

## Foundation Building Blocks

### FBB1-5-2-00: The Landmark Covenants - Introduction to Biblical Covenants

Covenant: (Merriam Webster); a usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement:

Covenant: (Hebrew 1285: *Genesis 6:18*) **a compact** (because made by passing between pieces of flesh):--**confederacy**, (con-)feder(-ate), **covenant**, league.

**Genesis 6:17-18** And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die. 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

#### Types of Covenants:

There are mainly two types of covenants described in the Old Testament: *Covenant of Promise* (Grant) and a *Covenant of Law* (a Suzerain-vassal or Treaty).

Promise: (Merriam Webster); *a*. a declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified; *b*: a legally binding declaration that gives the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the performance or forbearance of a specified act.

Law: (Merriam Webster) a binding custom or practice of a community: a rule of conduct or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority.

Suzerain: (Merriam Webster); a superior lord to whom faithfulness is obligated to.

Master: (Merriam Webster); one having authority over another.

Vassal: (Merriam Webster); one in a subservient or subordinate position.

| Comparison of Covenant Attributes                   |  |
|---|--|
| Promise   | Law  |
| The covenant giver makes a commitment to the vassal | The vassal is under obligation to the master       |
| The master is obligated to his vassal               | The vassal is obligated to his master              |
| Primarily the rights of the vassal are safeguarded  | Primarily the rights of the master are safeguarded |



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| Master makes no demands on the vassal | Reward or punishment of the vassal for obeying or disobeying the obligations demanded and imposed of the master |
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### **Biblical Covenants:**

Generally, there are five major covenants described within the Bible: with Noah (Noahic covenant), with Abraham (Abrahamic), with Moses (Mosaic), with David (Davidic) and of Christ (Messianic).



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### Question 1

As described by Merriam-Webster, a covenant may be defined as a formal, solemn, and binding...

As described by Merriam-Webster, a covenant may be defined as a formal, solemn, and binding agreement uncertainty wish-list.

Fill in blanks

### Question 2

Which are types of covenants described in the Old Testament?

Cash-in-hand.

Promise.

Suggestions.

Law.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

### Question 3

In comparison, covenant attributes are matched accordingly:

|  |        |                        |
|--|--------|------------------------|
| 1. The covenant giver makes a commitment to the vassal   | -- A B | A. Covenant of Law     |
| 2. The vassal is obligated to his master   | -- A B | B. Covenant of Promise |
| 3. Primarily the rights of the master are safeguarded  | -- A B |                        |
| 4. Master makes no demands on the vassal   | -- A B |                        |
| 5. The vassal is under obligation to the master  | -- A B |                        |
| 6. Primarily the rights of the vassal are safeguarded  | -- A B |                        |
| 7. Reward or punishment of the vassal for obeying or disobeying the obligations demanded and imposed of the master | -- A B |                        |
| 8. The master is obligated to his vassal   | -- A B |                        |

Matching



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#### Question 4

As described, which of the following are considered covenants within the Bible?

The Goldonic Covenant (The Golden Rule).

The Davidic Covenant (with David).

The Moralic (with Morals).

The Mosaic (with Moses).

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)