



WORD 2023

**EDUCATE**

**Hosea 4:6** My people will be destroyed, because they have no knowledge. **You have refused to learn**, so I will refuse to let you be priests to me. You have forgotten the teachings of your God, so I will forget your children. NCV

**Isaiah 5:13** Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge; their honored men go hungry, and their multitude is parched with thirst. ESV

**Psalms 103:7** He made known His ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ESV

Eternity

Destiny

Understanding

Covenant

Application

Teach

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# Covenant

- **Matthew 26:27-29** And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, 28 for this is my blood, **which confirms the covenant between God and his people**. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. 29 Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

# Relationship!

- Covenant is the word God uses to describe his relationship with his people.

## Why Covenant?

- Matthew 23-27-29
- Zechariah prophesied concerning the birth of his son, John the Baptist.
  - **Luke 1:72-73** He has been merciful to our ancestors by **remembering his sacred covenant**—73 the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham.
- The God of the Bible has chosen to reveal himself not through statues and images, but through covenant.



J. I. Packer said, First, “the gospel of God is not properly understood till it is viewed within a covenantal frame.”

Second, “the Word of God is not properly understood till it is viewed within a covenantal frame.”

Third, “the reality of God is not properly understood till it is viewed within a covenantal frame.”

God, gospel, and Scripture: none properly understood until seen in the light of the covenant.

**The general, purpose or reason, for a covenant is to provide a binding sense of commitment to an interpersonal relationship.**

- Joshua 9:1-27
- Jeremiah 34:8-18

God has a reason for everything he does. He moves with definite purpose. Careful, forethought, and planning goes into all His works. All of God's purposes proceeded from His person. What he does is always consistent with who he is. The kind of person He is dictates the kind of things he does.

- Romans 8:28
- 2 Timothy 1:9
- Ephesians 1:9-11

## **Exactly What Is Covenant?**

- In modern society, the word covenant has lost some of the fullness and richness that it had in Bible times. Clearly, “covenant” is not a word we use much nowadays. Yet, it occurs over 300 times in the Bible, and not just in not just in obscure, unimportant places!

In English the word, covenant signifies, a mutual understanding between two or more parties, each binding themselves to fulfill, specific obligations; a legal contract; a binding agreement; a written agreement. It also refers to a solid agreement to do or not to do a certain thing.

Strong's concordance defines the Hebrew word, "Beriyth" as a compact, (made by passing between pieces of flesh), which implies the thought of cutting a covenant.

- **Genesis 15:17-18** After the sun went down and darkness fell, Abram saw a smoking firepot and a flaming torch pass between the halves of the carcasses. 18 So the Lord made a covenant with Abram that day and said, "I have given this land to your descendants, all the way from the border of Egypt to the great Euphrates River— NLT
- **Jeremiah 34:18** Because you have broken the terms of our covenant, I will cut you apart just as you cut apart the calf when you walked between its halves to solemnize your vows. NLT



The covenant is an expressed agreement. It consists of words that are either verbalized or written.

- **Four Components**

1. The promise of the covenant. In that a covenant is an interpersonal commitment the person involved would most likely expressed that commitment in the form of a promise. These promises could include:
  - a. Promises of blessing
  - b. Promises of cursing
  - c. Natural, national and temporal promises.
  - d. Spiritual and eternal promises.
2. The terms of the covenant agreement between two parties of necessity involves certain conditions under which the promise will be fulfilled on the part of the covenantor /and or the covenantee.

