

## “Same GOD”

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,”

**Deuteronomy 7:9 ESV**

**COVENANT** (בְּרִית, *berith*; διαθήκη, *diathēkē*). A sacred kinship bond between two parties, ratified by swearing an oath. Covenant making was a widespread custom throughout the ancient Near East and Graeco-Roman culture, serving as a means to forge sociopolitical bonds between individuals or groups. God’s covenants are prominent in every period of salvation history. Divine covenants reveal the saving plan of God for establishing communion with Israel and the nations, ultimately fulfilled by the death and resurrection of Christ.

5 Covenants in the Bible

### ○ 1) Universal Noahic Covenant

**Genesis 6:18** ESV But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

### **Genesis 9:8-17**

**8** Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: **9** “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you **10** and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. **11** I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

**12** And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: **13** I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

**14** Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become

a flood to destroy all life. **16** Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

**17** So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

## ○ **THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

### **Genesis 12:1-3**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Genesis 17:7** And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

## ○ **THE MOSAIC COVENANT**

God established the Mosaic covenant just after a significant development anticipated in Gen 15 had taken place: the emancipation of Abraham’s descendants from oppression in a foreign land

The focus at Sinai is less on what Abraham’s descendants must do in order to inherit the land and more on how they must conduct themselves within the land as the unique nation that God intended them to be

### **Exodus 19:5-6**

**5** Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **6** you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

**We have saints today that want God to bless what he's not in agreement with!!**

**THAT IS NOT APART OF THE AGREEMENT/COVENANT!!**

○ **THE DAVIDIC COVENANT**

After Sinai, the next major covenantal development comes with Nathan's message to David (2 Sam 7; 1 Chr 17). David intends to build a "house" (i.e., temple) for God, but God promises to build a "house" (i.e., dynasty) for David

○ 5) THE NEW COVENANT

**Jeremiah 31:31** "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

The new covenant was ratified through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.

But Goes to show that God keeps his promises to those who keep his commandments.

In Numbers 23 a man named Balak was afraid of Jacob and the people of Israel so he asked Balaam to curse the people of God. Long story short Balaam heard from God and told Balak

"How can I curse whom God has not cursed?

How can I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced?"

**Numbers 23:11 ESV** And Balak said to Balaam, "***What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have done nothing but bless them.***" **12** And he answered and said, "Must I not take care to speak what the **Lord** puts in my mouth?"

God speaks to Balaam a 2nd time :

“Rise, Balak, and hear;

give ear to me, O son of Zippor:

**19** God is not man, that he should lie,

or a son of man, that he should change his mind.

Has he said, and will he not do it?

Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

**20** Behold, I received a command to bless:

he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.

**21** He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob,

nor has he seen trouble in Israel.

The Lord their God is with them,

and the shout of a king is among them.