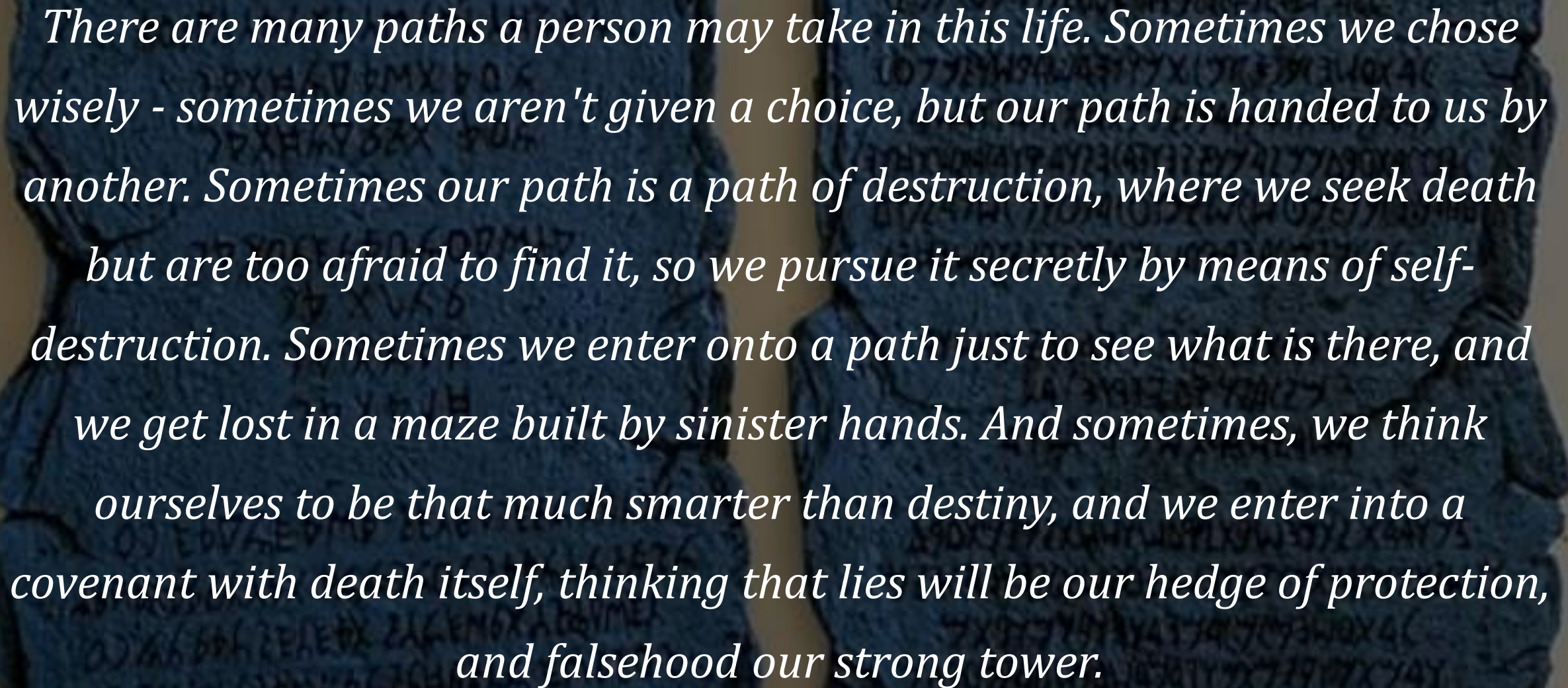


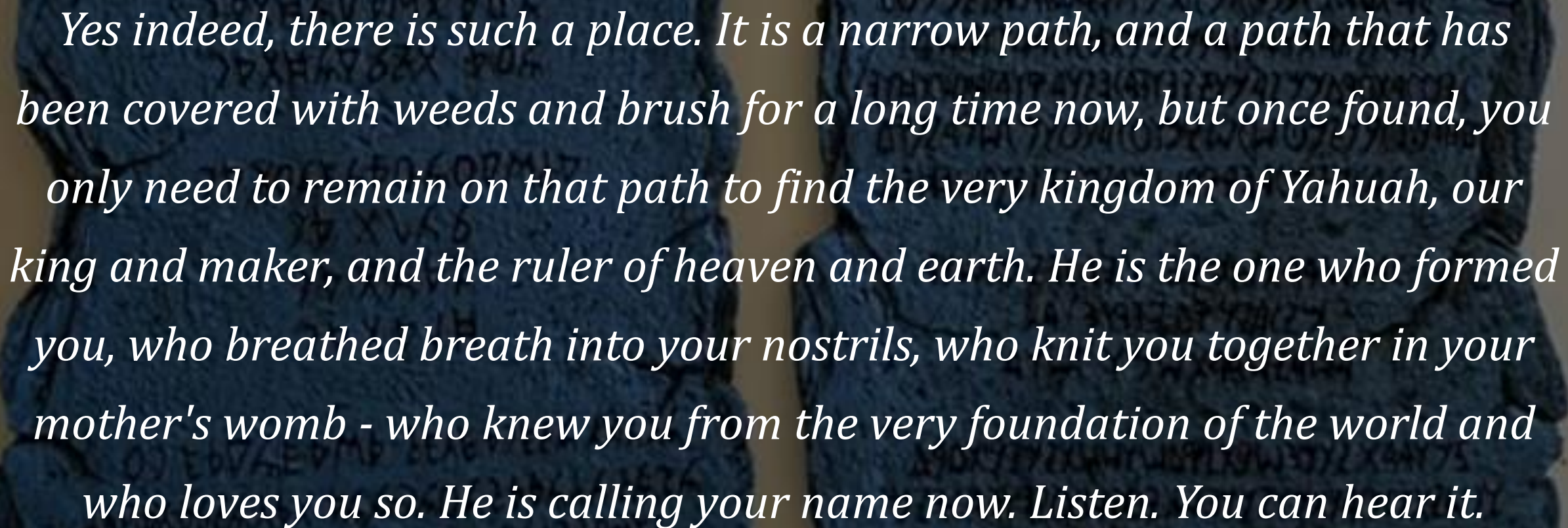


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There are many paths a person may take in this life. Sometimes we chose wisely - sometimes we aren't given a choice, but our path is handed to us by another. Sometimes our path is a path of destruction, where we seek death but are too afraid to find it, so we pursue it secretly by means of self-destruction. Sometimes we enter onto a path just to see what is there, and we get lost in a maze built by sinister hands. And sometimes, we think ourselves to be that much smarter than destiny, and we enter into a covenant with death itself, thinking that lies will be our hedge of protection, and falsehood our strong tower.

But these are not the ways of Yahuah. He calls us into life -- and life more abundantly. When we look at the pathways the world offers us - one is called "the American dream"; another is called "freedom" yet another is called "acceptance" - yet these paths never seem to yield the fruit pictured on the package. Instead, we find ourselves rejected and alone, enslaved to a financial machine too big to understand, and living what has now become the American nightmare. In this jungle of poisonous fruit, is there a pathway that leads to life that includes, peace, joy, and contentment? Is there a place where my soul can be loved and loved without conditions?

The background of the image consists of two stone tablets, likely representing the Ten Commandments, with faint, illegible Hebrew text visible on their surfaces. The tablets are positioned vertically and slightly offset from each other, creating a sense of depth. The overall color palette is dark and muted, with shades of grey and brown.

