

Confronting Chosenness

Breaking the Covenant

I. The Warnings

<p>1. Leviticus 26 14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: 16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.</p>	<p>1. ויקרא פרק כו (יד) וְאִם לֹא תִשְׁמָעוּ לִי וְלֹא תַעֲשׂוּ אֶת כָּל הַמִּצְוֹת הָאֵלֶּה : (טו) וְאִם בְּחִקְתִּי תִמְאָסוּ וְאִם אֶת מִשְׁפָּטֵי תִגְעַל נִפְשְׁכֶם לְבַלְתִּי עֲשׂוֹת אֶת כָּל מִצְוֹתַי לְהִפְרֹכֶם אֶת בְּרִיתִי : (טז) אֲף אֲנִי אֶעֱשֶׂה זֶה אֵלֶיכֶם וְהִפְקַדְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם בְּהִלָּה אֶת הַשְׁחָפֶת וְאֶת הַקְּדַחַת מִכְּלוֹת עֵינַיִם וּמִדִּיבַת נֶפֶשׁ וְזָרְעֶתֶם לָרִיק זָרְעֶכֶם וְאָכְלֵהוּ אֲבִיכֶם : (יז) וְנָתַתִּי פָנַי בְּכֶם וְנִגְפַתֶם לִפְנֵי אֲבִיכֶם וְכָדוּ בְכֶם שְׂנְאֵיכֶם וְנִסְתָּם וְאִין רָדַף אֶתְכֶם :</p>
<p>2. Deuteronomy 28 15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: 16Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.</p>	<p>2. דברים פרק כח (טו) וְהָיָה אִם לֹא תִשְׁמָע בְּקוֹל יְקֹנֵק אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשָׁמֵר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת כָּל מִצְוֹתָיו וְחֻקֹּתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מִצְוֶה הַיּוֹם וּבָאוּ עֲלֶיךָ כָּל הַקְּלָלוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וְהִשְׁיִיגוּךָ : (טז) אַרְוֵר אֶתְּךָ בְּעִיר וְאַרְוֵר אֶתְּךָ בַּשָּׂדֶה :</p>

II. God's Anger

<p>3. Jeremiah 2 19 You will be punished because you have sinned. You will be corrected for turning away from me. I am the Lord your God. If you desert me, bad things will happen to you. If you do not respect me, you will suffer bitterly. I want you to understand that," announces the Lord who rules over all. 20 "Long ago you broke off the yoke I put on you. You tore off the ropes I tied you up with. You said, 'I won't serve you!' In fact, on every high hill you lay down like a prostitute. You worshiped other gods under every green tree.</p>	<p>3. ירמיהו פרק ב (יט) תִּיֻסָּרְךָ כַּעֲתֵךְ וּמִשְׁבוֹתֶיךָ תִּוְכַחֵךְ וְדַעִי יִרְאִי כִי רַע נִמְרָ עֲזַבְךָ אֶת יְקֹנֵק אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְלֹא פָחַדְתִּי אֶלְיֶךָ נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְקֹנֵק צְבָאוֹת : (כ) כִּי מֵעוֹלָם שָׁבַרְתִּי עֲלֶיךָ נִתְקַתִּי מוֹסָרְתֶיךָ וְתִאֲמַרְתִּי לֹא אֶעֱבֹד אֶעֱבֹר כִּי עַל כָּל גְּבֻעָה גְּבַהָה וְתַחַת כָּל עֵץ רַעֲנָן אֶתְּךָ צָעָה זָנָה :</p>
<p>4. Jeremiah 3 1. "Suppose a man divorces his wife. What if she then gets married to another man? Should her first husband return to her again? If he does, won't the land become completely 'unclean'? People of Israel, you have lived like a prostitute. You have loved many other gods. So do you think you can return to me now?" announces the Lord. 2 "Look up at the bare</p>	<p>4. ירמיהו פרק ג (א) לֹאמַר הֲוֹ יִשְׁלַח אִישׁ אֶת אִשְׁתּוֹ וְהִלְכָה מֵאִתּוֹ וְהָיְתָה לְאִישׁ אַחֵר הַיּוֹשֵׁב אֵלֶיָּה עוֹד הֲלוֹא חֲנוּף תִּחַנְּפוּ הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְאֶת זָנִית רַעִים רַבִּים וְשׁוּב אֵלַי נְאֻם יְקֹנֵק : (ב) שְׂאִי עֵינֶיךָ עַל שְׂפָיִם וְרְאִי אֵיפֹה לֹא שְׁגַלְתְּ שִׁכְבַּתְּ עַל דְּרָכִים וְשִׁבַּתְּ לָהֶם כַּעֲרַבִּי בַּמִּדְבָּר וְתַחְנִיפִי אֶרֶץ בְּזוּנוֹתֶיךָ וּבְרַעְיֶתְךָ : (ג) וְנִמְנְעוּ רַבִּבִּים וּמִלְקוֹשׁ לֹא הָיָה וּמִצַּח אִשָּׁה זֹנָה הָיָה לְךָ מֵאֲנַת הַכֶּלֶם :</p>

