
New Covenant Promises and Requirements

The New Covenant:

Per Webster's Dictionary, a covenant is a mutual consent or agreement of two or more persons, to do or to forbear some act or thing; a contract; stipulation. A covenant is created by deed in writing, sealed and executed; or it may be implied in the contract. As found in the Bible, Elohim is unfathomably humble and kind. Although He rightfully owns the entire universe by virtue of being the Creator of all, He relates with us by covenant. He wants to relate with us by our agreement and consent. In Genesis 1-5, we find that Elohim set the first people (Adam) He created to be the overseers of all life on earth providing they kept the covenant to not eat of a tree called The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Several years later, the Creator made a covenant to never destroy all life with a flood as was done in the days of Noah. Throughout the scriptures we find that all relationships between Elohim and key human beings such as the law with Prophet Moses, the Levitical Priesthood with Aaron, and the Davidic Covenant were set by Elohim through covenants. The most current and greatest covenant so far is the New Covenant. As wondrous as the prior covenants were, they were all restricted to temporary and earthly blessings. Yet the New Covenant affords both earthly, spiritual, and everlasting blessings. The information to follow will present Elohim's New Covenant purpose, benefits and requirements.

Purpose of the New Covenant:

Behold, the days come, saith the Eternal, 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 an husband unto them, saith the Eternal: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Eternal, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their

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hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people (Jeremiah 31:31-33). In that He saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old is ready to vanish away (Hebrews 8:13). By these Bible verses, it is understood that the New Covenant was created because the people were not adhering to its mandates despite Elohim's faithfulness. So, the Eternal told them through His prophets, that He would establish a better covenant with them that would enable those who want to keep the covenant the ability to do so by His Spirit. They would need to agree for Him to implant His laws into their hearts. This would solve the problem of the people's inability to keep Elohim's laws as all His covenants require.

Established By Elohim Through Messiah Yeshua - Yet it pleased the Eternal to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Eternal shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:10-12). "And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said unto them, 'With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of Elohim. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come. And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise, also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new

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testament in my blood, which is shed for you’ “ (Luke 22:14-20).

The Old or First Covenant Scriptures tell us that the New Covenant would be established by Elohim’s Chosen Servant (Messiah/Christ) to die as a sin offering for the people’s sins, carry their sins on Himself, justify them by His knowledge, and mercifully intercede for them. The New Covenant Scriptures show us that Yeshua was the One chosen, that Servant and Messiah Who would accomplish this by first establishing the New Testament (covenant) with His disciples on Passover for Israel and all peoples.

Benefits of the New Covenant:

1. *Redemption and Forgiveness* - He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:11-12). Elohim hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up Yeshua again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses (Acts 13:33, 38-39). Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Lord Yeshua Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:3, 7). Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven Him: but whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven

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Him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come (Matthew 12:31-32).

There is nothing that anyone can do to reverse a wrong done once. Think about it. When we step on someone's foot the best, we can do is not repeat it and apologize for having done so. Yet, not doing it again and apologizing does not and cannot undo the fact that we stepped on that person's foot. Think about all the much greater wrongs that are done in the in our world from the earliest to the present, and those that will be done. No human being can ever undo a wrong once done. The best we can do is to cease from doing it and make restitution when possible. This why we all need great benefit that Yeshua grants us in the New Covenant by His Sacrifice. For the exception of sins against the Holy Spirit, He has the Divine authority and ability to forgive and complete expunge our sins before Elohim.

2. ***Acceptance*** - I will accept you with your sweet savor, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen (Ezekiel 20:41). Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 10:32). And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:3).

So, not only does He forgive and redeems people, He also accepts and acknowledges those who acknowledges Him. It would have been enough if He only forgave and let us go on wandering through life alone. Wonderfully, by the New Covenant, He accepts acknowledges, and takes to Himself all who accept His covenant.

