

***The Major Covenants
of God's Word.***

What is a Covenant?

- Usually a formal, solemn, and binding agreement: often a written agreement or promise commonly under seal between two or more parties; especially for the performance of some action.

There are 8
Major
Covenants
in the Bible

Conditional or Unconditional.

- **Conditional**: A covenant in which each party has to meet certain conditions.
- **Example**: Say I'm looking for a car: you have a car for sale: we make a covenant/agreement you give me the car I give you \$5000. No money, no car.
Conditional
- **Unconditional**: depends on just one party: the other has to do nothing.

1.The Edenic Covenant: Unconditional

Gen. 1:26-28

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his *own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, *Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Gen 2:15-17

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

2. The Adamic Covenant: Unconditional

Gen. 3:14-19

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. 16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

3. The Noahic Covenant: Unconditional

Gen. 8:21-22

21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, **I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.*** 22 *While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*

Gen 9:11-15

11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, *This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:* 13 *I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.* 14 *And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:* 15 *And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

4. The Abrahamic Covenant: Unconditional

Gen. 12:1-3

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of they country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Gen. 17:5-7

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be called Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

5. The Mosaic Covenant: Conditional

Exodus 19:5-8

5 Now therefore, *if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant*, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is mine*:

6 *And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. 7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.*

6. The Palestinian Covenant: Unconditional

Deut. 30:1-9

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, ² And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; ³ **That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.** ⁴ **If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: ⁵ And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.** ⁶ And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. ⁷ And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. ⁸ And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. ⁹ And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

7. The Davidic Covenant: Unconditional

2 Sam 7:14-17

¹⁴ I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: ¹⁵ But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee. ¹⁶ **And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever** before thee: **thy throne shall be established for ever.**

¹⁷ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

8. The New Covenant: Unconditional

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, **That I will make a new covenant With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:**³² Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day *that* I took them by the hand To bring them out of the land of Egypt; Which my covenant they brake, Although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:³³ But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, And write it in their hearts; And will be their God, And they shall be my people.**³⁴ And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, **Know the LORD: For they shall all know me, From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: For I will forgive their iniquity, And I will remember their sin no more.**

8. The New Covenant: Unconditional

Hebrews 8:10-13

¹⁰ For **this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days**, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: ¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. ¹³ ***In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.***