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The hope of all humanity is that we have a Savior-His name is Jesus Christ.

When will Jesus return? What is the promise of His coming? What must be fulfilled before His return?

When will Zion come? Shouldn't it already have been here? Is it still coming? Isn't Zion just in our hearts? Will there be a literal gathering place?

These questions are answered in this manner: The hope of the Lords return and Zion are fulfilled when the scriptures and <u>covenants</u> concerning his coming are fulfilled.

Mormon 4:26 And he that shall breathe out wrath and strifes against the work of the Lord, and against the **covenant** people of the Lord, who are the house of Israel, and shall say, We will destroy the work of the Lord, and the Lord will not remember his **covenant** which he hath made unto the house of Israel, the same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire; for the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled.

Covenants With The Patriarchs

Enoch

- <u>Genesis 7:Intro</u> Prophecy of Enoch, his preaching -- The heavens weep -- Rest promised the earth -- Zion is fled --Covenant continued in Methuselah.
- Genesis 7:58 And the Lord could not withhold; and he covenanted with Enoch, and sware unto him with an oath, that he would stay the floods; that he would call upon the children of Noah; and he sent forth an unalterable decree, that a remnant of his seed should always be found among all nations, while the earth should stand.
- Genesis 7:79 And it came to pass, that Methuselah, the son of Enoch, was not taken, that the **covenants** of the Lord might be fulfilled which he made to Enoch; for he truly **covenant**ed with Enoch, that Noah should be of the fruit of his loins.
- <u>Genesis 8:23</u> But with thee will I establish my **covenant**, even as I have sworn unto thy father, Enoch, that of thy posterity shall come all nations.

Passed down through Noah

- <u>Genesis 9:15</u> And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I will establish my covenant with you, which I made unto your father Enoch, concerning your seed after you.
- <u>Genesis 9:17</u> And I will establish my covenant with you, which I made unto Enoch, concerning the remnants of your posterity.
- <u>Genesis 9:18</u> And God made a **covenant** with Noah, and said, This shall be the token of the **covenant** I make between me and you, and for every living creature with you, for perpetual generations;
- Genesis 9:19 I will set my bow in the cloud; and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.



- <u>Genesis 9:20</u> And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember my **covenant**, which I have made between me and you, for every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
- <u>Genesis 9:21</u> And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch; that, when men should keep all my commandments, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself.
- <u>Genesis 9:22</u> And this is mine everlasting covenant, that when thy posterity shall embrace the truth, and look upward, then shall Zion look downward, and all the heavens shall shake with gladness, and the earth shall tremble with joy;
- <u>Genesis 9:23</u> And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come. And this is mine everlasting **covenant**, which I made with thy father Enoch.
- <u>Genesis 9:24</u> And the bow shall be in the cloud, and I will establish my **covenant** unto thee, which I have made between me and thee, for every living creature of all flesh that shall be upon the earth.
- <u>Genesis 9:25</u> And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the **covenant** which I have established between me and thee; for all flesh that shall be upon the earth.

Covenant with Abraham

- <u>Genesis 13:13</u> And remember the **covenant** which I make with thee; for it shall be an everlasting **covenant**; and thou shalt remember the days of Enoch thy father;
- <u>Genesis 14:27</u> And thus, having been approved of God, he was ordained an high priest after the order of the covenant which God made with Enoch,
- <u>Genesis 14:40</u> And it came to pass, that God blessed Abram, and gave unto him riches, and honor, and lands for an everlasting possession; according to the **covenant** which he had made, and according to the blessing wherewith Melchizedek had blessed him.
- Genesis 15:Intro God covenants with Abram -- Abram's vision -- The captivity foretold.
- <u>Genesis 15:21</u> And in that same day the Lord made a **covenant** with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river Euphrates;
- Genesis 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly.
- Genesis 17:8 But as for thee, behold, I will make my covenant with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.
- <u>Genesis 17:9</u> And this covenant I make, that thy children may be known among all nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be called Abraham; for, a father of many nations have I made thee.
- <u>Genesis 17:11</u> And I will establish a **covenant** of circumcision with thee, and it shall be my **covenant** between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations; that thou mayest know forever that children are not accountable before me until they are eight years old.
- <u>Genesis 17:12</u> And thou shalt observe to keep all my **covenants** wherein I **covenant**ed with thy fathers; and thou shalt keep the commandments which I have given thee with mine own mouth, and I will be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee.