3. ***Knowledge of Elohim*** - And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Eternal: for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Eternal: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more (Jeremiah 31:31-34). And this is life eternal, that they might

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know Thee the only true Elohim, and Yeshua Christ, whom Thou hast sent (John 17:3). That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim; (Colossians 1:10). But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2Peter 3:18).

Most people would get very excited and honored to meet a celeb or high ranking official. Just think about the prospect of meeting the very being Who created, owns, and rules the entire world. Let the reality of that sink. That would be awe inspiring beyond words. Well that is exactly what the New Covenant in Yeshua offers. We will literally get to know Elohim and Yeshua; not just read about them.

4. ***Fellowship of the Spirit*** - For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them (Ezekiel 36:24-27). And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you (John 14:16-20). Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot (Acts 8:29). While Peter thought on the vision, *the Spirit said* unto him, Behold, three men seek thee (Acts 10: 19). And finding disciples, we tarried there

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seven days: who *said* to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem (Acts 21:4). Elohim is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Yeshua Christ our Lord (1Corinthians 1:9). If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Yeshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (Philippians 2:1-7). That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Yeshua Christ (1John 1:3). Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant (1Corinthians 12:1). But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way (1Corinthians 12:31). Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy (1Corinthians 14:1). Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order (1Corinthians 14:39-40).

We previously saw that the New Covenant offers us the opportunity to literally get to know Elohim and His Son Yeshua. Well, the New Covenant gets even better. It goes further to give us the fellowship and indwelling of His Holy Spirit forever. Many people boast of having the Holy Spirit without any proof. If there's no proof, then the Holy Spirit is not in them. The Holy Spirit will always testify on behalf of those He is with and or lives in. When He is with and or lives in a person, that person overcomes sins, genuinely loves Elohim, His Son Yeshua, and people; especially fellow believers. Moreover, such a

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person will have one or more of the Divine gifts of the Spirit that can never be learned or taught by any natural means. The genuine change from sin to consistent virtuous living and the Divine power of Elohim manifesting in a person's life are the basic evidence that the Holy Spirit is truly with and or lives in that person. The fellowship and indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the great promise of the New Covenant that enables us to faithfully live for and serve Elohim as required. Those who accept the New Covenant in Christ have the ever-present Holy Spirit to guide and empower them to accomplish all virtuous works.

5. ***Health and Wellbeing*** - But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was *bruised for our iniquities*: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed (*Isaiah 53:5*). When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses (*Matthew 8:16-17*). Therefore, I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye *shall have them* (*Mark 11:24*). *Verily, verily, I say* unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it (*John 14:12-14*). And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. *Verily, verily, I say* unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full (*John 16:23-24*). Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess

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your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (*James 5:13-16*). Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walk in the truth (*3John 1:2-3*).

Health and wellbeing are two other benefits of the New Covenant. We can hope, trust, and love Elohim, to deliver and heal us of any disease and sickness when we call on Him as He requires. Unfortunately, due to the teachings of false ministers among other causes, many people don't have this hope let alone the faith. As a result, they don't experience these wonderful benefits but depend on doctors and pharmaceutical products. Others who struggle to make a living, find life burdensome and some may even resort to immoral harmful occupations to make a living. Yet, Elohim has offered us so much more; abundant life, health and wellbeing if we just accept it through His Son Yeshua. We must make it our business to hope and exercise our faith in Elohim by Yeshua's Name. He Is Faithfull and will deliver as He promised; beyond what we expect.

6. ***Everlasting Life and Judgment*** - And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to *everlasting life*, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (*Daniel 12:2*). And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit *everlasting life* (*Matthew 19:29*). And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have *everlasting life*: and I will raise him up at the last day (*John 6:40*).

Throughout the existence of humanity there have been those who did good and those who did evil. Some suffered and died trying to do good while others lived a seemingly

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carefree life while doing evil. Let it be far from our minds to think that those who do good are unintelligent and are missing out on life out and that those who do evil are smart and are living the life. There is an unavoidable Divine Justice. Elohim has set a time to judge every individual for every deed and word he or she has produced. Through the Prophet Moses Elohim warns the sinners that “Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them” (Deuteronomy 32:35). To the righteous He says through the Apostle Paul “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord (Rom 12:19). Also, and as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. (Hebrews 9:27-28). The Apostle John described what he was shown “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years (Revelation 20: 4-6).

