

The Alliance

The Alliance is found in one verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:28. It literally cannot be seen in English translations, but the Hebrew version sets this Creation Story apart from all other creation stories. Below is a traditional English translation of the verse:

*Then God blessed them, and God said to them,
"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it;
have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air,
and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

In future explorations we will dig into the Hebrew words that are behind the English translations. But today, I will provide you with the following information so you can view the Alliance in its contextual environment.

A reader from the ancient world would know immediately what was going on and conclude that this is a **Temple Text**. The First Story in Genesis is the **Story of the Creation of the Temple and Kingdom of the God that Created the Heavens and Earth**. The Alliance defines the relationships of the parties in the Alliance.

The **Alliance** is a contract, that God made with the first two subjects of His Kingdom – the man and woman. All future humans will become subjects of God's Kingdom at birth. The Alliance begins with these words:

"God blessed them."

The Hebrew word translated "blessed" means that *"God created and empowered all humans with the functions to perform the obligations and experience the benefits of the Alliance."* However, the two humans must act together to fulfill the obligations of the Alliance.

This form of this Alliance is a **"family model"**:

- God is **"the Father."**
- **"The son"** is a "family" (one male and one female).
- Benefits:
 1. Having the **Presence (Spirit) of God** with you.
 2. Having the **basic requirements of life** provided by the creation.

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3. Being equals in the eyes of God as a male or female.

- Obligations:

1. Fill the earth with new humans. Reproduce your own kind. Be parents that provide the physical needs for their children. Teach and mentor their children according to *The Wisdom of the Beginnings* and *the Alliance*.
2. Subdue your earthly appetites, desires, and longings by exercising impulse control and self-discipline.
3. Male and female are to act together as representatives of God over the earth, seas, and open area where the winged creatures fly – and over all living things that move on the earth. They are to exercise power over these things like a shepherd exercises power over the animals of his flock.
4. Male and female are to measure their actions by God's Tov Standard. Things that measure Tov, "protect lives, preserve lives, make lives more functional, and increase the quality of life."
5. Male and female are to "Keep the Seventh Day separate from the other six days." On Day Seven the entire creation becomes the *Temple of God*. The family is to gather and retell *The Story of the Creation of the Temple and Kingdom of God*."

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1. Act together as representatives of God in His Temple every Seventh Day.
2. Act together as representatives of God in His Kingdom the other Six Days.
3. Fulfill obligations as equals in the eyes of God who have unique functions as male and female.
4. Fulfill obligations to other humans as members of God's family.

Conclusion

After learning the above information, can you understand how the Hebrew version sets this Creation Story apart from all other creation stories. **No other ancient text places the power to rise to the status "of acting together as representatives of the Divine Creator" in hands of the entire human population of the Earth!**

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The Alliance is “*the Foundation*” of the Torah, Prophets, and the Writings (*The Jewish Scriptures*). The Jewish Scriptures are “**the Foundation of The Kingdom of God Movement**” which Jesus founded and led. Many of his teachings are his interpretations of *the Jewish Scriptures*. Therefore, if you want to accurately understand the teaching and movement of Jesus, the place you must begin is the **First Story in Genesis**.

Shalom,
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