- <u>Genesis 17:14</u> And God said unto Abraham, Therefore thou shalt keep my **covenant**, thou and thy seed after thee, in their generations.
- <u>Genesis 17:15</u> And this shall be my covenant which ye shall keep between me and thee and thy seed after thee; every man-child among you shall be circumcised.
- <u>Genesis 17:16</u> And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the **covenant** betwixt me and you.
- <u>Genesis 17:19</u> 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.
- <u>Genesis 17:20</u> And the uncircumcised man-child, whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people, he hath broken my **covenant**.
- <u>Genesis 17:25</u> And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bare thee a son, and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my **covenant** with him also, for an everlasting **covenant** with his seed after him.
- Genesis 17:28 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.



Covenant through Jacob

- <u>Genesis 50:25</u> And it shall come to pass that they shall be scattered again; and a branch shall be broken off, and shall be carried into a far country; nevertheless they shall be remembered in the **covenants** of the Lord, when the Messiah cometh; for he shall be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the Spirit of power; and shall bring them out of darkness into light; out of hidden darkness, and out of captivity unto freedom.
- <u>Genesis 50:28</u> And he shall bring them to the knowledge of the **covenant**s which I have made with thy fathers; and he shall do whatsoever work I shall command him.
- <u>Genesis 50:31</u> Wherefore the fruit of thy loins shall write, and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together unto the confounding of false doctrines, and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to a knowledge of their fathers in the latter days; and also to the knowledge of my **covenants**, saith the Lord.

Covenant through Israel

- <u>Exodus 2:24</u> And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his **covenant** with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
- <u>Exodus 6:4</u> Yea, and I have also established my **covenant** with them, which I made with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.
- <u>Exodus 6:5</u> And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my **covenant**.
- <u>Exodus 19:5</u> 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;
- <u>Exodus 34:10</u> And he said, Behold, I make a **covenant**; before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the Lord; for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

<u>Question: Can anyone tell me the House of Israel's contractual agreement made</u> with God regarding their covenant? The HouseThe Ten Commandments were the DESCRIPTION OF THE COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

- <u>Exodus 34:28</u> And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables **the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.**
- <u>Deuteronomy 4:13</u> And he declared unto you his **covenant**, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. (<u>Deuteronomy 9:9</u>)
- <u>Deuteronomy 10:2</u> And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables, which thou breakest, save the words of the everlasting **covenant** of the holy priesthood, and thou shalt put them in the ark.



- This is WHY the 'Ark' of the 'Covenant' is called what it is. Not the 'Ark' of the Law of Moses, or the Ark of the commandments.
- (God had given commandments with covenants in the past—Abraham, circumcision)
- We have words of the covenants today—the words of Christ—they are not just commandments, they are the description of our covenant contracts.

Leviticus 26:37 - Leviticus 27:0

37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth; and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.
38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.
40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;
41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity;
42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

<u>What did Moses prophesy from God regarding the fate of Israel</u> <u>The Cursing—The covenant of MOAB (in addition to the one at Horeb)</u>

<u>Deuteronomy 29:1</u> These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

Deuteronomy 29:10 Ye stand this day all of you before the Lord your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,

Deuteronomy 29:11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water;

Deuteronomy 29:12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day;

Deuteronomy 29:13 That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Deuteronomy 29:14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;

(NOTE THIS__THERE WILL BE OTHER PARTAKERS IN THIS COVENANT)

<u>Deuteronomy 29:15</u> But with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day;

Verses 15-24 Describe sicknesses and desolations to come on Israel

Deuteronomy 29:25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt;

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Deuteronomy 29:26 For they went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them;

The Blessing after the Cursing

Deuteronomy 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing, and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,

Deuteronomy 30:2 And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

<u>Deuteronomy 30:3</u> That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee.

