

THE FIVE COVENANTS

COVENANT DEFINITION: A BINDING AGREEMENT WHICH BRINGS ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP OF COMMITMENT BETWEEN TWO PARTIES (INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, NATIONS). A CONTRACT.

COVENANTS WERE PERMANENT, BINDING CONTRACTS. COVENANT IS AN ENDLESS PARTNERSHIP. IT CANNOT BE BROKEN UNDER PENALTY OF DEATH.

THREE TYPES OF COVENANTS

1. GRANT COVENANT – A covenant when a greater and lesser person came into covenant, and the greater one took on all of the obligations. The lesser one only needed to receive the covenant.
2. KINSHIP COVENANT – A covenant when two equal parties came together, as in a marriage. Each party took on a small list of obligations in the covenant. This type of covenant had a small set of obligations and was very evenly divided between the two parties.
3. VASSAL COVENANT – A covenant when a greater and lesser person came into covenant based on the greater one's ability to destroy the lesser one. Instead of destruction, the greater one offered the lesser one safety in exchange for the ability to collect taxes and tribute, take slaves, and so forth. Typically this happened when a king conquered a nation and offered the people of that nation their lives in exchange for a level of servitude to his harsh rule. As a result, in this covenant, the greater person had all the power, and the lesser person had to fulfill a large number of obligations

THE NOAHIC COVENANT

Cannon starts in Genesis 1:1 and goes through the end of Genesis 11

The Promise – Genesis 9:9-11 ... "Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

The sign of the covenant: A rainbow

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Cannon starts in Genesis 12 through Genesis 50

Genesis 12:1-3 "The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

STAGES OF MAKING AND CONFIRMING COVENANT

1. Genesis 12 – Yahweh promised five things to Abraham: 1. I will bless you; 2. I will make your name great; 3. Everyone who blesses you will be blessed; 4. Everyone who curses you will be cursed; and 5. All your offspring will be a blessing to the whole world.
2. Genesis 15 – Yahweh made a covenant with Abram. "cutting the covenant" Genesis 15:17-18 "And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day Yahweh made a covenant with Abram

saying: To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates..."

3. Genesis 17 – Yahweh began confirming the covenant by changing Abram’s name to Abraham and introducing circumcision.
4. Genesis 22 - Yahweh finalized confirming covenant through His test of Abraham on Mount Moriah. Genesis 22:16-18 “ By Myself I have sworn, says Yahweh, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son-blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gates of their enemies. In your **seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

FULFILLMENT IN YAHSHUA – ACTS 3:25-26 “You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which Yahweh made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, and in your **seed** all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

MATTHEW 1:1 – “The book of the genealogy of Yahshua the Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.” Gal. 3:16-18

THE MOSAIC COVENANT

PART 1

Cannon starts in Exodus 1 through Exodus 45; Numbers; Leviticus

Yahweh initiated a covenant with the Israelites. Exodus 19: 3-6 “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: “you yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites

The people rejected the Grant Covenant and Yahweh made a **Kinship Covenant** instead. Exodus 19:19 Israelites respond in fear to Yahweh and asked Moses to be the **mediator** (giving of the 10 Commandments was part of Kinship ceremony)

Yahweh had to become partner and punisher of the Kinship Covenant

Wandered 40 years in wilderness because of bad report, only Joshua and Caleb from that generation would enter the Promised Land

PART 2

Cannon in Deuteronomy

Joshua became new covenant partner upon death of Moses. Yahweh instituted a new covenant which was downgraded to a **Vassel Covenant**. Deuteronomy 5-26 list what is required for living inside the vassal covenant. Many rules. Deuteronomy 27-30 is the covenant agreement with the stipulations. (Blessings and Curses) This addendum – the Book of the Law was placed outside the ark of the covenant.

Deuteronomy 30:11 “Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach...”

The Law had nothing to do with eternal life, only a reward of blessing in this life if obedient

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

Cannon in Second Samuel 7 and Psalm 89

2 Samuel 7:11b-16 - "Also Yahweh tells you that He will make you a **house**. When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

Psalm 89:3-4 - "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations."

FOUR MAJOR PROMISES

1. I will make your name great.
2. I will be his father, and he will be My son.
3. I will build you a house.
4. Your house (dynasty), kingdom, and throne shall be forever.

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 1:30-33 - "Do not be afraid Mary; you have found favor with Yahewh. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Yahshua. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **Yahweh will give him the throne of his father David**, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Mark 10:47 - "Yahshua, **Son of David**, have mercy on me!"

Yahshua's ascension fulfilled the promise to David - the promise that he would have a descendant who would sit on the throne and rule a secure and perpetual Kingdom.

