

# Memory Verse

**Genesis 17:7-8**

**And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generation for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.**

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# 5 COVENANTS OF SCRIPTURE

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# Outline:

- (A) Covenants**
- (B) Noahic**
- (C) Abrahamic**
- (D) Mosaic**
- (E) Davidic**
- (F) New**

## A. Covenants

### 1. What is a Covenant?

It is not a contract, but an agreement, treaty or **binding promise** *between 2 or more parties*. A covenant is as secure as the integrity of those making it.

# A. Covenants

## 2. Types

### a. Unilateral and Unconditional

1 party does something *apart from anyone or anything else*. This is **regardless** of what another person does, or does not do, and *no matter what occurs this covenant still stands*.

# A. Covenants

## 2. Types

### b. Bilateral and Conditional

This is the *agreement between 2 or more parties*. 1 person/group will do something and the other person/group will do something. If 1 party breaks the covenant, *consequences* or “*curses*” occur and it becomes void if desired.

## A. Covenants

### 3. Established in Blood

The Hebrew root word “*berit*” means, “to cut.”  
Greek is “*diatheke*.” You “*cut a covenant*.”

*New Unger’s Bible Dictionary*, p. 260,  
“*Ceremonies*.”

There was often a “*sign*” for covenants,  
something *visible* to represent it.

## **B. Noahic Covenant - *Genesis 6:18, 8:20-22, 9:8-17***

### **1. Unilateral and Unconditional**

The sign to the covenant is the *rainbow* and it's an everlasting and unconditional covenant (*Genesis 9:15-16*). Neither Noah nor his family did anything to merit this, but God did it.



## B. Noahic Covenant - *Genesis 6:18, 8:20-22, 9:8-17*

### 2. Established with Mankind Around 2500-3000 B.C.

Established in blood in *Genesis 8:20-22*. This was after God told Noah He would establish a covenant with him, *6:18*. These *sacrifices were given* just over a **year after** the flood began! The sign of the *covenant was/is \_\_\_\_\_*. God “set His bow in the sky.” God *promised not to judge the world again by water*.

## **C. Abrahamic Covenant - *Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-21, 17:1-22***

### **1. Unilateral and Unconditional**

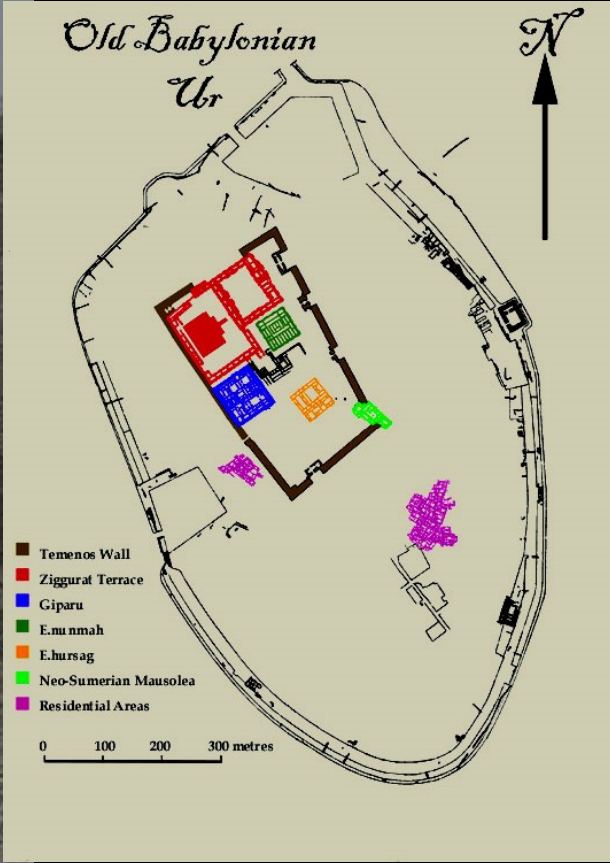
God took the initiative, told Abram *He would do this* and introduced the covenant in *Genesis 12:1-3*. *God sovereignly chose to do it!* The covenant was either *officially made or reaffirmed* in *Genesis 15*. This is where *Abraham kills animals*, and places half on one side and half on the other.