<p>hilltops. Is there any place where you have not committed adultery with other gods? By the side of the road you sat waiting for lovers. You sat there like someone who wanders in the desert. You have polluted the land. You are like a sinful prostitute. 3 So I have held the showers back. I have kept the spring rains from falling. But you still have the bold face of a prostitute. You refuse to blush with shame. 4 You have just now called out to me. You said, 'My Father, you have been my friend ever since I was young. 5 Will you always be angry with me? Will your anger continue forever?' That is how you talk. But you do all of the evil things you can."</p>	<p>(ד) הלוּא מַעֲתָה קְרָאתִי קְרָאת לִי אָבִי אֶלּוֹף נַעֲרֵי אֶתָּה : (ה) הִינְטֹר לְעוֹלָם אִם יִשְׁמֹר לְנֶצַח הִנֵּה דַבְרֵי דְבַרְתָּ וַתַּעֲשֵׂי הַרְעוֹת וַתּוֹכֵל :</p>
<p>5. Jeremiah 5 18 "In spite of that, even in those days I will not destroy you completely," announces the Lord. 19 "Jeremiah,' the people will ask, 'Why has the Lord our God done all of this to us?' "Then you will tell them, '<u>You have deserted the Lord. You have served other gods in your own land.</u> So now you will serve another nation in a land that is not your own.'</p>	<p>5. ירמיהו פרק ה (יח) וְגַם בְּיָמַי הַחֲמָה נָאִם יִקְנֹק לֹא אֶעֱשֶׂה אֶתְכֶם כָּלָה : (יט) וְהִיָּה כִּי תֹאמְרוּ תַחַת מַה עָשָׂה יְקֹנֵק אֱלֹהֵינוּ לָנוּ אֵת כָּל אֱלֹהֵי נְאֻמַּרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם כַּאֲשֶׁר עֹזַבְתֶּם אוֹתִי וַתַּעֲבֹדוּ אֱלֹהֵי נֹכַר בְּאַרְצְכֶם כִּן תַּעֲבֹדוּ זָרִים בְּאַרְץ לֹא לְכֶם :</p>
<p>6. Jeremiah 15 6 You have said no to me," announces the Lord. "You keep on turning away from me. So I will destroy you with my own hands. I can't show you my tender love anymore.</p>	<p>6. ירמיהו פרק טו (ו) אֵת נִטְשֵׁת אֶתִּי נָאִם יְקֹנֵק אַחֹר תִּלְכִּי נְאֻט אֵת יָדֵי עֲלִיךְ וְאִשְׁחִיתֶךָ נְלֵאִיתִי הַנְּחָם :</p>
<p>7. Jeremiah 16 10 "Tell these people all of those things. They will ask you, 'Why has the Lord decided to send so much trouble on us? We haven't done anything wrong. We haven't committed any sins against the Lord our God.' 11 "When they say that, tell them, 'I did it because your people of long ago deserted me,' announces the Lord. "They followed other