Yes indeed, there is such a place. It is a narrow path, and a path that has been covered with weeds and brush for a long time now, but once found, you only need to remain on that path to find the very kingdom of Yahuah, our king and maker, and the ruler of heaven and earth. He is the one who formed you, who breathed breath into your nostrils, who knit you together in your mother's womb - who knew you from the very foundation of the world and who loves you so. He is calling your name now. Listen. You can hear it.



A Covenant With Life

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*This is the condition of the battle, which man that is born upon the earth shall fight; 128 That, if he be overcome, he shall suffer as you have said: but if he gets the victory, he shall receive the thing that I say. 129 For this is the life whereof Mosheh spoke unto the people while he lived, saying: **Choose life, that you may live.** 130 Nevertheless they believed not him, nor yet the prophets after him, no nor me which have spoken unto them, 131 That there should not be such heaviness in their destruction, as shall be joy over them that are persuaded to yeshu`ah.*

- Ezra Reviy'iy (4 Ezra) 7:127-131

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Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because narrow is the gate, and troublesome is the way, which leads to life, and few there be that find it.

- Mattithyahu (Matthew) 7:13-14



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*I am come that they might have life, and that
they might have it more abundantly.*

- Yochanon (John) 10:10b

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What is a covenant in scripture?

Briyt (בְּרִית) H1285, a compact: a confederacy, a covenant or league.

From H1262 (בָּרָה) ***barah***, meaning *to select*; to feed; to render clear: *to choose*, to cause to eat, to manifest, to give meat.

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Where do we first find this word Briyt?