<u>Deuteronomy 30:4</u> If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee;

Deuteronomy 30:5 And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and **multiply thee above thy fathers**.

Deuteronomy 30:6 And the Lord thy God **will circumcise thine heart**, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. (Here is a beautiful metaphor to the Israelites—they knew penal circumcision, did they understand spiritual circumcision?)

Deuteronomy 30:7 And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. (<u>*I Nephi 7:29*</u> And they shall fall into the **pit** which they **digged** to ensnare the people of the Lord.)

Deuteronomy 30:8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

Deuteronomy 30:9 And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers;

Deuteronomy 31:20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my **covenant**.



Covenant with Lehi/Nephi:

- <u>**1 Nephi 3:177**</u> Which is the land that the Lord God hath **covenant**ed with thy father that his seed should have for the land of their inheritance, will not utterly destroy the mixture of thy seed, which are among thy brethren;
- <u>2 Nephi 1:7</u> A land which the Lord God hath covenanted with me should be a land for the inheritance of my seed.
- <u>2 Nephi 1:8</u> Yea, the Lord hath covenanted this land unto me, and to my children for ever;
- <u>2 Nephi 2:43</u> And the weakness of their words will I make strong in their faith, unto the remembering of my covenant which I made unto thy fathers.
- <u>2 Nephi 2:45</u> Wherefore, because of this **covenant** thou art blessed: for thy seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book.
- Enos 1:26 And he covenanted with me that he would bring them forth unto the Lamanites, in his own due time.

Lehi's Seed dwindle:

- <u>**1 Nephi 3:134**</u> And it came to pass that I beheld after they had dwindled in unbelief, they became a dark and loathsome, and a filthy people, full of idleness and all manner of abominations.
- <u>**1 Nephi 3:185**</u> And after thy seed shall be destroyed and dwindle in unbelief, and also the seed of thy brethren; behold, these things shall be hid up, to come forth unto the Gentiles by the gift and power of the Lamb;
- <u>1 Nephi 4:16</u> And now, the thing which our father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural branches through the fullness of the Gentiles, is, that in the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years and many generations, after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fullness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed;
- <u>2 Nephi 1:22</u> But behold, when the time cometh that they (*Gentiles who received the word and promises*) shall dwindle in unbelief, after they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord; having a knowledge of the creation of the earth, and all men, knowing the great and marvelous works of the Lord from the creation of the world; having power given them to do all things by faith; having all the commandments from the beginning, and having been brought by his infinite goodness into this precious land of promise; 23 Behold, I say, If the day shall come that they will reject the Holy One of Israel, the true Messiah, their Redeemer and their God, behold, the judgments of him that is just, shall rest upon them; 24 Yea, he will bring other nations unto them, and he will give unto them power, and he will take away from them the lands of their possessions, and he will cause them to be scattered and smitten.
- <u>2 Nephi 11:81</u> After my seed, and the seed of my brethren shall have dwindled in unbelief, and shall have been smitten by the Gentiles;
- <u>2 Nephi 11:83</u> And after they shall have been brought down low in the dust, even that they are not, yet the words of the righteous shall be written, and the prayers of the faithful shall be heard, and all those who have dwindled in unbelief, shall not be forgotten;
- <u>2 Nephi 11:86</u> For thus saith the Lord God: They shall write the things which shall be done among them, and they shall be written and sealed up in a book, and those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not have them, for they seek to destroy the things of God;
- <u>2 Nephi 11:89</u> And it shall come to pass, that those who have dwindled in unbelief, shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles.



