

**PUBLIC OFFERING** - (Joel 1: 13, Joel 2:14) We will be taking up a national offering to give to the Jewish people who are returning to Israel from the nations where they have been scattered. Giving this offering is important, firstly, to bless the Jewish people, but secondly, as we give sacrificially as an act of worship to our God, we will begin to destroy the grip that the spirit of mammon and poverty has on our nation. Now take up the free will offering.

**PUBLIC OFFERING OF OURSELVES.** Romans 12:1,2 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Bung prayer)

**PRAISE.** Have worship leaders, lead out in worship

**PUBLIC DECLARATIONS:**

We the people of God! Solemnly declare/ That the word of God /is our final authority/ We submit today/ And forever/To God's word.

We the people of God! Solemnly declare/ That the unity in the Body of Christ is good./ We will do everything we can/ To work together/ to build the House of the Lord. (Haggai 1, 2)

We the people of God! Solemnly commit! /To pray according to God's will /Which is for a God fearing government!/ To be established in our nation.

Praise, Worship and Thanksgiving.

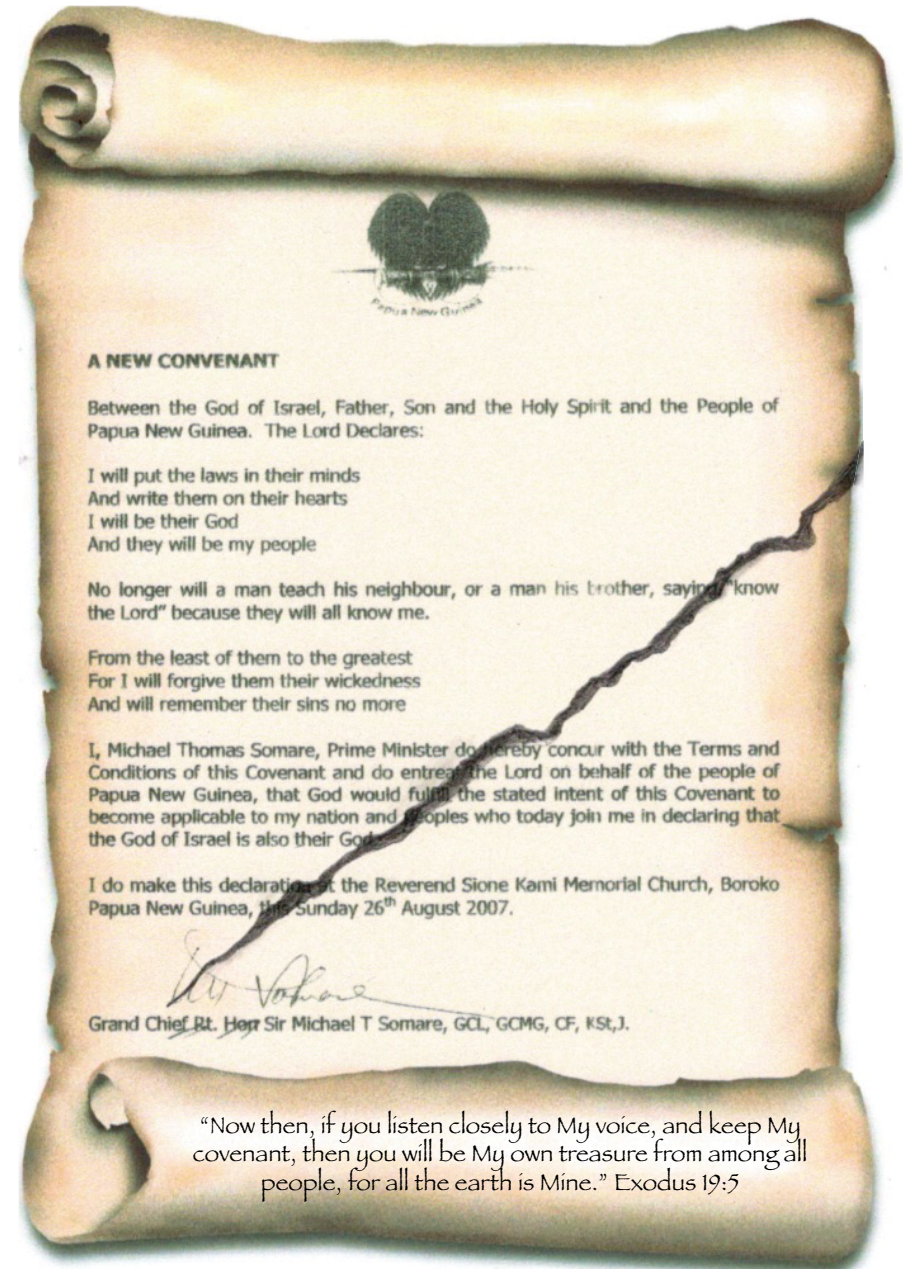
**Have a leader close the Solemn Assembly in a prayer, committing God's people under the blood of Yeshua and to His care.**



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# HAS PAPUA NEW GUINEA BROKEN THE COVENANT?

