

[Used last week, but only 88 people here. Also, take Thrive. We'll help if you need.]

In a few weeks, Israel's south will be transformed into a beautiful red sea of flowers of countless anemones. The north-western Negev area surrounding Gaza is especially known for this phenomenon. Far too much of the nature in this area has fallen victim to the fire-kite terrorism that originated from Gaza in the last year. But nature and life are stronger than the will of our enemies. *"No fire-kite can completely destroy what God has created,"* said Ilan of Sederot. *"Flowers are beginning to grow again and people have helped us through this."*



[For the Prophet Ezekiel, Israel is "the most beautiful of all lands" (Chap. 20:6)] ... ["Life finds a way." Jurassic Park]



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[Communication, community, even revelation is a big thing during meals!]

For example, 4 chapters after 10 commandments given, Shmot/Ex 20 ...]

Shmot/Ex 24.8-9 Then Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which Adoni has cut with you, in agreement with all these words. Moshe, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu and seventy of the leaders went up; and they saw the God of Isra’el.

Shmot /Ex 24.10-11 Under his feet was something like a sapphire stone pavement as clear as the sky itself. He did not reach out his hand against these notables of Isra’el; on the contrary, **they saw God, even as they were eating and drinking.**

[Revelation during mealtime!]

A few verses before the verse in Matityahu above, message two weeks ago ...]

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כַּאֲשֶׁר אָכְלוּ אָמַר: “אָמֵן אוֹמֵר אֲנִי לָכֶם, אֶחָד מֵכֶם יִסְגִּירֵנִי.”

And as they were eating, he said, “Yes, I tell you that one of you is going to betray me.”

Order of the modern Passover Seder Haggadah [booklet], parts of it possibly as old as 200 C.E.

Something like this in Yeshua’s day and Passover Seder.

1. First wine cup Kiddush
2. Handwashing [Footwashing?]

3. Dip in salt water
4. Break middle matzah
5. Tell the story with 4 Questions
6. Second cup and Diyaynu song
7. Second handwashing
8. Eat matzah
9. Eating maror
10. Eating matzo and maror
11. Holiday meal

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passover_Seder]

Mt.26.20-21 When evening came, Yeshua reclined with the twelve talmidim;
 [no ten Haggadah activities]
 and as they were eating, he said, “Yes, I tell you that one of you is going to betray me.”
 [Discussion of betrayal ... (two weeks ago.)]

Much simpler flow]

Visualize: evening moved quickly, not like typical modern Seder

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[#7 on modern Seder order. Evidently not following exactly כ already eating. Point is, communal meal wasn't small event. Qumran community meals were a significant community time.]

Statement would be horrifying.

Vayikra/lev 3.17 It is to be a permanent regulation through all your generations wherever you live that you will eat neither fat nor blood.”

Kosher meat is thoroughly bled. Slaughter must be done by means of a swift, smooth cut of a sharp knife whose blade is free of any dent or imperfection.

Then meat is soaked in salt [or kefir] to extract remaining blood.

[<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/kosher-slaughtering-an-introduction/>]

Animal racked, not anesthetized or shocked.

Some cook well done. Yuck. Not necessary.]

Yokhanan 6.52-59 The Judeans disputed with one another, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Then Yeshua said to them, “Yes, indeed! I tell you that unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life — that is, I will raise him up on the Last Day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him.

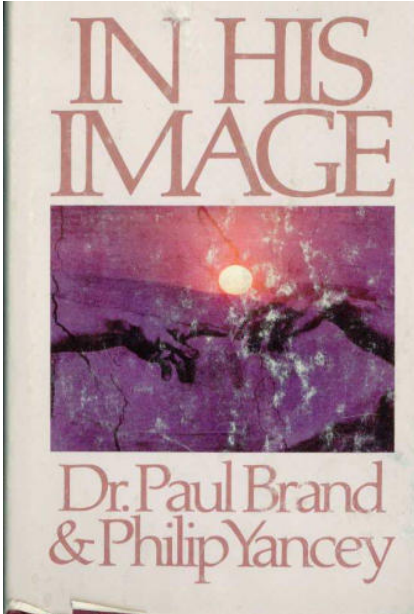
Just as the living Father sent me, and I live through the Father, so also whoever eats me will live through me. So this is the bread that has come down from heaven — it is not like the bread the fathers ate; they're dead, but whoever eats this bread will live forever!” He said these things as he was teaching in a synagogue in K'far-Nachum.

[We know this place.]



[White synagogue imported marble 300's. Below is local volcanic black basalt.]

Yn 6.66-71 **From this time, many of His disciples left and quit walking with Him. Yeshua said to the Twelve, “Don’t you want to leave too?” Shim’on Kefa answered him, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the word of eternal life. We have trusted, and we know that you are the Holy One of God.”**



[Pages 67-68]

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[Are we assimilating His LIFE?]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:27

לָקַח אֶת הַכּוֹס, בִּירָד וְנָתַן לָהֶם בְּאָמְרוֹ: "שְׁתוּ מִמֶּנָּה כְּלָכֶם,

Also he took a cup of wine, made the *b'rakhah*, and gave it to them, saying, "All of you, drink from it!

Mattityahu (Matthew) 26:28

כִּי זֶה דַּמִּי, דַּם הַבְּרִית [הַחֲדָשָׁה] הַנְּשָׁפָד בְּעַד רַבִּים לְסִלִּיחַת חַטָּאִים

For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the removal of sins.

[Some mss. say: new covenant.]

Lk 24.20 He took the cup after the meal [cup of redemption], saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

[What is Messiah meaning by New Covenant in His Blood?]

Similarly:

Shmot/Ex 24.8 Then Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which Adoni has cut with you, in agreement with all these words.

What did Messiah mean by Covenant?

Hugely significant word.

Nine points, in Messiah's mind!

1. Start: How is "covenant" or "New Covenant" understood in the faith world today?

Typical example of an Israel-friendly, Messianic friendly evangelical congregation with Covenant in their name identity ...



[Hillcrest Covenant Church, 8801 Nall Ave.



What We Believe

What is the Covenant Church?

Hillcrest is a part of the Evangelical Covenant denomination, a rapidly growing, multi-ethnic denomination with over 800 churches worldwide and 11 churches in the Kansas City area.

<http://hillcrestcov.org/about-us/what-we-believe/>]

For Covenant people, our essential beliefs are summed up in what we call Covenant Affirmations:

- We affirm the centrality of the word of God.
- We affirm the necessity of the new birth.
- We affirm a commitment to the whole mission of believers.

- We affirm the congregation as a fellowship of believers.
- We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- We affirm the reality of freedom in Messiah.

There is no reference here to covenant. All I could get from history is that the church was named “Covenant” to differentiate it from official, government back Swedish Lutheran congregations.

There are EIGHT covenants in scripture!

[<https://covchurch.org/who-we-are/beliefs/affirmations/>

<http://elementsandcovenant.blogspot.com/>]

2. Word study

brit noun fem בְּרִית שֵׁם נָׁ

(international law) treaty; alliance, covenant, (Jewish ritual) circumcision

The United States, in modern Hebrew, is “Artsot HaBrit” Lands of the covenant. אֲרָצוֹת הַבְּרִית

3. A covenant is not a contract

- A contract is a mutual obligation, can be broken if one party fails.
- A covenant is a promise, binding, independent of the other party, usually with a shared meal.

[Few relationships in modern life are covenants, except marriage.]

4. A covenant is not a book.

Dan Gruber: The Hebrew word Brit appears about 300x in the Tanakh. It always refers to a relational covenant, never to a set of books or writings.

[Copernicus and the Jews. P 48]

Therefore:

- [Not Old Testament, Old Covenant]
- Hebrew scriptures, or **Tanakh**: acronym for

Torah, Neviim, K’tuvim:

Torah, Prophets, Writings

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- Messianic Scriptures, or
- [Dan Gruber] במשיח BaMashiakh: Bsorot, Maasei HaShalikhim, Yediot, Khazon, or

[Blaine Robison] בסה

Beh-sekh: *Besorot* , בשׁוֹרָה, lit. "good news" for Matthew—Acts; *Sepharim* , ספּרִים "letters"), for Romans — Judah;

Khezyōnōt חזינׁוֹת Revelation

Summary:

- [Not New Testament, New Covenant]
- Messianic Scriptures, or
- BaMashiakh, or
- Beh-sekh

[Personally, I use Messianic Scriptures]

5. What are the covenants in scripture?

Name:	1. Edenic, before the Fall
Verses	Ber / Gen Ch 1-3
Provisions	Garden eternally
Type	Conditional
Response	Works / obedience
Sign	Tree of Life?
Participants	all humanity potentially

[Salvation by works, eternal life there in the Garden]

Name:	2. Adamic, after the Fall
Verses	Ber / Gen 3.1-9
Provisions	Salvation
Type	Conditional
Response	Faith in future Descendent
Sign	Skins, childbirth issues
Participants	all humanity potentially

[Promise of eternal salvation, still in force]

Name:	3. Noakhic [Noahide]
Verses	Ber / Gen 8.20-9.13
Provisions	Seasons, no flood
Type	Unconditional
Response	Capital punishment
Sign	rainbow
Participants	all humanity

[Physical salvation, still in force]

Name:	4. Avrahamic
Verses	Ber / Gen 12, 15, 17
Provisions	Blessings and curses, Land
Type	Unconditional
Response	Avraham's obedience
Sign	Circumcision
Participants	Avraham's descendents

[Abrahamic covenant is NOT salvation. It's blessings and the LAND. Abe saved by faith in Gen 15. Abe covenant in Gen 12, still in force.]

Name:	5. Mosaic
Verses	Shmot/Ex 19-Dvarim/Dt
Provisions	Blessings, head of nations
Type	Conditional
Response	obedience
Sign	Shabbat Shmot/Ex 31.13
Participants	People of Israel

[This has a means of salvation, but we Jews failed it. Actually two means of salvation: faith Dt. 30.11 quoted by Paul, Works in Lev 18.5 quoted by Paul, still in force.]

Name:	6. Moavi / Moabite
Verses	Dvarim/Dt 29-30
Provisions	Regathering / Return to Land
Type	conditional
Response	repentance
Sign	May 14, 1948 Hatikvah
Participants	People of Israel

[This one often gets overlooked. Marilyn Griffin's insight. Dt 28.69/29.1 These are the words of the covenant which ADONAI ordered Moshe to make with the people of Isra'el in the land of Mo'av, in

addition to the covenant which he made with them in Horev 30.3 [after exile] At that point, ADONAI your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which ADONAI your God scattered you. Still in force.]

Name:	7. Davidic
Verses	2 Shmuel 7.8-17
Provisions	Everlasting Kingdom
Type	Conditional
Response	Kings keep Torah
Sign	Two comings of Messiah
Participants	Israel, and all nations

[The covenant G-d made with David was for an everlasting dynasty. But David got saved by faith in G-d's redemption, as described at length Ro 4.6-8 quoting Ps 32. The kingly covenant did not save David eternally, still in force.]

Name:	8. Renewed
Verses	Yermiyahu/Jer 31.31-34
Provisions	Torah in our hearts
Type	Conditional
Response	Faith
Sign	Torah in our hearts
Participants	Israel & Judah, Nations grafted

[God made two UNCONDITIONAL choices: salvation information through Jews, salvation fact through Yeshua.

Michael Brown on falling leaders:

1. *more of a superstar than a servant*
2. *self-exalting, since you think to yourself "Power is flowing through me."*
3. *use "the Lord told me" as an excuse to sin. So many of our charismatic churches are independent, and because so many are led by forceful leaders, we often have a recipe for extreme unaccountability.]*

Yermiyahu 31.30-36 Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adoni. "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adoni: "I will put my *Torah* within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

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6. The tension:

Mes Jews/Heb 8.13 By using the term, "new," he has made the first covenant "old"; and something being made old, something in the process of aging, is on its way to vanishing altogether.

[Some Jewish roots teachers excised, removed from the cannon Mes Jews/Heb. Monte Judah.]

Ro 7.4-6 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you also were made dead to the *Torah* through the body of Messiah, so that you might be joined to another — the One who was raised from the dead — in order that we might bear fruit for God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions that came through the *Torah* were working in our body parts to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the law, having died to what confined us, so that we serve in the new way of the *Ruach* and not in the old way of the letter.

2 Cor. 3.6 G-d also made us competent as servants of a new covenant — not of the letter, but of the *Ruakh*. For the letter kills, but the *Ruakh* gives life.

Yet, ^{Mtt.517-20} “Don’t think that I have come to abolish the *Torah* or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete. Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a *yud* or a stroke will pass from the *Torah* — not until everything that must happen has happened. So whoever disobeys the least of these *mitzvot* and teaches others to do so will be called the 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*, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

Stern on Messianic Jews/Hebrews 8.11:

There are two words for "new" in Greek, "kainos" and "neos." "Neos" means something which has never before existed, whereas "kainos" carries overtones of freshness and renewal of something which has existed.

