

# Jeremiah 33:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

## Analysis

**Thus saith the LORD; If My covenant be not with day and night** (אִם-לֹא בְרִיתִי)—God invokes creation ordinances to guarantee redemption. Beriti (My covenant) applies covenant language to the natural order—day-night cycle is covenantal, not merely physical. Genesis 8:22 established this post-Flood: 'While earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest... day and night shall not cease.' God made 'covenant' with natural phenomena (cf. Job 38:33, 'ordinances of heaven').

**And if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth** (וְלֹא-אֶצְקֹת שְׁמַיִם)—chuqqot (statutes, חֻקִּים) means fixed decrees, the same term for Torah's ritual laws. God 'appointed' (samti, set in place) cosmic order with deliberate sovereignty. The logic: 'If creation's reliability derives from My covenant faithfulness, how much more My covenant with Abraham's seed?' Natural law testifies to covenant law; physics guarantees metaphysics.

## Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cultures saw natural cycles as controlled by capricious deities requiring constant appeasement. Israel's God differs radically—He establishes reliable natural law as witness to reliable covenant law. Psalm 119:89-91 makes identical connection: 'Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled... Your faithfulness continues through all generations... according to Your ordinances they stand.' Creation's stability proves covenant stability.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does observing nature's regularity (sunrise, seasons, gravity) strengthen confidence in God's promise-keeping?
2. What does it mean that God calls natural laws 'My covenant'—how does this elevate creation's theological significance?
3. If God's covenant with day and night guarantees Israel's covenant, what does this say about His covenant with the church?

## Interlinear Text

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כֹּה	אֵמַר	יְהוָה	אֲמַר	לֹא	בְרִיתִי	יִמּוֹם
H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	H518	H3808	If my covenant	be not with day
	H559	H3068			H1285	H3119
וְלַיְלָה	חֻקֹּת	שָׁמַיִם	וְאֶרֶץ	לֹא	שָׁמַתִּי:	
and night	the ordinances	of heaven	and earth	H3808	and if I have not appointed	
H3915	H2708	H8064	H776		H7760	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 104:19** (Parallel theme): He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

**Jeremiah 33:20** (Covenant): Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

**Genesis 8:22** (Parallel theme): While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

