

BIBLICAL

COVENANTS -



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בְּרִית (berit)

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



IMPORTANCE

- 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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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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A. Noahic



Gen 9:8-10. Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 9 “Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.

NOAHIC COVENANT

Gen 9:8-17

- **Parties - God, Noah, Descendants, Animals, Earth**
- **Stipulations - Stable universe**
- **Signing - Unconditional**
- **Sign - Rainbow**

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Gen 15:18, 17:1-8

- **Parties - God, Abraham, & descendants**
- **Stipulations**

COVENANT

➤ **Seed**

➤ **Land**



Gen 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

COVENANT

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



ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Gen 15:18, 17:1-8

- **Parties - God, Abraham, & descendants**
- **Stipulations - Seed, Land, Blessing**
- **Signing - Unconditional**
- **Sign - Circumcision**

HISTORY of COVENANT

- **Promised -** 12:1-3, 13:14-17
- **Instituted -** 15:1-21
- **Confirmed -** 17:1-21, 22:15-18
- **Re-instituted -** 26:3-4, 24
- **Re-instituted -** 28:13-15, 35:9-12
- **Remembered -** Ex 2:24, 2Kg 17:15
- **Fulfilled -** Gal 3, Act 3:25-26

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Ex 19:3-5 Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, 5 ‘Now then, if you will indeed **obey** My voice and **keep My covenant**, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

MOSAIC COVENANT

Ex 19:3-8

- **Parties - God, Children of Israel**
- **Stipulations - Law**
- **Signing - Conditional**
- **Sign - Sabbath**

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Deut 29:1 These are the words of the **covenant** which the **LORD** commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of **Moab**, besides the **covenant** which He had made with them at **Horeb**.

Deut 28:1-2 “Now it shall be, if you diligently **obey** the **LORD** your God, being careful **to do** all His commandments which I command you today, the **LORD** your God will set you **high above** all the **nations** of the earth. 2 “All these **blessings** will come upon you and overtake you, ...

JEWISH ESCHATOLOGY

- 1. Blessing for Obedience - 28:1-2**
- 2. Failure & Discipline - 4:25-26**
- 3. Exile - 4:26-27**



Deut 4:25-26 “When you become the father of children and children’s children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, ...

Deut 4:26-27 ... , that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 “The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.

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- 3. Exile - 4:26-27**
- 4. Tribulation - 4:30**
- 5. Restoration - 4:29-31**



Deut 4:30 “When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

Deut 4:29-31 “But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. 30 “... , in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. 31 “For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

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**Deut 30:7 “The LORD your God
will inflict all these curses on
your enemies and on those who
hate you, who persecuted you.**

Deut 30:8-10 “**And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today. 9 Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;**

COVENANTS

NOAHIC

(Unconditional)

ABRAHAMIC

(Unconditional)

Seed

Blessing

MOSAIC

(Conditional)

Land

LAND

DAVIDIC

NEW

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E. Davidic



Ps 89:3-4. “I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, 4 I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations.” Selah.

28f “My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him.

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
- **Signing - Unconditional**
- **Sign - Dynastic line???**

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



Jer 31:31-32 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, **32** not like the **covenant** which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke,**

NEW COVENANT

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

- **Parties - God, House of Israel & Judah**
- **Stipulations - National salvation
Regeneration blessings
in land**
- **Signing - Unconditional**
- **Sign -**

STIPULATIONS

- **Spiritual blessings - Jer 31:31-34**
- **Restoration to land - Ezek 36:22-24**
- **National salvation - Ezek 36:25-27**
- **Capital city - Jer 31:38**
- **Temple - Ezek 40-41**
- **National prosperity - Ezek 36:33-35**
- **Primary nation - Ezek 36:36**

FULFILLMENT

- 1. Guarantee - Lk 22:19-20**
- 2. Views:**
 - a. Fulfilled by church**
 - b. 2 New Covenants**
 - c. Future fulfillment but benefits for church**
 - d. Future fulfillment by Israel**

A photograph of a sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, with a long, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the distant hills are silhouetted against the twilight. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

**Our Lord is sovereign
over world history!!!**

Sea of Galilee from Kursi