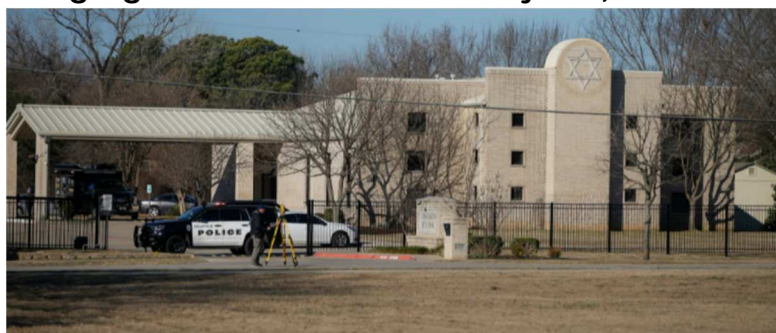


January 22, 2022
Letter to the Messianic Jews 10:15-25
Covenant and Community

Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX

Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker



“The hero rabbi held hostage in his Texas synagogue has credited active-shooter training for helping him save his congregants — revealing Monday that he threw a chair at the terrorist so they could finally escape.”

*[https://nypost.com/2022/01/17/texas-rabbi-credits-security-training-for-hostage-survival/?utm_campaign=iphone_nyp&utm_source=mail_app
from Mike Boatright]*

“The incident began when Akram entered the building as it was livestreaming a service, shouting that he had weapons and 'backpacks of explosives' on him. The hostage suspect wanted Aafia Siddiqui, a known terrorist who is incarcerated at Carswell Air Force Base near Fort Worth, freed.

[<https://vfinews.com/news/jan-21-2022/terrorists-brother-blames-shooters-actions-on-mental>]

“In the last hour of our hostage crisis, the gunman became increasingly belligerent and threatening. When Akram ‘wasn’t in a good position’ and Cytron-Walker and the two congregants with him were close to an exit, he told CBS, saying he made sure they ‘were ready to go.’”

“Another man held hostage, Jeffrey R. Cohen, wrote on Facebook Monday that at one point during the siege, the gunman ordered the trio to their knees. Instead, Cohen said, he reared up in his chair, slowly moving his head and mouthing ‘no’ — with the group fleeing as Akram moved to return to his own chair.

“We escaped. We weren’t released or freed,” Cohen wrote.

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“The terrorist was shot dead at around 9 pm local time (3 pm GMT) by the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team after holding four hostages, including the rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, for ten hours.”

[<https://vfinews.com/news/jan-21-2022/terrorists-brother-blames-shooters-actions-on-mental>]



Aafia Siddiqui, 36, is a Pakistani mother of three, an alumna of MIT, and a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Brandeis University.

Siddiqui was arrested in Afghanistan in 2008 by forces who found her with cyanide and plans to attack the Brooklyn Bridge and Empire State Building and demanded jurors at her trial be DNA tested to see if they were Jewish.

She is also accused of working for Al-Qaeda and was charged last week in New York City with attempting to kill American soldiers.

[<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10406483/Suspect-Texas-synagogue-hostage-situation-demanding-convicted-terrorist-sister-freed.html>]

The Blackburn, UK, Muslim Community page announced that “Faisal Akram has sadly departed from this temporary world” and prayed that Allah “bless him with the highest ranks of Paradise.”

[<http://www.danielgreenfield.org/2022/01/texas-synagogue-terrorist-came-out-of.html>]



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1. Meaning of covenant
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Last time in this series, Jan. 1, 2022, we talked about a greater ride than an SR-71



85,000 ft = 17 miles up. Cf commercial aircraft at 7 miles. At the Hutchinson Kansas Cosmosphere.

Last time in this series Jan. 1, 2022:

MJ/ Hebrews 10.12-13

After he had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, sat down at the right hand of God, **from then on to wait until his enemies be made a footstool for his feet.** [So, Yeshua accomplished our redemption on the execution stake, then went to be seated at the right hand of the Father awaiting the Kingdom.]

Next verses...

MJ 10.15-25

The Ruakh ha-Kodesh also testifies to us—[Yer. 31], “This is the **covenant** that I will cut with them: ‘After those days,’ says Adoni, ‘I will put My Torah upon their hearts, and upon their minds I will write it,’” then He says, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”...

It might seem to be a disjointed transition in the scripture, but here is the connection: Yeshua seated at the right hand of the Father, working priestly intercession to establish **His covenant**, His kingdom, in the world of people, of men and women like you and me!! Covenant is a big concept in the mind of G-d.

Not just passively waiting. 2000 years Interceding, pouring out Ruakh/Spirit, appointing emissaries, prophets, proclaimers of the Good News, shepherds and teachers, ruling over the affairs of men to bring to salvation, We are invited to “seek those things above, where Messiah is at the right hand of G-d, establishing His covenant...

Entering into His right hand warfare, I compared to the ravishing and ecstatic SR-71 which I saw at the Kansas Cosmosphere. Last Teerosh we prayed the Kaddish antiphonally. It’s a prayer of kingdom warfare. This Tues, the Shma שמע! Prayer is like a jet trip!!



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Covenant is a central concept in the mind of G-d relative to humanity.

Brit [*breet*] בְּרִית

1. treaty, alliance, pact, league:
2. constitution, ordinance, between monarch and subjects

[Two definitions correspond to two types of covenants in scripture ...]

There are two major types of covenants in the Hebrew Bible

1. **The obligatory covenant** deals with the relationship between two parties of equal standing. Example of alliance:

Beresheet/Gen.14.11-13 So they took all of Sodom and Gomorrah’s possessions and their food and left. They also took Lot, Abram’s nephew, and his possessions, and they left. Then a survivor came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was dwelling by the large trees belonging to Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eschol and the brother of Aner— **they were Abram’s allies.**

בְּרִית- בַּאֲדֹנָי וְהֵם
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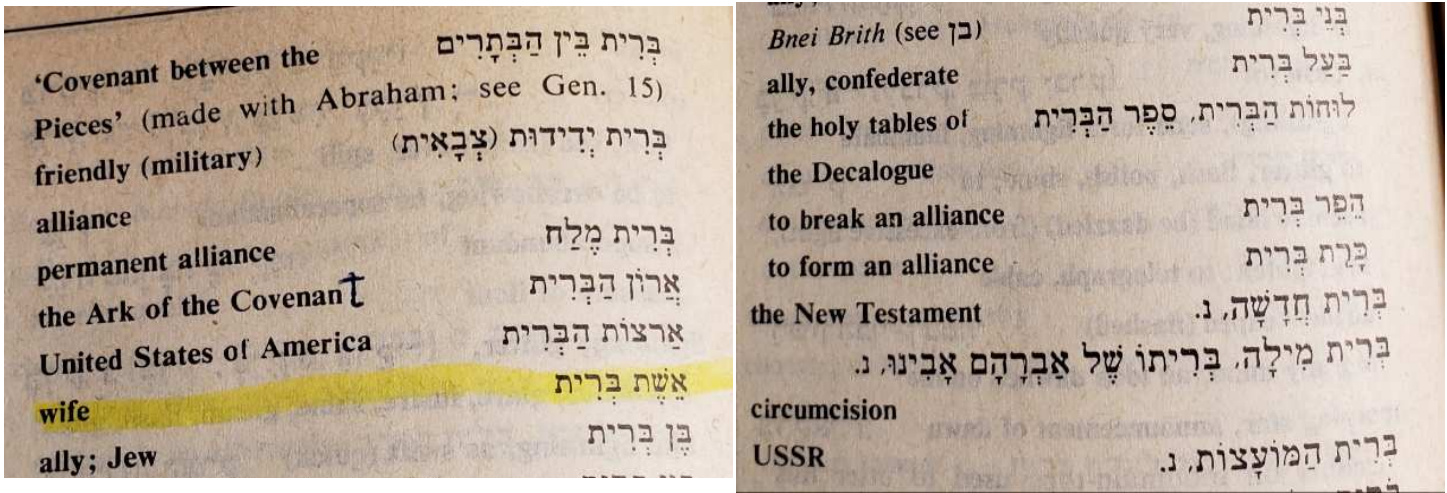
[*Covenant among equals, allies.*]

2. **Promissory covenants** focus on the relationship between the suzerain and the vassal and are similar to the "royal grant" type of legal document, which include historical introduction, border delineations, stipulations, witnesses, blessings, and curses. [FFOZ: *Suzerainty covenants*]

In royal grants, the master could reward a servant for being loyal. God rewarded Abraham, Noah, and David in his covenants with them. As part of his covenant with Abraham, God has the obligation to keep Abraham's descendants as God's chosen people and be their God.

God acts as the suzerain power and is the party of the covenant accompanied by the required action that comes with the oath whether it be fire or animals in the sacrificial oaths. In doing this, God is the party taking upon the curse if he does not uphold his obligation. [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covenant_\(biblical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Covenant_(biblical))]

**Covenant is a word of passion with the Father and Yeshua.
Modern Hebrew usage:**



Reuben Alcalay's Complete Hebrew English Dictionary.

Review that verse in MJ/Hebrews ...

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MJ 10.23-25 ... Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds. And do not neglect our own meetings, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another—and all the more so as you see the Day approaching.

[But first (as Ben Shapiro says) let's get a historical context for covenant ...]



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Consider G-d's covenantal connection with humanity since the beginning. [All been passionate expressions of G-d's relational love for humanity, for us.]

1.	Name:	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. The only time humanity really could be saved by works.

G-d LOVES covenant relationships. ^{Ber 3.8-9} They heard the voice of Adoni God, אֱלֹהִים אֶת-קוֹל יְיָ אֱלֹהִים walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze.

This was Yeshua, visiting with them.

Targum Jonathan [Aramaic]:

וּשְׁמָעוּ יַת קַל מִימְרָא דִּי אֱלֹהִים מְטִייל

And they heard the voice of the Word of the Lord God walking

[https://www.sefaria.org/Targum_Jonathan_on_Genesis.3.8?lang=bi&with=all&lang2=en]

2.	Name:	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

G-d LOVES covenant relationships.

Ber/Gen 3.9 Adoni God, called to the man, “Where are you?”

This was Yeshua, seeking them out.

Promise of eternal salvation

Ber 3.15,21 I will put animosity between you and the woman, and between your descendant and her descendant; he will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.”... Adonai, God, made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

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

Physical salvation

Ber. 6.5-6 Then Adoni saw that the wickedness of humankind was great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their heart was only evil all the time. So Adoni regretted that He made humankind on the earth, and His heart was deeply pained. וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֱלֹהִים לְבָבוֹ. [reflexive verb]

Gen 6.17-18 “Then I myself will bring the flood of water over the earth to destroy from under heaven every living thing that breathes; everything on earth will be destroyed. But I will establish my covenant with you; you will come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife and your sons’ wives with you.

Ber/Gen 9.12-16 God added, “Here is the sign of the **covenant** I am making between myself and you and every living creature with you, for all generations to come: I am putting my rainbow in the cloud — it will be there as a sign of the **covenant** between myself and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth, and the rainbow is seen in the cloud; I will remember my **covenant** which is between myself and you and every living creature of any kind; and the water will never again become a flood to destroy all living beings. The rainbow will be in the cloud; so that when I look at it, I will remember the everlasting **covenant** between God and every living creature of any kind on the earth.”

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

Abrahamic covenant is NOT salvation. It’s blessings and the LAND. No one is eternally saved by virtue of being born Jewish.

Abe saved by faith in Gen 15.5-6, Then he brought him outside and said, “Look up at the sky, and count the stars — if you can count them! Your descendants will be that many!” He believed in Adonai, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Abe covenant in Gen 12

5.	Name:	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

Shmot/Ex 19.5-6 Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el." This has a means of salvation, but we Jews failed it. Based around the beauty of the Torah. Actually, two means of salvation: faith Dt. 30.11

quoted by Paul. Works in Lev 18.5 quoted by Paul.

Tehillim 1.1-3 Happy is the one who...his delight is in the Torah of Adoni, and on His Torah he meditates day and night. He will be like a planted tree over streams of water, producing its fruit during its season. Its leaf never droops— but in all he does, he succeeds.

6.	Name:	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 ADONI 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, ADONI your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which ADONI your God scattered you.

7.	Name:	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 in Ro 4.6-8 quoting Ps 32. The kingly covenant did not save David eternally.

