

**Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Review Points of Doctrine:**

**POD #1** – When God declares a nation as His that nation is to worship God, the Lord Jesus Christ, alone (Lev 26:1).

**POD #2** – God’s nation is responsible to obey divine national protocol (Lev 26:2).

**POD #3** – Following divine national protocol results in national blessing from the integrity of God (Lev 26:3-12).

➤ QAL Perfect of NATHAN – “to give” - - God provides blessing

**POD #4** – There are three cycles of national blessing for God’s obedient nation.

A – 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle: Agricultural / economic prosperity (Lev 26:4-5).

B – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle: Peace through military victory (Lev 26: 6-7).

C – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle: Spiritual prosperity (Lev 26:9-12).

**POD #5** – There are five cycles of national discipline or cursing for God’s erring nation.

A – 1<sup>st</sup> cycle (Lev 26:14-17).

I. Physical and psychological distress

II. Agricultural or economic adversity

III. Military defeat

IV. Foreigners in positions of governmental authority  
(Foreigners dictating public policy)

B – 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle (Lev 26:18-21).

I. Intensification of 1<sup>st</sup> cycle

II. Destruction of national symbols (i.e. note the Temple destruction in Israel)

III. Agricultural / economic adversity

C – 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle (Lev 26:21-22).

I. Intensification of first two cycles.

II. Loss of children

III. Desolation of the land

D – 4<sup>th</sup> cycle (Lev 26:23-26).

I. Destructive of military effectiveness plus defeat

II. Rationing of food and supplies

III. Perpetual hunger [\* *God still provides in grace to keep the erring nation alive so that those who live may have the opportunity to respond before the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle hits*].

E – 5<sup>th</sup> cycle (Lev 26:27-39).

I. Sevenfold intensification of cyclical discipline

II. Cannibalism of the children (vs. 29)

- III. Annihilation of cultic worship centers
- IV. Destruction of cities and legitimate places of worship
- V. Utter desolation of the land [*even the enemy abhors it*]
- VI. Deportation to foreign countries and slavery

**POD #6** – All national discipline is designed by God to correct the erring nation (Lev 26:18).

**POD #7** – Intensification of discipline for an erring nation consumed with arrogance results in hostility toward God by the people (Lev 26:21) – *begins with blaming God instead of taking personal accountability.*

**POD #8** – The divine solution is confession of sin to God tantamount to humbling ones-self (Lev 26:40+).

**POD #9** – God’s discipline is a testimony to His love for the erring nation and her people [principle observed from Hebrews 12:6 – “*Whom the Lord loves He scourges...*”].

### **Leviticus 26:25**

(25) 'I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the **covenant...**

**Covenant** – בְּרִית –

BERITH – “*Legal, binding contract between two parties who voluntarily enter into that agreement*”.

**POD #10** – God executes vengeance upon a nation for breaking the covenant [violating the contract] voluntarily entered into and bound to with Him.

**NOTE: Leviticus 26:46 - -**

(46) These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the LORD established **between Himself and the sons of Israel** through Moses at Mount Sinai.



### **Exodus 24:1-8**

(1) Then He (God) said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu (eldest sons of Aaron who later died the sin unto death for sin, but at this moment functioning on positive volition) and seventy of the elders of Israel (represent the 12 tribes of Israel), and you shall worship at a distance.

(2) "Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him."

- Moses is functioning as the **mediator** between God and the people; a mediator of a binding legal contract that two entities will enter.
- Moses approaches the Lord as the mediator to receive the covenant.
- After the Lord communicates all the conditions & ordinances of the contract, Moses returns to the people.

(3) Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice and said, "**All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!**" The people agreed without coercion to accept God’s protocol for them as individuals and as a national entity.

- With the signing of this contract they enter into the Age of Israel, a new dispensation.

- How does one discern when a dispensation ceases and another begins?

**There is always a deposit of revelation to affect protocol!**

**In this case the deposit of revelation is the BERITH (Covenant).**

**Moses writes up the contract [the BERITH] - -**

(4) Moses **wrote down all the words of the LORD**. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

(5) He sent young men of the sons of Israel (first born son of each family), and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD. Functioning as priests even though the Levitical priesthood had not yet been instituted.

**Remember the ritual of redemption – the firstborn son is considered the Lord's as a priest and had to be bought back (redeemed) from the Lord (Exodus 13:2 cf. Numbers 3:12ff) .**

(6) Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins and the other half of the **blood he sprinkled** on the altar.

**Moses is functioning as a mediator and a high priest.**

**God is now bound to the contract by blood!**

- If God promised blessing for obedience in the contract, the nation will receive blessing when they adhere to divine protocol.
- If God promised cursing for disobedience, the nation will be cursed/disciplined for failing to follow divine protocol.
- God is bound to bless & discipline based upon the covenant.
- **God's integrity binds Him to do all that he says He will do.**

(7) Then he took the book of the covenant [the BERITH] and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "**All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!**"

Israel has voluntarily affirmed the covenant on two separate occasions – (vv. 3 & 7)

...and they said, "**All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!**"

**The people are bound to the contract by blood - -**

(8) So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

- Consequences of breaking the covenant is death – note the animal sacrifices.

**Leviticus 17:11**

(11) 'For the life of the flesh [the animal] is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls [lives]; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'

- Moses was the mediator of the old covenant [the BERITH], who is the mediator of the new covenant? Jesus Christ! And He bound Himself by blood, promising forgiveness of sins for anyone who believes in Him.

The people entered into a legally binding contract with God and were bound to it by blood.

God is party of the first part.

The people are party of the second part.

This event was the day Israel became a national entity without a land and the Age of Israel began.

- Was Israel's receipt of the land predicated upon obeying the covenant? NO
- The land promise was in the Abrahamic covenant – a covenant of grace (Gen 12:1-3).
  - When the covenant with Abraham was signed, Abraham was sleeping and God went through the blood.
- Was Abraham bound to do anything to receive land, seed [progeny] or blessing? NO – God was.
- That is why God will never forget the Jew – to this very day.

**What God has promised He will give to those He promised to!**

**The Church has NOT replaced Israel.**

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So, Israel became a national entity without land on that day and was responsible to God as a nation therefore subjecting themselves to the cycles of discipline and cycles of blessing in accordance with Leviticus 26.

As the USA was founded as a country, did we enter into a legally binding contract with God as Israel did?  
NO

Therefore, are we bound to the covenant that they bound themselves to that day?  
NO

Is the USA, being founded upon Christian principles, subject to the three cycles of blessing and five cycles of discipline as Israel is [now dispersed around the world under the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle]?  
NO

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**QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED:**

1. How does God deal with the USA as a nation?
2. Are there any principles from God's cyclical blessing and cursing [Lev 26] that apply to His treatment of our nation?
3. If we are erring as a nation, what is the divine solution to relieve the divine discipline or cursing and experience national blessing?

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