

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

COVENANT

A "covenant" is a voluntary relationship between parties where both people or countries focus on a common goal and work together by agreeing to follow through on their own individual responsibilities and commitments.

1. What is your definition of a "relationship"? _____

2. What is your definition of a "common goal"? _____

3. What is your definition of "commitments"? _____

*The ancient countries of Biblical days were familiar with "covenants" or "partnerships" or "agreements" or "treaties". **HOWEVER, THESE DIFFERENT NATIONS WERE NOT EQUAL IN POWER AND CONTROL.** One nation would be in control (like the Great Hittite Empire). Another nation or group of people would be called "vassals"; they would live in the territory controlled by the Hittites, and would be allowed to because of a covenant signed & agreed upon (resulting in peace).*

4. Obviously, the Jews would know about other countries having these treaties or covenants.
 Yes No The Jews would understand a "covenant" when God proposed one for them.
 Yes No The Jews would have see the benefits of having a Good, workable covenant.
 Yes No The Jews would definitely see the consequences if a nation broke their covenant (treaty).

USUALLY A PROBLEM BETWEEN TWO NATIONS OR PEOPLES WOULD REQUIRE A COVENANT TO MAINTAIN A PEACEFUL FUTURE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO REQUIRE A COVENANT BETWEEN GOD & THE JEWS??

POINT #1 Lucifer, a powerful angelic being, chose to be greater than God, rebelled against God with other angels, and was cast out of heaven to earth; thus, becoming the god of this world.

Isaiah 14:12-14 How you have fallen from heaven, O, Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like The Most High."

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

2 Corinthians 4:4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose Minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the Glorious gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine on Them.

5. Where was the rebellious Lucifer cast to?

6. Why was Lucifer cast out of heaven to the earth?

7. What two names are given to fallen Lucifer in these verses?

a. _____

b. _____

8. Satan's strategy for the human race is:

a. ___Yes ___No Blind our minds so we cannot obey God

b. ___Yes ___No Nothing. He has no plan.

c. ___Yes ___No Prevent us from hearing the Gospel message.

d. ___Yes ___No Prevent us from believing God's Word.

e. ___Yes ___No Calling God a liar by placing doubt in our minds

f. ___Yes ___No Convincing us that we will become gods too.

g. ___Yes ___No There are no consequences in disobeying God.

POINT #2 **God created man to reflect His image on the earth, rule over the creation, and reproduce godly offspring so He could partner with man to radiate the light and image of God to a dark, fallen, and godless world (earth).**

Genesis 1:26-28 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth, and over every creeping thing on the earth. God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it";*

9. Look at the words God used in these verses:

"Image or "likeness" appear 4 times; Earth" appears 3 times;

"God" appears 5 times; "Created" or "make" appear 4 times

a. ___Yes ___No God was excited to put the man created in His Image to take charge of the earth & animals.

B. ___Yes ___No God was partnering with man to reflect or shine the presence of God to the whole earth, replacing the oppression of the devil.

POINT #3 **God promised eternal life and abundant blessing to man if he would obey God's command to not eat from one tree. If man would obey God here, then, all of mankind descending from Adam & Eve would also receive God's promise of eternal life and abundant blessing with God.**

Genesis 2:8-10 *The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good & evil. Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden.*

Genesis 2:15-17 *Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it, you shall surely die."*

10. From the verses on the previous page, notice the description of the home God gave to Adam & Eve:
- The Lord God planted a _____
 - The Lord God made every tree _____
 - Every tree grow that is _____ to the eyes
 - Every tree grow that is _____ for _____
 - The _____ of _____ was also there
 - The _____ of the _____ of good & evil was there
 - A _____ went out of Eden to _____ the garden
12. ___Yes ___No Did anything in the garden sound unpleasant?
13. ___Yes ___No It appears that everything man would need to live a good life was in that garden.
14. ___Yes ___No It is obvious that God provided the best place for man to shine forth God's image & godliness to each other throughout the earth, and to enjoy that eternal life with God.

POINT #4 Man chose not to obey God despite the fact that the command was clear, and everything else in the garden was also pleasant to the eyes & good for food. Man lost the eternal life and received the judgment of death.

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Genesis 3:6 So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:24 So, God drove out the man from the garden, and placed an angel with a flaming sword at the gate to guard the way to the tree of life.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus, death spread to all men, because all have sinned.

SUMMARY OF THE PARTNERSHIPS (COVENANTS)

All covenants have a **RELATIONSHIP** between the parties, a **COMMON GOAL** that both parties focus on, and **COMMITMENTS** on both sides.

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND ADAM

Their Relationship **God** *Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God _____*
 Man *Genesis 1:26 - According to our _____*
SO, THE CREATOR CREATED A MAN WHO
WAS WIRED LIKE HIM (in Spirit)

Their Common Goal *Genesis 1:28 - Be fruitful & _____*
Genesis 1:28 - _____ the earth & subdue it
Genesis 1:28 - Have _____ over creation
GOD CREATED A WORLD WHERE HE AND MAN COULD HAVE
DOMINION OVER A GOOD CREATION WITH GOOD PEOPLE
WHO REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE AND WHO ARE BLESSED.