The word used in MJ 8 in the phrase, "New Covenant," is always "kainos," and this is as it should be, because in a very real way the New Covenant renews.

^{David Stern on MJ 8.13} Is one to infer that the Jewish holidays, *Shabbat*, *kashrut*, civil laws, and moral laws of the Mosaic Covenant are on the verge of vanishing altogether? No, for the author could hardly have been unaware that the Mosaic Covenant presents itself as eternal; also the context shows that he is speaking only of its system of priests and sacrifices, not its other aspects. Since the laws concerning the Mishkan/ Tabernacle constitute the majority of the Mosaic prescriptions, it is not an inappropriate figure of speech to say that the Old Covenant itself is aging and about to disappear.

It is in the process of aging and on the verge of vanishing in the same sense that "This world's leaders ... are in the process of passing away" (1 Corinthians 2:6). This world's leaders are still with us, and so is the Mosaic Covenant.

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7. The WORST interpretation of covenant.

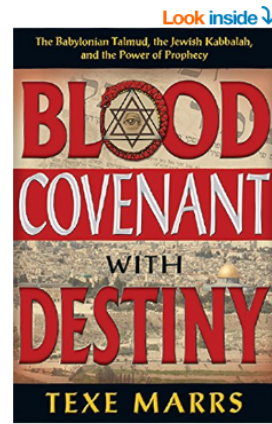


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My Goal: Destroy the Poisonous Fruit of Jewish Supremacy

I declare, then, that one of my chief goals in writing this book is to suppress, and if it were possible, to *destroy* the poisonous fruit of racial supremacy, and particularly of Jewish Supremacy.

Of all the diseased schools of racial supremacism, I am convinced that the Jewish specimen is the most evil and most threatening to the lives, bodies, and eternal destinies of

[https://www.amazon.com/Blood-Covenant-Destiny-Babylonian-Kabbalah-ebook/dp/B079GH4QLJ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1550114423&sr=8-1&keywords=Blood+Covenant+With+Destiny&pldnSite=1]

Vision of Or HaOlam: Working to bring Jewish people, and those grafted in, to their covenantal identity in Messiah. [Acts 15]

8. What about the non-Jews, the Nations, Gentiles and the Covenant Yeshua is establish?

The Nation [Gentiles] get a free pass into the New Covenant

Eph 2.11-16 Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth — called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised — ^{at} that time had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Isra'el.

You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God's promise. You were in this world without hope and without God. But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood. For he himself is our *shalom* — he has made us both one and has broken down the *m'chitzah* which divided us by destroying in his own body the enmity occasioned by the Torah, with its commands set forth in the form of ordinances.

He did this in order to create in union with himself from the two groups a single new humanity and thus make shalom, and in order to reconcile to God both in a single body by being executed on a stake as a criminal and thus in himself killing that enmity.

If Jealousy had a face



I'm sure the following is rude and demeaning about a sensitive issue, but I saw it on Mordekhi Hiatt's Facebook page, and couldn't resist.



There is a GREAT place for the Nations, Gentiles in the covenant.

Other sheep

Acts 15: Nazarenes and Ebionites

All about blessing Gen 12

9. The resolution

2 Cor 3.7-11 Now if that which worked death, by means of a written text engraved on stone tablets, came with glory — such glory that the people of Isra'el could not stand to look at Moshe's face because of its brightness, even though that brightness was already fading away — won't the working of the Spirit be accompanied by even greater glory? For if there was glory in what worked to declare people guilty, how much more must the glory abound in what works to declare people innocent! In fact, by comparison with this greater glory, what was made glorious before has no glory now. For if there was glory in what faded away, how much more glory must there be in what lasts.

^{2 Cor 3.18} **So all of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by Adoni the Spirit.**

^{Yermiyahu 31.30-36} **This is what *Adonai* says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar *Adonai-Tzva'ot* is his name: "If these laws leave my presence," says *Adonai*, "then the offspring of Isra'el will stop being a nation in my presence forever." This is what *Adonai* says: "If the sky above can be measured and the foundations of the earth be fathomed, then I will reject all the offspring of Isra'el for all that they have done," says *Adonai*.**