*The 2024 National Day of Repentance Solemn Assembly Program*



Dear praying friends,

As we approach the National Day of Repentance on August 26, our hearts are once more focused on how we have offended the Most High and what is most important for us to repent for as a people and nation. As we also draw near the year of Jubilee which is our nation's 50th year, we want to deal with anything that will keep us from our destiny.

We don't have to look too far, to see that our nation's covenant is point of either blessing for obedience and observance, or a point of judgment for disobedience and disregarding it. The big question is **"Have we kept, observed or obeyed the covenant that our former Prime Minister signed with the God of Israel?"** If not, how have we broken it and what do we need to repent for?

May the LORD lead you by His Spirit during this year's National Repentance.

Your friends at the National Community Transformation Network.

### A SHORT EXPLANATION OF THE COVENANT

A covenant is a legal binding contract that is not only recognised on earth, but also by heaven. For instance, the marriage covenant that is made between a man and a woman is recognised on earth and in heaven. In 2007, when our Former Prime Minister Late Michael Somare signed the covenant, it became one of the few documents belonging to this nation, that God himself recognises. Even though there is much debate about the covenant, it really doesn't matter what we think, rather it only matters what the MOST HIGH thinks of this covenant.

The only covenants, that the MOST HIGH has ever made, are with Abraham, Isaac, Yaacov and His people Israel. He has never made a covenant with any other nation. But in 2007, when this document was signed, it was Papua New Guinea who initiated this covenant with the Most High. When God made covenant with men and Israel, He began to move on the basis of that covenant immediately. However, since Papua New Guinea initiated this covenant, He is waiting for Papua New Guinea to take steps to keep the covenant and to show Him that He truly is the only God of this nation.

Like the covenants made in the scriptures, there are terms and conditions to our covenant and there are also consequences for breaking it.

**Since 2007, are we better off or worse?** Is our economy better or worse? Are our law and order problems better or worse? Are our Social issues better or worse? Is the education of our children better or worse? Is the spiritual life of the church better or worse? This is an indication of our failure to keep our part of the covenant. The Father is not bound to bless a people who are rebellious and disobey His word. After making a covenant with Him, we have not forsaken our idols, our ancestral worship, our witchcraft, murder, our sexual immorality, etc, in keeping with the terms and conditions of the covenant.

### REPENTANCE FOR BREAKING THE COVENANT (Repeat after me)

Dear Heavenly Father/ we are here today as a nation/ to take responsibility For breaking the covenant/ that we signed with you./ While we could have enjoyed/ your favour and blessing/ if we kept and observe/ the covenant that we made with you./ we have failed to keep the covenant./ Our sin is great./ We have broken the laws/ that you laid down for those whom/ you have a covenant with./ We repent./ please forgive us/ and cleanse us/ by the blood of Yeshua.

We have rebelled against/ the very commandments/ that would safeguard our nation./ We have disobeyed the very laws/ that would ensure the/ foundation of our moral values. We have not/ removed our idols./ We have not done away/ with our witchcraft./ We have not stopped our/ sexual immorality./ and blood shed/ has covered the land. Everything that is required./ by us to keep the covenant, we have not done. And everything that/ we are not to do./ according to the covenant, we have done./ Please forgive us/ and cleanse us/ by the blood of Yeshua.

But perhaps our greatest sin/ was to make a covenant with you/ to make you our God/ and the supreme authority in our nation/ and then to disregard your place/ in our family, our clans, our tribes/ our businesses/ our government departments, our parliament/ and the nation as a whole./ We have failed to honour you as our God./ We repent for not giving you the highest place/ in society, in government,/ in government departments, in our businesses,/ in our institutions, in our communities/ and our families./ Please forgive us, for taking YOU so lightly and for not giving you the exalted place in our midst that you deserve./ Please forgive us/ and cleanse us/ by the blood of Yeshua.