Their Commitments **God** *Genesis 2:15 - God put man in _____*
 Genesis 1:29 - Every tree is _____
Man *Genesis 2:17 - Certain tree do not _____*
GOD GAVE MAN THE PERFECT LIFE SO THAT MAN COULD DO
HIS TASK TO LEAD ALL THE DESCENDENTS (MANKIND) TO
ENJOY A GODLY LIFE FOREVER. MAN DID NOT OBEY.

The Consequences **Man** *Genesis 3:10 - I was _____ and naked.*
 Genesis 3:10 - I hid _____
Genesis 3:24 - Man was driven _____.
MAN DISOBEYED GOD AND COULD NO LONGER REFLECT THE
HOLY IMAGE OF GOD, NOR LEAD MANKIND TO A HOLY LIFE
OF REDEMPTION AND ETERNAL LIFE.

GOD STILL WANTS TO PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE TO ALL OF MANKIND SO HE WILL SELECT ANOTHER PARTNER TO KEEP HIS COVENANT PROMISE.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not wanting any to perish, but that ALL should come to repentance.

***** The sins & disobedience of mankind continued.**

- a. **Genesis 4:8** Cain _____ Abel.
- b. **Genesis 4:16** Cain left the _____ of the Lord.
- c. **Genesis 6:5** The _____ of man was great on the earth
- d. **Genesis 7:23** God _____ all _____ on the earth.

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND NOAH

Their Relationship Man **Genesis 7:1** - I have seen that you are _____
Man **Genesis 7:5** - Noah did all God _____
Man **Genesis 6:9** - He was just and _____ with God
God **Gen. 6:6** - God was _____ in His heart.
God **Gen. 8:1** - God _____ Noah.
A RIGHTEOUS GOD PARTNERED WITH A RIGHTEOUS MAN.

Their Common Goal **Gen. 6:12** - All flesh on earth was _____
Gen. 6:13 - The end of all _____ has come
Gen. 9:6 - In the _____ of God, He made man.
Gen. 9:7 - Be _____ and multiply.
Gen. 9:7 - Bring forth _____ in the earth
GOD HAD TO DESTROY THE MANKIND THAT HE HAD HOPED TO DEVELOP AN ETERNAL LIFE RELATIONSHIP WITH, AND PROVIDE AN EARTH FOR REPLENISHING THE PEOPLE.

Their Commitments God **Gen. 9:11** - Never again will there be a _____
Gen. 9:17 - Man will be on the _____ again
Man There is no commandment to obey.
GOD HAS PROMISED THAT HE WILL NOT DESTROY MANKIND BY FLOOD AGAIN, AND ALL NOAH HAS TO DO IS HAVE FAMILIES AND REPLENISH THE EARTH WITH PEOPLE. THIS WILL GIVE GOD AN EARTH FULL OF PEOPLE ON WHICH TO OFFER & PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE.

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- a. Gen. 9:21 Noah drank the wine and was _____.
- b. Gen. 9:22 Ham saw the _____ of his father, Noah.
- c. Gen. 11:4 Let us build a _____ up into the heavens.

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND ABRAHAM

Their Relationship God Gen. 12:1 - Now, the _____ said to Abram
God Gen. 9:26 - Blessed be the God of _____
Man Gen. 11:31 - Went out from Ur of _____

GOD BLESSED NOAH'S SON SHEM FOR HIS GODLY LIFE. ABRAHAM IS A DESCENDENT OF SHEM ABOUT 250 YEARS AFTER THE FLOOD. SHEM IS THE FATHER OF THE SEMITES, SOME OF WHICH CHOSE TO SETTLE IN UR OF THE CHALDEANS. ABRAHAM WAS A SEMITE AND KNEW OF THE ONE TRUE GOD.

Their Common Goal Gen. 12:3 - All _____ of earth will be _____

Gen. 22:18 - All _____ of earth will be _____
SINCE FAMILIES WERE RESTORED AFTER THE FLOOD UNTIL NOW, GOD WANTS TO AGAIN REACH OUT TO MANKIND WITH ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM, WHO WILL LIVE OUT RIGHTEOUS LIVING IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

Their Commitments God Gen. 12:2 - I will make you a great _____

God Gen. 12:2 - I will _____ you.

God Gen. 12:2 - I'll make your _____ great.

God Gen. 12:2 - I will make you a _____

God Gen. 12:3 - I will _____ those who bless you

God Gen. 12:3 - I will _____ those who curse you

God Gen. 15:5 - Your descendents will equal the _

God Gen. 15:18 - I give you the _____ before you

Man Gen. 12:1 - Get out of your current _____

Man Gen. 12:1 - Leave your _____ house.

Man Gen. 12:1 - Go to a _____ you have not seen

Man Gen. 17:1 - Walk before Me & be _____

Man Gen. 17:10 - _____ all family males

GOD WILL MAKE ABRAHAM'S FAMILY GREAT AND HUGE AND MAKE THEM WELL-KNOWN IN THE WORLD SO THAT THEIR GODLY LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE SEEN AND WANTED BY ALL THE WORLD SO THAT GOD MAY PROVIDE FOR THEM ETERNAL LIFE AND THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS. THINGS STARTED OUT RIGHT BECAUSE ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD AND OBEYED (GEN. 15:6).