gods. They served them and worshiped them. They deserted me. They did not obey my law. 12 " 'But you have done more evil things than they did. All of you are doing what your stubborn and evil hearts want you to do. You are not obeying me. 13 "So I will throw you out of this land. I will send you away to a land that you and your people have not had anything to do with before. There you will serve other gods day and night. And I will not show you any favor.'</p>	<p>7. ירמיהו פרק טז (י) וְהִיָּה כִּי תִגִּיד לָעַם הַזֶּה אֵת כָּל הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְאָמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ עַל מַה דְּבַר יְקֹנֵק עֲלֵינוּ אֵת כָּל הַרְעָה הַגְּדוֹלָה הַזֹּאת וַיִּמָּה עֲוֹנוֹנוּ וַיִּמָּה חַטָּאתֵנוּ אֲשֶׁר חַטָּאתֵנוּ לִיקְנֹק אֱלֹהֵינוּ : (יא) וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם עַל אֲשֶׁר עֲזָבוּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם אוֹתִי נָאִם יְקֹנֵק וַיִּלְכוּ אַחֲרֵי אֱלֹהִים אַחֲרִים וַיַּעֲבֹדוּם וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לָהֶם וְאֵתִי עֲזָבוּ וְאֵת תּוֹרָתִי לֹא שָׁמְרוּ : (יב) וְאַתֶּם הַרְעַתֶּם לַעֲשׂוֹת מַעֲבֹתֵיכֶם וְהִנֵּכֶם הַלְכִים אִישׁ אַחֲרֵי שְׂרָרוֹת לְבוֹ הַרַע לְבַלְתִּי שְׁמַע אֵלַי : (יג) וְהִטַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת עַל הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִדְעֶתֶם אֶתֶם וְאֲבוֹתֵיכֶם וַעֲבַדְתֶּם שֵׁם אֵת אֱלֹהִים אַחֲרִים יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא אֶתֶן לְכֶם חַנּוּנָה :</p>
<p>8. Jeremiah 22 8 "People from many nations will pass by this city. They will ask one another, 'Why has the Lord done such a thing to this great city?' 9 "And the answer will be, '<u>Because its people have turned away from the covenant the Lord their God made with them.</u> They have worshiped other gods. And they have served them.' "</p>	<p>8. ירמיהו פרק כב (ח) וַעֲבָרוּ גוֹיִם רַבִּים עַל הָעִיר הַזֹּאת וְאָמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל הָעֵהוּ עַל מַה עָשָׂה יְקֹנֵק כִּכָּה לַעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה הַזֹּאת : (ט) וְאָמְרוּ עַל אֲשֶׁר עֹזְבוּ אֶת בְּרִית יְקֹנֵק אֱלֹהֵיהֶם וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לְאֱלֹהִים אַחֲרִים וַיַּעֲבֹדוּם : ס</p>