**Prayer of Repentance for the Church** - Give time for the assembly to make reconciliation. Whoever has ill feelings towards another, should reconcile, Anyone from one local fellowship having ill feelings against those from another, should reconcile either privately or publicly from the front. Public Prayer of Repentance. **Someone representing the church lead out in prayer repenting on behalf all God's people.**

**Public Prayer of Repentance** - Someone representing the government lead in prayer, repenting on behalf of the government.

**Public Crying out to God to spare our nation!** (Joel 2:17) One lead out. (Repeat after me)  
Father, we your people  
Come and cry to you  
Please spare your people  
Please forgive the nation of Papua New Guinea  
and cleanse us by the blood of Yeshua.  
In Yeshua name. Amen!

**Pray for our government** -Have people pray in small groups, one praying at a time and the others agreeing

great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God. <sup>32</sup> “Now therefore, O our God, the great, mighty and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love, do not let all this hardship seem trifling in your eyes—the hardship that has come upon us, upon our (prime ministers) and leaders, upon our priests! (ministers) and prophets, upon our fathers and all your people...”<sup>33</sup> “In all that has happened to us, you have been just; you have acted faithfully, while we did wrong. <sup>34</sup> Our (prime ministers), our leaders, our priests (ministers) and our fathers did not follow your law; they did not pay attention to your commands or the warnings you gave them. <sup>35</sup> Even while they were in their kingdom, enjoying your great goodness to them in the spacious and fertile land you gave them, they did not serve you or turn from their evil ways.

**READER 3** Ezra 9:6-10 “O my God, I am too ashamed and disgraced to lift up my face to you, my God, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. <sup>7</sup> From the days of our forefathers until now, our guilt has been great. ... <sup>8</sup> “But now, for a brief moment, the LORD our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in his sanctuary, and so our God gives light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage. <sup>9</sup> Though we are slaves, our God has not deserted us in our bondage. ... He has granted us new life to rebuild the house of our God and repair its ruins, and he has given us a wall of protection in (Province) and (town). <sup>10</sup> “But now, O our God, what can we say after this? For we have disregarded the commands.

## PUBLIC READING OF THE COVENANT



### A NEW CONVENANT

Between the God of Israel, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit and the People of Papua New Guinea. The Lord Declares:

I will put the laws in their minds  
And write them on their hearts  
I will be their God  
And they will be my people

No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying “know the Lord” because they will all know me.

From the least of them to the greatest  
For I will forgive them their wickedness  
And will remember their sins no more

I, Michael Thomas Somare, Prime Minister do hereby concur with the Terms and Conditions of this Covenant and do entreat the Lord on behalf of the people of Papua New Guinea, that God would fulfill the stated intent of this Covenant to become applicable to my nation and peoples who today join me in declaring that the God of Israel is also their God.

I do make this declaration at the Reverend Sione Kami Memorial Church, Boroko Papua New Guinea, this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

Grand Chief Rt. Hon Sir Michael T Somare, GCL, GCMG, CF, KSt.J.

When the Most High made a covenant with Israel at Mt Sinai, He gave them a set of commands, that in keeping them, would bring great blessing. But in disobeying, would bring strict discipline until they would repent, return to Him and live in obedience once more.

***For us in Papua New Guinea, this has enormous implications. If we keep this covenant, our economy will flourish, our social structure will be restored, our nation will be free from the increasing occurrence of natural disasters, our national security will be impenetrable and our land would only know the abundance of blessing. However, if we do not keep this covenant and obey the Lord our God, our economy will fail, our social structure will self destruct, every natural disaster known to man will pound our shores, our borders will be open to any foreign invading army, and to thieves who will continue to steal our resources, and we will only know poverty, shame and destruction.***

If the Most High is our God, then WE must obey Him, follow Him, worship Him, WE must give Him the highest honour and respect in society, His desire is our command, and His purposes must be our reason for living. The spoken words alone mean little, rather it is the keeping of His covenant through his commands that truly makes Him OUR God

The other aspect of the covenant is that while the covenant is with the God of Israel, it also connects us to the people of Israel. The God of Israel and the people of Israel can not be separated. So we must continue to love, support and pray for Israel.

### What Is A Solemn Assembly?

A solemn assembly according to Joel 1: 14 and Joel 2:15, is where all the people in the land are called together, from the church leaders all the way to the children nursing at the breast, from ministers of the Lord all the way to the newly married bride and bridegroom. According to Joel 2:1 and Numbers 10:9-10, a trumpet is to be sounded to call out an alarm to waken the community and to gather them together for a Solemn Assembly.

