

The Conquest and Judges

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Definition of Form

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Definition of Covenant

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 - Put otherwise, it is “an elected, as opposed to natural, relationship of obligation established under divine sanction.”

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And I, My Majesty, Suppiluliuma, Great King, King of Hatti, Hero, Beloved of the Storm-god, set out against the presumptuousness of King Tushratta. I crossed the Euphrates and went to the land of Isuwa. For the second time I overpowered the land of Isuwa and for the second time I made them my subjects... But King Tushratta fled. He did not come against me for battle... When his son conspired with his subjects, he killed his father, King Tushratta.

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But there was confusion among the Hurrians, and [they] sought to kill Prince Shattiwaza. However, he escaped and came into the presence of My Majesty, Suppiluliuma, King of Hatti, Hero, Beloved of the Storm-god. I, Great King, spoke thus: “The Storm-god has decided his legal case. As I have taken up Shattiwaza, son of King Tushratta, in my hand, I will seat him upon the throne of his father, so that the land of Mittanni, the great land, does not go to ruin.

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Prince Shattiwaza shall be king in the land of Mittanni, and the daughter of the King of Hatti shall be queen in the land of Mittanni. Concubines will be allowed for you, Shattiwaza, but no other woman shall be greater than my daughter. You shall allow no other woman to be her equal, and no one shall sit as an equal beside her. You shall not degrade my daughter to second rank. In the land of Mittanni she shall exercise queenship... [Friendship and Alliance, Fugitives, Frontiers...]

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A duplicate of this tablet is deposited before the Sun-goddess of Arinna, since the Sun-goddess of Arinna governs kingship and queenship. And in the land of Mittanni a duplicate is deposited before the Storm-god, Lord of the kirinnu of Kahat. It shall be read repeatedly, for ever and ever, before the king of the land of Mittanni and before the Hurrians.

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...in regard to this treaty we have summoned the gods of secrets and the gods who are the guarantors of the oath. They shall stand and listen and be witnesses: The Sun-goddess of Arinna, who governs kingship and queenship in Hatti, the Sun-god, Lord of Heaven, the Storm-god, Lord of Hatti, Sheri, Hurri, Mount Nanni, Mount Hazzi, The Storm-god, Lord of the Market(?), the Storm-god, Lord of the Army, the Storm-god, Lord of Help, the Storm-god of Pittiyarik.. (60 more lines)

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They shall stand and listen and be witnesses to these words of the treaty. If you, Prince Shattiwaza, and you Hurrians do not observe the words of this treaty, the gods, lords of the oath, shall destroy you [and] you Hurrians, together with your land, your wives, and your possessions. They will draw you out like malt from its husk... no progeny....poverty and destitution... You, Shattiwaza, and the Hurrians shall be the enemies of a thousand gods. They shall defeat you.

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² "I am the LORD your God...

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³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol...

⁷ " You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...

¹² "Honor your father and your mother...

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness...

¹⁷ "You shall not covet

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“You shall put into the ark
the testimony which I shall
give you.” NAU Exod
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¹⁸ All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood at a distance.

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⁵...for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷...for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who...

¹²...that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

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Exodus 19:3-8

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NRSV Isaiah 43:14-21 14 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. 15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, *a people belonging to God*, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 *the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.*

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And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

ESV Exodus 3:2

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Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

ESV Exodus 3:10

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But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"
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He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ESV Exodus 3:12

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The Prophetic Call of Gideon

Theophany

Judges 6:12 ¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor."

Commission

Judges 6:14 ¹⁴ And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

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Obstacle

Judges 6:15 ¹⁵ And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

Promise/Sign

Judges 6:17 ¹⁷ And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speaks with me."

The Prophetic Call of Isaiah

Theophany

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Commission

Isaiah 6:9 ⁹ And he said, "Go, and say to this people: " Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive."

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Obstacle

Isaiah 6:5 ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Promise/Sign

Isaiah 6:6-7 ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth...

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