

Covenants

Part 2 the Major Covenants

Review -

✧ Hebrew word for covenant - “beriyt” – a pledge, agreement, or alliance.

✧ But in regards to the covenants of God, they included the aspect of love.

✧ Though covenants may contain laws, covenants in themselves are not law.

✧ There are two types of covenants made between God and man-

✧ Hittite suzerainty covenant structure where a strong nation or king subjects a weaker king

✧ include the cutting of the pieces

✧ usually include some type of covenant sign

✧ Parity covenants in the form of marriage contracts

Review -

✧ By definition of the ancient concept of “cutting a covenant”, the only way out of a covenant is Death

Analysis

- ✧ Parties Involved?
- ✧ Purpose?
- ✧ Covenant Sign?
- ✧ Duration?
- ✧ Requirements of Each Party?
- ✧ Violations and how to deal with them?
- ✧ Still Valid Today?

Covenant with Noah

- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Noah, Noah’s descendants (all mankind), the animals
- ✧ Purpose – assure all involved that the earth will not be destroyed again by a flood
- ✧ Covenant Sign - Rainbow
- ✧ Duration - forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God - to look at the rainbow any time He’s inclined to destroy the earth
 - ✧ Mankind and animals - none
- ✧ Violations – None
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:3

- ✧ Descendants become a Great nation
- ✧ Great Name
- ✧ All Nations Blessed
- ✧ Bless those who Bless Him



Genesis 15

- ✧ Child of promise from Abraham's loins
- ✧ Descendants as numerous as the stars
- ✧ Land

Cutting the Covenant



Genesis 17

- ✧ Descendants to become many Nations
- ✧ Child of Promise thru Sarah
- ✧ Land
- ✧ Everlasting Covenant



Circumcision – the Sign of the Covenant

^{ESV} **Genesis 17:14**

Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; **he has broken my covenant.**"

