## THE COVENANT

A Covenant—"A binding and solemn agreement made by two or more individuals." Webster's Dictionary. Question—Are we as a people bound by a covenant today? - Answer—Psalms 105:8-11: "He hath remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your in-heritance:" Question—When does this 1000 generations end? At the cross? Answer—"So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations." Matt. 1:17. This totals only 42 generations from Abraham to Christ, thus leaving us 958 generations on this side of the cross (AD.). Therefore, we can see that we are bound by this covenant today. Question—Who is this Israel of today? Answer— "And I heard the number of them which were sealed; and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." Rev. 7:3. Question—How important is this Covenant today and what results will it produce? Answer— "And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels; and them that transgress against Me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn; and they shall not enter into the Land of Israel...." Ezekiel 20:37, 38. Notice! Those who will not come under the bond of the covenant are classed as rebels, and as such, they will be purged out and they shall not enter the Land of Israel when God (YHWH) sets His people back into the Land. This shows that obedience to the covenants will be their passport to the Land of Israel. In connecting Ezekiel 20:37, 38 and Psalms 105:8-11 with Isaiah 11:1, 10-12, we will get a better picture of who these promises have been made to. "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: . . And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; And his rest shall be glorious, and it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, . . And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isaiah 11:1, 10-12. As this prophecy has never before taken place, then we know it is yet future. May you be among those who come into the Bond of the Covenant which is the message that is being presented to you in the pages of this calendar. "... 0 Judah keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked (violators of the law of Moses) shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off." Nahum 1:15

"Because that Abraham <u>obeyed My voice</u>, and <u>kept My charge</u>, <u>My commandments</u>, <u>My statutes</u>, and <u>My laws</u>." Genesis 26:5. Yet the majority of the Christian world teaches that this Covenant was nailed to the cross, therefore, they claim it has no binding force upon them today. However, Psalms 105:8-11 proves this claim to be false, for this Covenant became an Everlasting Covenant for Israel. And according to the gospel of Paul and John the Revelator, <u>God's (YHWH) people</u> who are among the Gentiles and in Babylon have to become a part of His household—the commonwealth of Israel (see Ephesians 2:10-12). Therefore, they too are bound by this Everlasting Covenant for they are the remnants who are saved out of this world. Thus we see that the entire Christian world is bound by this Covenant, which is the New Covenant today. "<u>My covenant will I not break</u>, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips." Psalms 89:34.