III. God vs. Other Nations

<p>9. Isaiah 34 1 Nations, come near and listen to me! Pay attention to what I'm about to say. Let the earth and everything in it listen. Let the world and everything that comes out of it pay attention. 2 The Lord is angry with all of the nations. His anger burns against all of their armies. He will totally destroy them. He will have them killed. 3 Those who are killed won't be buried. Their dead bodies will be thrown on the ground.</p>	<p>9. ישעיהו פרק לד (א) קרבו גוים לשמע ולאמיים הקשיבו תשמע הארץ ומלאה תבבל וכל צאצאיה : (ב) כי קצף ליקיץ על כל הגוים וחמה על כל צבאם החרימם ותנם לטבח : (ג) וחלליהם ישלכו ופגריהם יעלה באשם ונמסו הרים מדמם :</p>
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IV. Tough Love

<p>10. Isaiah 48 3 "Long ago I told you ahead of time what would happen. I announced it and made it known. Then all of a sudden I acted. And those things took place. 4 I knew how stubborn you were. Your neck was as unbending as iron. Your forehead was as hard as bronze. 5 So I told you those things long ago. Before they happened I announced them to you. I did it so you would not be able to say, 'My statues of gods did them. My wooden and metal gods made them happen.' 6 You have heard me tell you those things. Think about all of them. Won't you admit they have taken place? "From now on I will tell you about new things that will happen. I have not made them known to you before. 7 Those things are taking place right now. They did not happen long ago. You have not heard of them before today. So you can't say, 'Oh, yes. I already knew about them.' 8 You have not heard or understood what I said. Your ears have been plugged up for a long time. I knew very well that you would turn against me. From the day you were born, you have refused to obey me. 9 For the honor of my own name I put off showing my anger. I hold it back from you so people will continue to praise me. I do not want to destroy you. 10 I have put you to the test in the furnace of suffering. I have tried to make you pure. But I did not use as much heat as it takes to make silver pure. 11 I tried to purify you for my own honor. I did it for the honor of my name. How can I let myself be dishonored? <u>I will not give up my glory to any other god.</u></p>	<p>10. ישעיהו פרק מח (ג) הראשונות מאז הגדתי ומפי יצאו ואשמיעם פתאים עשיתי ותבאנה : (ד) מדעתי כי קשה אתה וגייד ברזל ערפך ומצחך נחושה : (ה) ואגייד לך מאז בטרם תבוא השמעתיך פן תאמר עצבי עשם ופסלי ונסכי צנם : (ו) שמעת חזה כלה אתם הלוא תגידי השמעתיך חדשות מעתה ונצרות ולא ידעתם : (ז) עתה נבראו ולא מאז ולפני יום ולא שמעתם פן תאמר הנה ידעתיך : (ח) גם לא שמעת גם לא ידעת גם מאז לא פתחה אזניך כי ידעתי בגוד תבגוד ופשע מבטן קרא לך : (ט) למען שמי אאריך אפי ותהלתי אהטם לך לבלתי הכריתך : (י) הנה צרפתיך ולא בכסף בחרתיך בכור עני : (יא) למעני למעני אעשה כי איך יחל וכבודי לאחר לא אתנו :</p>
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<p>11. Ezekiel 16 59 The Lord and King says, "I will punish you in keeping with what you have done. I sealed with an oath the covenant I made with you. You hated that oath. And you broke my covenant. 60 "But I will remember my covenant with you. I made it with you when you were young. <u>Now I will make a new covenant with you. It will last forever.</u> 61 Then you will remember how you have lived. You will be ashamed when I give you Samaria and Sodom. Samaria is your older sister. Sodom is your younger one. I will give them and their daughters to you as daughters. That can't happen based on my old covenant with you. 62 So I will make my new covenant with you. Then you will know that I am the Lord. 63 "I will pay for all of the sins you have committed. Then you will remember what you have done. You will be ashamed of it. Because of your shame, you will never speak against me again," announces the Lord and King.</p>	<p>11. יחזקאל פרק טז (נט) כי כה אמר אֲדֹנָי יְקֹוֹק וְעָשִׂיתִי וְעָשִׂיתִי אֹתָךְ כַּאֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי אֲשֶׁר בָּזִית אֱלֹה לְהַפֵּר בְּרִית : (ס) וְזָכַרְתִּי אֲנִי אֶת בְּרִיתִי אֹתָךְ בַּיָּמִי נְעוּרֶיךָ וְהַקְּמוּתִי לְךָ בְּרִית עוֹלָם : (סא) וְזָכַרְתְּ אֶת דְּרָכֶיךָ וְנִכְלַמְתְּ בְּקַחְתְּךָ אֶת אַחוֹתֶיךָ הַגְּדֹלוֹת מִמֶּנִּי אֶל הַקְּטָנוֹת מִמֶּנִּי וְנָתַתִּי אֶתְהוֹן לְךָ לְבָנוֹת וְלֹא מִבְּרִיתֶךָ : (סב) וְהַקִּימוּתִי אֲנִי אֶת בְּרִיתִי אִתְּךָ וְנִדְעַתְּ כִּי אֲנִי יְקֹוֹק : (סג) לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרִי וְבָשַׂת וְלֹא יִהְיֶה לְךָ עוֹד פֶּתַח וְפֶה מִפְּנֵי כְלַמְתְּךָ בְּכַפְרִי לְךָ לְכָל אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְקֹוֹק : ס</p>
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V. A New Hope

