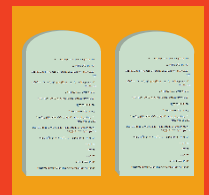
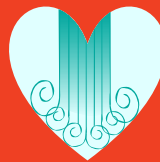




GRACE IN THE LAW

The Two Questions of Covenant



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The Covenant of Grace

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COVENANT BACKGROUND

What do we know about the covenant treaty form in the Ancient Near East around the time of Abraham and Moses?

2ND MILLENNIUM (2000 – 1000 BC) SUZERAIN-VASSAL TREATY FORM

1 Title

2 Historical Prologue

3 Stipulations

a. basic

b. detailed

4 Deposition and regular reading

5 Witnesses

6 Blessings

7 Curses

(Ratification through a ceremonial sacrifice and oath.)

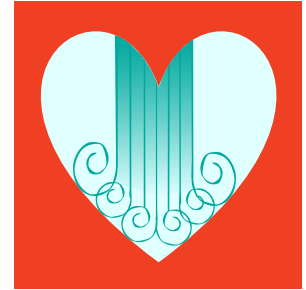
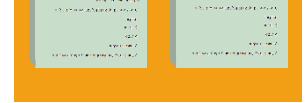
TREATY BETWEEN MURSILIS AND DUPPI-TESSUB OF AMURRU

Title

These are the words of the Sun Mursilis, the great king, the king of the Hatti land, the valiant, the favorite of the Storm-god, the son of Suppiluliumas, the great king, the king of the Hatti land, the valiant.

TREATY BETWEEN ASHURNIRARI V OF ASSYRIA AND MATI'ILU OF ARPAD

- Take a lamb and decapitate it.
- “This head is not the head of a lamb, it is the head of Mati’ilu, it is the head of his sons, his officials, and the people of his land. If Mati’ilu sins against this treaty, so may, just as the head of this spring lamb is torn off, and its knuckle placed in its mouth, [...], the head of Mati’ilu be torn off, and his sons [...]. This shoulder is not the shoulder of a spring lamb, it is the shoulder of Mati’ilu, it is the shoulder of his sons, his officials, and the people of this land. If Mati’ilu sins against this treaty, so may, just as the shoulder of this spring lamb is torn out, and [...], the shoulder of Mati’ilu, of his sons, his officials, and the people of his land be torn out and [...] in [...]” (*ANEAnth* I:49–50).



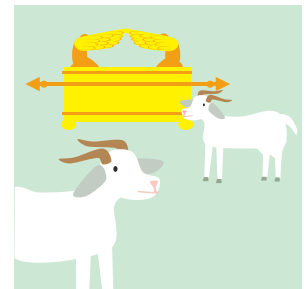
COVENANT PROMISE

MONUMENT #1



God cuts covenant with Abraham.

Genesis 15:1-21 (Romans 4:1-3, 16-17)





Lot

1922 BC

Hey Everybody! We're here! Uncle Abram built an altar to Yahweh at a place called Shechem. Tomorrow we are heading further south to a Bethel.



Nazor and go others



Abram

1922 BC

Great shot on our journey from Ur to Canaan!



**Promise
Made
-
Gen. 12:1-3**



Sarai, Lot and 23 others

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Nahor

1922 BC

Well Abe, Dad is gone. It's just you and me now. May all the gods bless you on your journey. I hope you find what you are searching for. Take care of Lot.

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PROMISE MADE: GENESIS 12:1-3



Abraham

1922 BC

Great shot on our journey from Ur to Canaan!



Land

Descendants

Provision

Protection

Purpose



Abram

1915 BC

Welcome Ishmael to the world today! I have a son!!!



1.9k

119 Comments 441 Shares



Like



Comment



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Abimelech Congratulations neighbor!



Abram

1917 BC

This is a great depiction of my vision. Overwhelmed by God's grace!



**Covenant
Cut**

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Gen. 15:1-21



Melchizedek

1918 BC

Blessed be Abram of God Most High!

Friends – 406



Sarah



Isaac



Lot



Melchizedek



Abimelech



Nahor



Bera, Birsha, and 3 others

5 Comments



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Comment



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Abram

1901 BC

Yahweh appeared to us! He has promised that Sarai will give birth to a son!!!



1.1k

111 Comments 32 Shares



Like



Comment



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Sarai LOL



Abraham

1901 BC

Rough day today. Ishmael took it like a man! Our commitment to Yahweh is affirmed by blood.



Covenant Sign

-

Gen. 17:9-14



Abraham

About:

Works as chieftain over flocks and herds

Lives in Beersheba, Canaan

Married to Sarah

From Ur of the Chaldeans



Abraham

1887 BC.

The hardest day of my life. And the most amazing. God is

faithful. God is faithful!



Covenant Test

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Gen. 22:1-20

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

1917 BC

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- A God speaks (15:1)
- B Abraham speaks (15:2-3)
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| C | God speaks | (15:9-21) |

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

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¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.”

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

1917 BC

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² Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.”

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

1917 BC

This is a great depiction



⁴ Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.” ⁵ And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

1917 BC

This is a great depiction



⁶ Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

1917 BC

This is a great depiction



⁷ And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

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⁸ He said, “O Lord GOD, how may I know that I will possess it?”

COVENANT CUT: GENESIS 15



Abraham

1917 BC

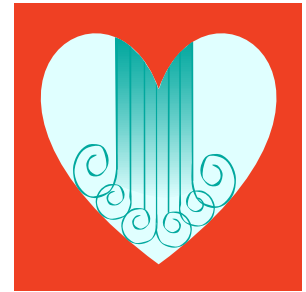
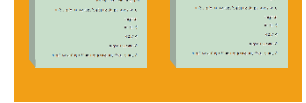
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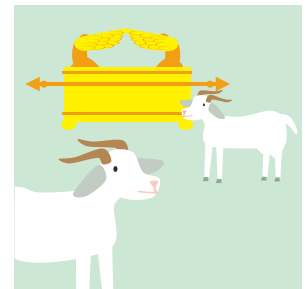
⁹ So He said to him, “Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. ¹¹ The birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

¹² Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ *God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. ¹⁴ “But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. ¹⁵ “As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.” ¹⁷ It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.

¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹ the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite ²⁰ and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim ²¹ and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”



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