It is a gathering for the purpose of repentance and crying out to God. In each passage it talks about either putting on sackcloth and ashes or the ripping of garments, which are both signs of mourning and grieving. The first step in returning to the Lord (Joel 2:13) is to recognize how bankrupt we are (Revelation 3:17-18) and repent for rejecting the God who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and who still holds out his hand to us (Nehemiah 9: 1-3).

It is a time of repenting for offerings and tithes that have been withheld and for bringing offerings to the Lord (Joel 1:13, Joel 2:14, Leviticus 23:27) In the scriptures, when a Solemn Assembly was observed, as in Leviticus 23 and Numbers 29, a freewill offering was given to the Lord. On the National Day of Repentance, we will again be taking up a national offering to give to the Jewish people who are making Aliyah. Aliyah is the return of the Jews to Israel from the nations around the world, where they have been scattered, as the prophets foretold. Through the Aliyah Offering, people around PNG gave almost K90,000. The Lord finally connected us to the Jewish Agency For Israel, which is the official agency used by the Israeli Governments for Aliyah. All



the funds were sent to them, for which they sent a letter of thanks to the people of Papua New Guinea for assisting Jews returning home to Israel. (The Aliyah Offering can be put into PNG NCTN Project acc#1005812357 BSP Kundiawa)

During a Solemn Assembly and all the days of preparation, the Book of the Law is to be read out loud in hearing of all the people (Nehemiah 8:18). It is a time of recommitment to The Word of God as the final authority.

It is a day where no work is done (Leviticus 23:28, Numbers 29:35 ) obedience and undivided attention as we seek His face together.

A Solemn Assembly according to Leviticus 23:27 is a day for denying yourself (food) in other words, fasting. Fasting throughout scripture was a sign of humility before the Lord (Psalm 35:13). We, the people of PNG are a proud people. We need to all humble ourselves with fasting.

**SOLEMN ASSEMBLY PROGRAM -August 26, 2024 (10:00 am)** Blow the trumpet - (Ring a bell, blow a horn or shell) Call the people together.

**DECLARATION OF PURPOSE** - (Repeat after Me)

Father today,/ we your people gather together,/ We humble ourselves before you.

We submit to your authority today./

And we come to meet the conditions/

that you set down in your word in 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people/ who are called by my name/ will humble themselves and pray/ Seek my face,/ And turn from their wicked ways./ Then will I hear from heaven!/ will forgive their sin! And heal their land. /We ask you Holy Spirit to lead us now./ In Yeshua's name! amen.

**CONSECRATE THE ASSEMBLY** - (Joel 2:16) (Repeat after me)

Father, we come to you in Yeshua name

We acknowledge that Yeshua is our Passover lamb,

And by His death, we can have life.

We ask you to cleanse us right now from all unrighteousness

With the blood of Yeshua your son.

We set ourselves apart for You today

Because we are a blood bought people. Amen!

**THE PUBLIC READING OF THE WORD** Nehemiah 9:3 **'And they stood up in their place and read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day; for another fourth of it they made confession and worshipped the LORD their God.'**

Read passages like Deuteronomy 27: 11-26, Deuteronomy 28, Deuteronomy 4: 1-14, Deuteronomy 6:1-19, Deuteronomy 11, 2 Samuel 22, 1 Chronicles 16:8-36, Matthew 5 and 6, 1Corinthians 13, Revelation 2 and 3. You will not have time to read them all.

**DECLARATION OF LEADERS.** The leaders come forward and weep, they make a public

confession of their failure and repent. Joel 2:17 - We also confess the sins of our forefathers Exodus 20:5... for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me," Daniel and Ezra prayed these prayers even though they were godly men.

**READER 1** Daniel 9:4-19 <sup>4</sup> "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our (prime ministers), our (leaders) and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the men of (name of province) and people of (name of place) and all (Papua New Guinea), both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup> LORD, we and our (prime ministers), our (other leaders) and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> All (Papua New Guinea) has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. 'Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. <sup>12</sup> You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to (Papua New Guinea). <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favour of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. <sup>14</sup> The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him. <sup>15</sup> "Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. <sup>16</sup> O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from (Papua New Guinea, your (nation)). Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made (Papua New Guinea) and your people an object of scorn to all those around us. <sup>17</sup> "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favour on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup> Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

**READER 2** Nehemiah 9:5-34 (various verses) "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. <sup>6</sup> You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.... <sup>16</sup> "But they, our forefathers, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and did not obey your commands.... <sup>29</sup> ...They sinned against your ordinances, by which a man will live if he obeys them. Stubbornly they turned their backs on you, became stiff-necked and refused to listen. <sup>30</sup> For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you admonished them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you handed them over to the neighbouring peoples. <sup>31</sup> But in your.