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## Abrahamic Covenant

Covenant: A promise between two or more parties to fulfill certain obligations that are stipulated in a contract. Usually accompanied by a “cutting” ceremony and or meal.

Cutting ceremony: Jeremiah 34

**18** I will give the people who have violated My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me, *when* they cut the calf in two and passed between its parts— **19** the officials of Judah and the officials of Jerusalem, the high officials and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf— **20** I will hand them over to their enemies and to those who seek their lives. And their dead bodies will be food for the birds of the sky and the animals of the earth.

Two types of covenant:

Conditional:

Characterized by words like: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
stipulating the blessings and curses.

Example: Mosaic Deuteronomy 28

Blessings:

**if:** “Now it shall be, if you diligently <sup>la</sup>obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I am commanding you today,

**Then:** that the LORD your God will put you high above all the nations of the earth. **2** And all these blessings come to you and reach you if you <sup>lb</sup>obey the LORD your God:

**3** “Blessed *will* you *be*... -vs 14

### Curses:

**If:** “But it shall come about, if you do not [o]bey the LORD your God, to be careful to [o]follow all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today,

**Then:** that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: -68

### Non-conditional:

Example: Davidic 2 Samuel 7

Characterized by words like: \_\_\_\_\_

I will also make a great name for you, like the names of the great men who [a]re on the earth. **10** And I will establish a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will [b]malicious people oppress them anymore as previously, **11** even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you. **12** When your days are finished and you [c]lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your [d]descendant after you, who will come from [e]you, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he does wrong, I will discipline him with a rod of men and with strokes of sons of mankind, **15** but My favor shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from you. **16** Your house and your kingdom shall endure before [f]Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.””

In a covenant between men a token is usually given from the greater party to the lesser as a sign of the covenant. In God’s covenants He gives a \_\_\_\_\_ to seal the covenant.

Major covenants in the bible:

(Adamic)  
Noahic  
Abrahamic  
Mosaic  
Priestly  
Davidic  
New

Abrahamic covenant:

**Chapter 12** Now the LORD said to Abram,

“Go from your country,  
And from your relatives  
And from your father’s house,  
To the land which I will show you;

**2** And I will make you into a great nation,  
And I will bless you,  
And make your name great;  
And *you shall* be a blessing;

**3** And I will bless those who bless you,  
And the one who <sup>[a]</sup>curses you I will <sup>[b]</sup>curse.  
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

**4** So Abram went away as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. **5** Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the <sup>[c]</sup>people which they had acquired in Haran, and they <sup>[d]</sup>set out for the land of Canaan; so they came to the land of Canaan. **6** Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the <sup>[e]</sup>oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanites were in the land at that time. **7** And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your <sup>[f]</sup>descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

**Chapter 15** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,

“Do not fear, Abram,  
I am a shield to you;  
[a]Your reward shall be very great.”

**2** But Abram said, “Lord [b]GOD, what will You give me, since I [c]am childless, and the [d]heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” **3** Abram also said, “[e]Since You have given me no [f]son, [g]one who has been born in my house is my heir.” **4** Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come from your own [h]body shall be your heir.” **5** And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your [i]descendants be.” **6** Then he believed in the LORD; and He [j]credited it to him as righteousness. **7** And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to [k]possess it.” **8** But he said, “Lord [l]GOD, how may I know that I will [m]possess it?” **9** So He said to him, “[n]Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” **10** Then he [o]brought all these to Him and cut them [p]in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. **11** And birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

**12** Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, [q]terror and great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your [r]descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, [s]where they will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. **14** But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with [t]many possessions. **15** As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. **16** Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the wrongdoing of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

**17** Now it came about, when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, a smoking oven and a flaming torch *appeared* which passed between these pieces. **18** On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

“To your [u]descendants I have given this land,  
From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

**19** the *land of the* Kenite, the Kenizzite, the Kadmonite, **20** the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Rephaim, **21** the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Girgashite, and the Jebusite.”

**Chapter 17** Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

“I am [a]God Almighty;  
Walk before Me, and be [b]blameless.

**2** I will [c]make My covenant between Me and you,  
And I will multiply you exceedingly.”

**3** Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

**4** “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you,  
And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

**Jeremiah 20: 29** So they camped, one opposite the other, for seven days.  
And on the seventh day the battle was joined, and the sons of Israel  
[p]killed of the Arameans a hundred thousand foot soldiers in a single day.

**30** But the rest fled to Aphek into the city, and the wall fell on twenty-seven  
thousand men who were left. And Ben-hadad fled and came into the city,  
*going from one* inner room to another.

**31** But his servants said to him, “Behold now, we have heard that the kings  
of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please let’s put sackcloth  
[q]around our waists and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of  
Israel; perhaps he will let [r]you live.” **32** So they put sackcloth [s]around  
their waists and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and  
said, “Your servant Ben-hadad says, ‘Please let [t]me live.’” And *Ahab* said,  
“Is he still alive? He is my brother.” **33** Now the men took this as a *good*  
omen, and quickly [u]accepting it from him, they said, “Your brother Ben-  
hadad.”

**5** No longer shall you be named [d]Abram,  
But your name shall be [e]Abraham;  
For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

**6** I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come  
from you. **7** I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your [f]descendants  
after you throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and  
to your [g]descendants after you. **8** And I will give to you and to your [h]descendants after

you the land where you live as a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

**9** God said further to Abraham, “Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your [u]descendants after you throughout their generations. **10** This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your [u]descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. **11** And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. **12** And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, *including* a slave who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your [k]descendants. **13** A slave who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall certainly be circumcised; so My covenant shall be in your flesh as an everlasting covenant. **14** But as *for* an uncircumcised male, one who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

**15** Then God said to Abraham, “As for your wife Sarai, you shall not call her *by* the name [u]Sarai, but [m]Sarah *shall be* her name. **16** I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of* nations; kings of peoples will [n]come from her.” **17** Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Will a child be born to a man a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth *to a child*?” **18** And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before You!” **19** But God said, “No, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you shall name him [o]Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his [p]descendants after him. **20** As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and make him fruitful and multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. **21** But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.”