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Promises and Covenants Answer Key

	My Promise to _____	God's Covenant with Noah	God's Covenant with Abraham	God's Covenant with Moses	God's Covenant with David
commitment <i>What is promised?</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God promises to never release the flood waters again. Noah promises to obey God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God promises to give Abraham land, to make his name great, and to make him a great nation. All families of the Earth will find blessing in Abraham. God will bless those who bless Abraham, and God will curse those who curse him. Abraham will live to a ripe old age. Abraham and Sarah promise full obedience to God. Abraham builds an altar in Canaan, claiming possession of the land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God promises Moses and the Israelites freedom from slavery. He will be their God and make them his treasured possession among all people. Moses and Israelites promise to be God's kingdom of priests, a holy nation, and to obey the Ten Commandments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God makes a solitary promise with David: to give David many descendants, to make his name great, to be a father to David. God will assign a place for Israel and give them rest from their enemies. David will be a son to God.
relational <i>Who is involved?</i> <i>Describe relationship.</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noah and God God is committed and faithful to Noah and his family. Noah completely trusts and is obedient to God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abraham, Sarah, and God They are committed to one another: God promises to be with Abraham, and Abraham puts his faith in God. God is clearly in control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moses and God They have a rocky relationship. Moses and God argue, but in the end, for the most part, Moses obeys God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David and God Their relationship is like father and son.
solemn <i>How sincere is this promise?</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The promise is very sincere. God follows through with his promise. God's love has no limits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both God and Abraham are sincere, although sometimes Abraham wants to take matters into his own hands. Still, God's love has no limits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The promise is sincere. God's love has no limits. God remembers the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Both parties follow through with their promises. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God loves David unconditionally.



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agreement <i>What did you/God agree to?</i> <i>What did the other person agree to?</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God agreed to establish his covenant with Noah and family. He gives them every seed-bearing plant and tree, and any living creature that moves. Noah agreed to build the ark and to take his family and two of each animal aboard the ark. He agrees to populate the Earth and care for the animals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abram and Sarai leave their homeland, Ur, travel a great distance, and arrive in the land of Canaan as the Lord directed them. God reaffirms the three promises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abraham will become father of a multitude of nations, and kings will stem from his family line. God will be Abraham's God and the God of his descendants. Abraham and his descendants will possess the land. Abraham and his descendants will keep the covenant through the ages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God agreed to free the Israelites and to be their God. Moses and the Israelites, in turn, agreed to serve God and obey God's commands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God agreed to give David many descendants, to be a father to David, to reprimand David if he does wrong but not withdraw his favor from him, and to keep David's house and kingdom firm forever. David did not have to agree to anything. This covenant is one-sided and unconditional. David is still bound by Mosaic Law.
mutual <i>Was this freely promised?</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	yes	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> yes Moses is reluctant at first but does make the promise. 	yes
intent <i>Why was this promise made?</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	Noah and his family will die if he doesn't obey God.	All of the things God promised to Abraham and Sarah were so significant: fame, land, descendants, and one loving and protecting God.	Moses and the Israelites would be free from slavery and free to worship Yahweh.	God is faithful to the covenant he made with David's ancestors and will continue this covenant through David and his descendants.
consequences of breaking <i>What if . . . ?</i>	<i>Answers will vary.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of humanity would be wiped out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abraham and Sarah would not receive the blessings that God promised them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israelites would no longer be God's Chosen People. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If David does wrong, God will reprimand him, but God will not withdraw his favor from him; David's house and kingdom will be firm forever.



Chapter Focus Question

After the Fall, why did God want to make covenants with humanity?

Answers should include some of the following points:

Through the covenants, God established a special relationship with his people to heal the separation that was brought about by sin. Though sin brings about division, the covenants are the ties that bind us to God. God begins to restore humanity to a state of grace—that is, a proper relationship between humanity and himself—through the covenants. The laws established by some of the covenants aid in this process of restoration. Sin is disobeying God's Law and therefore harming our relationship with God; obeying covenant laws does the opposite. Obeying these laws works as a remedy by restoring our relationship with God. The laws provide the framework and encouragement for us to follow God's will.