## **C. Abrahamic Covenant - *Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-21, 17:1-22***

### **2. Established with Abraham and His Descendents about 2100/2000B.C.**

Abram lived in Ur of the Chaldees. He wasn't seeking God, but *heard God speak* (*Genesis 12:1-3*). God *introduced and established* His covenant with him.



## **C. Abrahamic Covenant - *Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-21, 17:1-22***

### **3. Consisted of 4 Parts**

#### **a. Nation – *12:2, 17:4, 7-8***

*It is through Israel that Messiah came!*

#### **b. Divine Blessing and Protection – *12:3***

The Egyptians, Babylonians, Persians, Medes, Rome, Greece, etc. *are all history!* **The Jews still exist after more than 4000 years.**

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c. The Land – *12:1-3, 15:1-6, 18-21, 17:8 Genesis 15:18-21*. It speaks of the land! *Joshua 21:43-45* shows it's immediate fulfillment for the 12 tribes of Israel. However, not all the land God promised Abraham was *taken by the Israelites*. The **complete fulfillment** comes in the *Millennium*.

## **C. Abrahamic Covenant - *Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-21, 17:1-22***

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**d. The Seed - Fulfilled in Christ – *15:1-21, 17:2-7, 22:15-18, Galatians 3:7-9, 16***

The covenant refers to the birth of Abraham's son, *Isaac*, in his old age, and extended beyond that. Isaac was promised in *15:1-18*, reaffirmed in *17:2-7*, but wasn't born until many years later.

## D. Mosaic Covenant – *Exodus 19:1-9, 24:3-12*

### 1. Bilateral and Conditional

God told Moses what He would do. Israel was to obey God in the Torah or Teaching, and the 613 Laws and regulations in **this covenant**.

### 2. Established with Israel Around 1450B.C.

God gave the Mosaic covenant to him to *give to the children of Israel*. They promised to fulfill what was said in it: *Exodus 19:1-9*.

**D. Mosaic Covenant** – *Exodus 19:1-9, 24:3-12*

**3. Pointed to Christ** – **Galatians 3:13-25, 4:21-5:6**

The Mosaic covenant was an addition to the Abrahamic covenant because of transgressions and pointed to Jesus.

*Galatians 3:13-25, and 2 Timothy 3:14-15!*

## **E. Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 7:4-16, Jeremiah 33:14-26**

### **1. Unilateral and Unconditional**

This is an addition to the Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants. God narrowed down the individual to whom the promised Messiah King would be born. God said **He would do this!**

**E. Davidic Covenant** – *2 Samuel 7:4-16, Jeremiah 33:14-26*

**2. Established with David and His Descendents Around 1000B.C.**

The Davidic covenant included part of the Mosaic covenant to obey what God stated: *1 Kings 9:1-9*. It was immediately fulfilled when *Solomon provided sacrifices to sanctify the Temple in 1 Kings 8:62-66*.

## E. Davidic Covenant – *2 Samuel 7:4-16, Jeremiah 33:14-26*

**3. Fulfilled in Christ - Isaiah 9:6-7, Matthew 1:1, Luke 1:32-33, Acts 2:30-32, Hebrews 1:5**  
The immediate context of *2 Samuel 7* refers to Solomon, but the ultimate fulfillment is in Jesus. The *religious leaders* rejected their King and crucified Him (*Acts 2:36*). Yet, *because of God's unilateral and unconditional covenant with Abraham and David*, Jesus **will** sit upon a throne.

**F. New Covenant – *Isaiah 49:7-9, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Matthew 26:26-30***

**1. Unilateral and Unconditional**  
**Isaiah 49:7-9.**

**2. Foretold in the Old Testament**  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34. Ezekiel 37**

God said He would *establish this covenant with them* and write the Law upon their hearts. As with the Abrahamic covenant, it is *entered by faith!*



**F. New Covenant – *Isaiah 49:7-9, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Matthew 26:26-30***

**3. Built on the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic Covenants - Hebrews 7:11-10:25**

It is understood that Jesus discussed the New Covenant during the Last Supper. He said it was *established in His blood, a reference to His crucifixion*. The New *doesn't disannul* the Abrahamic or Davidic covenants.

# Prayer

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6**

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