



How did Jesus create a 'New Covenant' and what does that mean to Christians today?

In the covenant between God and Abraham, God promised Abraham three things:

- 1) He would have a son, even though he and his wife Sarah were quite old.
- 2) Through his son he would have many descendants and his family would become a great nation.
- 3) God would give him and his family a land of their own to live in.

In return, Abraham promised God two things:

- 1) To be faithful to God.
- 2) To reject the gods of the people of Ur.

However, instead of trusting God, Sarah came up with her own solution to the problem: she told Abraham to have a child with her servant Hagar.

Christians believe that Abraham taught them how to follow God and how, just like Abraham, they will make mistakes and disobey God.



binding	a binding promise, agreement, or decision must be obeyed or carried out
conditional promise	a promise depending on something happening, a condition
unconditional promise	a commitment made by one person to another without any conditions or limitations
covenant	an important promise between two people that lasts a long time, sometimes forever
law	a set of instructions to keep people safe and maintain order
oath	a serious promise
promise	a statement that something absolutely will happen or be done
serious	marked by careful thinking or consideration
commandment	a law or rule given by God

Promises in the Bible:

Adam and Eve

Noah

Abraham

Moses (The Ten Commandments)



Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The LORD says, "The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt. Although I was like a husband to them, they did not keep that covenant. The new covenant that I will make with the people of Israel will be this: I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. None of them will have to teach a neighbour to know the LORD, because all will know me, from the least to the greatest. I will forgive their sins and I will no longer remember their wrongs. I, the LORD, have spoken."

Old Testament

The Old Testament talks about how the Earth was created by God and was all written before Jesus arrived on earth. It is the same as the Jewish Bible, although people who follow Christianity and Judaism often have different views about what is written in it.



New Testament

The New Testament was written after Jesus lived on Earth and introduces us to him, his birth, life and how he died to save humans on earth from their sins. It tells stories about all the miracles that Jesus performed, the people he helped and what he taught everyone about God. It also goes into detail about his resurrection.