- <u>Mosiah 1:7</u> I say unto you, my sons, Were it not for these things, which have been kept and preserved by the hand of God, that we might read and understand of his mysteries, and have his commandments always before our eyes, that even our fathers would have dwindled in unbelief,
- <u>Alma 21:9</u> And these are the words: Behold, I perceive that this very people, the Nephites, according to the spirit of revelation which is in me, in four hundred years from the time that Jesus Christ shall manifest himself unto them, shall dwindle in unbelief;
- <u>Alma 21:11</u> Yea, and this because they shall dwindle in unbelief, and fall into the works of darkness and lasciviousness, and all manner of iniquities;
- <u>Alma 22:23</u> And those who were faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord, were delivered at all times, whilst thousands of their wicked brethren have been consigned to bondage, or to perish by the sword, or to dwindle in unbelief, and mingle with the Lamanites.
- <u>Helaman 2:58</u> And because of their iniquity, the church had begun to dwindle; and they began to disbelieve in the spirit of prophecy, and in the spirit of revelation; and the judgments of God did stare them in the face.
- <u>Helaman 2:161</u> And thus we see that the Nephites did begin to dwindle in unbelief, and grow in wickedness and abominations, while the Lamanites began to grow exceedingly in the knowledge of their God; yea, they did begin to keep his statutes and commandments, and to walk in truth and uprightness before him.
- <u>Helaman 5:101</u> Yea, even if they should dwindle in unbelief, the Lord shall prolong their days until the time shall come which hath been spoken of by our fathers, and also by the prophet Zenos and many other prophets, concerning the restoration of our brethren, the Lamanites, again, to the knowledge of the truth;
- <u>Helaman 5:106</u> For behold, had the mighty works been shewn unto them which have been shewn unto you; yea, unto them who have dwindled in unbelief because of the traditions of their fathers, ye can see of yourselves, that they never would again have dwindled in unbelief;
- <u>3 Nephi 9:91</u> Therefore, when these works, and the work which shall be wrought among you hereafter, shall come forth from the Gentiles unto your seed, which shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity;
- <u>**4 Nephi 1:38**</u> And thus they did dwindle in unbelief and wickedness, from year to year, even until two hundred and thirty years had passed away.
- <u>4 Nephi 1:42</u> And it came to pass that they who rejected the gospel, were called Lamanites, and Lemuelites, and Ishmaelites; and they did not dwindle in unbelief, but they did wilfully rebel against the gospel of Christ;
- <u>4 Nephi 1:43</u> And they did teach their children that they should not believe, even as their fathers, from the beginning, did dwindle.
- <u>Mormon 4:83</u> And the reason why he ceaseth to do miracles among the children of men, is because that they dwindle in unbelief, and depart from the right way, and know not the God in whom they should trust.
- <u>Mormon 4:101</u> And these things are written, that we may rid our garments of the blood of our brethren who have dwindled in unbelief.
- <u>Ether 1:97</u> And now, after that, they have all dwindled in unbelief, and there is none, save it be the Lamanites, and they have rejected the gospel of Christ; therefore I am commanded that I should hide them up again in the earth.

Covenant with Abraham

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- <u>**1 Nephi 4:29**</u> Which **covenant** the Lord made to our father **Abraham**, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
- <u>**1 Nephi 5:132</u>** Behold, he loved our fathers; and he **covenant**ed with them, yea, even **Abraham**, Isaac, and Jacob: and he remembered the **covenant**s which he had made;</u>
- <u>**1 Nephi 7:20**</u> And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel, unto the making known of the **covenants** of the Father of heaven unto **Abraham**, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
- <u>2 Nephi 12:74</u> And I will shew unto them that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham, that I would remember his seed for ever.
- <u>3 Nephi 9:63</u> And behold ye are the children of the prophets; and ye are of the house of Israel; and ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed, shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed;
- <u>3 Nephi 9:65</u> And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the **covenant** which he made with **Abraham**, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles, shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel: and they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.
- <u>Mormon 2:49</u> But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles; and after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, behold, then will the Lord remember the **covenant** which he made unto **Abraham**, and unto all the house of Israel.
- <u>Ether 6:12</u> And they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the **covenant** which God made with their father **Abraham**.

