

# Renewing Our Covenant for A New Year

A SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT PLACE TO TAKE PART IN A SPIRITUALLY SIGNIFICANT ACT



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## RESPOND TO GOD'S CHARACTER

- But **I took** your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him
- 'Then **I sent** Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians **by what I did** there, and **I brought you out** of Egypt
- **I brought you to** the land of the Amorites
- **I gave them into** your hands. I destroyed them from before you,
- **So I gave you a land** on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.'



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## CLARIFY YOUR COMMITMENT

<sup>4</sup> “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,** whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**”

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## MAKE PURITY YOUR PRIORITY

<sup>18</sup> “We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.

<sup>23</sup> “Now then,” said Joshua, “**throw away the foreign gods** that **are among you** and **yield your hearts to the LORD**, the God of Israel.”



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## Be Accountable

<sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, “**You are witnesses against yourselves** that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

<sup>27</sup> “See!” he said to all the people. “**This stone will be a witness against us**. It has heard all the words the LORD has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.”