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Genesis 17:7-9

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## ***“New Covenant” Justifies Not Keeping Torah...***

At first, it may not seem significant whether someone believes himself to be a New Covenant Christian, or a seed of Abraham and partaker of the Abrahamic Covenant. Who cares? We all believe in Messiah... We all claim His precious Blood in cleansing and forgiveness for sin. So what's the big deal about the Covenants?

The teaching of contemporary believers being New Covenant Christians is actually a thinly-veiled attack on Torah-keeping. In fact, the belief that we are all part of the New Covenant actually appears to be a righteous justification for nailing the Law of Yahweh to the Cross. This teaching even appears in a number of modern Bible versions. The following is the Interpreter's Bible definition of New Covenant:

**“A promise of redemption by God to people as individuals rather than as a nation and on the basis of God's grace rather than a person's adherence to the Law...”**

Let's see what the Bible says about the “everlasting Covenants”...

## Three Everlasting Covenants

**Genesis 17:7** — “And I will establish My Covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee... for an everlasting Covenant...”

Most believers in our world today consider themselves “New Covenant” Christians. This means that they view themselves as being partakers and participants in the New Testament New Covenant, while the old Covenants from the Old Testament are all done away—having been replaced by the more recent Covenant. But, as was painfully proven in Noah’s Day, whether or not a belief is true cannot be determined by its popularity. We can only determine what the Truth is by studying the Scripture on the topic.

Popular belief suggests that there are seven Covenants mentioned in the Bible. This is because many confuse a Divine Promise with a Covenant. But not all Promises are also Covenants. Additionally, there are times when a Covenant is being refreshed—renewed—which are commonly believed to be completely separate and unique Covenants. Stripping away these common mistakes, we find that there are actually only three Covenants in the Bible. Notably also, in Hebrew, the **gimel** is the third letter and representing the number three. It is also one of two Hebrew letters which signifies “Covenant”.

There are three braids in the *challah* bread, representing the Covenant *Yahweh* made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Eating of the braided bread symbolizes being the spiritual seed of Abraham, and thereby being a partaker of the Covenant.

Marriage is a Covenant. When a

husband and wife are married, they seal their union before the Heavenly Father, the marriage Covenant is a three-way relationship and a holy joining between husband, wife and *Yahweh*.

In Hebrew, the word for the number three conveys the message of the Covenant. “Three” is **salos**, which is written, in Hebrew as: שלש

The first letter of **salos**, is the **shin**. **Shin** ש is a symbol of the Tree of Life, burning Bush, fire and the Spirit of *Yahweh*. Christ is represented in the Tree of Life as well as the burning Bush. The second Hebrew letter in the Hebrew word for “three” is the **lamed**. **Lamed** ל is a symbol of the Staff, the Word of God and the Covenant.

So the word for the number three in Hebrew is centered with Covenant surrounded on both sides by Messiah, whose Blood ratified the Covenants and by whose Spirit we may be partakers of it. In fact, including the number three in Hebrew, most Hebrew words are rooted in three Hebrew letters so that the entire language symbolically reminds us of our Covenant relationship with *Yahweh*.

Having examined the significance of three “everlasting” Covenants, let us now look at the meaning of the word itself. The Hebrew term תִּיקָב **bēriyth** for “covenant” is from a root which conveys a sense of “cutting”, a shedding of blood. This is because Biblical Covenants were made by passing between cut... (continued...)

## A Common Myth About the New Covenant...



**The New Covenant**  
(is now alive and well)

**The Old Covenants**  
(are all dead and buried,  
having been replaced)

Most believers have been taught that the Old Testament Covenants are no longer in effect today. This is because most believe that when a biblical Covenant is put in place it only endures until another Covenant replaces it.

With this belief firmly in place, studying the terms of *Yahweh*’s Covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses becomes nothing more than a dry study of historical trivia. Christians today do not believe themselves to be partakers of these Covenants. Rather, we are all now called to be partakers of the New Covenant—which is believed to have replaced all of the former, biblical Covenants.

To support this belief, Christians cite the fact that the human partakers of these Old Testament Covenants all broke their terms of the Covenants through repeated failures, sin, and rebellion against *Yahweh*.

But while it is true that the professing people of *Yahweh* have broken His Covenants—repeatedly, it is quite a stretch to conclude that human failure nullifies a divinely-instituted Covenant. This is especially true since Scripture plainly states that *Yahweh*’s Word stands forever. Additionally, there were three Old Testament Covenants which were called “everlasting”...

(continued from page 5) ...pieces of flesh of an animal sacrifice. Literally, in Hebrew, entering into a Covenant is called “cutting a Covenant”, since a Covenant must be ratified in blood—all of which pointed to Messiah’s Blood, which is required for all Heavenly Covenants to be binding.

Thus, by definition, an everlasting Covenant is ratified in blood and is a perpetual Promise made between *Yahweh* and His people—applying to all who are saved, but being first initiated between *Yahweh* and a human representative, such as Noah, Moses, or Abraham. Bearing this in mind, let’s take a look at the word “everlasting” in the Bible, paying special attention to when this word is used with “Covenant” (תִּבְרִית *bĕriyth*).