Covenant with Jacob

- <u>**1 Nephi 5:132</u>** Behold, he loved our fathers; and he covenanted with them, yea, even Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: and he remembered the covenants which he had made;</u>
- <u>3 Nephi 2:108</u> And as he hath covenanted with all the house of Jacob, even so shall the covenant wherewith he hath covenanted with the house of Jacob, be fulfilled in his own due time, unto the restoring all the house of Jacob unto the knowledge of the covenant that he hath covenanted with them;
- <u>3 Nephi 9:58</u> And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem.
- <u>3 Nephi 10:1</u> But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob;



• <u>Mormon 3:32</u> And ye will also know that ye are a remnant of the seed of Jacob; therefore ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant;

Covenant with House of Israel

Why is it important?

- 1. God said he would never break it
 - a. Judges 2:1 And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.
- 2. The promise of Zion, that we Gentiles look forward to, it the result from the covenants with Israel being fulfilled.
 - <u>**1 Nephi 3:217**</u> And it came to pass that when the angel had spoken these words, he said unto me, Remember thou the **covenants** of the Father unto the house of Israel?(*Everythiing that results is due to the covenants of God with Israel— all the benefits for us and the world.*)
 - <u>**1 Nephi 3:230**</u> And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the **covenant** people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth;
 - <u>**1 Nephi 3:236</u>** And when the day **cometh that the wrath of God is poured** out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil, <u>**1 Nephi 3:237**</u> Then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his **covenants** which he hath made to his people, who are of the house of Israel.</u>
 - <u>**1 Nephi 4:17**</u> And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of Israel, and that they are the **covenant** people of the Lord;
 - <u>**1 Nephi 4:28**</u> Wherefore, our father hath not spoken of our seed alone, but also of all the house of **Israel**, pointing to the **covenant** which should be fulfilled in the latter days;
 - <u>**1 Nephi 7:22</u>** Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his **covenants** and his gospel, unto those who are of the house of **Israel**.</u>
 - <u>2 Nephi 6:1</u> And now, my beloved brethren, I have read these things that ye might know concerning the **covenants** of the Lord; that he has **covenant**ed with the house of **Israel**;
 - <u>2 Nephi 12:42</u> But behold, there shall be many at that day, when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them, that I may remember my **covenants** which I have made unto the children of men, that I may set my hand again the second time to recover my people, which are the house of **Israel**;
 - <u>2 Nephi 12:74</u> And I will shew unto them that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham, that I would remember his seed for ever.
 - <u>2 Nephi 12:78</u> For the Lord covenanteth with none, save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel.
 - <u>3 Nephi 4:59</u> But if not, O house of **Israel**, the places of your dwellings shall become desolate, until the time of the fulfilling of the **covenant** to your fathers.



- <u>**3 Nephi 7:29**</u> And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; and then will I fulfill the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.
- <u>3 Nephi 7:36</u> And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them;

Within the covenants to Israel:

• <u>II Chronicles 21:7</u> Howbeit the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the **covenant** that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons forever.

What was the problem with the House of Israel? Is there a latter-day parallel?

- <u>II Kings 17:15</u> And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.
- <u>II Kings 18:12</u> Because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his **covenant**, and all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

If the Mosaic Law was part of the covenant, shouldn't true Israelites still be keeping it?

Covenant requires the death of the victim.

3 Nephi 7:9 For behold, the covenant which I have made with my people, is not all fulfilled; but the law which was given unto Moses, hath an end in me.

Christ was the end of the covenant. Made a new one with Israel. (see other papers on Mosaic law).



We get brief glimpses of the people keeping and understanding why they keep the covenant (i.e point towards Christ)

- <u>II Kings 23:2</u> And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the **covenant** which was found in the house of the Lord.
- <u>II Kings 23:3</u> And the king stood by a pillar, and made a **covenant** before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this **covenant** that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the **covenant**.
- <u>II Chronicles 34:30</u> And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the **covenant** that was found in the house of the Lord.
- <u>II Chronicles 34:31</u> And the king stood in his place, and made a **covenant** before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the **covenant** which are written in this book.
- <u>II Chronicles 34:32</u> And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the **covenant** of God, the God of their fathers.