Covenant with Noah

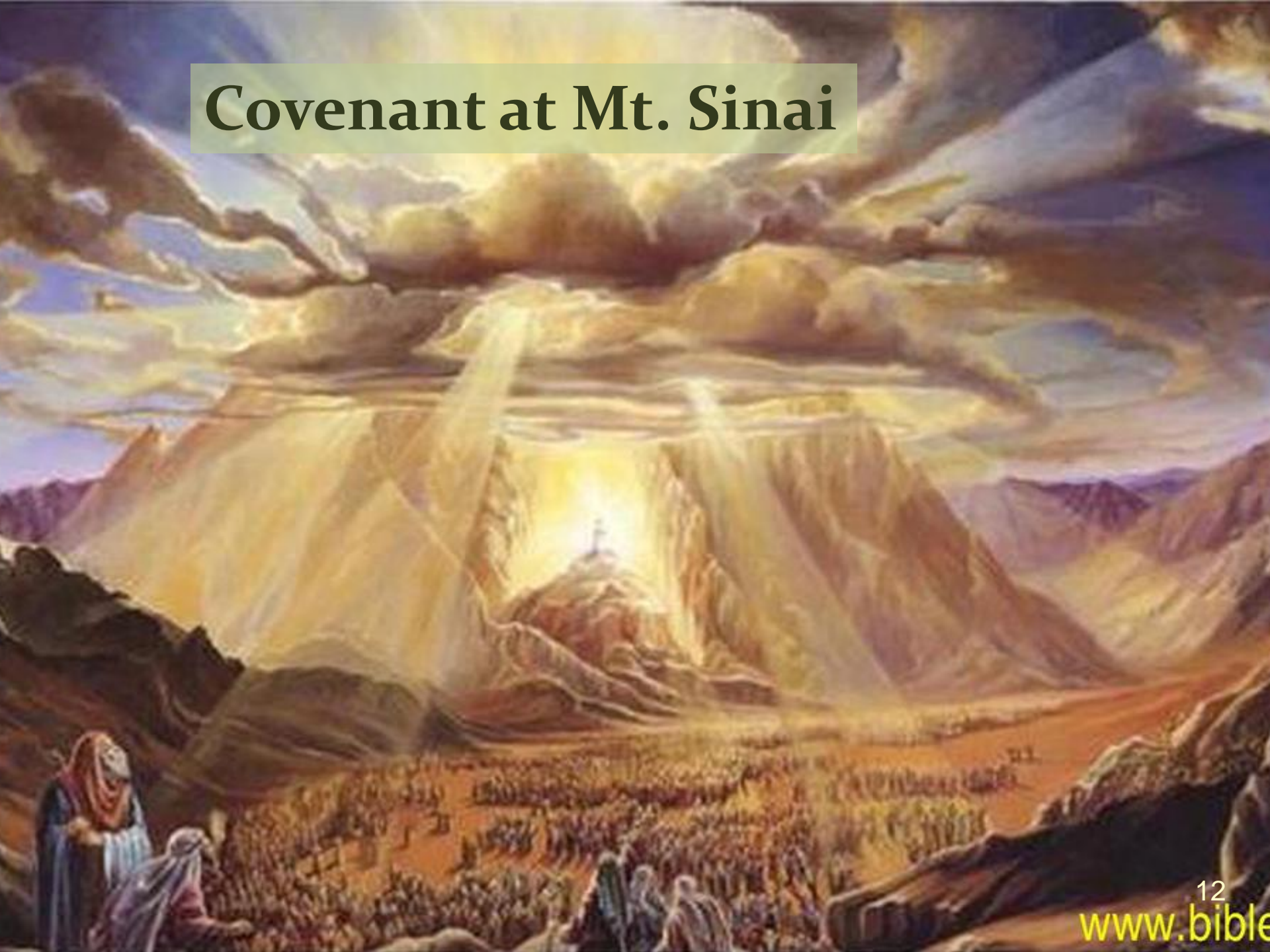
Covenant With Abraham

Abrahamic Covenant Summary:



- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Abraham
- ✧ Purpose – establish a people for God. Included Land, National Identity, Blessings
- ✧ Covenant Sign - Circumcision
- ✧ Duration - forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God – fulfill the promises
 - ✧ Leave Ur of the Chaldees; Go to the Land; Conceive a Child thru Sarah; Circumcision, Obedience to Torah
- ✧ Violations – None
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes

Covenant at Mt. Sinai





Exodus 6:3-5 . . . I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH* was I not known to them. ⁴ And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. ⁵ And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.



- ✧ Preamble
- ✧ Historical prologue
- ✧ Stipulations
- ✧ Provisions for treaty deposit & public reading
- ✧ List of witnesses to the treaty
- ✧ Blessings & curses for fidelity or infidelity to the treaty
- ✧ Accommodations for renewal of the covenant with a change of leadership in the vassal nation



- ✧ Proposed (Exodus 19)
- ✧ Stipulations (Ex. 20-23)
- ✧ Covenant Read
- ✧ Ratified
 - ✧ Cutting the Covenant
- ✧ Moses receives the Tablets

The tablets are part of the covenant, but they are not the covenant.

Golden Calf Incident



Did it change or abrogate the covenant?

NKJ **Exodus 22:20** " He who sacrifices to *any* god, except to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

Golden Calf Incident



Exodus 34:10 ¹⁰ And He said: "Behold, I make (cut) a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels .



Deuteronomy 5:2-3
The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even us, who are all of us here alive this day.*



NKJ Deuteronomy 29:1
These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.



^{TNK} **Deuteronomy 29:1**

These are the terms of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to conclude with the Israelites in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which He had made with them at Horeb.



^{TNK} **Leviticus 26:44** Yet, even then, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or spurn them so as to destroy them, annulling My covenant with them: for I the LORD am their God.

Covenant with Noah

Covenant With Abraham

Covenant
with Israel

Mt. Sinai Covenant Summary:



- ✧ Parties Involved – God, Israel (present and future generations)
- ✧ Purpose – establish the covenant made with Abraham
- ✧ Covenant Sign - Sabbath
- ✧ Duration – forever
- ✧ Requirements –
 - ✧ God – establish Israel as the heirs of the covenant
 - ✧ Israel – keep the Torah
- ✧ Violations – many on Israel's part
- ✧ Still Valid Covenant – Yes, even while scattered among the nations