

God - a Covenant Making God

(A covenant is a mutual agreement between 2 parties)

1. Read Genesis 6:8-22 What did God make with Noah? (vs. 18) What was the reason? What did Noah find in God's eyes? Is this do you think the basis of the covenant? What was the state of the world which Noah was to be saved from?
What was the means of escape? What did Noah do to fulfil his side of the covenant?
2. Read Genesis 9:8-17 What does God make with Noah and every living creature upon the face of the earth? Does it still apply today? (vs. 12&16) What was the token of the covenant? Who does the remembering? Do you think there had been a rainbow before? Does grace apply here too?
3. Read Genesis 15. What is God making with Abram and his seed? (vs. 18) What is God giving them? What was the problem Abram had? What did God promise to do? What did Abram do with what God told him? (vs. 6) What did God count this faith to Abram for? Read Romans 3:21-26 to see how God justifies (counts as righteous) all who believe on the Lord Jesus. Who do you think all the sacrifices Abram made might represent? What was Abram being saved from?
4. Read Genesis 17. What did God declare Himself as to Abram? So it was the Almighty God who made the covenant. What did God do with Abram's name? (Abraham means the father of many nations; his name was to fit what he was. For example, Jesus means God is saviour.) What sort of covenant was it to be? (vs. 7) What was the almighty God going to be to them? What was the token of the covenant? Did all have to have the token or was it just for a few? If a man was not circumcised what had he done and what would happen to him? Did Abraham believe at first? (vs.17) What made it look impossible for Isaac to be born? Who was making the covenant with Abraham? (vs.1) With God all things are possible. What did Abram do to show that he had entered into the covenant? (vs.23) Was this obedience to God? Read Genesis 21:1-4 to see if it worked.
5. Read Exodus 2:23-25 and 6:2-8 Does God remember His covenant? What was He going to do with the children of Israel? What were they saved from?
6. Read Exodus 19:1-8,16-20 & 20:1-18 What was God doing here? What was the requirement of Israel if they wanted to be blessed of God? Why should they believe God? (vs. 4) Did they agree? What did God do? Did the people hear the word of the Lord? What were the people to be for the Lord?
7. Read Exodus 24:4-8,12 What did the people do when the book was read? Why were the people sprinkled with blood? Where had the blood come from? Did this mean that there was peace between the people and God on the basis of the covenant and that their lives would be a sacrifice to God? Is this how they would have been a nation of priests? What did Moses have to go up the mountain for? Read Exodus 31:18 to see who wrote them?
8. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Hebrews 8 What was wrong with the old covenant? What was God going to do? Where were the laws to be written? What was God going to do with our sin? What was the result of this covenant for everybody in it? Whose people are we? Is this a better covenant? Whose blood are we washed with? read Hebrews 9:13-14
9. Read Hebrews 10:15-22 What had this covenant made for us? Can we now enter God's presence? Through whose blood? Are hearts, minds and bodies clean?

10. Read Colossians 2:11 If circumcision was the covenant token to Abraham, what do you think the covenant token is to us? Read Romans 2:28-29 to confirm this. Read Philippians 3:3 Does this circumcision make us true worshippers of God? See John 4:24 - is this what makes us priests unto God and fulfils God's desire for a holy nation to love and serve Him?