God did fulfill part of the covenant of Land.

- Nehemiah 9:8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a **covenant** with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous;
- (but Israel was soon to be scattered) II Chronicles 10:16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to your tents, O Israel; and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

The book of Joshua records the Israelites blitzing all of Palestine and getting the land. This was fulfilled once. But their scattering and re-gathering has not occurred.



What will trigger the covenant with the House of Israel to begin to be fulfilled

- (would remain scattered) <u>3 Nephi 4:59</u> But if not, O house of Israel, the places of your dwellings shall become desolate, until the time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your fathers.
- (remnant would rise to spiritual power) **3 Nephi 9:99** And my people who are a remnant of Jacob, shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.
- (Abomination of Desolation to Jews) Matt 24; DC45 3d; 4d (overflowing scourge);
- (wrath on Mother of Harlots) <u>1 Nephi 3:236</u> And when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil, <u>1</u> Nephi 3:237 Then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants which he hath made to his people, who are of the house of Israel.
- (Jews turn to God) <u>1 Nephi 5:253</u> Nevertheless, when that day cometh, saith the prophet, that **they no more turn** aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers;
- <u>2 Nephi 7:12</u> But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers, that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance.
- (house of Joseph remnant begin to know these things) <u>3 Nephi 9:86</u> And verily, I say unto you, I give unto you a sign, that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place, that I shall gather in from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion....when these works, and the work which shall be wrought among you hereafter, shall come forth from the Gentiles unto your seed.. 93 And when these things come to pass, that thy seed shall begin to know these things, it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel. 95 a great and a marvelous work <u>among them</u>...96 But behold, the life of <u>my servant</u> shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. (see 2 Nephi 2 regarding one might and strong among remnant of Joseph).
- <u>3 Nephi 7:28</u> That these sayings which ye shall write, shall be kept, and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles, that through the fullness of the Gentiles, the **remnant of their seed who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth**, because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. <u>3</u> <u>Nephi 7:29</u> And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; and then will I fulfill the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.
- (Times of Gentiles being Fulfilled) DC 45:3f
- <u>3 Nephi 7:34-6</u> 34 And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you, At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations;

35 And if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my gospel from among them; **36** And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them;

<u>3 Nephi 10:1</u> But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall **come in unto the covenant**, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob,



unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob; <u>3 Nephi</u> <u>10:2</u> And also, as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may **build a city**, which shall be called the New Jerusalem;

How will we know when the covenants are fulfilled?

- <u>3 Nephi 7:43</u> And when the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled, which say, Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
- <u>3 Nephi 9:48</u> And verily, verily I say unto you, that when they (Isaiah's words) shall be fulfilled, then is the fulfilling of the covenant which the Father hath made unto his people.
- <u>Ether 6:13</u> And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, There are they who were **first**, who shall be **last**; and there are they who were **last**, who shall be **first**. <u>Ether 6:12</u> And they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father **Abraham**.
- <u>DC 83:16g</u> until all shall know me, who remain, even from the least unto the greatest, and shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and shall see **eye to eye**, and shall lift up their voice, and with the voice together sing this new song, saying:

Who are the covenant people?

- <u>2 Nephi 12:77</u> For behold, I say unto you, That as many of the Gentiles as will repent, are the **covenant** people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent, shall be cast off;
- <u>2 Nephi 12:78</u> For the Lord **covenant**eth with none, save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel.
- <u>Psalms 50:5</u> Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a **covenant** with me by sacrifice.

What did God say regarding the covenant with Israel?

- **Psalms 78:10** They kept not the **covenant** of God, and refused to walk in his law;
- Psalms 78:37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.
- Psalms 89:Intro God praised for the establishment of his covenant. (Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.)
- Psalms 89:3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant.
- Psalms 89:28 My mercy will I keep for him forevermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
- Psalms 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
- <u>Psalms 89:39</u> Thou hast made void the **covenant** of thy servant; thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.
- Psalms 103:18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.



- <u>Psalms 105:8</u> He hath remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.
- Psalms 105:9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;
- <u>Psalms 132:12</u> If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
- Jeremiah 11:10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

Did God say he would forget the covenant?

- <u>Isaiah 49:25</u> But thus saith the Lord; even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for the mighty God shall deliver his **covenant** people. For thus saith the Lord, I will contend with them that contend with thee, and I will save thy children.
- <u>Isaiah 54:10</u> For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the **covenant** of my people be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.
- <u>Isaiah 59:21</u> As for me, this is my **covenant** with them, saith the Lord; my Spirit that is upon thee, and **my words** which I have put in thy mouth, **shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and forever.**
- Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah;
- Jeremiah 31:32 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 a husband unto them, saith the Lord;
- Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- Jeremiah 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.
- <u>3 Nephi 9:67</u> And I will remember the **covenant** which I have made with my people, and I have **covenant**ed with them, that I would gather them together in mine own due time;

Will the world know, when the covenants are being fulfilled?

- <u>**1 Nephi 7:22</u>** Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his **covenants** and his gospel, unto those who are of the house of **Israel**.</u>
- <u>2 Nephi 11:12</u> Nevertheless, in the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled, **men shall know** of a surety, at the times when they shall come to pass;
- Jeremiah 50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.



• <u>Micah 4:1</u> But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people **shall flow** unto it.

What acts has God promised to perform in order that these covenants may be fulfilled?

• <u>2 Nephi 7:22</u> Wherefore, for this cause, **that my covenants may be fulfilled**, which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh, I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations;

What is one reason God pours out blessings on His people?

<u>Deuteronomy 8:18</u> But thou shalt **remember the Lord thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers**, as it is this day.

What were some of the foundational principles required for the covenant with the House of Israel to be Established?

- Blessings on the Gentiles
 - <u>3 Nephi 9:65</u> And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles, shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel: and they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.
- Scattering of the House of Israel
 - <u>Mormon 2:49</u> But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles; and after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, behold, then will the Lord remember the **covenant** which he made unto Abraham, and unto all the house of **Israel**.
- Assistance to the Jews
 - <u>**1 Nephi 7:13</u>** Nevertheless, after they have been nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold, these things of which are spoken, are temporal: for thus are the **covenants** of the Lord with our fathers;</u>
- Free land, government in America
 - <u>**3 Nephi 9:90**</u> (*this land/government*) And **be set up as a free people by the power of the Father**, that these things might come forth from them unto a remnant of your seed, that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel;
- House of Joseph Established in this Land
 - <u>**3 Nephi 9:58**</u> And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the **covenant** which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem.



- <u>**3 Nephi 9:54</u>** And I will gather my people together, as a man gathereth his sheaves into the floor, for I will make my people with whom the Father hath **covenant**ed, yea, I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass.</u>
- House of Israel Returning to God with Faith in Jesus Christ

What were some of the signs to the remnant that the covenant 'process' was already underway.

- <u>3 Nephi 9:86</u> And verily, I say unto you, I give unto you a sign, that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place, that I shall gather in from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion....(will come from Gentiles to House of Joseph)...
- <u>3 Nephi 9:93</u> ... And when these things come to pass, that thy seed shall begin to know these things, it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the **covenant** which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of **Israel**.
- <u>Mormon 2:49</u> But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles; and after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, behold, then will the Lord remember the **covenant** which he made unto Abraham, and unto all the house of **Israel**.
- <u>Ether 1:112</u> Yea, when ye shall call upon the Father in my name, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered the **covenant** which he made unto your fathers, O house of **Israel**;

What does God say regarding people who don't believe that God will remember the covenants with Israel, to fulfill them literally?