“Everlasting” is translated from the Hebrew word *olam* (*Strong’s Concordance* number H5769). In Scripture, this word predominantly means “eternal” and “without end”. But it can also mean “lasting for a long time”, in which *olam* isn’t eternal. The following Scriptures illustrate these meanings of *olam*:

***Olam* is “Everlasting/Eternal” in the following Scriptures:**

- **Exodus 15:18**—refers to *Yahweh*, Who will reign “forever” (H5769, *olam*). Clearly, *Yahweh*’s Reign is Eternal.

***Olam* is “lasting for a long time, but not Eternal” in the following Scriptures:**

- **Genesis 6:4**—refers to an ungodly group of “mighty men”, who “were of old” (H5769, *olam*). These dominating, evil men are no longer living. Clearly, in Genesis 6:4, *olam* is understood to mean that these giant, mighty

men “lived for a long time”, but would not live for all Eternity.

- **Exodus 21:6**—refers to a bond-servant, who, indicated his commitment to serving his master for the rest of his life by voluntarily having his ear pierced against the master’s doorpost with an aul. This piercing left a dot of the bondservant’s blood on the door, sealing his life-time service commitment. Exodus 21:6 tells us that, from that point onward, “he shall serve him”, “forever” (H5769, *olam*). This didn’t mean that bondservants were immortal beings, rather, here *olam* indicates that the bondservant would remain, serving in the master’s house for the rest of his lifetime.

Since *olam* can mean either “eternal” or “long-lasting”, how can we rightly determine which meaning applies in our study of the Covenants? And how can we determine which Covenants are given by Heaven to stand eternally? The only way is through examining all the Scripture pertaining to a Covenant—learning by context and

cover-to-cover Bible study whether a Covenant is eternal. With this in mind, let’s carefully examine each Scriptural Covenant, to see which of them are truly Eternal, thereby identifying the three everlasting Covenants.

Some suggest that the Marriage Covenant is the first “everlasting” (eternal) Covenant. Adam and Eve were the first married couple, and indeed marriage is a sacred Covenant, instituted by *Yahweh*, as it says in Malachi 2:14. Certainly, the institution of Marriage fits the Biblical requirements for a Heaven-ordained Covenant: “...She (is) thy companion, and the wife of thy Covenant.”

*Malachi 2:14*

Clearly, Marriage *is* a *Yahweh*-ordained Covenant, but the Hebrew word *olam* does not appear in the references to the Marriage Covenant. So, while the Marriage Covenant is a divinely-ordained Covenant, we will not be including it in the list of the everlasting Covenants, as given in Scripture.



Unlike the Marriage Covenant, which must come to an end with the death of the couple, “everlasting” Covenants continue from generation to generation, remaining in effect long after the initial human—named in the Covenant—is laid in the grave. With this distinction in mind, the following three Covenants are Scripturally identified as “everlasting”:

**Everlasting Covenant #1:  
The Noahic Covenant—The Covenant  
Yahweh made with Noah after the  
Flood**

As mentioned earlier in this article, most believers have been taught that Biblical Covenants are only in effect until another Covenant begins. Once a newer Covenant is ratified, it is commonly thought that prior Covenants are ended. The justification for this belief is the idea that the humans (in the Covenant) have broken the divinely-ordained Covenant. Thus, it is thought that *Yahweh* must continue enacting new Covenants, because the former Covenants have been broken (on the people’s side). But just because an idea is popularly held, doesn’t make it true.

As we will see in our study of the three “everlasting Covenants”, these Covenants do not cancel each other out when a newer one is ratified. Rather, everlasting Covenants layer one upon another, with each everlasting Covenant continuing even into our present time. To see this, let’s begin examining the Covenant *Yahweh* enacted with Noah (and his descendants), which is sometimes called the Noahic Covenant (*not to be confused with Talmudic “Noachide Commands”*).

All everlasting Covenants must be initiated by *Yahweh*. Indeed, *Yahweh*

*did* initiate the Covenant with Noah at the time of the Flood—Notably, the Covenant *Yahweh* made with Noah (*and his descendants, which includes every person alive today*) is the first time the word “Covenant” (H1285) appears in the Bible.

**“But with thee will I establish My Covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons’ wives with thee.” *Genesis 6:18***

A Covenant requires blood-shed (“Covenant” means “cutting”). Thus, the Covenant made with Noah had to be ratified with blood. When the Flood was over, Noah and his family disembarked from the ark and immediately performed a Covenant-ratifying sacrifice, taking from the clean animals who were on the ark—Genesis 8:20 Notably also, the Covenant that *Yahweh* made with Noah is “everlasting”. We may know this because Scripture refers to the Covenant made with Noah as an *olam* (“everlasting”) Covenant—Genesis 9:16

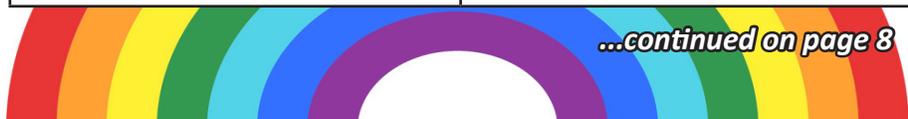
**The Heavenly Father gave a Sign or Token of the Noahic Covenant: the Rainbow.** The fact that rainbows are still seen in the sky indicates that the Covenant *Yahweh* made with Noah is still in effect. The following table lists the terms of the Noahic Covenant, which are given in Scripture. In this Covenant, *Yahweh* promised to put a fear of man into the animals, for the protection of mankind. He also promised that He would never again bring a global Flood to destroy the whole earth.

Because this Covenant is still in effect, we may know that—even though humans have broken their terms in the Noahic Covenant—*Yahweh* is still keeping it. Thus, there are two evidences that the Noahic Covenant still stands today: 1) *Yahweh* is still keeping His terms in the Covenant Promises. And 2) rainbows, which are the sign of this Covenant, are still seen in the sky. Clearly, the Covenant made between *Yahweh* and Noah remains, from generation to generation, whether mankind honors it or not.

**Terms of the Noahic Covenant**

<b>Yahweh’s Terms</b>	<b>Noah’s (&amp; mankind’s) Terms</b>
<b>Promise of Protection</b> — <i>Yahweh</i> would cause animals to fear humans for the protection of mankind—Genesis 9:2	<b>Promise of Protection</b> —As the food-chain weakened after the Flood, mankind was permitted to eat clean meats, but not to consume the blood—Genesis 9:3-4
<b>Promise of Preservation</b> — <i>Yahweh</i> would never again send a global Flood to destroy the whole earth—Genesis 9:11	<b>Promise of Preservation</b> —Mankind was created in <i>Yahweh</i> ’s Image, which humanity was not to mar or destroy—Genesis 9:6
<b>Promise of Restraint</b> — <i>Yahweh</i> would create rainbows as a reminder that He was still keeping this Covenant—Genesis 9:13-17	<b>Promise of Restraint</b> —Mankind was not to wickedly shed the blood of his fellow man—Genesis 9:6

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**Everlasting Covenant #2: The Abrahamic Covenant—The Covenant *Yahweh* made with Abraham**

The second everlasting Covenant is the one *Yahweh* made with Abraham, which is found in Genesis 15-17. The term “everlasting” is used to describe this Covenant in Genesis 17:7-9. Like the Noahic Covenant, the everlasting Covenant made with Abraham is generational, including all the seed of Abraham, who are also known as Israel (*Abraham begat Isaac, who was the father of Jacob, who was renamed as Israel...*)

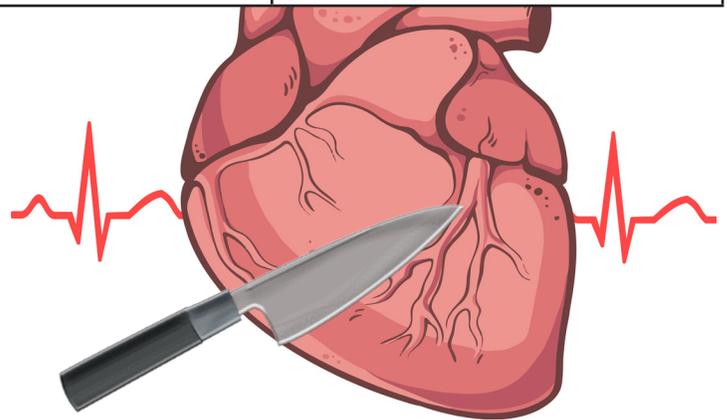
**“And I will establish My Covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an Everlasting Covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep My Covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.” *Genesis 17:7-9***

Notably, there are not only three everlasting Covenants, there are also three parts to each of the three everlasting Covenants. The three parts of the Covenant which *Yahweh* Promised to Abraham are:

1. **Promise of the land**—which would ultimately be fulfilled in giving the saved people of *Yahweh* the New Earth (Ps. 37:11; Matt. 5:5)
2. **Promise of the descendants**—*Yahweh* promised that the seed of Abraham would be greater in number than the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashores

**Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant**

<b>Yahweh's Terms</b>	<b>Abraham's (&amp; Israel's) Terms</b>
<b>Promise of the land</b> — <i>Yahweh</i> would give the Promised Land (ultimately planet Earth—the New Earth) to Abraham and his seed. Only Abraham's Seed is saved—Genesis 17:8 & 15:18.	<b>Promise of the land</b> —The New Earth will be sinless, which means all the saved will keep the Law of <i>Yahweh</i> . As such, Abraham and his seed agree to keep the <i>Torah</i> —Genesis 26:5; John 8:39; 1 John 3:4; 2 Pet. 3:13
<b>Promise of the descendants</b> — <i>Yahweh</i> promised to give Abraham an innumerable multitude of seed, in fact, since Abraham is the “father of the faithful”, spiritually, his seed includes <i>all</i> the saved who lived before him—Gen. 12:2; 15:5; 22:17; Romans 4:16.	<b>Promise of the descendants</b> —Abraham and his seed were to bless others with teaching the Truth, share the Gospel, and cause others to also become the Seed of Abraham. Abraham's Seed is to bless the whole earth—Galatians 3:27-29; Genesis 22:18.
<b>Promise of Blessing and Redemption</b> — <i>Yahweh</i> promised to be a personal God unto Abraham and his seed. In Him, they would all be redeemed. The Heavenly Jerusalem only has 12 Gates, each bearing a tribe name. This is because only Israel is saved—Gen. 17:7; Gen 12:1-3; Gal 3:16.	<b>Promise of Blessing and Redemption</b> —the Seed of Abraham were to demonstrate the sign that they were true keepers of the Covenant: circumcision, which is first and foremost, of the heart. This circumcision is still required—Gen. 17:1-14; Deut. 10:12-22; Col. 2:11; Rom. 2:27-29.



(Gen. 12:2; Gen. 15:5; Gen. 22:17) —this promise also is ultimately fulfilled at the End of the world, in which Abraham's seed (the saved) are so great in number than no man can number them (Rev. 17:9).

3. **Promise of blessing and redemption**—Only Abraham and his seed (Israel) are saved. Thus, in the End, the promise of Heavenly blessing and redemption only applies to Abraham and his seed (Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:16)

THREE EVERLASTING COVENANTS...

So what about the Abrahamic Covenant today? Is it still in effect? Many believe that the Abrahamic Covenant ended when the Covenant with Moses went into effect. Doing away with the Abrahamic Covenant especially appears justified by the common misconception that the token of the Abrahamic Covenant has ended. With the Noahic Covenant, we may all plainly see that since rainbows continue to exist, both the token of the Covenant and the Covenant itself must be still ongoing.

But this is harder to discern with the Abrahamic Covenant. The token of the Abrahamic Covenant is/was circumcision. And believers are quick to point out that Paul taught that circumcision was no longer needing to be done. Certainly, logic follows that if the token of a Covenant is ended, so also must be the Covenant of which that token was a sign.

But did Paul really teach that circumci-

sion was ended? Actually, no he didn't! Paul merely reminded believers that circumcision, from the beginning, had always been predominantly a spiritual process—a removing of the love of sin from the heart, enabling the believer to more whole-heartedly love *Yahweh*.

Cutting the physical flesh was only a small reminder of spiritual circumcision.

*Torah* plainly states that circumcision was—first and foremost—a salvational process of the heart and soul:

**“And *Yahweh* thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love *Yahweh* thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.”** *Deuteronomy 30:6*

Even though the *Torah* plainly indicates that circumcision was always a spiritual condition, of the heart, people came to focus on the physical circumcision of the flesh. In this way, believers lost sight of the true token of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Rather than setting aside the Abrahamic Covenant or its token of circumcision, Paul taught a restoration to the spiritual circumcision, mentioned in *Torah* in Deuteronomy 30:6. In fact, far from removing the importance of circumcision, Paul explained that physical circumcision without the primary, spiritual circumcision, is worthless.

**“A person is not a Jew (*the seed of Abraham, or spiritual Israel*) who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart...”** *Romans 2:28-29*

Notably, the prophet Jeremiah warned that only those with circumcised hearts will be saved from the Judgment Fire of *Yahweh*'s righteous Wrath, at the End of the world. We may see this in Jeremiah 4:4... *...continued on page 10*



# Covenant of Abraham

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**“Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart... lest My Fury come forth like Fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.”** *Jeremiah 4:4*

Since only those who have circumcised hearts may be partakers of the salvational Abrahamic Covenant, we may plainly see that both the Covenant and its token are very much still in effect today.

In addition, the Abrahamic Covenant contains the Promise of Salvation and Eternal Life. There is no Salvation outside of the Covenant *Yahweh* established with Abraham. As Scripture tells us in Galatians 3:16, **“Now to Abraham and his seed were the Promises made...”**

Because Salvation is exclusively promised to Abraham and his seed (*Israel*), it is no surprise that the 12 Gates of the New Jerusalem are labeled with the names of the 12 Tribes of Israel (Revelation 21:12). Only Israel (*Abraham’s seed*) may enter the Gates of Heaven.

Thus, we may plainly see that both the Token and Promises of the Abrahamic Covenant are still in effect. And, just as was true of the everlasting Covenant which *Yahweh* made with Noah, the Abrahamic Covenant and its terms are still being kept by *Yahweh*. There can be no stronger indication that this Covenant is still valid and is fully in effect today.

As we have seen, both of the everlasting Covenants which *Yahweh* established with Noah and Abraham are still in effect today. And this brings

us to the third everlasting Covenant...

Many consider the Covenant made with Moses to be the next everlasting Covenant. But the Covenant mentioned with Moses at the time of the Exodus was not a *new* Covenant, rather it was a *renewal* of the Covenant which *Yahweh* had previously made with Abraham. **“And it came to pass... that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God... And God remembered His Covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob...”**

*Exodus 2:23-25*

Instead of receiving a whole new Covenant in the time of Moses and the Exodus, the Children of Israel were called to remember the already-existing, everlasting Abrahamic Covenant:

**“Be ye mindful always of His Covenant; the word which He commanded to a thousand generations; Even of the Covenant which He made with Abraham, and of His oath unto Isaac; And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an Everlasting Covenant.”** *1 Chronicles 16:15-17*

Many believers confuse the renewed Covenant in the time of Moses with a new, Mosaic Covenant, which is believed to replace the former Abrahamic Covenant. But, as we have seen in Scripture, the Children of Israel were not keeping a Mosaic Covenant. They were being called back into the Abrahamic Covenant.

This confusion has come because the kingdom of Hell is always looking for ways to justify subverting and doing

away with *Yahweh’s* Law. And the false teaching of replacing “everlasting” Covenants with newer Covenants has been a very successful way to convince believers that the Law of *Yahweh* is done away with, since we are now believed to be in the New Testament New Covenant—a Covenant which is thought to have replaced the Covenant of Moses (*which involved the Law of Yahweh*), which has been commonly-believed to have replaced the Covenant of Abraham, which has been thought to have removed the Covenant of Noah.

However as we have seen, both the Covenants with Noah and Abraham are still in effect! Clearly, the commonly-held belief about everlasting Covenants ending when a newer Covenant begins is merely a popular myth! Additionally, Scripture tells us there was no new Covenant made with Moses. Rather, the Abrahamic Covenant was renewed in that time. Bearing this in mind, let us look more carefully at the assertion that both the terms of the “Mosaic Covenant” (*which was the Law of Yahweh*) and the Covenant were only in effect for a limited time—supposedly from the time of Moses to the Death of Christ.

Let’s revisit the Biblical record of the Law of *Yahweh* and discover why it is associated with the Covenant. We must also pay close attention to when the Law of *Yahweh* was first given.

Three months after leaving the land of Egypt, the children of Israel camped at the base of Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:1). Notably, *Yahweh* doesn’t ever make a Covenant in the Exodus story. Rather, as we have already seen, at Mount Sinai He renewed the already-existing Covenant made with Abraham. This is the Covenant Israel was instructed to



keep, during their amazing encounter with *Yahweh* at the base of that desert Mountain:

**“Now therefore, if ye will obey My Voice indeed, and keep My Covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine.”** *Exodus 19:5*

Amidst thunder, lightning, and the sound of unearthly Trumpets, *Yahweh*’s Fiery Presence descended upon the trembling Mount Sinai. And His Voice spoke the first ten Words, also known as the Ten Commandments of Exodus 20. After giving the first ten commands, the people asked *Yahweh* to speak no more (Exodus 20:18-20), rather they pleaded that Moses be the one to speak with *Yahweh* and then convey *Yahweh*’s Law to the people. Moses drew near

to the Presence of *Yahweh* to commune with *Him* and put into the holy Law of *Yahweh* in writing. After transcribing the Law, which was called the Words of the Covenant, Moses spoke the Words to all of the people, who agreed to obey:

**“And Moses wrote all the Words of *Yahweh*, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel... And he took the Book of the Covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that *Yahweh* hath said will we do, and be obedient.”** *Exodus 24:4-7*

According to Scripture, the Law of *Yahweh* is the written Terms of the Covenant.

Considering this, it seems that the “Mosaic Covenant” must be the next following the Abrahamic Covenant. After all, the Law of *Yahweh* (*Torah*) originated at Mount Sinai, right? And if the Law originated at Sinai, these written terms were also first instigated at this Mosaic encounter with *Yahweh*. **But, actually, the Law of *Yahweh* is Eternal. It is the Terms of every everlasting Covenant and was already in existence, long before *Yahweh* spoke from Mount Sinai.** In fact, the Law of *Yahweh* was *repeated* at Sinai, not initiated there! The Law of *Yahweh* was part of the foundational terms of every Covenant, even predating them all and going all the way back to Creation!

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Satan sinned! According to Scripture (1 John 3:4; Romans 4:15) sin is defined as “transgression of *Yahweh*’s Law”. Yet the Bible also tells us that the devil sinned from the beginning, and was in fact the father of (the first one to sin).

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for **the devil sinneth from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” *1 John 3:8*

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy Mountain of God... **Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found (founded, originated) in thee.**”  
*Ezekiel 28:14-15*

The fact that the Bible tells us Satan sinned—indeed was the first to sin—is very telling. It indicates that Satan broke the Law of *Yahweh*, since this is the definition of sin. This shows that *Yahweh*’s Law did not originate at Sinai, rather it existed on and off world, going all the way back to the beginning.

And there is much more Scriptural evidence to show that *Yahweh*’s Law was repeated at Sinai, not originated there. Here are a couple of examples:

- **Joseph kept the Feast of Trumpets in Egypt, 430 years prior to Sinai.** The Feast of Trumpets is one of seven annual holy Days, listed in the Law of *Yahweh* in Leviticus 23—Psalm 81:3-5
- **Abraham kept the Commandments and Statutes of *Yahweh*’s**

**Law about 1000 years prior to Sinai.** Scripture states that Abraham kept *Yahweh*’s *Torah*—Genesis 26:5

Having seen that the Law of *Yahweh* was not initiated with Moses at Mount Sinai, we may fully dispell the false idea that there was a Mosaic Covenant—the terms of which were supposedly keeping the *Torah*. Instead of initiating an all-new “Mosaic Covenant”, *Yahweh* refreshed the everlasting Abrahamic Covenant with the Children of Israel and with Moses (Exodus 2:23-25; 1 Chronicles 16:15-17).

Considering that there was no “Mosaic Covenant”, including both the Noachic and Abrahamic Covenants, there are currently only two everlasting Covenants in existence at this present time. This statement certainly flies in the face of popular Christian belief. In fact, most believers consider themselves New Covenant Christians.

But what isn’t commonly known is that one’s belief about everlasting Covenants is deeply and inextricably connected with what one believes about the Law of God. As was stated at the beginning of this article, the teaching of contemporary believers being New Covenant Christians is actually a thinly-veiled attack on *Torah*-keeping. In fact, the belief that we are all part of the New Covenant actually appears to be a righteous justification for nailing the Law of *Yahweh* to the Cross.

So why are the Covenants and Commandments of *Yahweh* so deeply connected? One major fallacy regarding Covenants has been to assume that there is a new Law to go with each. In the Noachic Covenant, many believe that there was a Noachide Law. Basically, the supposed Noachide Law was the terms of the Noachic Covenant. But,

notably, the stated terms of the Noachic Covenant are all found in the Commandments and Statutes of the Law of *Yahweh* (in Hebrew known as the *Torah*, which is the first five Books of the Bible). So, far from proving a separate Noachide Law’s existence, the terms of the Covenant with Noah are yet another evidence that the Law of *Yahweh* was in existence long before Sinai, going all the way back to the beginning!

**The Bible plainly states that just as there has always only been one God, so also there has always only been one Law for all people whom He has created.**

“One Law (*Torah*) shall be to him that is homeborn (*naturally of Israel*), and unto the stranger (*heathen, non-Israelite*) that sojourneth among you.” *Exodus 12:49*

There has always only been one Law, which *Yahweh* gave for all His created beings (*including angels*). (See also Leviticus 7:7 and Numbers 15:16 & 29.) Indeed *Yahweh*’s Law has been the foundation of His holy Government on and off world, from the beginning. And it was because the devil broke *Yahweh*’s *Torah* that he became the first fallen angel—the first of *Yahweh*’s created beings to sin.

With this Scriptural understanding that there is one Law, which threads through all of the everlasting Covenants, let us turn our attention to the final Covenant, known as the New Covenant, or the Covenant of Peace.

According to Scripture, a New Covenant was to be given, after the prior two everlasting Covenants. This New Covenant is indeed an everlasting Covenant. And it is the third and final everlasting Covenant, bringing the tally to three everlasting Covenants as the title of this article suggests. But what isn’t Scriptur-

ally correct, in the popular belief about the New Covenant, is the idea that it is presently in effect. According to the Bible, the New Covenant won't go into effect until the final Day of Atonement—at the End of the World! To see this, let's carefully examine what Scripture has to say about the New Covenant.

### **Everlasting Covenant #3: The New Covenant—The Covenant Yahweh will make with His People at the End of the World**

To start off, we first need to see that the *Torah* is still present at the End of the World. Because Moses was the one who first *wrote* the Statutes of the *Torah*, it is sometimes called the Law of Moses. But as we have seen, the *Torah* was in existence long before Moses. The prophecies of Malachi, given for the Last Days, plainly instruct *Yahweh's* saved people to “remember” the Law of Moses (*Torah*):

**“Remember ye the Law of Moses  
My servant, which I commanded  
unto him in Horeb for all Israel,  
with the Statutes and Judgments.  
Behold, I will send you Elijah the  
prophet before the coming of the  
great and dreadful Day of  
Yahweh...”** *Malachi 4:4-6*

In the Jeremiah 31:31-32, *Yahweh* makes a promise that the “days come” (a future reference) when He will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel (*everyone who is saved is a part of Israel, for only to Abraham and his seed were the promises made*). The word which are translated as “New” Covenant is the same word which is used for “New” Moon. In both instances, “new” is translated from the Hebrew word *chadash* (H2319), which is from the root (H2318) meaning “renew, rebuild, repair”. Of course, we know that the moon is not obliterated at the end of each lunar cycle. When

the moon cannot be seen, it is not gone, but rather out of sight. When the first crescent of the New Moon comes into view following the conjunction (dark phase), it is not actually a new moon that we are seeing in the sky, but rather a renewed, rebuilt moon—just as the root of *chadash* implies. Notably, this same term applies in the biblical references to the New Covenant. Thus, the New Covenant is not a completely new Covenant, rather it is the renewed, rebuilt, Covenant, which is established upon the existing foundation of the one made with Abraham.

Although it is popular to believe that we are all currently living in the time of the New Covenant, there are a number of evidences in Scripture to show that the New Covenant will not go into effect until the very End of the World, as follows:

- When the New Covenant goes into effect, *Yahweh* promises to establish (set up) His Tabernacle among His people—literally dwelling with them—Ezekiel 27:21-27. This has not yet happened, but will take place at the very End of time, according to Revelation 21:3.
- When the New Covenant goes into effect, all missionary work will forever cease, for every living person will know *Yahweh*—Jeremiah 31:31-34.
- When the New Covenant goes into effect, all the saved will be given their new, sinless nature. Thus, in the time of the New Covenant, it will be as natural for God's people to obey God's Law as it was for Adam and Eve before the Fall—Hebrews 8:10
- It begins on the final Day of Atonement, for *Yahweh* will remember our sins no more—Jeremiah 31:34.

One of the promises for the New Covenant is that *Yahweh* will write His Law upon our hearts. This is a promise to restore saved mankind to an unfallen nature. Additionally, *Yahweh* promises to “remember our sins no more” (Jeremiah

31:34). According to Scripture, when we confess our sins, God forgives us. But what is less commonly understood is that if we—after having been forgiven—fail to forgive our fellow man, we will lose the forgiveness of God, which we had been given (Matthew 6:15; Matthew 18:21-35). But there is a Day, on which all sin is forever forgiven—the final Day of Atonement—Lev. 16:33-34.

Truly, the New Covenant Promises are amazing and wonderful! When the New Covenant goes into effect, *Yahweh* will literally set up His Tabernacle in the midst of His people, missionary work will cease because everyone will know the true God, those who are saved will be given a new nature without a bent towards sin, and sin will forever be a thing of the past. These are the Promises, Scripture tells us to anticipate when the third Covenant goes into effect in the Last Days. But as desirable as this is, it is clear that the New Covenant didn't begin with the Death of Christ, as many believe. The precious Blood of *Yahshua* ratified this amazing Covenant. But this Covenant is still yet future, as we can plainly see by the fact that the wonderful promises of *Yahweh* in this Covenant have not yet come to full fruition.

In conclusion, there are three everlasting Covenants in the Bible: the Noahic Covenant, the Abrahamic Covenant (*which was renewed in the time of Moses*) and the New Covenant (*which is yet future*). And far from being limited to the time of a specific Covenant, we can now see that the Law of *Yahweh* has been the ever-present thread running through them all. Truly, *Yahweh* is Calling His people to be full partakers of all three Covenants. And in embracing the past two, along with His *Torah*, we prepare to enjoy the blessing of the soon-coming New Covenant at last.



# Prophecy Club & Astronomy Class!

## Sign-up Now! Classes Start August, 2022!

For the past couple of years, Shauna Manfredine has taught online classes for adults and teens. These classes broadcast live on Zoom, which is the same venue we use for Lighted Way Ministries' weekly Prayer Meeting. Due to the tremendous interest of the prior participants, we are happy to announce that Shauna Manfredine is prayerfully preparing to start up both of last year's online classes: Prophecy Club and Biblical Astronomy!

If you are interested in joining one or both of these online classes, now is the time to sign-up! Please use the space provided in our included Order Form. Here's what to expect from each course:

### Prophecy Club (meets online Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 AM-PST)

—*First Class: August 22, 2022*

This coming August will be the start of our third year of Prophecy Club. Back by popular demand (from the prior course participants), this coming school year will be Prophecy Club 3, which is scheduled to run from August of 2022 to May of 2023. Here's what you need to know:

### What topics are studied?

In the past two years, we've studied all the timelines of Daniel and Revelation (and beyond), the Sabbatical and Jubilee cycle, the Beast, the Abomination of Desolation, the Five Keys that Unlock

End-time Bible Prophecy, and we concluded last year's class with starting an in-depth study of the prophecies of Zechariah.

Starting in August, we'll be picking up where we left off in Zechariah (the fourth vision) and will continue through the whole Book, class-by-class.

After we have completed our in-depth study of Zechariah's visions, we're going to be studying the Torah Statutes relating to End-time Bible prophecy, the King of the North and South, the Trumpets and 7 Seals of Revelation, and whatever time allows in the course of the coming school year (August to May).

### What do I get with a Prophecy Club membership?

- Copies of all the blank study worksheets (sent via e-mail), which we complete together during class.
- Access to the completed study worksheets future and past.
- Access to the online Zoom class, which meets live on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 AM (PST) / Noon-1PM (ET). It comes out to a total of about 65 1-hour sessions, by the end of May.
- Access to the Zoom recordings

of all past Prophecy Club sessions (from this current year, and all the past years also).



