

# Covenants / Britot / תּוֹתִירָב

## Covenantal Models

### Basic Covenantal Models

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## Covenantal Vocabulary

**Covenant H1285** בְּרִית *b<sup>o</sup>rîyth ber-eeth'*

From H1262 (in the sense of *cutting* (like H1254)); a *compact* (because made by passing between *pieces* of flesh): - confederacy, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, league.

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    - 1a1) treaty, alliance, league (man to man)
    - 1a2) constitution, ordinance (monarch to subjects)
    - 1a3) agreement, pledge (man to man)
    - 1a4) alliance (of friendship)
    - 1a5) alliance (of marriage)
  - 1b) between God and man
    - 1b1) alliance (of friendship)
    - 1b2) covenant (divine ordinance with signs or pledges)
- 2) (phrases)
  - 2a) covenant making
  - 2b) covenant keeping
- 2c) covenant violation

## Cut Covenant H3772 כרת kârath kaw-rath'

A primitive root; to *cut* (off, down or asunder); by implication to *destroy* or *consume*; specifically to *covenant* (that is, make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces): - be chewed, be con- [feder-] ate, covenant, cut (down, off), destroy, fail, feller, be freed, hew (down), make a league ([covenant]), X lose, perish, X utterly, X want.

### Cut Covenant H3772 BDB Definition:

- 1) to cut, cut off, cut down, cut off a body part, cut out, eliminate, kill, cut a covenant
  - 1a) (Qal)
    - 1a1) to cut off
      - 1a1a) to cut off a body part, behead
    - 1a2) to cut down
    - 1a3) to hew
    - 1a4) to cut or make a covenant
  - 1b) (Niphal)
    - 1b1) to be cut off
    - 1b2) to be cut down
    - 1b3) to be chewed
    - 1b4) to be cut off, fail
  - 1c) (Pual)
    - 1c1) to be cut off
    - 1c2) to be cut down
  - 1d) (Hiphil)
    - 1d1) to cut off
    - 1d2) to cut off, destroy
    - 1d3) to cut down, destroy
    - 1d4) to take away
    - 1d5) to permit to perish
  - 1e) (Hophal) cut off

## Amen H539 אמן 'âman aw-man'

A primitive root; properly to *build up* or *support*; to *foster* as a parent or nurse; figuratively to *render* (or *be*) *firm* or faithful, to *trust* or believe, to be *permanent* or quiet; morally to *be true* or certain; once (in [Isa 30:21](#); by interchange for H541) to *go to the right hand*: - hence assurance, believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

### Amen H539 BDB Definition:

- 1) to support, confirm, be faithful
  - 1a) (Qal)
    - 1a1) to support, confirm, be faithful, uphold, nourish
      - 1a1a) foster-father (substantive)
      - 1a1b) foster-mother, nurse
      - 1a1c) pillars, supporters of the door
  - 1b) (Niphal)
    - 1b1) to be established, be faithful, be carried, make firm
      - 1b1a) to be carried by a nurse

- 1b1b) made firm, sure, lasting
- 1b1c) confirmed, established, sure
- 1b1d) verified, confirmed
- 1b1e) reliable, faithful, trusty
- 1c) (Hiphil)
  - 1c1) to stand firm, to trust, to be certain, to believe in
  - 1c1a) stand firm
  - 1c1b) trust, believe

**Truth H571** אמת 'emeth *eh'-meth*

Contracted from H539; *stability*; figuratively *certainty, truth, trustworthiness*: - assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.

**Truth H571 BDB Definition:**

- 1) firmness, faithfulness, truth (noun feminine)
  - 1a) sureness, reliability
  - 1b) stability, continuance
  - 1c) faithfulness, reliableness
  - 1d) truth
    - 1d1) as spoken
    - 1d2) of testimony and judgment
    - 1d3) of divine instruction
    - 1d4) truth as a body of ethical or religious knowledge
    - 1d5) true doctrine
- 2) in truth, truly (adverb)

**Mercy H2616** חסד châsad *khaw-sad'*

A primitive root; properly perhaps to *bow* (the neck only (compare H2603) in courtesy to an equal), that is, to *be kind*; also (by euphemism (compare H1288), but rarely) to *reprove*: - shew self merciful, put to shame.