*But with you will I establish my covenant; and you shall come into the ark,
you, and your sons, and your woman, and your sons' women with you.*

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 6:18

Here it is not a covenant, but a promise of a covenant to come!

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8 And Elohiym spoke unto Noach, and to his sons with him, saying: 9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off anymore by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth.

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 9:8-11

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We see that the covenant is established with Noah, with his seed after him; and with every living creature that was with him.

And Yah's covenant was that all flesh should not be cut off anymore by the waters of a flood; and that there would never again be a flood to destroy the earth.

Notice that Noah is not required to do a thing!

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What is the sign of this covenant?

*12 And Elohiym said: This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I do **set my bow in the cloud**, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between Elohiym and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And Elohiym said unto Noach: This is the sign of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.*

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 9:12-17

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The first covenant is not with Noach,
but with life (*nephesh'oth*) on earth:

Covenant: No flood to destroy life on
earth again.

Sign: A bow in the heavens.



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The second covenant however is with Abram:

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Avram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. 13 And he said unto Avram: Know of a surety that your seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. 15 And you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Emoriym is not yet full. 17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. 18 In the same day Yahuah cut a covenant with Avram, saying: Unto your seed have I given this land, from the river of Mitsrayim unto the great river, the river Perath.

- Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 15:12-18

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*And when Avram was ninety years old and nine, Yahuah appeared to El-Avram, and said unto him: I am El Shaddai; walk before me and be perfect. 2 **And** I will make my covenant between me and you and will multiply you exceedingly. 3 **And** Avram fell on his face: and Elohiym talked with him, saying: 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. 5 Neither shall your name anymore be called Avram, but your name shall be Avraham; for a father of many nations have I made you. 6 And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. 7 **And I will establish *my covenant* between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be Elohiym unto you, and to your seed after you. 8 **And I will give unto you, and to your seed after you, נא the land wherein you are a stranger, נא all the land of Kena`an, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohiym.*****

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We see several things here.

First, this covenant is conditional:

“walk before me and be perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and you . . .”

Second, the covenant is with Avram:

“my covenant is with you,”

***An everlasting covenant,
to be Elohiym unto you***

Third, the terms are stated:

“you shall be a father of many nations.” No longer called Avram, but Avraham; Avraham is made “exceedingly fruitful;” Nations will be made of him, and kings shall come from him.

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Fourth, the covenant becomes an inheritable right

- *The covenant between Yah and Avraham would also be established with his seed after him.*
- *The covenant is to be established in their generations for an everlasting covenant.*
- *The covenant is that Yahuah - the covenant maker - would be Elohiym unto Avraham and his seed after him.*
- *The covenant also includes the gift of “אֶתְכֻל־הָאָרֶץ לְעַד אֲבָדָם” all the land of Kena`an, for an everlasting possession.” This is the birthright.*

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But there is an additional term:

*10 This is my covenant, which ye shall guard, between me and you and your seed after you; Every male child among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall **circumcise** ~~on~~ **the flesh of your foreskin**; and it shall be a sign of the covenant betwixt me and you. 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of your seed. 13 He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with your money, must need to be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.*

Bere'shiyth (Genesis) 17:10-13

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A look at this term for circumcision:

Mul (מול) H4135; a primitive root which means to cut short, i.e., i.e., to curtail (specifically the prepuce, i.e., to circumcise); *by implication*, to blunt; *figuratively*, to destroy:

And a look at this term for foreskin:

Orlâh (עֲרֵלָה) H6190, a feminine noun and the feminine form of H6189; meaning the prepuce:—foreskin, uncircumcised.

H6189 (עָרַל) 'ârêl; properly, **exposed**, i.e., projecting loose (as to the prepuce); used only technically, uncircumcised (i.e., still having the prepuce uncurtailed):—uncircumcised (person).

From H6188 (עָרַל) 'ârêl; a primitive root; meaning properly, to strip; literally, to go naked; figuratively, to refrain from using.

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Mul (מול) **Orlâh** (עֲרֵלָה) means to cut short the nakedness, or to curtail the use of, which was understood by the literalists as actually cutting the flesh of the male foreskin. But consider the Torah instruction:

14 Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belongs to Yahuah Elohayka, the earth also, with all that therein is. 15 Only Yahuah had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. 16 Circumcise therefore ~~the~~ the foreskin of your heart and be no more stiffnecked. 17 For Yahuah Elohaykem is Elohai ha'elohiym, and Adonai ha'adoniym, the great El, the mighty, and the terrible, which regards not persons, nor takes reward: 18 He executes the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 10:14-18

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What does it mean to circumcise therefore את the foreskin of your heart and be no more stiffnecked?

