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A COVENANT WITNESS TO THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND

ADDRESSED TO ICELAND'S JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM, AND POST-RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

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HOW TO READ THIS DOCUMENT — TANAKH BOOK NAMES

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HEBREW NAME	ENGLISH NAME / FUNCTION IN THIS DOCUMENT
Bereishit (בְּרֵאשִׁית)	Genesis — One Elohim, one creation, one covenant family of humanity
Shemot (שְׁמוֹת)	Exodus — The covenant of Sinai; the Name of Yahweh revealed
Vayikra (וַיִּקְרָא)	Leviticus — The law of love for the neighbor and the stranger
Devarim (דְּבָרִים)	Deuteronomy — Covenant invitation to all who will hear
Yeshayahu (יֵשַׁעְיָהוּ)	Isaiah — Servant passages; light to the nations; the coastlands
Yirmeyahu (יִרְמְיָהוּ)	Jeremiah — The covenant written on the heart; the universal invitation
Yechezkel (יְחֶזְקֵאל)	Ezekiel — Justice and the spirit poured out on all peoples
Tzefanyah (צְפַנְיָה)	Zephaniah — Pure speech restored; one shoulder before Yahweh
Tehillim (תְּהִלִּים)	Psalms — All nations blessed; Yahweh defender of the vulnerable
Micha (מִיכָה)	Micah — All nations coming to the mountain of Yahweh

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I. TO THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND — ALL WHO SEEK TRUTH

This covenant witness is addressed to every person in Iceland who has ever asked the question that lies beneath all religion, all philosophy, and all honest inquiry: **Is there a source? Is there a standard? Is there a Name?**

Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution is a Tanakh-authority covenant ministry in the United States that addresses Judaism, Christianity, and Islam simultaneously — not to divide them, but to return all three to their single authoritative root: the Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible, the original covenant of **Yahweh** (יהוה) — the covenant that preceded all three faith traditions and that all three claim as their foundation.

We write to Iceland specifically — and not to any other nation first — because our covenant research has determined that Iceland, above all nations on earth, has been walking in covenant ethics without yet knowing the Name of the One who established those ethics from the foundation of the world. This is not flattery. It is a covenant finding. And it places upon us an obligation: to come to you.

II. TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ICELAND

To the Jewish people of Iceland — approximately 300 to 400 residents by your own community's account — we bring the covenant witness of the Tanakh in its full authority. You carry the covenant text. You carry the Name. You carry the memory of Sinai. And yet you live in a nation that has been practicing the ethics of **Shemot**, **Vayikra**, and **Devarim** in its governance for over a thousand years — a nation whose parliament was founded in 930 CE and whose social ethics today mirror the Tanakh's own standard for care of the widow, orphan, stranger, and poor.

The Tanakh declares in **Yeshayahu 43:10**: "You are my witnesses, declares **Yahweh**, and my servant whom I have chosen." The Jewish community of Iceland is uniquely positioned to be covenant witnesses at this moment — to testify to the Icelandic people that the ethics their nation practices have a Name, a covenant, and a living **Elohim** who commanded them from Sinai.

"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am El and there is no other; I am Elohim, and there is none like me..." — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 46:8-9

Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution operates under the **Devarim 19:15** two-and-three-witness evidentiary standard that is the foundation of all legitimate Tanakh authority. We do not come as competitors or replacements for the Jewish covenant witness in Iceland. We come as a Tanakh-authority institution to stand with you — to call this nation, together, to hear the Name of **Yahweh**.

III. TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ICELAND

To the Christian community of Iceland — approximately 60-65% of the population by various counts, most in Lutheran heritage — we bring the covenant witness of the Tanakh in its foundational authority. Your tradition has the Tanakh. You call it the Old Testament. But the Tanakh is not old — it is the living, standing, unrepealed covenant of **Yahweh** that your own Reformation sought to restore as the sole authority of Scripture.

Martin Luther's central Reformation cry was *Sola Scriptura* — Scripture alone. The Scripture Luther held in his hand was the Tanakh — the Hebrew Bible that preceded the New Testament by over a thousand years and that the earliest followers of Yeshua of Nazareth read as their only Scripture in the synagogues of the first century. When you read **Shemot (Exodus)** in your services — when you hear **Yeshayahu (Isaiah)** read from the pulpit — you are reading the Tanakh. You are reading the covenant of **Yahweh**.

We bring you one specific covenant truth that your own Tanakh declares and that your lived national history confirms:

"He will not grow faint or be discouraged until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his instruction (Torah)." — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 42:4

Iceland is *the coastland that has been waiting*. Your churches sit in a nation that already practices the Tanakh's social ethics more completely than any nation on earth. The invitation of Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution to Iceland's Christian community is this: do not leave the Tanakh behind in favor of tradition. Return to it as living authority. Let the covenant of **Yahweh** in its full Tanakh expression — not filtered through centuries of church councils — speak to you with fresh authority.

Your Lutheran heritage gave you the principle of Scripture alone. The Tanakh is that Scripture. **Yahweh** is still speaking from it — and Iceland is in it.

IV. TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF ICELAND

To the Muslim community of Iceland — approximately 3,000 residents, primarily of immigrant origin — we bring the covenant witness of the Tanakh in its Abrahamic authority. The Quran names *Musa (Moses)*, *Ibrahim (Abraham)*, *Isa (Jesus)*, *Dawud (David)*, and *Yusuf (Joseph)* as prophets — all of whom speak from the Tanakh. The Quran repeatedly calls the people of the Book — *Ahl al-Kitab*

— to honor the Torah as revelation from *Allah*. The name **Yahweh** (יהוה) is the covenant name declared at Sinai — and the Tanakh's covenant of justice is the covenant your own tradition traces through Avraham (Ibrahim).

We bring you this: the nation where you now live — Iceland — has been practicing the covenant justice of the Tanakh in its governance. The care for the poor that *Zakat* commands. The equal justice before the court that Islamic jurisprudence demands. The protection of the vulnerable that *Sadaqa* requires. Iceland does these things. And the Tanakh — *the Tawrat* of Musa — established these standards as the covenant of **Yahweh** before any subsequent revelation.

"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another." — Quran 49:13

Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution does not come to you as a Christian ministry, a Jewish ministry, or a political organization. We come as a Tanakh-authority covenant institution that reads the covenant of Avraham/Ibrahim as the original word of **Yahweh** to all his children. You are among those children. Iceland is the nation where **Yahweh** has placed you. The covenant ethics of this nation reflect your own tradition's deepest values. We invite you to know the Name behind those ethics and to stand as covenant witnesses in Iceland alongside your Jewish and Christian neighbors.

V. TO ICELAND'S POST-RELIGIOUS AND SEARCHING COMMUNITY

To the growing percentage of Icelanders who have left inherited religious institutions — who identify as non-religious, post-Lutheran, secular, or simply searching — we bring the most direct message of all:

You have not left the truth. You have left institutions that misrepresented it.

The Tanakh is not a religious institution. It is not a denomination. It is not a tradition imposed by any church council, synod, pope, or political king. The Tanakh is the oldest documented covenant text in the Western world, given in a specific time and place to a specific people — but addressed from the beginning to all nations, all coastlands.

If you left the Lutheran church because its ethics did not match its message — you were reading the Tanakh correctly. The Tanakh indicts corrupt religious systems as fiercely as it indicts corrupt governments. **Yeshayahu (Isaiah)** chapter 1 opens with **Yahweh** telling Israel he is sick of their religious ceremonies while they oppress the poor. That is a Tanakh standard, not a post-modern one.

If you seek truth that predates all European religious institutions — the Tanakh predates all of them. Christianity built on it. Islam referenced it. Every Western ethical framework traces to it. Iceland's own social ethics — the justice, the care, the equality that your secular conscience already affirms — come from a covenant that **Yahweh** established at Sinai long before the word "religion" existed.

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 55:1

The covenant of **Yahweh** does not require institutional membership. It requires hearing, responding, and walking in covenant truth. The people of Iceland who have been living in covenant ethics without knowing the source — you are already closer to that covenant than most religious institutions on earth. We simply invite you to know the Name.

VI. THE COVENANT INVITATION TO ALL ICELAND

The prophet **Tzefanyah (Zephaniah) 3:9** declares: "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." The Hebrew **שֶׁכֶם עֶבֶד** (*shekhem ebad*) — "one shoulder" — is the picture of people of different backgrounds, different faiths, different histories, carrying the same load together under one covenant authority.

Iceland — with its Jewish community, its Lutheran heritage, its Muslim residents, its searching secular population — is uniquely positioned to be the nation where this prophetic promise begins to take visible form. Not through coercion. Not through political pressure. But through the voluntary recognition of a covenant that **Yahweh** has already been writing on Iceland's conscience for over a thousand years.

Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution invites: any individual, any community, any leader in Iceland who wishes to receive the full covenant transmission — the Tanakh-authority covenant research of this institution, the history of the covenant of **Yahweh**, and the standing invitation to enter formal covenant relationship with the **Elohim** of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov — please contact this institution.

In covenant witness to the coastlands,

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"And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 60:3