When a person dies in sin, he or she will be chastised in accordance to the severity of their sins. The Master Yeshua made that plain in teaching “And that servant who knew his Master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to His will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be

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required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more (Luke 12:47-48). He illustrated this through a parable saying “But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. (Luke 16: 20-25).

Dear friends, this is what happens to the disobedient while dead, but there is a final judgement. Yeshua said “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28). The Master showed the Apostle John “Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before Elohim, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15). The Wonderful Yeshua said “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8). Please don’t waste your life living in sin. The judgment will be unbearable for all who refuse to stop sinning. For sinners will be chastised while dead and finally destroyed in the lake of fire

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in the final judgement. You who love the Eternal, His kingdom and righteousness, continue to persevere in loving the Eternal and others as taught by Yeshua. For He loves you and cares for you; great is the everlasting reward reserved for you. You will be comforted at death and Have everlasting life at the first resurrection. There's more!

7. *New Heavens and New Earth* - For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind (Isaiah 65:17). For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Eternal, so shall your seed and your name remain (Isaiah 66:22). Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness (2Peter 3:13). And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea (Revelations 21:1). The Sovereign Yeshua showed the Apostle John "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of Elohim is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. Elohim Himself will be with them and be their Elohim. And Elohim will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:1-4). There is so much to be gained in this life and in the new world to come.

Requirements of the New Covenant:

1. *Repentance, Believe the Gospel, Baptism and Pray to Receive the Spirit*

The Eternal Elohim offers humanity so many great promises by His New Covenant in Yeshua His Uniquely Born Son and has told us what we need to do to partake of it all. He tells us to *repent*. "Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to

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his ways, saith the Eternal Elohim. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin” (Ezekiel 18:30). He taught the Apostle Paul “And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent: Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He has given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead (Acts 17:30-31). He tells us to *believe* the Good News of His kingdom. “Now after that John was put in prison, Yeshua came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of Elohim, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Elohim is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:14-15). He wants us to be *baptized*. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:16). John said “I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost” (Mark 1:8). In the following passage Christ instructs us to *pray to receive the Holy Spirit*. “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” (Luke 11:13). Also, “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yeshua Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Yeshua makes it plain “If you love me, keep my commandments (John 14:15). His Apostle John said, “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yeshua Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1John 1:7).

2. *Proclaim the Gospel and Care for Each Other* – The Master Yeshua said “And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). Per Luke the Physician, “As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore, they that

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were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:3-4). The Apostle Peter taught “Feed the flock of Elohim which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over Elohim's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock (2Peter 5:2-3). “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing” (1Peter 3:8-9).

Conclusion:

The Eternal has made several covenants, but the best and most current one is the New Covenant through Messiah Yeshua the Son of Elohim. Unlike the other covenants that pertained only to this life, the New Covenant was specifically designed to cover this life and offers everlasting life in the new world to come. It was established by the Master Yeshua to enable people to love and keep Elohim’s commandments by the Holy Spirit, gives benefits of forgiveness of sins, acceptance, fellowship of the Spirit, health and wellbeing, everlasting life, and citizenship in the future new heavens and earth. As such, the New Covenant requires that we repent from sins, believe the Good News of the Kingdom of Elohim, and be baptized as required by Yeshua the Messiah. On fully accepting the covenant, we become loving and faithful co-workers of Elohim to teach and help others come to faith in Him for Salvation onto everlasting life in Yeshua’s Name by the Holy Spirit. With so great promises afforded us in the New Covenant, we need to understand the covenant and consciously accept the covenant per its many blessings and requirements in the Name of Yeshua the Uniquely Born Son of Elohim.

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