It means to curtail the wickedness of your heart!

וּמְלַתֶּם אֶת עַרְלַת לְבַבְכֶם וְעִרְפְּכֶם לֹא תִקְשׁוּ עוֹד:

U'mal'tem eyt arlah l'avvchem v'arp'kem lo taqshu ode.

Literally,
stop being
dense.

Kem, the
pronominal
suffix meaning
"your" in the 2nd
person plural

Tem, the
pronominal
suffix, meaning
"your" in the 2nd
person plural

Mul, the
primary root

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How was the covenant of Avraham established in his seed in their generations thereafter?

*13 O ye seed of Yashar'el his servant, ye children of Ya`aqov, his chosen ones. 14 He is Yahuah Elohaynu; his judgments are in all the earth. 15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which **he commanded to a thousand generations**; 16 Even of the **covenant** which he cut with Avraham, and of his **oath** unto Yitschaq; 17 And has confirmed the same to Ya`aqov for a **law**, and to Yashar'el for **an everlasting covenant**, 18 Saying: Unto you will I give the land of Kena'an, the lot of your inheritance; 19 When ye were but few, even a few, and strangers in it.*

- Divrei Hayamiym Ri'shon (1 Chronicles) 16:13-19

A Covenant With Life

Let us look now to the delivery of the Covenant with Life.

*6 Wherefore say unto the children of Yashar'el, I am Yahuah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsriym, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments: 7 And **I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you Elohiym:** and ye shall know that I am Yahuah Elohaykem, which brings you out from under the burdens of the Mitsriym. 8 And **I will bring you in unto the land,** concerning the which I did swear to give it to Avraham, to Yitschaq, and to Ya`aqov; and I will give it you for a heritage: I am Yahuah.*

- Shemoth (Exodus) 6:6-8

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Let us look now to the delivery of the Covenant with Life.

*And Yahuah spoke unto Mosheh, saying: 2 Speak unto the children of Yashar'el, and say unto them, I am Yahuah Elohaykem. 3 After the doings of the land of Mitsrayim, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Kena'an, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. 4 Ye shall do my judgments, and guard my ordinances, to walk therein: I am Yahuah Elohaykem. 5 Ye shall therefore guard my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, **he shall live in them**: I am Yahuah.*

- Vayiqra (Leviticus) 18:1-5

A Covenant With Life

Let us look now to the delivery of the Covenant with Life.

*21 Thus says Yahuah Tseva'oth, the Elohai of Yashar'el; Put your ascending smoke offerings unto your sacrifices and eat flesh. 22 For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, concerning ascending smoke offerings or sacrifices: 23 But this thing commanded I them, saying: **Obey my voice, and I will be your Elohiym, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.***

- Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 7:21-23

A Covenant With Life

When did the children of Yashar'el hear the voice of Yahuah?

*3 And Mosheh went up unto Elohiym, and Yahuah called unto him out of the mountain, saying: Thus shall you say to the house of Ya`aqov, and tell the children of Yashar'el; 4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Mitsriym, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. 5 Now therefore, **if ye will obey my voice indeed, and guard my covenant**, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.*

- Shemoth (Exodus) 19:3-6

A Covenant With Life

When did the children of Yashar'el hear the voice of Yahuah?

*16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the Mount, and the voice of the shofar exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. 17 And Mosheh brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with Elohiym; and they stood at the nether part of the Mount. 18 And Mount Ciynai was altogether on a smoke, because Yahuah descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the shofar sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Mosheh spoke, and **Elohiym answered him by a voice.***

- Shemoth (Exodus) 19:16-19

A Covenant With Life

When did the children of Yashar'el hear the voice of Yahuah?

*And Elohiym spoke **na** all these words, saying: 2 I am Yahuah Elohayka, which have brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of bondage.*

- Shemoth (Exodus) 20:1-2

Established in their generation!

*And Mosheh called all Yashar'el, and said unto them: Hear, O Yashar'el, the commandments and the judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may **learn them**, **guard them**, and **do them**. 2 Yahuah Elohaynu cut a covenant with us in Chorev. 3 Yahuah cut not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. 4 Yahuah talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:1-4

A Covenant With Life

And what did the voice of Yahuah speak to them?

