

## Declaring God's Authority: Partnership

**Note:** Are you prepared? Cash on hand, gold, silver, water, food, living without electricity, solar power?

God made a covenant with people in order to bless the earth and establish His Kingdom. A covenant is a contract, a type of partnership. When you go into business with someone, usually a contract is written so both parties can understand what is expected from the other.

**Covenant;** Strong's #1242, *diatheke* (dee-ath-ay-kay): a will, testament, pact, contract, an agreed upon plan to which both parties subscribe. While the word may signify an agreement between two parties, with each accepting mutual obligations, most often it is a declaration of one person's will. In the Bible, God initiated the whole action, set the conditions, and defined as a decree a **declaration of purposes**. God made covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Israel and His Church. The word covenant is used in both the Old and New Testament and basically means the same thing. In the New Testament, it also means "a will" as to something that is to be enforced once a person dies. In the Old Testament it means "to cut" or "to divide" and it implies the shedding of blood to seal the covenant.

**Gen 1:26-28** *Then God said, "Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in **His own image**; in the **image of God** He created him; **male and female** He created them.*

**Dominion:** Strong's #4915, *moshel* (moh-shel); sovereignty, jurisdiction, rulership. The noun *moshel* thus refers to the realm of rulership (both geographical and governmental) that belongs to a sovereign authority.

### God's Covenant with Adam:

**Gen 1:28** *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and **subdue it**; have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

**Gen 2:16-17** *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil** you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

God wanted to be the source of all knowledge for Adam and Eve. He did not want them to get a "taste of evil," because sin brings death. God knew Satanic forces would immediately challenge Adam and Eve as well as their succeeding offspring. Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan and they gave their authority as co-rulers to him. Even though Adam and Eve gave authority to Satan, God still used people to partner with and move His Kingdom forward.

### God's Covenant with Noah:

**Gen 6:17-20** *And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 **But I will establish My covenant with you**; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.*

**Gen 9:12-13** *And God said: "This is the **sign of the covenant** which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set **My rainbow** in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.*

After the flood, Noah's three sons Ham, Shem and Japheth with their wives started to repopulate the region and years later became 70 nations. Noah's descendants reverted back to pagan ways. These 70 nations were one language, one government, one king and for the most part, one religion; paganism. The **One World Order** existed over 3,000 years ago! They started building a city and a tower called "**Babel**" in order to keep all power centralized. The top of the tower was a gateway into the second heaven, the demonic realm. Babel means "confused" but the Babylonians later interpreted it "the gate of the god."

God and His Heavenly Host supernaturally intervened “*Let Us go down...*” God did not use man in this intervention, but it was a set up for what was coming next; the nation of Israel (**Gen 11:1-9**). Abram was born 5 generations (approx. 200 years) after the Tower of Babel was destroyed and the people scattered. Babel was in Shinar which later became the land of Babylon, led by Nimrod whose name means “Let us Rebel.”

#### **God’s Covenant with Abraham:**

Many theologians believe the Abrahamic covenant is the foundation of all the promises of God.

**Gen 12:1-3** *Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a **great nation**; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed."*

Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac, but the angel stopped him. Because of his obedience to the Lord, God confirms His covenant: **Gen 22:17-18** *blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall **possess the gate of their enemies**. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have **obeyed My voice**."*

The family of Abraham went into Egypt. 400 years later, they became a great multitude. God raised up Moses to deliver Israel from the bondage of Egypt and bring them into the Promised Land. While in the wilderness, God spoke to Moses.

#### **God’s Covenant with Moses and Israel:**

**Ex 19:3-6** *And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed **obey My voice and keep My covenant**, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.'*

**Ex 34:27-28** *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a **covenant with you and with Israel**." 28 So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Commandments**."*

#### **God’s Covenant with David:**

**Ps 89:3-4** *"I have made a **covenant** with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 4 '**Your seed** I will establish forever, And build up **your throne to all generations**.'"*

**Isa 9:6-7** *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace **There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom**, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

**Luke 1:31-33** *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the **throne of His father David**. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of **His kingdom there will be no end**."*

#### **The New Covenant, Jesus, Israel and His Church:**

**Matt 26:26-28** *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is **My blood of the new covenant**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

**Heb 8:10** *For this is the **covenant** that I will make with the **house of Israel** after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*