**Mercy H2616 BDB Definition:**

- 1) to be good, be kind
  - 2a) (Hithpael) to show kindness to oneself
- 2) to be reproached, be ashamed
  - 1a) (Piel) to be put to shame, be reproached

**ALSO: Mercy H7355** רחם râcham *raw-kham'*

A primitive root; to *fondle*; by implication to *love*, especially to *compassionate*: - have compassion (on, upon), love, (find, have, obtain, shew) mercy (-iful, on, upon), (have) pity, *Ruhamah*, X surely.

**Mercy H7355 BDB Definition:**

- 1) to love, love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection, have compassion
  - 1a) (Qal) to love
  - 1b) (Piel)
    - 1b1) to have compassion, be compassionate
    - 1b1a) of God, man
  - 1c) (Pual) to be shown compassion, be compassionate

**Righteousness H6662 צַדִּיק** tsaddîyq *tsad-deek'*

From H6663; *just*: - just, lawful, righteous (man).

**Righteousness H6662 BDB Definition:**

- 1) just, lawful, righteous
  - 1a) just, righteous (in government)
  - 1b) just, right (in one's cause)
  - 1c) just, righteous (in conduct and character)
  - 1d) righteous (as justified and vindicated by God)
  - 1e) right, correct, lawful

**Judgment H4941 מִשְׁפָּט** mishpât *mish-pawt'*

From H8199; properly a *verdict* (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a *sentence* or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine *law*, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly *justice*, including a particular *right*, or *privilege* (statutory or customary), or even a *style*: - + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong

**Judgment H4941 BDB Definition:**

- 1) judgment, justice, ordinance
  - 1a) judgment
    - 1a1) act of deciding a case
    - 1a2) place, court, seat of judgment
    - 1a3) process, procedure, litigation (before judges)
    - 1a4) case, cause (presented for judgment)
    - 1a5) sentence, decision (of judgment)
    - 1a6) execution (of judgment)
    - 1a7) time (of judgment)
  - 1b) justice, right, rectitude (attributes of God or man)
  - 1c) ordinance
  - 1d) decision (in law)
  - 1e) right, privilege, due (legal)
- 1f) proper, fitting, measure, fitness, custom, manner, plan

**Peace H7965 שָׁלוֹם** shâlôm, *shaw-lome'*

From H7999; *safe*, that is, (figuratively) *well, happy, friendly*; also (abstractly) *welfare*, that is, health, prosperity, peace: - X do, familiar, X fare, favour, + friend, X greet, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ly), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, X wholly.

**Peace H7965 BDB Definition:**

- 1) completeness, soundness, welfare, peace
  - 1a) completeness (in number)
  - 1b) safety, soundness (in body)
  - 1c) welfare, health, prosperity
  - 1d) peace, quiet, tranquillity, contentment
  - 1e) peace, friendship

- 1e1) of human relationships
- 1e2) with God especially in covenant relationship
- 1f) peace (from war)
- 1g) peace (as adjective)

**Blessing H1293** בָּרַךְ b<sup>o</sup>râkâh *ber-aw-kaw'*

From H1288; *benediction*; by implication *prosperity*: - blessing, liberal, pool, present.

**Blessing H1293 BDB Definition:**

- 1) blessing
- 2) (source of) blessing
- 3) blessing, prosperity
- 4) blessing, praise of God
- 5) a gift, present
- 6) treaty of peace