6 I am Yahuah Elohayka, which brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.

7 You shall have no other elohiym before me.

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:6-7

*8 You shall not make you any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: 9 You shall not bow down yourself unto them, nor serve them: for I Yahuah Elohayka am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, 10 And showing mercy unto thousands of them **that love me** and guard my commandments.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:8-10

A Covenant With Life

And what did the voice of
Yahuah speak to them?

*11 You shall not bring the name of
Yahuah Elohayka to naught: for
Yahuah will not hold him guiltless
that brings his name to naught.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:11

*Guard the day of the Shabbath; to sanctify it as Yahuah Elohayka
has commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your
work: 14 But the seventh day is the Shabbath of Yahuah Elohayka:
in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your
daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maid-servant, nor your
ox, nor your ass, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger that is
within your gates; that your manservant and your maidservant
may rest as well as you. 15 And remember that you were a
servant in the land of Mitsrayim, and that Yahuah Elohayka
brought you out thence through a mighty hand and by a
stretched-out arm: therefore, Yahuah Elohayka commanded you
to keep the day of Shabbath.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:12-15

A Covenant With Life

And what did the voice of
Yahuah speak to them?

*16 Honor your father and your
mother, as Yahuah Elohayka has
commanded you; that your days
may be prolonged, and that it may
go well with you, in the land which
Yahuah Elohayka gives you.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:16

17 You shall not kill.

18 Neither shall you break wedlock.

19 Neither shall you steal.

*20 Neither shall you bear false witness against your
neighbor.*

*21 Neither shall you lust after your neighbor's woman,
neither shall you lust after your neighbor's house, his field,
or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or
anything that is your neighbor's.*

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 5:17-21

A Covenant With Life

Does this apply to the
believers in the New
Testament?

36 Rabbi, which is the great commandment in the Torah? 37 Yahusha said unto him:

*You shall love יהוה Yahuah Elohayka with
all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your mind.*

38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it,

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the prophets.

- Mattithyahu (Matthew) 22:36-40

A Covenant With Life

Does this apply to the
believers in the New
Testament?

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him: Which is the first commandment of all? 29 And Yahusha answered him: The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Yashar'el; Yahuah Elohaynu, Yahuah is one: 30 And you shall love יְיָ Yahuah Elohayka with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

- Marqus (Mark) 12:28-31

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Does this apply to the
believers in the New
Testament?

21 He that has my commandments, and guards them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

- Yochanon (John) 14:21

2 By this we know that we love the children of Elohiym, when we love Elohiym, and guard his commandments. 3 For this is the love of Elohiym, that we guard his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

- Yochanon Ri'shon (1 John) 5:2-3

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At that time Yahuah said unto me: Hew you two caphire stones like unto the first, and come up unto me into the Mount, and make you an Ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the caphires the words that were in the first caphires which you broke, and you shall put them in the Ark. 3 And I made an Ark of shittiym wood, and hewed two caphire stones like unto the first, and went up into the Mount, having the two caphires in my hand. 4 And he wrote on the caphires, according to the first writing, $\pi\lambda$ the Ten Devariym, which Yahuah spoke unto you in the Mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and Yahuah gave them unto me. 5 And I turned myself and came down from the Mount and put the caphires in the Ark which I had made; and there they be, as Yahuah commanded me.

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 10:1-5

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12 And now, Yashar'el, what does Yahuah Elohayka require of you, but to fear Yahuah Elohayka, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahuah Elohayka with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 To guard the commandments of Yahuah, and his statutes, which I command you this day for your good? 14 Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belongs to Yahuah Elohayka, the earth also, with all that therein is.

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 10:12-14

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6 Wherewith shall I come before Yahuah, and bow myself before the high Elohiym? Shall I come before him with ascending smoke offerings, with calves of a year old? 7 Will Yahuah be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what Yahuah requires of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your Elohiym.

- Miykah (Micah) 6:6-8

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28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

- Mattithyahu (Matthew) 11:28-30

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Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of Yahuah: ascribe ye greatness unto our Elohiym. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: An El of Truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

- Devariym (Deuteronomy) 32:1-4

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10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Mitsrayim and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man does, he shall even live in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them my Shabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yahuah that sanctify them.

- Yekhezq'el (Ezekiel) 20:10-12

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2 By this we know that we love the children of Elohiym, when we love Elohiym, and guard his commandments. 3 For this is the love of Elohiym, that we guard his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of Elohiym overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he that believes that Yahusha is the Son of Elohiym? 6 This is he who came by water and blood, even Yahusha Ha'Mashiach, not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Ruach that bears witness, because the Ruach is truth.

- Yochanon Ri'shon (1 John) 5:2-



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