- <u>2 Nephi 12:74</u> And I will shew unto them that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with **Abraham**, that I would remember his seed for ever.
- <u>Deuteronomy 7:9</u> Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth **covenant** and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;
- <u>3 Nephi 13:61</u> Yea, and ye need not any longer hiss, nor spurn, nor make game of the Jews, nor any of the remnant of the house of **Israel**, for behold the Lord remembereth his **covenant** unto them, and he will do unto them according to that which he hath sworn;
- <u>Mormon 4:26</u> And he that shall breathe out wrath and strifes against the work of the Lord, and against the **covenant** people of the Lord, who are the house of **Israel**, and shall say, We will destroy the work of the Lord, and the Lord will not remember his **covenant** which he hath made unto the house of **Israel**, the same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire; for the eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled.
- <u>2 Nephi 5:33</u> Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the **covenant** people of the Lord, shall lick up the dust of their feet;



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- <u>3 Nephi 9:98</u> Therefore it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, whom the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said,) they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the **covenant**;
- <u>3 Nephi 10:1</u> But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the **covenant**, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob;
- <u>3 Nephi 9:47</u> Ye remember that I spake unto you, and said that when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled, behold they are written, ye have them before you; therefore search them.



What was the covenant with

Enoch

The Promise...

- Genesis 7:58 And the Lord could not withhold; and he covenanted with Enoch, and sware unto him with an oath, that he would stay the floods; that he would call upon the children of Noah; and he sent forth an unalterable decree, that a remnant of his seed should always be found among all nations, while the earth should stand. Genesis 7:79 And it came to pass, that Methuselah, the son of Enoch, was not taken, that the covenants of the Lord might be fulfilled which he made to Enoch; for he truly covenanted with Enoch, that Noah should be of the fruit of his loins.
- Genesis 9:21 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch; that, when men should keep all my commandments, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself. Genesis 9:22 And this is mine everlasting covenant, that when thy posterity shall embrace the truth, and look upward, then shall Zion look downward, and all the heavens shall shake with gladness, and the earth shall tremble with joy; Genesis 9:23 And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come. And this is mine everlasting covenant, which I made with thy father Enoch.

Fulfilled...(by returning from heaven)

- **<u>Ether 6:3</u>** Wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him, who dwell upon the face thereof; and that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.
- <u>Ether 6:10</u> And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they who dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the lamb; and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the house of Israel.

Abraham

- <u>**1 Nephi 4:29**</u> Which **covenant** the Lord made to our father Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
- <u>3 Nephi 9:65</u> And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles, shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel: and they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.

Fulfilled...

• <u>Mormon 2:49</u> But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles; and after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which he made unto **Abraham**, and unto all the house of Israel.



• <u>Ether 6:12</u> And they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father **Abraham**.

Jacob

The Promise...

- <u>3 Nephi 2:108</u> And as he hath covenanted with all the house of Jacob, even so shall the covenant wherewith he hath covenanted with the house of Jacob, be fulfilled in his own due time, unto the restoring all the house of Jacob unto the knowledge of the covenant that he hath covenanted with them;
- <u>3 Nephi 7:29</u> And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; and then will I fulfill the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.
- <u>3 Nephi 9:67</u> And I will remember the **cove**nant which I have made with my people, and I have **cove**nanted with them, that I would **gather** them together in mine own due time;

...Fulfilled

- <u>3 Nephi 9:58</u> And behold, this people will I establish in this land, **unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I** made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem.
- <u>Ether 6:4</u> Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land; and he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come; after it should be destroyed, it should be built up again a holy city unto the Lord;
- <u>Ether 6:6</u> And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type; for as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there;
- <u>Ether 6:7</u> Wherefore the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph, that they should perish not, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not; <u>Ether 6:8</u> Wherefore the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away...



First/Last Last/First

- <u>**1 Nephi 3:200</u>** And the **last** shall be **first**, and the **first** shall be **last**.</u>
- Jacob 3:127 Graft in the branches; begin at the last, that they may be first, and that the first may be last, and dig about the trees, both old and young, the first and the last, and the last and the first, that all may be nourished once again for the last time.

Fulfilled...

• <u>Ether 6:13</u> And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, There are they who were first, who shall be last; and there are they who were last, who shall be first.

What is God going to do in bringing to pass His covenant with the House of Israel?

<u>1 Nephi 7:22</u> Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his **covenant**s and his gospel, unto those who are of the house of Israel.