

Notes
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Jeremiah 2011: The Prophets
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Torah Portion:

Genesis 17:7 – 11

⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be G-d to you and your descendants after you. ⁸ Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their G-d.”

⁹ And G-d said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰ This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹ and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.

Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the L-RD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the L-RD. ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the L-RD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their G-d, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the L-RD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the L-RD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Service Portion:

Jeremiah 11:2-4

“Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; ³ and say to them, ‘Thus says the L-RD G-d of Israel: “Cursed *is* the man who does not obey the words of this covenant ⁴ which I commanded your fathers in the day I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you; so shall you be My people, and I will be your G-d,’...”

I. The Basic Meaning of Covenant

II. The Importance of Covenant

Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the L-rd, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, Says the L-RD of hosts.”

Malachi 3:6-12

- “For I *am* the L-RD, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
- 7 Yet from the days of your fathers
You have gone away from My ordinances
And have not kept *them*.
Return to Me, and I will return to you,”
Says the L-RD of hosts.
- “But you said,
‘In what way shall we return?’”
- 8 “Will a man rob G-d?
Yet you have robbed Me!
But you say,
‘In what way have we robbed You?’
In tithes and offerings.
- 9 You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me,
Even this whole nation.
- 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the L-RD of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you *such* blessing
That *there will not be room enough to receive it*.
- 11 “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the
field,” Says the L-RD of hosts;
- 12 And all nations will call you blessed,
For you will be a delightful land,”
Says the L-RD of hosts.

III. THE THREE SUCCESSIVE REASONS WHY COVENANT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT

1. COVENANT ESTABLISHES TOTAL COMMITMENT TO THE RELATIONSHIP -

Malachi 3:6

“For I *am* the L-RD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.”

Hebrews 13:5b

“For He Himself has said; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

2. COVENANT CREATES THE ENVIRONMENT FOR COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY AND INTIMACY

1John 4:17-19

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

John 16:25-27

“These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from G-d.

3. COVENANT CREATES THE BASIS OF THE FULL TRANSFERENCE OF LIFE INTO ONE BEING.

Luke 12:22

Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and G-d feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? 25 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 If you then are not able to do *the* least, why are you anxious for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then G-d so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of little faith? 29 “And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of G-d, and all these things shall be added to you.

32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.