

# Stop Pledging Allegiance to Man—Our Allegiance Belongs to Yah

**Shalom Family, let's dive into this topic together and see the Word of Yah reveals.**

From the time many of us were children, we were taught to pledge allegiance to a flag, a country, or a leader. In America, every school morning begins with children standing, placing their hand over their heart, and reciting words of loyalty to a nation. At the time, it may seem harmless or simply patriotic. But in reality, this practice is training us from youth to give our allegiance to man-made systems rather than to the living Elohim.

The Scriptures are clear: our allegiance belongs to YHWH alone.

## **Allegiance in Scripture**

Deuteronomy 6:6–8

*“And these Words which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up, and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.”*

YHWH is telling us that His Word must shape both our hands (our actions) and our minds (our thoughts and focus). This is what true allegiance looks like, living out His commands daily, teaching them to our children, and carrying them with us in all we do.

Joshua 24:15

*“And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve YHWH, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But I and my house, we serve YHWH.”*

Allegiance is a choice. Every day we decide whether to serve YHWH or to serve the systems of man.

## **Allegiance to the Beast System**

The Book of Revelation warns of a time when the beast will demand allegiance from all people:

Revelation 13:16–17

*“And he causes all, both small and great, and rich and poor, and free and slave, to be given a mark upon their right hand or upon their foreheads, and that no one should be able to buy or sell except he that has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*

This mark is about allegiance. Just as YHWH’s Word is bound to our hand and forehead, the beast seeks to mark hands and foreheads with loyalty to him. It is a counterfeit, demanding devotion in thought (forehead) and action (hand).

Examples in Scripture show us how allegiance is forced:

- Daniel 3 – Hananyah, Misha’ěl, and Azaryah were told to bow to Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image or die in the furnace.
- Daniel 6 – Daniel was forbidden to pray to YHWH and commanded to pray only to the king.
- Revelation 13:7 – “And it was given to him to fight with the set-apart ones and to overcome them. And authority was given to him over every tribe and tongue and nation.”

Once a person pledges their allegiance to the beast system, the decision is sealed.

Revelation 14:9–11 makes it clear that those who worship the beast and receive his mark will face eternal judgment. There is no turning back.

## **Allegiance Must Be to YHWH Alone**

Everyday practices like pledging to a flag or singing national anthems may seem harmless, but they condition us to divide our loyalty. The Word of YHWH warns against this divided heart:

Exodus 20:3

“You have no other mighty ones against My face.”

Deuteronomy 10:20

“Fear YHWH your Elohim. Serve Him, and cling to Him, and swear by His Name.”

We are not commanded to swear oaths to nations, governments, or systems of man. Our oath, pledge, and loyalty must be to YHWH and His reign alone.

## **Teaching Allegiance to Our Children**

The world trains children early to pledge allegiance to nations. But YHWH commands us to train our children early to pledge allegiance to Him:

Deuteronomy 6:7

*“And you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.”*

Proverbs 22:6

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he turns not away from it.”*

This is why it is so important to impress YHWH’s Word on our children daily, when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise up. They must know clearly where their loyalty lies, because one day the world will demand their allegiance too.

## **Your Allegiance is Your Destiny**

Allegiance is not just about words, it is about destiny. The one to whom you pledge your loyalty is the one who determines your future.

- Allegiance to YHWH leads to life, blessing, and eternal fellowship:

Deuteronomy 30:19–20

*“I have called the heavens and the earth as witnesses today against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore you shall choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed, to love YHWH your Elohim, to obey His voice, we call and to cling to Him – for He is your life and the length of your days...”*

- Allegiance to the beast leads to judgment and eternal separation:

Revelation 14:9–10

*“...If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark upon his forehead or upon his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tortured with fire and sulphur before the set-apart messengers and before the Lamb.”*

This is why the decision is so serious. Once your final allegiance is given to the beast system, your fate is sealed. There is no neutral ground, you cannot serve two masters.

Matthew 6:24

*“No one is able to serve two masters, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or else he shall cleave to the one and despise the other. You are not able to serve Elohim and mammon.”*

From childhood, the world trains us to pledge allegiance to nations and systems of man. But as followers of YHWH, we must break free from divided loyalty and give our full allegiance to Him alone. We must bind His Word on our hands and foreheads, teaching it diligently to our children, and living it daily in every choice we make.

Because in the end, your allegiance determines your destiny.

Joshua 24:15

*“...But I and my house, we serve YHWH.”*

**Until we meet again, may we continue to walk in the undeniable truth of Yah’s Word.**

**Shalom,**

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# Pledge of Allegiance to Yah

“I pledge my allegiance to YHWH, the Elohim of Yisra’el,  
to walk in His Torah, to love Him with all my heart,  
with all my being, and with all my might.

I pledge to guard His commands and bind His Word on my hands and in my mind,  
to speak of them when I sit in my house, when I walk by the way,  
when I lie down, and when I rise up.

I pledge my allegiance to Yahshua, the Lamb who was slain,  
my Redeemer and King, who is coming again in power and esteem.

I will not bow to the beast, nor to the image of man,  
nor take his mark upon my hand or upon my forehead.

My allegiance is forever to YHWH and His Word,  
for He is my Elohim, and there is no other.”