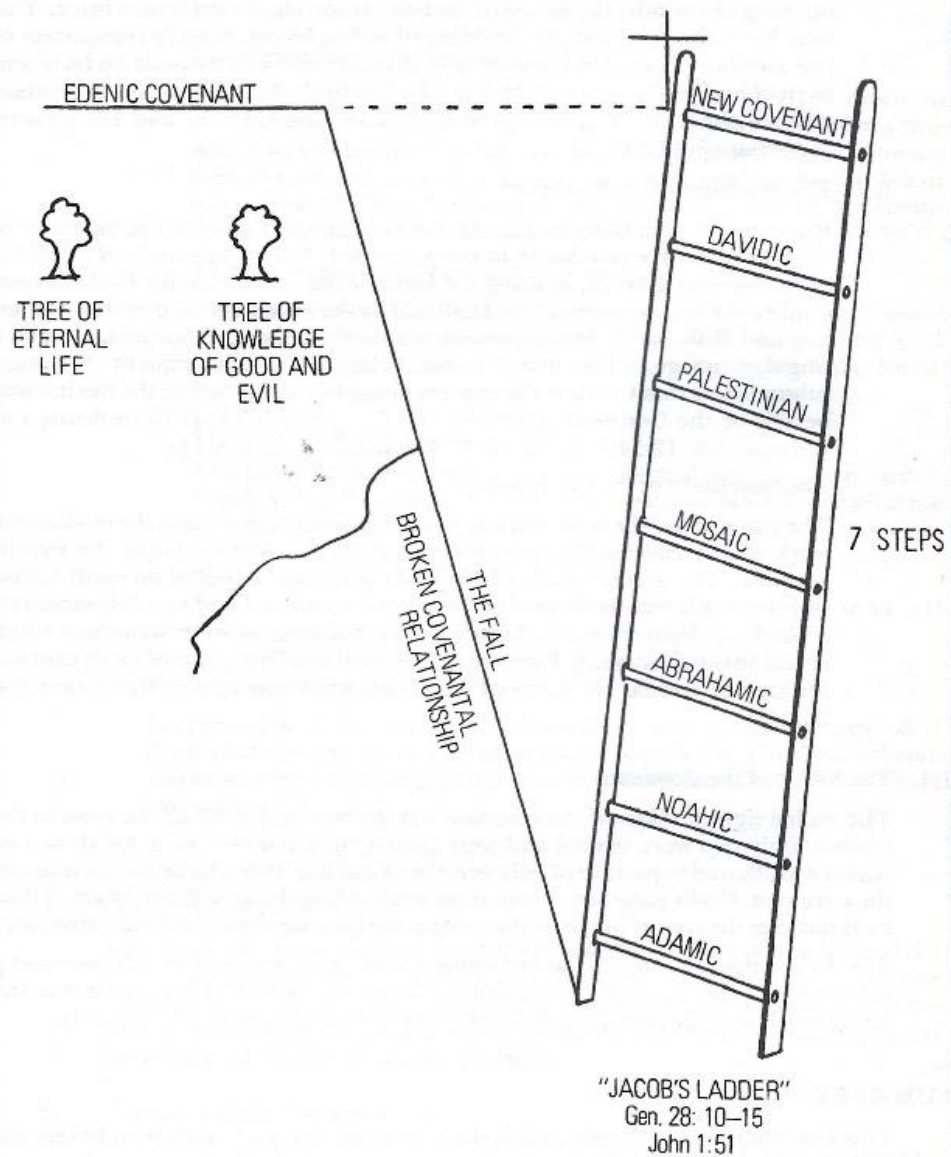
3. The oath of the covenant. Certain or divine covenants have their promises confirmed with an oath. When such is the case the covenant becomes irrevocable. Without an oath, the promises may be subject to change or cancellation.
4. The seal of the covenant is an ongoing, tangible witness to the truthfulness of the covenant. It serves as a constant reminder of the authenticity of the covenant the promise and terms.

The Marriage Ceremony (Covenant) would give us a clearer picture.

## **God, the Covenant originator!**

- The covenant between God and man had to originate with God, for he alone has the mind, authority, and ability to make them effective. It was always his heart and nature that motivated Him to initiate the covenant with man. The covenants are the greatest manifestation of God's love, grace, and mercy.

# THE COVENANTS



## **A Covenant keeping God.**

- Deuteronomy 7:9-11
- 2 Chronicles 6:14-15
- Psalms 111:5;9

## **A Covenant, revealing God.**

- Deuteronomy 4:13-14
- Psalms 25:14

## **A Covenant enabling God.**

- Ephesians 2:4-13

# Covenant – Father, Son, Holy Spirit

THE FATHER	THE SON	THE HOLY SPIRIT
The originator, initiator, covenant-maker and keeper, the source, the first, the beginning.	The sacrifice of body and blood, the second person, the mediator and ratifier of the covenant.	The executor appointed to carry out the will and testament of the Father and the Son, the third person, the completer and fulfiller of the covenant
THE WORDS/ PROMISES of the Covenant	THE BLOOD of the Covenant	THE SEAL of the Covenant
The Father's Word To Us	The Son's Work For Us	The Holy Spirit's Work In Us

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