

List of Major Covenants in the Bible

Adamic Covenant Gen. 1:26–28; 3:14–19

Blessing from God, Man's Dominion over Creation, Test of Obedience,
3 Curses as Consequences

Noahic Covenant Gen. 8:20-9:17 Applies to all Living Creatures

Sign: Rainbow

Unconditional Covenant

God promises to never again destroy the earth by flood.

Redemption through the line of Shem.

Abrahamic Covenant Gen. 12:1–3; 13:14–17; 15:1–7; 17:1–14

Abraham's posterity

Sign: Circumcision

Conditional and Unconditional Covenant

Abraham's descendants will be a great nation.

Through Abraham (in Jesus Christ) all the earth will be blessed.

Mosaic Covenant Exod. 20:1–31:18 Covenant between God and Israelites

Sign: Tablets/Sabbath (burning bush)

Conditional Covenant

Legal covenant given solely to Israel, including commandments (Exod. 20:1–26), social judgments (Exod. 21:1–24:11), and religious ordinances (Exod. 24:12–31:18).

Palestinian Covenant Deut. 30:1–10

Covenant regulating Israel's time in Canaan

Sign: Circumcision of the Heart

Conditional upon obedience

Fulfillment guaranteed by New Covenant

Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel 7:4–17; 23:5

Secures David's line, throne, and kingdom as eternal

Kingdom Covenant of blessing, fulfilled in Christ

Messianic Covenant Jer. 31:31–34

Israel given redemptive hope through Messiah

Unconditional blessing given before Israel is taken into captivity.

Gal. 3:15–29 Gives assurance that all former covenants would be fulfilled.

Hebrews 8:7–13; 10:15–18; 12:22–24; 13:20–21