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- **A covenant like the one He made at Sinai:**

- Deu 28:69 TLV (AV 29.1) (69) These are the words of the covenant that Adonai commanded Moses to make with Bnei-Yisrael in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant He made with them at Horeb.

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- Deu 29:9-14 TLV (9) “You are standing today, all of you, before Adonai your God—the heads of your tribes, your elders, your officials, all the men of Israel, (10) your children, your wives, and the outsider within your camp (from your woodchopper to your water carrier). (11) Each of you is to cross over into the covenant of Adonai your God that He is cutting with you today, and into His oath.
- (12) “This is in order to confirm you today as His people. So He will be your God, just as He promised you and just as He swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. (13) Not with you alone am I cutting this covenant and this oath, (14) but with whomever is standing here with us today before Adonai our God and with whomever is not here with us today.

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- **After all they still did not have circumcised heart:**

- Deu 29:3-5 TLV But to this day Adonai has not given you a heart to know, or eyes to see, or ears to hear. (4) I led you 40 years in the wilderness—your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet. (5) Bread you have not eaten and wine and strong drink you have not drunk—in order that you may know that I am Adonai your God.

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- **Adonai is searching:**

- Jer 17:5-10 TLV (5) Thus says Adonai: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, and depends on flesh as his arm, and whose heart turns from Adonai. (6) For he will be like a bush in the desert. He cannot see goodness when it comes, but will dwell in parched places in the wilderness—a salt land where no one lives. (7) Blessed is the one who trusts in Adonai, whose confidence is in Adonai. (8) For he will be like a tree planted by the waters, spreading out its roots by a stream. It has no fear when heat comes, but its leaves will be green. It does not worry in a year of drought, nor depart from yielding fruit. (9) “The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurable—who can know it? (10) I Adonai search the heart, I try the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

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- **The Father is seeking such people as his worshipers:**
 - Joh 4:22-24 TLV You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. (23) But an hour is coming—it is here now—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people as His worshipers. (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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- **Why is the good news to the Jew first? Is it because they are special?**
 - Rom 1:16 TLV For I am not ashamed of the Good News, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who trusts—to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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- **Adonai does not show partiality:**
 - Deu 10:17 TLV For Adonai your God is God of gods and Lord of lords—the great, mighty and awesome God, who does not show partiality or take a bribe.
 - Act 10:34-35 TLV Then Peter opened his mouth and said, “I truly understand that God is not one to show favoritism, (35) but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

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- **Not because they are special, but because Adonai was keeping the covenant he made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:**
 - Deu 9:5 TLV It is not by your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you are going in to possess their land. Rather, because of the wickedness of these nations, Adonai your God is driving them out from before you, and in order to keep the word Adonai swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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- **Because Abraham kept his covenant with Adonai:**

- Gen 26:5 TLV because Abraham listened to My voice and kept My charge, My mitzvot, My decrees, and My instructions.”

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- **Abraham was righteous BEFORE the covenant:**

- Gen 15:5-6 TLV He took him outside and said, “Look up now, at the sky, and count the stars—if you are able to count them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your seed be.” (6) Then he believed in Adonai and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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- **He that has an ear, let him hear:**
 - If God were your Father:
 - Joh 8:42-43 TLV Yeshua said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for from God I came and now I am here. For I have not come on My own, but He sent Me. (43) Why don’t you understand My speech? Because you’re not able to hear My word!
 - Said to all the seven Messianic Communities in Revelation:
 - Rev 3:22 TLV He who has an ear, let him hear what the Ruach is saying to Messiah’s communities.”

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- **God will judge righteously:**

- Gen 18:22-25 TLV (22) Then the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham was still standing before Adonai. (23) Abraham drew near and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous with the wicked? (24) Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you really sweep away and not spare the place for the sake of fifty righteous who are in it? (25) Far be it from You to do such a thing—to cause the righteous to die with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked share the same fate! Far be it from You! Shall the Judge of the whole world not exercise justice?”

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• Believers will stand before Adonai:

- 2Co 5:1-10 TLV (1) For we know that if the tent, our earthly home, is torn down, we have a building from God—a home not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens. (2) For in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— (3) if indeed, after we have put it on, we will not be found naked. (4) For we groan while we are in this tent—burdened because we don't want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. (5) Now the One who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Ruach as a pledge. (6) Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord. (7) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

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- 2Co 5:1-10 TLV (8) We are confident, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and at home with the Lord. (9) So whether at home or absent, we make it our aim to be pleasing to Him. (10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may receive what is due for the things he did while in the body—whether good or bad.

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- **All people will be judged before Adonai:**
 - Rev 20:11-15 TLV (11) Then I saw a great white throne, and the One seated on it. The earth and heaven fled from His presence, but no place was found for them. (12) And I saw the dead—the great and the small—standing before the throne. The books were opened, and another book was opened—the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what was written in the books, according to their deeds. (13) The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Sheol gave up the dead in them. Then they were each judged, each one of them, according to their deeds. (14) Then death and Sheol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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- **Asa trusted in the armies of the Syrians:**

- 2Ch 16:1-3 TLV In the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign, King Baasa of Israel marched against Judah and fortified Ramah in order to prevent anyone from leaving or coming to King Asa of Judah. (2) In response, Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasuries of the House of Adonai and from the royal palace, and sent them to King Ben-hadad of Aram who lived in Damascus saying, (3) "Let there be a covenant between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Look, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with King Baasha of Israel so that he may withdraw from me."

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- **Adonai had already delivered King Asa:**

- 2Ch 16:7-8 TLV At that time the seer Hanani came to King Asa of Judah and said to him: “Because you have depended on the king of Aram, and not depended on Adonai your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand. (8) Were not the Cushites and the Libyans a mighty army with many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on Adonai, He delivered them into your hand.
- 2Ch 16:9 TLV (9) For the eyes of Adonai range throughtout the earth to strengthen those whose heart keeps covenant with Him. You have acted foolishly in this matter. Indeed, from now on you will have wars.”

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- **Trust in Adonai with all your heart:**

- Pro 3:5-6 TLV Trust in Adonai with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.