



## GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

### Covenants

In the history of salvation, God has made a series of five covenants with His people. Each covenant builds upon the foundation of the previous one, expanding it, as God's family also expanded.

#### **1. ADAM – Genesis, Chapters 1, 2, and 3**

In this first covenant, God is working with the smallest possible family unit, a *husband and wife*. God establishes a marital covenant with Adam and Eve and, through that, establishes humanity. Marriage was divinely instituted at the moment of the creation of Adam and Eve. This is the foundational covenant from which all others spring.

#### **2. NOAH – Genesis 5:28-9:17**

At this point in history, God enlarges His covenant to account for the organic growth of the family. In addition to being married, Noah is the father of married sons, and is the head of a *household*.

#### **3. ABRAHAM – Genesis, Chapter 12**

With Abraham, we again see God enlarging His covenant, this time making it a *tribal-family* covenant. Abram was a wealthy man and the chieftain of hundreds of domestic servants. God's covenant with him held three main promises, each describing His future plans for Israel, the nation He set aside for Himself, from which the Messiah was to come.

For more information, refer to the audio CD series entitled, "Salvation History" by Dr. Scott Hahn. It is available through Saint Joseph Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 720, West Covina, CA 91793 ([saintjoe.com/products/salvation-history](http://saintjoe.com/products/salvation-history)).

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for younger saints

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*"By his stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:5*

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**The Agony in the Garden. The Scourging at the Pillar. The Crowning with Thorns. The Carrying of the Cross. The Crucifixion.**