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In God's eyes, <u>after</u> a person comes into covenant with Him, that person's status is different than what it was <u>before</u> he came into covenant.

... before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

NIV Romans 5:13

Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake *today*, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains to be kept until morning.' " NKJ Exodus 16:23

And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.

^{NKJ} Exodus 16:1

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not." NKJ Exodus 16:4

"And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; ⁵because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

NKJ Genesis 26:4-5

So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

NKJ Exodus 24:3

"Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. 6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. ⁷ For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? ⁸ And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?"

NKJ Deuteronomy 4:5-8

"You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the LORD your God" NKJ **Deuteronomy 14**: 21 "... when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land "

NKJ Exodus 12:48

- 1. A covenant binds persons together via obligations
- 2. A person is not bound to a covenant until he accepts the terms of the covenant
- 3. One of the terms of God's covenant is the obligation to observe the entire Torah
- 4. Those outside of the covenant have no such obligation and therefore no consequences

When Did I Put Myself Under the Covenant?

- A person may not add to or take away from the Torah (Deut. 4: 2; 12: 32)
- 2. God does not change (Mal. 3:6)
- 3. God's covenant and promises to Israel have not changed (Jer. 31: 31-34)

So What About You?

... before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

NIV Romans 5:13

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

NKJ Romans 6:4

Let's **Relax and Rejoice** in Yah's Covenant Promises!

שלים לאביע Shalom Aleichem Peace be Unto You