



Covenants

(The secret to flourishing relationships)

Lesson 1: Covenant God

February 28 & March 1

God never has and never will break a Covenant

Psalms 105:8 He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, ***for a thousand generations***, ***9*** the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.***10*** He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: ***New International Version***

Covenant

- A voluntary pledge under oath; agreeing on promises, stipulations, privileges, and responsibilities for the sole purpose of establishing a flourishing relationship.
 - God always initiates covenants between himself and mankind.
 - Hebrew and Greek words for Covenant carry the idea of cutting and binding
 - Covenants typically include a symbol
 - Covenants can be conditional or unconditional

Abrahamic Covenant (A Covenant between God, Abraham and his descendants)

Galatians 3:26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith... ***29*** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. ***New International Version***

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- Promises
 - Make Abrahams name great (Genesis 12:2))
 - Make him into a great nation (Genesis 12:2)
 - God would bless Abraham (Genesis 12:2, Genesis 24:34)
 - God would bless those that blessed him and curse those that cursed him (Genesis 12:3)
 - Father of many nations (Genesis 17:6)

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- Father of many nations (Genesis 17:6)
 - 20 modern day nations are descendants of Abraham through; Ishmael, Esau, & Isaac
 - Israel, Arab, Persian, and few Northern African Nations

Source: DNA and Tradition (The Genetic Link to the Ancient Hebrew)

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 - Messiah would come through him (Genesis 12:3, 22:18)
 - Physical land (Genesis 12:7, 15:17-21)

Land promised to Israel



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- Promises
 - Stipulations
 - Leave your land (Genesis 12:1)
 - Believe (Romans 4:1)
 - Circumcision

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- Promises
- Stipulations
- Privileges
 - God would be His God & protect him (Genesis 15:1)

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- Promises
- Stipulations
- Privileges
- Responsibilities
 - Walk before me faithfully and blameless (Genesis 17:1)
- Sign
 - Circumcision (Genesis 17:9-12)