**Repentance H7725** שׁוּב shûb *shoob*

A primitive root; to *turn* back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of *return* to the starting point); generally to *retreat*; often adverbially *again*: - ([break, build, circumcise, dig, do anything, do evil, feed, lay down, lie down, lodge, make, rejoice, send, take, weep]) X again, (cause to) answer (+ again), X in any case (wise), X at all, averse, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, X certainly, come again (back) X consider, + continually, convert, deliver (again), + deny, draw back, fetch home again, X fro, get [oneself] (back) again, X give (again), go again (back, home), [go] out, hinder, let, [see] more, X needs, be past, X pay, pervert, pull in again, put (again, up again), recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), X repent, requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse, reward, + say nay, send back, set again, slide back, still, X surely, take back (off), (cause to, make to) turn (again, self again, away, back, back again, backward, from, off), withdraw

**Repentance H7725 BDB Definition:**

- 1) to return, turn back
  - 1a) (Qal)
    - 1a1) to turn back, return
      - 1a1a) to turn back
      - 1a1b) to return, come or go back
      - 1a1c) to return unto, go back, come back
      - 1a1d) of dying
      - 1a1e) of human relations (figuratively)
      - 1a1f) of spiritual relations (figuratively)
        - 1a1f1) to turn back (from God), apostatise
        - 1a1f2) to turn away (of God)
        - 1a1f3) to turn back (to God), repent
        - 1a1f4) turn back (from evil)
      - 1a1g) of inanimate things
      - 1a1h) in repetition
    - 1b) (Polel)
      - 1b1) to bring back
      - 1b2) to restore, refresh, repair (figuratively)
      - 1b3) to lead away (enticingly)

- 1b4) to show turning, apostatise
- 1c) (Pual) restored (participle)
- 1d) (Hiphil) to cause to return, bring back
  - 1d1) to bring back, allow to return, put back, draw back, give back, restore, relinquish, give in payment
  - 1d2) to bring back, refresh, restore
  - 1d3) to bring back, report to, answer
  - 1d4) to bring back, make requital, pay (as recompense)
  - 1d5) to turn back or backward, repel, defeat, repulse, hinder, reject, refuse
  - 1d6) to turn away (face), turn toward
  - 1d7) to turn against
  - 1d8) to bring back to mind
  - 1d9) to show a turning away
  - 1d10) to reverse, revoke
- 1e) (Hophal) to be returned, be restored, be brought back
- 1f) (Pual) brought back

**Faith H530** אֱמוּנָה אֱמוּנָה 'ēmûnâ *em-oo-naw'*

Feminine of H529; literally *firmness*; figuratively *security*; moral *fidelity*: - faith (-ful, -ly, -ness, [man]), set office, stability, steady, truly, truth, verily.

**BDB Definition:**

- 1) firmness, fidelity, steadfastness, steadiness

**Oath H7621** שְׁבִיעָה sh°bû'âh *sheb-oo-aw'*

Feminine passive participle of H7650; properly something *sworn*, that is, an *oath*: - curse, oath, X sworn.

**BDB Definition:**

- 1) oath, curse
  - 1a) oath
    - 1a1) attesting of innocence
    - 1a2) curse
  - 1b) oath (of Jehovah)

**AND Oath H423** אֵלֶּה 'âlâh *aw-law'*

From H422; an *imprecation*: - curse, cursing, execration, oath, swearing

**Oath H423 BDB Definition:**

- 1) oath
- 2) oath of covenant
- 3) curse
  - 3a) from God
  - 3b) from men
- 4) execration

**Sacrifice H7133** קָרְבַּן קָרְבַּן qorbân qûrbân *kor-bawn', koor-bawn'*

From H7126; something *brought near* the altar, that is, a sacrificial *present*: - oblation, that is offered, offering.

**Sacrifice H7133 BDB Definition:**

- 1) offering, oblation

**Guard H8104 שמר** shâmar *shaw-mar'*

A primitive root; properly to *hedge* about (as with thorns), that is, *guard*; generally to *protect, attend to, etc.*: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

**Guard H8104 BDB Definition:**

- 1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed
  - 1a) (Qal)
    - 1a1) to keep, have charge of
    - 1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life
      - 1a2a) watch, watchman (participle)
    - 1a3) to watch for, wait for
    - 1a4) to watch, observe
    - 1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory)
    - 1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain
    - 1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath or covenant or commands), perform (vow)
    - 1a8) to keep, preserve, protect
    - 1a9) to keep, reserve
  - 1b) (Niphal)
    - 1b1) to be on one's guard, take heed, take care, beware
    - 1b2) to keep oneself, refrain, abstain
    - 1b3) to be kept, be guarded
  - 1c) (Piel) to keep, pay heed
  - 1d) (Hithpael) to keep oneself from

**Shema H8085 שמע** shâma' *shaw-mah'*

A primitive root; to *hear* intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively to *tell, etc.*): - X attentively, call (gather) together, X carefully, X certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, X diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), X indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, X surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

**Shema H8085 BDB Definition:**

- 1) to hear, listen to, obey (verb)
  - 1a) (Qal)
    - 1a1) to hear (perceive by ear)
    - 1a2) to hear of or concerning
    - 1a3) to hear (have power to hear)
    - 1a4) to hear with attention or interest, listen to
    - 1a5) to understand (language)
    - 1a6) to hear (of judicial cases)
    - 1a7) to listen, give heed
      - 1a7a) to consent, agree
      - 1a7b) to grant request

- 1a8) to listen to, yield to
- 1a9) to obey, be obedient
- 1b) (Niphal)
  - 1b1) to be heard (of voice or sound)
  - 1b2) to be heard of
  - 1b3) to be regarded, be obeyed
- 1c) (Piel) to cause to hear, call to hear, summon
- 1d) (Hiphil)
  - 1d1) to cause to hear, tell, proclaim, utter a sound
  - 1d2) to sound aloud (musical term)
  - 1d3) to make proclamation, summon
  - 1d4) to cause to be heard
    - 2) sound (noun masculine)

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**SEE:** B'reshit (Gen) 6:18

**Gen 6:18** 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.

**Sign of the Covenant** / אֹת בְּרִית

**SEE:** B'reshit (Gen) 8:20, 9:17

**Gen 8:20-22** And Noach builded an altar unto 'ADONAI; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. (21) And 'ADONAI smelled a sweet savour; and 'ADONAI said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. (22) While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

**Gen 9:9** And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

**Gen 9:16-17** And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between Elohim and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And Elohim said unto Noach, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

### Children of the Covenant / בני ברית

### Tablets of the Covenant / לוחות הברית

**SEE:** Devarim (Deut) 9:9-11

**Deu 9:9-11** When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which 'ADONAI made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water: (10) And 'ADONAI delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of Elohim; and on them was written according to all the words, which 'ADONAI spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. (11) And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that 'ADONAI gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

### Ark Of the Covenant / ארון הברית

**SEE:** Shemot (Exo) 26:16; B'midbar (Num)7:89

**Exo 26:16** Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

**Num 7:89** And when Moshe was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two keruvims: and he spake unto him.

### Mosaic Covenant / ספר הברית

**SEE:** Shemot (Exo) Chapters 20- 23

### Blood Covenant / יתדם הבר

**SEE:** Shemot (Exo) 24:8

**Exo 24:8** And Moshe took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which 'ADONAI hath made with you concerning all these words.

### New Covenant / ברית חדשה

**SEE:** Yermiyahu (Jer) 31:31-33

**Jer 31:31-33** Behold, the days come, saith 'ADONAI, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Yisrael, and with the house of Yhudah: (32) Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith 'ADONAI: (33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Yisrael; After those days, saith 'ADONAI, I will put my Torah in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.

### Salt Covenant / מלח הברית

**SEE:** Vayikra (Lev) 2:13; B'midbar (Num) 18:19; 2 Chron 13:5

**Lev 2:13** And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy Elohim to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

**Num 18:19** All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Yisrael offer unto 'ADONAI, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before 'ADONAI unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

**2Ch 13:5** Ought ye not to know that 'ADONAI Elohim of Yisrael gave the kingdom over Yisrael to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

### **Covenant of Circumcision / מילה-ברית**

**SEE:** B'reshit (Gen) 17:11-13

**Gen 17:11-13** And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. (12) And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. (13) He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

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