<p>12. Isaiah 14 1 The Lord will show tender love toward Jacob's people. <u>Once again he will choose Israel.</u> He'll settle them in their own land. Outsiders will join them. They and the people of Jacob will become one people. 2 Nations will help Israel return to their own land. People from other nations will belong to Israel. They will serve them as male and female servants in the Lord's land. The Israelites will make prisoners of those who had held them as prisoners. They will rule over those who had crushed them.</p>	<p>12. ישעיהו פרק יד (א) כִּי יִרְחַם יְקֹוֹק אֶת יַעֲקֹב וּבַחַר עוֹד בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וְהִנִּיחָם עַל אֲדָמָתָם וְנִלְוָה הָעָר וְעָלִיהֶם וְנִסְפְּחוּ עַל בַּיִת יַעֲקֹב : (ב) וְלִקְחוּם עַמִּים וְהִבְיָאוּם אֶל מְקוֹמָם וְהִתְנַחְלוּ בַּיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל אֲדָמָת יְקֹוֹק לְעַבְדִּים וְלִשְׁפָחוֹת וְהָיוּ שְׂבִיִּים לְשִׁבְיָהֶם וְרָדוּ בְּנִגְשֵׁיהֶם :</p>
<p>13. Isaiah 43 1 Family of Jacob, the Lord created you. People of Israel, he formed you. He says, "Do not be afraid. I will set you free. I will send for you by name. <u>You belong to me.</u> 2 You will pass through deep waters. But I will be with you. You will pass through the rivers. But their waters will not sweep over you. You will walk through fire. But you will not be burned. The flames will not harm you. 3 I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel. I am the one who saves you. I will give up Egypt to set you free. I will give up Cush and Seba for you. 4 <u>You are priceless to me. I love you and honor you.</u></p>	<p>13. ישעיהו פרק מג (א) וְעַתָּה כֹּה אָמַר יְקֹוֹק בְּרַאךְ יַעֲקֹב וַיִּצְרֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵל תִּירָא כִּי גִאֲלִיתִךָ קִרְאִיתִי בְּשֵׁמֶךָ לֵי אֲתָנָה : (ב) כִּי תַעֲבֹר בַּמַּיִם אִתְּךָ אֲנִי וּבַנְּהָרוֹת לֹא יִשְׁטַפּוּךָ כִּי תֵלֵךְ בְּמַוּ אֵשׁ לֹא תִקְוָה וְלֹהֲבָה לֹא תִבְעַר בְּךָ : (ג) כִּי אֲנִי יְקֹוֹק אֱלֹהֶיךָ קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל מוֹשִׁיעַךָ נִתְתִּי כַּפְרֶיךָ מִצְרַיִם כּוֹשׁ וּסְבָא תַחְתֶּיךָ : (ד) מֵאֲשֶׁר יִקְרָת בְּעֵינֵי נִכְבְּדַת וְאֲנִי אֶהְבַּתִּיךָ וְאֶתָּו אֲדָם תַּחְתֶּיךָ וְלֹאֲמִים תַּחַת נַפְשֶׁךָ :</p>
<p>14. Jeremiah 33 19 A message came to me from the Lord. 20 <u>He said,</u> "Could you ever break my covenant with the day? Could you ever break my covenant with the night?"</p>	<p>14. ירמיהו פרק לג (יט) וַיְהִי דְבַר יְקֹוֹק אֶל יִרְמְיָהוּ לֵאמֹר : (כ) כֹּה אָמַר יְקֹוֹק אִם תִּפְרוּ אֶת בְּרִיתִי הַיּוֹם וְאֶת בְּרִיתִי הַלַּיְלָה וּלְבַלְתִּי הָיוֹת יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה בְּעֵתָם :</p>

<p>Could you ever stop day and night from coming at their appointed times? 21 Only then could my covenant with my servant David be broken. Only then could my covenant with the Levites who serve me as priests be broken. Only then would David no longer have someone from his family line to rule on his throne. 22 "Here is what I will do for my servant David. And here is what I will do for the Levites who serve me. I will make their children after them as many as the stars in the sky. And I will make them as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. It will be impossible to count them."</p>	<p>(כא) גם בריתי תפר את דוד עבדי מהיות לו בן מלך על כסאו ואת הלויים הַכֹּהֲנִים מִשְׂרָתִי: (כב) אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִסְפֹּר צְבָא הַשָּׁמַיִם וְלֹא יִמְד חוּל הַיָּם כִּן אֲרֻבָּה אֶת זְרַע דָּוִד עֲבָדֵי וְאֶת הַלְוִיִּם מִשְׂרָתִי אֹתִי: ס</p>
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