WHAT IS A COVENANT

1. Extension of kinship by oath

2. Making another a family member

3. Examples of covenant: marriage, adoption

4. God is making a family. Being Trinity. He is a family within Himself, and His Holy Spirit is Love bonding the Father and the Son. Trinitarian love is a filial love. God in Judaism and Islam is different.
ADAMIC COVENANT

1. Eden was an original sanctuary, with a river (water from Jesus’ pierced side on the cross) and precious stones.

2. Gen 1:26-28 - Adam & Eve created in the image and likeness of God. Gen 5:3 - Seth was created in the image of Adam. “likeness and image” describes relationship of the son to the father. Adam is a creature, but adopted, incorporated into the God’s family. Breath of life (Holy Spirit) given to Adam is a covenant bestowed on him.

3. Adam and Eve reject God by distrusting and disobeying Him. Other sins follow in Gen 6. God decides to start over.

NOAHIC COVENANT

1. Gen 9 - Covenant with Noah is on a lower level than with Adam.

2. Peace is disturbed. Isaiah will prophecy that Messiah will bring peace. Saints have experienced this peace already on earth.

3. Noah eats of the fruit, sins and is ashamed. Repetition from Gen 3.

4. Gen 11 - Babel - confusion, scattering

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

1. Gen 12: 1-3 Promises to Abraham:
   • great nation
   • great name - royalty
   • universal blessing - God’s Spirit being restored to humanity

2. Gen 22:16-18 - testing Abraham’s faithfulness; God swears an oath = covenant; Isaac freely accepted His death.

MOSAIC COVENANT
1. This covenant had the potential of fulfilling promises given to Adam. Ex 19:5n “You will be a royal priesthood” - royal means kingly (great name from Abraham’s promises); Great nation of priests which will bless gentiles.

2. The covenant was kept only for 40 days. Rebellion started with worshipping the golden calf and then continued with more sinful acts - Book of Numbers. Deuteronomy - Moses realizes that people can’t live up to God’s standards. He allows for divorce, war, but executes harsher punishments for disobeying the law. This covenant becomes therefore very damaged. People are treated more like servants than like sons.

3. They’ve got the land, but no king.

DAVIDIC COVENANT

1. David - man after God’s own heart, filled with Holy Spirit.

2. The Temple was finished by His son, Salomon. 40 years of peace before the turmoil returns.

NEW COVENANT PROPHECIED

1. 400 years of broken covenant - God sends prophets who warn and bring hope of new Davidic covenant, new King and new Temple.

EUCHARISTIC COVENANT


2. We receive Holy Spirit (Breath of God) in the Eucharist, and through partaking in the Communion we are God’s children.

Possibility of including last Covenantal Mountain from the Book of Revelation.