- Access to our Prophecy Club blog (which contains the Zoom links, worksheets, and more).
- In-depth study into Bible Prophecy.

This in-depth study approach, which we use in Prophecy Club, uniquely applies all five keys to unlocking and interpreting End-time Bible Prophecy. The five keys are:

- 1) all the Bible prophecies on the given topic
- 2) Torah Statutes applying to the prophecy topic
- 3) The Mazzaroth (the stars and constellations and heavenly bodies are prophetic—Genesis 1:14)
- 4) the Sabbatical/Jubilee Cycle
- 5) the Feast Days

To see the significance of why all five of these keys need to be considered to get a right understanding of a Bible prophecy, please check out our April-June, 2020

magazine feature article, readable online at <https://www.lightedway.org/html/Newsletters/20%20Newsletters/Apr-Jun-2020NewsletterMagazine.pdf>.

### What do I need to do in order to participate in Prophecy Club?

- For now, you pay nothing, only be sure to sign-up for the class.
- You will receive a welcome e-mail from Shauna Manfredine with class access codes and further instructions.
- **Prophecy Club is available to you for a Suggested Donation of \$100.00 per month** per participating household (you and your whole household may participate at that one rate). This amount is payable via check or online credit card. You will be asked to send in your first \$100.00 in August of 2022.
- You will need a large, 3-ring binder with plastic slip covers, and dividers for keeping the course worksheets.
- You will need internet access and the Zoom app needs to be installed on your computer (please call us for help if you need tech support with this).

### Biblical Astronomy (meets online Wednesdays from 10-11 AM-PST)

—First Class: August 24, 2022

This coming August will be the start of our second year of Biblical Astronomy. This course is also scheduled to run from August of 2022 to May of 2023. Here's what you need to know:

### What topics are studied?

We study the *Mazzaroth* in-depth, in this class. This coming year, we'll be focusing on how the oldest art (archaeological finds) on earth is all about the heavens. Using these sources along with Scripture, we can make corrections to areas where astrology lies have tainted the Biblical *Mazzaroth*. We will also be making a special focus on looking at the upcoming

heavenly events and discerning what they signify—prophetically speaking (Genesis 1:14).

### What do I get with a Biblical Astronomy membership?

- Copies of all the blank study worksheets (sent via e-mail), which we complete together during class.
- Access to the completed study worksheets future and past.
- Access to the online Zoom class, which meets live on Wednesdays from 10-11 AM (PST) / 1-2PM (ET). It comes out to a total of about 32 1-hour sessions, by the end of May.
- Access to the Zoom recordings of all past Biblical Astronomy sessions (from this current year, and all the past years also).
- Access to our God's Amazing Star Secrets blog (which contains the Zoom links, worksheets, and more).
- In-depth study into what the Creator is saying in each upcoming sky event, as well as an in-depth study and understanding of all the original constellations and their connection with the 12 tribes of Israel.

### What do I need to do in order to participate in the Astronomy class?

- Sign up now, but pay nothing til August.
- You will receive a welcome e-mail from Shauna Manfredine with class access codes and instructions.
- **Astronomy Class is available to you for a Suggested Donation of \$50.00 per month** per participating household. This amount is payable via check or online credit card.
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### Can I join these classes if I can't participate at the time of the LIVE class?

Yes! It's always the most fun to participate in the class *live*. But, because the Zoom classes are recorded, and made available to members after the class, you can pick a time that works for you and watch the class and do the worksheets later.

We hope you can join for another wonderful year!





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### WHAT'S NEW:

- **NEW BOOK WRITTEN BY A TEEN/FOR TEENS: Charting the Seas of Your Teen Years: How to Safeguard Your Life to Avoid Physical, Mental and Spiritual Shipwreck** — One of Shauna Manfredine's high school graduates took her online course for book writing over the past couple of years. This wonderful guidebook is the result of that class. Prayerfully designed to help teens overcome struggles with faith, this book is sure to be a blessing. For a limited time, this new book is available through Lighted Way Ministries. Here's what

the author, Kaitlyn Porter, says about her new book: "What will you find in Charting the Seas of Your Teen Years? There are numerous self-help books written for teenagers—admittedly less that are authored by teens. In this book, you will find witticisms and points of wisdom from a relatable author—a friend who is traveling with you on the same turbulent seas of the teenage years. One thing we aren't often told when we are young is that the choices made in our teen years create a massive impact on our future lives..."

### WHAT'S NEXT:

- **MESSIANIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE in TEXAS**—August 12-14, 2022—Shauna Manfredine will be a guest speaker (on the Mazzaroth topic) at this conference. This summer, Shauna is writing two exciting new booklets to bring to the conference, and make available to all of you. These booklets are on the Five Keys that Unlock End-time Bible Prophecy (one of which is the Mazzaroth) and the archaeological evidence of the Mazzaroth in the oldest art on earth. More when these booklets become available...

