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**Re: A Covenant Witness from Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution — to the Oldest  
Legislature in the World**

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HEBREW NAME	ENGLISH NAME / FUNCTION IN THIS DOCUMENT
<b>Bereishit (בְּרֵאשִׁית)</b>	Genesis — Covenant mandate to all nations from creation
<b>Shemot (שְׁמוֹת)</b>	Exodus — Covenant of Sinai; justice for the stranger, widow, orphan
<b>Vayikra (וַיִּקְרָא)</b>	Leviticus — Jubilee, debt release, land stewardship, equal courts
<b>Devarim (דְּבָרִים)</b>	Deuteronomy — Covenant renewal; ruler accountability; justice standard
<b>Yeshayahu (יְשַׁעְיָהוּ)</b>	Isaiah — The nations called to the covenant light; the coastlands waiting
<b>Tzefanyah (צְפַנְיָה)</b>	Zephaniah — Pure speech restored to the peoples of the earth

<b>Micha (מִיכָה)</b>	Micah — Strong nations far away coming to the covenant; justice standard
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## I. HONORABLE SPEAKER, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ALÞINGI

We write to you in the spirit of the ancient covenant testimony recorded in **Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 55:3** — "Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant." Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution is a Tanakh-authority covenant ministry based in Pearl River, Louisiana, USA, founded February 12, 2012, operating under the sole authority of the Hebrew Bible — the Tanakh — with no denominational, political, or national affiliation.

We address you because independent covenant research conducted by this institution — measuring every nation on earth against the ethical and judicial standards of the Tanakh — has produced an unambiguous conclusion: **Iceland, and specifically the Alþingi, stands closer to the covenant standard of Yahweh than any governing body on earth.**

This letter is not a religious conversion attempt. It is not a solicitation. It is a covenant witness — a formal transmission of the research findings and their prophetic implications, submitted to the governing body of Iceland with respect, honor, and the full weight of the evidentiary standard required by **Devarim (Deuteronomy) 19:15**: two or three independent authoritative witnesses.

## II. THE COVENANT PLUMB LINE — AND WHY ICELAND STANDS AT ITS TOP

The Tanakh — the Hebrew Bible in its original authority — establishes specific, measurable covenant standards for any society that seeks to walk in righteousness before **Yahweh** (יהוה), the **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) of Avraham (Abraham), Yitzchak (Isaac), and Yaakov (Jacob). These standards were never intended only for Israel — **Yeshayahu 42:6** declares: "I have given you as a covenant for the people and a light for the nations." The covenant light was always meant to reach the coastlands.

Against six covenant benchmarks — (1) care for the poor, widow, orphan, and stranger; (2) impartial courts with no deference to the powerful; (3) debt release and Jubilee principles; (4) accountability of rulers; (5) land stewardship; and (6) absence of aggressive national idolatry — Iceland excels above every nation measured. The evidence is specific:

**On equal justice:** Iceland prosecuted and convicted 36 banking executives following the 2008 financial collapse, sentencing them to a combined 96 years imprisonment — and brought its own Prime Minister before a criminal court. **Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:15** commands: "You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness you shall judge your neighbor." Iceland practiced this command when the entire Western world did not.

**On debt release:** Iceland's government undertook a national debt forgiveness program for citizens whose mortgages had been devastated by the financial crisis — a program international financial media independently described using the Tanakh's own word: *jubilee*. **Devarim 15:1** commands: "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts." Iceland enacted this principle in the modern era.

**On care for the vulnerable:** Iceland operates one of the most comprehensive welfare and social care systems on earth — covering its citizens, its elderly, its disabled, and its immigrant workers. **Devarim 10:18** declares that **Yahweh** "executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner." Iceland's national policy reflects this covenant standard.

**On peace:** Iceland has ranked as the world's most peaceful nation for 17 consecutive years (Global Peace Index). Its police are unarmed. It maintains no standing military force of aggression. The covenant standard of **Micha (Micah) 4:3** — "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation" — finds its closest modern expression in Iceland's national posture.

### III. THE PROPHETIC WITNESS — YAHWEH HAS BEEN POINTING TO ICELAND

The Tanakh's own prophetic record speaks directly to island coastland peoples waiting at the far reaches of the earth. The Hebrew word **יַיִם** (*iyim*) — "coastlands" or "island peoples" — appears repeatedly in the prophets in the context of nations being drawn to the covenant light of **Yahweh**. Iceland is, by every geographic and historical measure, precisely such a people:

*"Listen to me, O coastlands (iyim), and give attention, you peoples from afar. Yahweh called me from the womb..." — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 49:1*

*"The coastlands (iyim) shall hope in me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar..." — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 60:9*

*"For then I will restore pure lips to the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of Yahweh and serve him shoulder to shoulder." — Tzefanyah (Zephaniah) 3:9*

The Alþingi was founded in 930 CE — one of the oldest legislative bodies on earth. The Tanakh records the covenant from Sinai, delivered approximately 1445 BCE. The island coastland people of Iceland have been practicing covenant ethics in their governance since the founding of the Althing itself — long before modern international law recognized what they were doing. **Yahweh** has been at work in Iceland for centuries. The Name behind that work has not yet been formally presented to this governing body. That is the purpose of this letter.

## IV. THE COVENANT INVITATION

Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution formally invites the Alþingi of Iceland to receive the full covenant research findings of this institution — a documented, evidentiary, Tanakh-authority presentation of the covenant of **Yahweh** addressed simultaneously to Iceland's Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and post-religious communities.

We do not ask Iceland to change its governance — Iceland's governance already reflects covenant ethics more closely than any nation on earth. We ask Iceland to know the **Name** and the **Source** of what it has already been practicing. We ask the Alþingi — the oldest legislature in the world — to consider receiving a formal covenant transmission from Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution, for the record and for the people of Iceland.

The prophets of the Tanakh declared that strong nations far away would voluntarily come to the covenant when they heard the word (**Micha 4:2**). We submit this as that word — not with the authority of men, but with the authority of **Yahweh** whose covenant has been the foundation of Iceland's justice from the beginning.

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Respectfully and in covenant witness,

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