

Israel and the Covenants

“My covenant I will not break, nor alter
the word that has gone out of My lips.”

(Psalm 89:34).

Definition of Covenant:

A most solemn, binding agreement
or promise between two parties.

“Cutting a Covenant”

There was no covenant without sacrifice.

There was no sacrifice without the shedding of
blood.

Every covenant demanded a life be laid down.

The goal of God making covenants with man can be summed up in the words of 2 Corinthians 6:16 (NKJV):

“I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

- The Abrahamic Covenant
- The Mosaic/Sinai Covenant
- The New Covenant

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

Abrahamic Covenant - Key Points

- God will make Abraham a great nation.
- God will bless Abraham.
- God will make Abraham's name great.
- God will make Abraham a blessing to the whole world.
- God will bless those who bless Abraham and his descendants.
- God will curse the one who curses Abraham and his descendants.

An Everlasting Covenant

- God's covenant with Abraham was unconditional and eternal.
- The covenant would have no expiry date.
- If other covenants were made, they would not replace this one.

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:7-8

Mosaic/Sinai Covenant

- Consisted of 613 laws, instructing the nation how to live.
- It was a temporary Covenant
- The Covenant was conditional on the behaviour of the Israelites.

The New Covenant

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31-34 NKJV)

“I say then, has God cast away His people?
Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed
of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not
cast away His people whom He foreknew”

Romans 11:1-2 NKJV

"Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."

Hamas Covenant
18 August 1988

"The Islamic Resistance Movement is a distinguished Palestinian movement, whose allegiance is to Allah, and whose way of life is Islam. It strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine."

(Article 6, Hamas Covenant)

"Palestine is an Islamic land... Since this is the case, the Liberation of Palestine is an individual duty for every Moslem wherever he may be."

The declared goal of the Hamas covenant is nothing less than Israel's destruction

"There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavours"

Hamas Covenant, Article 13

Emblem of Hamas

