



*and Jesus!*

# The Covenants

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**OPENING PRAYER FOR STUDY**

As we gather together to learn, to grow and to change we ask; Gracious God, help us to move into a deeper understanding of your truth. We lay our lives down before you and ask that you would move amongst us. May we all feel safe with each other. Safe to think and question, safe to ask for help, and safe to share our lives with each other and with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

**BEST PRACTICES FOR YOUR OWN STUDY AND IN A GROUP SETTING**

- Keep an open heart and mind.
- Remember that there is no one correct interpretation of the sacred text.
- Allow yourself to hear others thoughts, and heartfelt beliefs.
- Welcome questions, ask lots of questions. Listen deeply.
- Read different versions of the sacred text and take note of the differences.  
Identify whether you are reading a translation or a paraphrase.
- Explore the historical and cultural context of what you are reading.
- Consult a wide theological diversity of commentaries. Traditional and contemporary thoughts.
- Make study a regular part of your faith journey.
- Share only what you feel comfortable sharing.
- Remember that all faith is a living breathing experience and changing our mind or position on a theological premise is not a failure.
- End with Prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER FOR STUDY**

God of all Creation, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thank you that we can live in your light and walk in your truth. May the things that you have revealed and thoughts that we have shared dwell in our hearts and stir us to action. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, Redeemer, Saviour, Pattern of Life. Amen.

**PAY ATTENTION ~ WHAT GRABBED YOUR ATTENTION? WHAT DO YOU LOVE AND WHAT CONCERNS/CONFOUNDS YOU?**

**MAIN PLAYERS IN THE TEXT - WHO, WHEN AND WHERE**

**HISTORICAL, CULTURAL CONTEXT - AUTHOR AND AUDIENCE**

**WHAT I LEARNED AND QUESTIONS I HAVE**

	Who is the Covenant between?	What does God Promise?	What is required of humanity?	Importance of the Covenant to us?
Noah				
Abraham				
Nation of Israel				
King David				
Jesus				



## What is a Covenant?

Each covenant in the ancient world established the basis of relationship, conditions for the relationship, promises and conditions of the relationship, and consequences when the promises and conditions were met or not met.

The covenants of the scriptures provide the skeletal framework for how the whole of the biblical story holds together. As the story of the bible unfolds we see God as a covenant making, covenant keeping, and covenant fulfilling God.

It is through ordinary people that God establishes covenants and God's redemptive plan comes to fulfilment in Jesus the Christ.

### Questions - adapted from Bible Project

- I. The Divine could rule without assistance, why does the Divine partner with humanity? What does that tell us about the character of the Divine?
- II. What is the purpose and definition of a Covenant?



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Bible Gateway - <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+15&version=NIV>

Read the Scripture listed - using the work sheets, Hug the Details and the Covenant Chart, record your findings from the scriptures and articles.

Genesis chapters 1-3

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- I. Read the attached article from the Bible Project - <https://bibleproject.com/blog/why-did-god-flood-the-world/>
- II. Before reading the account of Noah - watch the following Bible Project video about the book of Genesis, chapters 1-11. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/torah-genesis-1/>



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Genesis 6-8:20 - Covenant context

Genesis 8:20 - 9:17 - The Covenant and the Sign

Genesis 9:18-28 - Convent is broken





### Abraham

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Genesis chapters 12, 15 and 17

Sign - Genesis 17:9-14



### Mosaic Covenant (Israel)

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### Questions - adapted from Bible Project

- I. Before reading the account of Moses - watch the following Bible Project video about the book of Genesis, chapters 12-50. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/torah-exodus-2/>



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Exodus chapters 1 and 2 - Moses is born and saved

Exodus chapters 19-24

Exodus 20:2-18 - 10 Commandments

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 - 10 Commandments





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## Questions - adapted from Bible Project

- I. Before reading the account of King David - watch the following Bible Project video about the 2nd half of the Book of Exodus chapters 19-40. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-19-40/>



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1 Samuel chapter 16 - David is chosen

2 Samuel chapter 7 - David is made King

Psalms 72, 89, and 132



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- II. Watch the following video from the Bible Project - it is a great summary. <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/messiah/>



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Isaiah 7:14-16

Isaiah 9:1-7

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ezekiel 36:22-32

Matthew 26:26-29

Luke 22:19-22