

Worksheet 3

Abraham

Reading and Worksheet

Old Testament Covenants

In the ancient world, a covenant was a sacred and binding relationship, not merely a contract. The closest modern comparison might be a treaty between nations, but even that falls short, because a biblical covenant involves God and creates a solemn bond of mutual commitment. A covenant establishes the promises, responsibilities, and blessings of a relationship, and it also carries consequences when that covenant is broken.

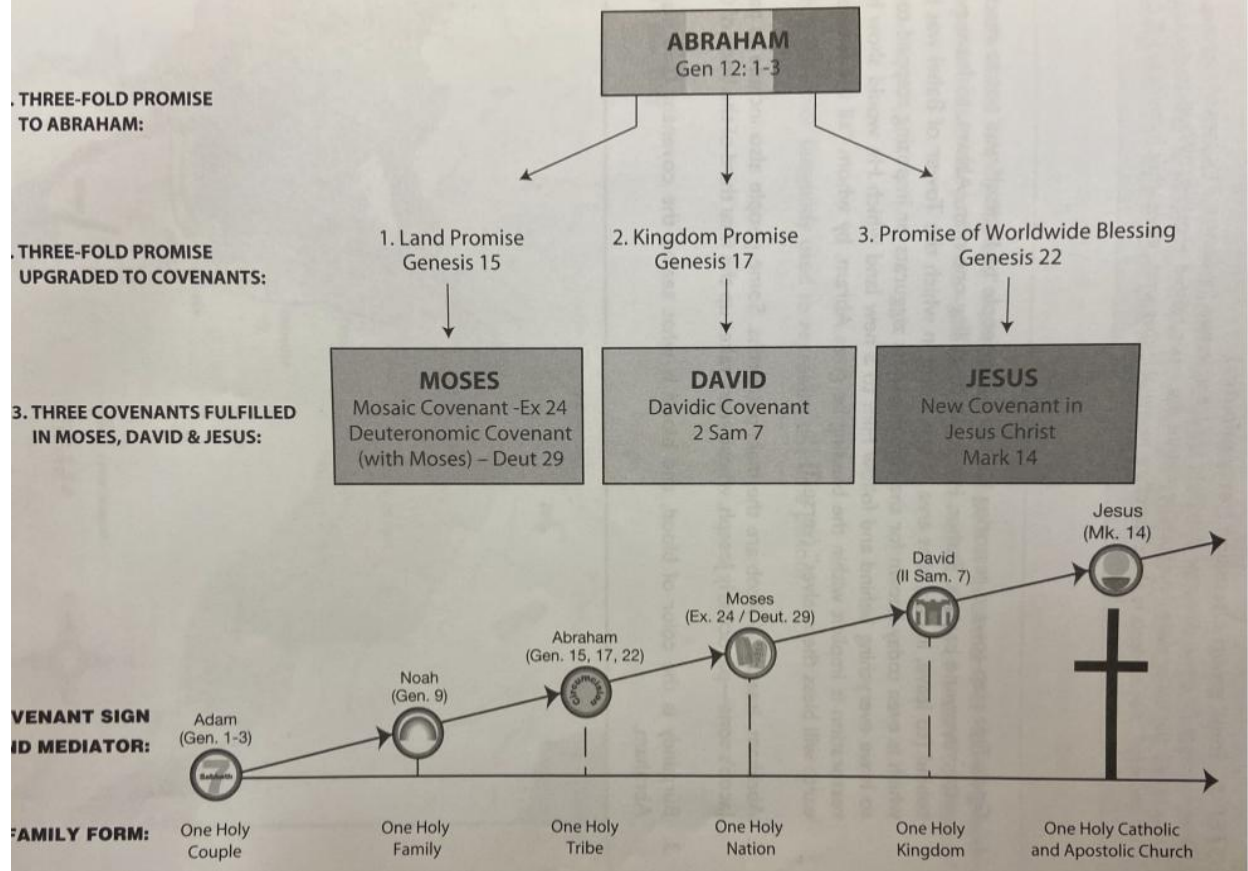
Throughout the Old Testament, God enters into covenants with his people as part of his plan of salvation. One of the most important is the covenant with Abraham. In that covenant, God makes Abraham a threefold promise:

1. **Land**
2. **A great nation or kingdom**
3. **A blessing for all nations**

As salvation history unfolds, these covenant promises develop through figures such as Abraham, Moses, and David, and they find their fullness in Jesus Christ. All of the Old Testament covenants ultimately point forward to him. At the Last Supper, Jesus establishes the **New and Everlasting Covenant**, bringing God's saving plan to its fulfillment.

Please review the charts on the next page and then read the Bible verses following the charts.

Covenantal Structure of Salvation History



Covenant Mediator	Adam	Noah	Abraham	Moses	David	Jesus
Covenant Role	Husband	Father	Tribal Chief	Judge	King	Royal High Priest
Covenant Form	Marriage	Household	Tribe	Nation	National Kingdom	Catholic Church
Covenant Sign	Sabbath	Rainbow	Circumcision	Passover	Throne	Eucharist
Reference	Genesis Ch 2	Genesis Ch 9	Genesis Ch 17	Ex Ch 19-24	2 Samuel Ch 7	Matthew 26:28 Mark 14:24 Luke 22:20 1 Corinthians Hebrews 13:20-21

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Look up and read the following passages. If you do not have a Bible, Click Here [Books of the Bible | USCCB](#). If you are not exactly sure how to look up passages in the Bible, watch this short video [How to Look up Scripture - YouTube](#)

- Gen 12:1-3 Three-Fold Promise to Abraham
- Gen 15 Promise of Land
- Gen 17 Promise of Nation
- Gen 22 Promise of Blessing Upon the World

Watch these short videos for a synopsis of the Book of Genesis:

- [Book of Genesis - Part 1](#)
- [Book of Genesis - Part 2](#)

Worksheet 3 Questions

If you need help answering the questions you may look at the answer sheet but please put it in your own words, and do not copy word-for-word what is on the Answer Sheet

How does God's promise to Abraham relate to Babel and Eden?

Why does God bless Abraham?

How should we understand the command to sacrifice Isaac?

How did Abraham and his descendants fail to keep covenant faithfulness?

Briefly read or skim some of the following Bible passages for answers: Gen 12, Gen 20, Gen 27, Gen 29, Gen 30, Gen 32:23-33, Gen 37, Gen 41, Gen 45

What is the significance of Jacob becoming Israel?

How do these stories prepare for Christ?

List the mediator, role, form, and sign for the following Covenants (see chart above):

Land Covenant (Mosaic Covenant)

- Mediator:
- Role:
- Form:
- Sign:

Nation-Kingdom Covenant (Davidic Covenant)

- Mediator:
- Role:
- Form:
- Sign:

Worldwide Blessing (New Covenant in Christ)

- Mediator:
- Role:
- Form:
- Sign: