

## The Trustworthy Word Week 38 Unity of the Bible: Covenant Patience

It's not surprising that God makes covenants, because He is a

- Communicating God: and covenants always involve communication
- Relational God: and covenants bring people together in relationships
- Promising God: and covenants always involve promises; God gives people hope and peace through His promises
- Rightful God: He has certain rights – or all rights – because He is God. Creation needs to hear and understand our responsibilities before Him.

### **Covenant made through Noah (Genesis 9)**

### **Covenant made through Abraham (Genesis 12, 15, 17, 22)**

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Who did God make this covenant with?

*Abraham and all families of the earth (depending on whether they blessed or cursed Abraham).*

What did God promise?

*To make Abraham a great nation*

*To bless him*

*To make his name great*

*To make him a blessing to all the families of the earth*

*To be a shield for him*

*To give him a very great reward*

*To give him descendants “like the stars” (multiply him exceedingly)*

*To give his descendants the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession*

*That his descendants would be enslaved and oppressed in a strange land for four hundreds years, but then God would judge their oppressors and they would come out with many possessions and return to the promised land*

*That Abraham would live to a good old age*

*That he would be the father of a multitude of nations*

*That kings would come from Abraham's family*

*That Yahweh would be God to Abraham and his descendants*

*That he would have a son by Sarah, and that this covenant would be made with Isaac.*

*That Ishmael would be blessed, but the covenant would not be made with him.*

*That Abraham's seed would possess the gate of their enemies.*

*That in Abraham's seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed.*

What was the sign of the covenant?

*Circumcision*

How long would the covenant last?

*Everlasting covenant*

**Covenant made at Mt. Sinai with Abraham's descendants (Exodus 19, 24)**

Between Exodus 25 and the end of Deuteronomy, we read of how the covenant was **broken, reinstated, rejected,** and **renewed** for a new generation as they entered the promised land.

As we finished out the book of Deuteronomy, we saw three very hopeful clues that the covenants were going to develop more:

Another (greater?) prophet: Deuteronomy 18:15

A promised future after failure: Deuteronomy 30:1-5

A stunning change to the sign of circumcision: Deuteronomy 30:6

*"Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.*

**A new covenant leader:** Joshua 1:1, 7-9

**Covenant blessing:** Joshua 3:3, 11

**Covenant renewal:** Joshua 5:2

**Covenant blessing:** Joshua 6:6

**Covenant transgression:** Joshua 7:11

**Covenant renewal:** Joshua 8

**Covenant renewal:** Joshua 23:6-8, 16; 24:14-26

**Covenant unfaithfulness:** Judges 2:1-2, 11-23

**Covenant blessing?** 1 Samuel 4:1-11