# BIBLICAL COVENANTS -

#### I. Introduction



### Why Does God Enter into Covenants?

- >He did not need to reveal His Will
- >His Character is Enough
- > His Word is Sufficient
- > He does not need to make Covenants
- >Unique significance of History
- **≻To reveal His Glory**

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#### הית (berit)

- > A Legally Binding
  Contract
- >An Agreement,
  Pact, Treaty
- Specifies behavior to be complied with



"AN ORAL CONTRACT IS NOT WORTH THE PAPER IT'S WRITTEN ON."

#### <u>IMPORTANCE</u>

- 1. Ultimate assurance of God's faithfulness
- 2. Reveals God's plan for universe
- 3. Set parameters for world history
- 4. Key to understanding Bible

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B. Examples



- ► Between Men Gen 21:27
- ►In Marriage Mal 2:14
- **Between Tribes -** Josh 9:7
- **▶**Between Nations Deut 7:2
- ➤ God & Man Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Land, Davidic, New

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C. Elements



#### MORTGAGE

- 1. Parties you & bank
- 2. Stipulations loan amount, interest rate, payments, fees, repossession, etc.
- 3. Term 15 year
- 4. Signing -

your name bank official

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III. God's Covenants

A. Noahic



#### NOAHIC COVENANT

Gen 9:8-17

> Parties - God, Noah, Descendants, Animals, Earth

>Stipulations - stable universe

> Signing - unconditional

>Sign - Rainbow

Jer 33:25 "Thus says the Lord, 'If My covenant for day and night stand not and the fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have not established,

Jer 33:26 then I would reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, not taking from his descendants rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."

## Job 38:33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens, or fix their rule over the earth?

## "Only the Hebrews, so far as we know, made covenants with their gods or God."

WF Albright

#### ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Gen 15:18, 17:1-8

>Parties -

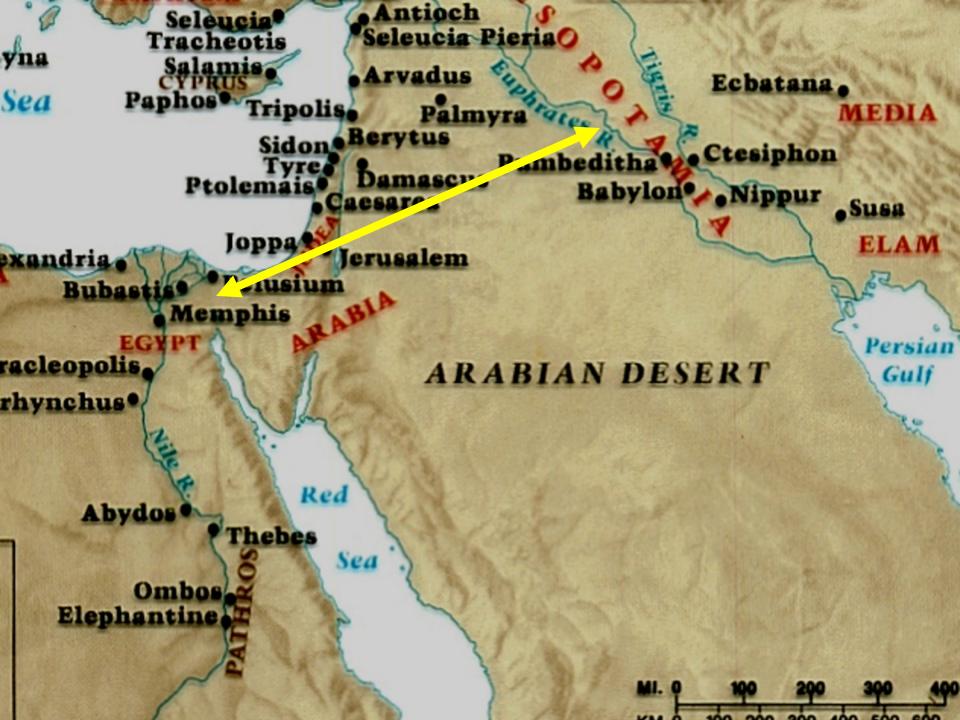
God, Abraham, & descendants

>Stipulations

**Seed** 

**Land** 





- **Seed**
- **Land**



**Blessing** 

#### ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Gen 15:18, 17:1-8

> Parties -

God, Abraham, & descendants

>Stipulations -

Seed, Land, Blessings

> Signing -

unconditional

>Sign -

circumcision

#### HISTORY of COVENANT

- **Promised** -
- >Instituted -
- >Confirmed -
- > Re-instituted -
- > Re-instituted -
- >Remembered -
- >Fulfilled -

- 12:1-3, 13:14-17
- 15:1-21
- 17:1-21, 22:15-18
- 26:3-4, 24
  - 28:13-15, 35:9-12
- Ex 2:24, 2Kg 17:15
- Gal 3, Act 3:25-26

NOAHIC

(Unconditional)

ABRAHAMIC MOSAIC (Unconditional) (Conditional)

Seed Blessing

Land

LAND

DAVIDIC

REW

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C. Mosaic



#### MOSAIC COVENANT

Ex 19:3-8

>Parties -

God, Children of Israel

>Stipulations -

Law

>Signing -

**Conditional** 

>Sign -

Sabbath

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E. Davidic



#### DAVIDIC COVENANT

2Sam 7:4-19, Ps 89:1-4, 28-37

- > Parties God & David/descendants
- >Stipulations Eternal Kingdom

Father/son relationship

centered in Jerusalem

Messiah

- Unconditional
- **Dynastic line**

- >Signing -
- >Sign -

#### DAVIDIC COVENANT

(2Sam 7:10-17, 19)

- >Secure kingdom
- **Temple**
- > Father-Son relationship
- >Kings chastened
- **Unconditional**
- > Centered in Jerusalem
- >Future Messiah



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F. New



#### NEW COVENANT

Jer 31:31-37, Deut 30:3-7

>Parties -

God, House of Israel & Judah

>Stipulations -

Restoration & Regeneration blessings

>Signing -

conditional

