:14-17.

THE NEW PRIESTHOOD

We, in the assemblies today, are called to be priests and kings to rule and reign in the Kingdom of Yahweh. (Mt. 19:28-30; Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:9-10; 11:15-18; 20:4-6; 1 Cor. 6:1-3) We shall judge the world by Yahweh's laws (Ez. 44:23-24) and administer His right-rulings. That is the purpose of the New Covenant which is still not in full effect at this time. The full administration of the New Covenant will be during the 1,000 year Millennial Reign. But at this time the New Covenant is administered to those called out and chosen to have the Spirit of Yahweh work in their hearts and minds administering the New Covenant laws in us, "You are our letter, having been written in our hearts, known and read by all men, making it obvious that you are a letter of the Messiah, served by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living Elohim, not on tables of stone but on fleshly tablets of the heart. And such trust we have toward Elohim, through the Messiah. Not that we are competent in ourselves to reckon any matter as from ourselves,

but our competence is from Elohim, who also made us competent as servants of a renewed covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life.

"But if the administering of death in letters, engraved on stones, was esteemed, so that the children of Yisrael were unable to look steadily at the face of Mosheh because of the esteem of his face, which was passing away, how much more esteemed shall be the administering of the Spirit not be?

"For if the administration of condemnation had esteem, the administering of righteousness exceeds much more in esteem. For indeed what was made esteemed had no esteem in this respect, in view of the esteem that excels. For if that which is passing away was esteemed, much more that which remains is esteem.

"Having then such expectation, we use much boldness of speech, and not like Mosheh, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Yisrael should not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

"But their minds were hardened, for to this day, when the Old Covenant is being read, that same veil remains, not lifted, because in the Messiah it is taken away. But to this day, when Mosheh is being read, a veil lies on their heart.

"And when one turns to the Master, the veil is taken away. Now Yahweh is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of Yahweh is, there is freedom.

"And we all, as with unveiled face we see as in a mirror the esteem of Yahweh, are being transformed into the same likeness from esteem to esteem, as from Yahweh by the Spirit," 2 Cor. 3:2-18.

THE GREATER ESTEEM (GLORY)

My beloved brethren, the esteem of the laws of Yahweh written upon the tables of stone by the finger of Yahweh has passed. (Ex. 24:12; 31:18; 32:15-16; Lev. 11:20; Mt. 12:28) Today, the greater esteem remains and that esteem is the Spirit of Yahweh writing His laws into our hearts so that we can obey them. (Ez. 11:19-20; 36:25-27; 39:29; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6; Heb. 8:10; Psa. 37:31; Dt. 6:6-8; Psa. 40:8; Psa. 119:11; Isa. 57:7) HalleluYah!!!

Truly, this is what the Apostle Shaul had in mind when he wrote the following verses of Scripture, "For the Torah of the Spirit of the life in the Messiah Yahshua has set me free from the law of sin and of death. For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim, having His own Son in the likeness of flesh of sin, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteousness of the Torah should be completed in us who do not walk according to the flesh but ac-



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according to the Spirit,” Ro. 8:2-4.

“For we are His workmanship, created in the Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them,” Eph. 2:10.

My beloved brethren, earnestly seek our Heavenly Father Yahweh’s face and pray for Him to work in you His precious will. This makes the New Covenant a better covenant based on better promises than the Old Covenant. For only under the New Covenant are we assured, “And they shall by no means teach each one his neighbor, and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know Yahweh,’ because they all shall know Me, from the lease of them to the greatest of them. Because I shall forgive their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawlessnesses I shall no longer remember. By saying ‘renewed,’ He has made the first old. Now what becomes old and growing ages is near disappearing,” Heb. 8:11-13. (c.f. Jer. 31:1-40)

Yes, the Old Covenant is waxing old and is near disappearing. Yet only a select few are allowing Yahweh to work His will in their lives through the ministry of Yahshua the Messiah in the Heavenly Tent as He, through the Set-apart Spirit administers His Father’s laws in the hearts and minds of His people through the New Covenant. May you be some of the few chosen ones who will experience this special blessing now, that you may help ad-

minister it in the coming Kingdom Age. Hallelu-Yah!

We have the assurance of Yahweh if we return to Him that, “O Yisrael, return to Yahweh your Elohim, for you have stumbled by your crookedness. Take words with you, and return to Yahweh. Say to Him, “Take away all crookedness, and accept what is good, and we render the bulls of our lips. Ashshur does not save us. We do not ride on horses, nor ever again do we say to the work of our hands, ‘Our mighty ones.’ For the fatherless finds compassion in you.

“I shall heal their backsliding, I shall love them spontaneously, for My displeasure has turned away from him. I shall be like the dew to Yisrael. He shall blossom like the lily, and cast out his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and His splendour shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon What more has Ephraim to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after him. I am like a green cypress tree, your fruit comes from Me.

“Who is wise and understands these words, discerning and knows them? For the ways of Yahweh are straight, and the righteous walk in them, but the transgressors stumble in them,” Hos. 14:1-9.

“Who is wise? Then let him observe these matters! Let them understand the kindness of Yahweh,” Psa. 107:43.

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