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Abraham
himself

- a. Gen. 12:13 Abraham lied about his _____.
- b. Gen. 16:2 Abraham had sex with his wife's _____.
- c. Gen. 18:12 Abraham's wife _____ at God's promise.
- d. Gen. 18:15 Abraham's wife _____ her disrespect of God.
- e. Gen. 20:2 Abraham lied again about his _____.

Abraham's
Nephew, Lot

- f. Gen. 13:10 Lot selfishly wanted the better _____.
- g. Gen. 13:11 Lot selfishly took the better _____.
- h. Gen. 19:18 Lot ignores the instructions of the Lord
- i. Gen. 19:26 Lot's wife ignores the instructions of the Lord.
- j. Gen. 19:5 Lot lived in a homosexual environment.
- k. Gen. 19:34 Lot had sex with his _____.

Abraham's
Son, Isaac

- l. Gen. 26:6 Isaac lied about his _____.

Abraham's
grandsons,
Esau & Jacob

- j. Gen. 27:41 Esau hated Jacob & planned to _____ him.
- k. Gen. 28:9 Esau ignored God's instructions & had multiple _____.
- l. Gen. 25:31 Jacob deceives Esau & steal the _____.
- m. Gen. 30:15 Jacob is caught up in Rachel's sex scheme.
- n. Gen. 34:5 Jacob had sex with his disguised _____.
- o. Gen. 37:3 Jacob had a dysfunctional & unbalanced love for _____.

Abraham's
Great-
Grandsons

- p. Gen. 34:25 They killed their sister's rapist.
- q. Gen. 37:20 They planned to kill _____.
- r. Gen. 37:24 They abandoned Joseph in a pit to die.
- s. Gen. 37:33 They lied about Joseph's supposed _____.
- t. Gen. 38:14 One of them had sex with his daughter-in-law.

SINCE FAMILIES WERE RESTORED AFTER THE FLOOD UNTIL NOW, GOD WANTS TO AGAIN REACH OUT TO MANKIND WITH ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM, WHO WILL LIVE OUT RIGHTEOUS LIVING IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE WORLD.



Well, I guess that didn't happen.

Could Adam's clan live a godly life before the world?

No. Violated covenant

Could Noah's descendants live godly before the world?

No. Violated covenant

Could Abraham's family live godly before the world?

No. Violated covenant

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND MOSES (ISRAEL)

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND DAVID

THE COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND CHRIST

As you can see, this lesson is quite long & involved; however, the message is clear:

You can see how the covenants progressively build upon one another forming a backbone to the story of redemption.

- *God preserved the WORLD through NOAH. (Through the world)*
- *God began REDEMPTION through ABRAHAM. (Through a family)*
- *God formed a special NATION through MOSES. (Through nation)*
- *God promised a SHEPHERD-KING through DAVID. (Through a kingdom)*
- *God fulfilled ALL COVENANT PROMISES through CHRIST. (Through Messiah)*

GOD WANTED TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE (ALL PEOPLE). WITH EACH COVENANT, GOD'S PROMISES TO SAVE THE WORLD BECAME CLEARER - THEN, WE SEE THAT REDEMPTION (BEING SAVED FROM FROM) CAN ONLY COME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

If you want to study this further, check out the following verses:

<i>COVENANT WITH NOAH</i>	<i>Genesis 6:18-22; 8:20-22; 9:8-18</i>
<i>COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-3; 15:8-21; 17:9-19; 22:15-18</i>
<i>COVENANT WITH MOSES</i>	<i>Exodus 19:5-8; 24:3-8; 31:13-17</i>
<i>COVENANT WITH DAVID</i>	<i>2 Samuel 6:17-18; 7:11-16; Psalm 89:3-37</i>
<i>COVENANT WITH MESSIAH</i>	<i>Isaiah 59:20-21; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:24-31; Ezekiel 37:26-38; Hebrews 8:8-12; 10:8-29; 12:24; 13:20</i>

- A. True False All the covenants show God wants to save His created people even if they reject Him & rebel against Him.
- B. True False All the covenants are looking forward to Jesus.
- C. True False The covenants were a TEMPORARY agreement until Jesus.
- D. True False The covenants show that man cannot please a Holy God's requirements but that a perfect Jesus can.
- E. True False The covenants show that back then God prepared PHYSICAL requirements to atone for sin, but now He has provided the SPIRITUAL solution through our Savior Jesus Christ.
- F. Keep in mind that you and Jesus have an on-going covenant (agreement).
- a. Yes No You accepted Him as Savior & agreed to obey & follow Him.
 - b. Yes No You deliberately fell back into sinful practices.
 - c. Yes No You ask forgiveness & promised to turn away from sinful stuff.
 - d. Yes No His promises to you even in your sin did not change.
 - e. Yes No This is a covenant; God promises; I promise; I fail; God keeps His promises; I promise; I fail; God loves me & still promises.