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

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



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Yeshayahu/Is 42.6 “I, Adoni, called You in righteousness, I will take hold of Your hand, I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations,

Yeshayahu/Is 59.20-21 “Then a Redeemer will come to Tziyon, to those in Ya‘akov who turn from rebellion.” So says Adoni. “And as for me,” says Adoni, “this is my covenant with them: my Spirit, who rests on you, from the mouth of your children, or from the mouth of your children’s children, now or ever,” says Adoni.

Yer /Jer 33.19-21 This word of Adonai came to Yirmeyahu: Here is what Adoni says: ‘If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that daytime and nighttime no longer come when they are supposed to, have a descendant to reign from his throne or L’vi’im who are Cohanim to minister to me.

Yer/Jer 50.4-6 In those days, at that time,” says Adoni, “the people of Isra’el will come, together with the people of Y’hudah. They will weep as they go their way, seeking Adoni their God. They will ask the way to Tziyon; and, turning their faces toward it, will say, ‘Come, join yourselves to Adoni by an everlasting covenant never to be forgotten.’ My people have been lost sheep.

Yekhez/Ezek 34.25-27 I will make a covenant of peace with them; I will rid the land of wild animals; and they will live securely in the desert and sleep in the forests. I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing, and I will cause the rain to fall when it should — there will be showers of blessing. The trees in the field will bear their fruit and the soil its produce, and they will be secure in their land. Then they will know that I am Adoni.

HaYovel young men, April 27, 2018, told us about Yaakov Berg. Lived in Tel Aviv and secular, but read Jer 31.5...

Once again, you will **plant vineyards on the hills of Shomron**, and those doing the planting will have the use of its fruit.

[Note: vineyards on the hills of Samaria/Shomron = West Bank]

His Dad liberated Shomron area in the Six Day War.

1990s Tel Aviv lab said soil was no good for grapevines. Planted anyway and lab said astonishing. Forgot dew...now wines winning gold, silver, international competition.

Joel 2 21-24 Don’t fear, O soil; be glad! rejoice! for Adoni has done great things. Don’t be afraid, wild animals; for the desert pastures are green, the trees are putting out their fruit, the fig tree and vine are giving full yield. Be glad, people of Tziyon!

[<https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.jpost.com/Israel-News/Rare-Byzantine-era-wine-seeds-found-in-Negev-390735/amp>]



Joel 2 21-24 Rejoice in Adoni your God! For he is giving you the right amount of rain in the fall, he makes the rain come down for you, the fall and spring rains — this is what he does first. Then the floors will be full of grain and the vats overflow with wine and olive oil.

Vats overflowed and stop picking.

[<https://youtu.be/9yBr2cLVi-s> 5-minute video]



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Hold fast, despite opposition.

- When Israel was being re-populated by the Halutzim/pioneers, according to David ben Gurion, 9 of 10 left.
- Marriage is a covenant
- We are developing a Marriage Enrichment ministry

[Left in despair, despite all these promises. White knuckle]

Consider one another!!

Assembly ... livestream is great, but not ideal. If remote, Zoom groups.

Above all, look to Him, “He who promised is faithful.” He keeps covenant!

[Consider: not to criticize, but how can I help, bless, enrich, pray! Look left, right, front, back.]

2 Chron. 36.21 He exiled to Babylon those who had escaped the sword and they became slaves to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia—in fulfillment of the word of *Adonai* by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had paid back her *Shabbat* rests—for as long as it lay desolate—the *Shabbat* rest was kept till 70 years were complete.

Shmittah שמיטה
Year of Release



<https://youtu.be/oapFzSmUo4k> to 4.01 Shmittah Israel Pochtar

MJ 10.15-25 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have boldness to enter into the Holies by the blood of Yeshua. He inaugurated a new and living way for us through the curtain—that is, His flesh. We also have a Kohen Gadol over God’s household. So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and body washed with pure water.

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another? Who are you discipling, building up?

Way Maker Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, [note Hebrew version below]
Light in the darkness,
My God That is who You are

Hebrew understanding ...



Keeper of the covenant



Promise keeper = Keeper of the covenant!
He is the covenant keeper! Promises to you!

We need to receive His covenant keeping power, and also be covenant keepers!