

COVENANTS DEFINED

Definition: (American College Dictionary) *“Covenant - an agreement between two or more persons to do or refrain from doing some act”; “a contract”; “a clause of agreement.”*

Israel’s contract that Elijah first build an altar, was God’s command according to [1 Kings 18:31](#). The ALTAR represents the Covenants to Israel.

1. Covenants to Israel are defined as favorable disposition. In a contract, there are two parties:
 - Party of the First part – God, and Party of the Second part – man (Client Nation).
 - The Word *“CLIENT”* means under the patronage (support) of another. The Client Nation is made up of Believers under the PATRONAGE OF GOD. God made a favorable disposition to be part of the second part-Client Nation.
2. Covenants to Israel cover two separate Dispensations: The First Dispensation is Israel – all past, except for 7 years of the Tribulation.
 - The Second Dispensation is the Millennium. This contract applies to both periods.
 - The First Client Nation began with the Exodus – Israel became the first Client nation in history; this went all the way to AD 70 (from BC 1440 to AD 70).
 - We then have the times of the Gentiles – Church Age.
 - There will then be the completion of Israel during the Tribulation followed by the Second Advent.
 - Israel is the first Client Nation to God, and also will be the *last* Client nation to God. Therefore, these Covenants, (contracts) apply to the dispensation of Israel and the dispensation of the Millennium.
3. A Covenant to Israel must not be confused with a *WILL* or *TESTAMENT*. The expression *OLD TESTAMENT* or *NEW TESTAMENT* is a mistranslation of the Hebrew word *Berith*, which means *OLD COVENANT*. A Testament is a will after someone dies. These Covenants deal with Client Nation Israel. God lives eternally, and cannot die, so there is no such thing as a Will or Testament. *Diatheke* is the Greek Word meaning the *New Covenant* or contract.

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