

I. Blood Covenant

A. Importance:

B. Very old / Universal

C. Hebrew, *berit* (to cut)

D. Definition: "A formal binding agreement defining relationships and responsibilities between two or more parties."

E. *Berit*

Between nations:

Among individuals:

Ruler / People:

F. God chose *berit* to convey and illustrate the relationship he chose to establish with his people.

G. Reasons for cutting covenant

1. Strong tribe / Weak tribe

2. Business

3. Love

H. Procedure

1. Only trusted friend

2. Gifts exchanged

3. Blessings / Curses

4. Blood

a. Early OT (animals(s))

b. Later OT (wrists cut)

5. Scar

I. Stanley in Africa

1. Tree planting

2. Curses / Blessings

J. Four famous covenants

1. Abrahamic (approx. 2080 BC)

2. Mosaic (law) (approx. 1445 BC)

3. Davidic (approx. 990 BC)

4. New (approx. 30 AD)

K. Examples of Covenants / Treaties

1. 1 Kings 15
2. Joshua 9:3-27
3. 1 Sam 11:1-15
4. 1 Sam 18:1-4
 - a. Mephibosheth
5. Deut 27
 - a. Curses / Ebal...vv. 15-26; 28:16-end
 - b. Blessings / Gerizim...Deut. 28:3-14

L. Lessons

II. Marriage Customs

- A. Arranged...Gen 24:34-58
- B. *kith* / king
 1. Sampson...Judges 14:1
 2. Esau...Gen. 28:6-9
- C. *Mohar*
- D. Betrothal
- E. Wedding procession
- F. Consummation
- G. Feasting
- H. Marriage today
- I. Divorce
- J. Women
 1. Rabbis

III. Agriculture

- A. Introduction
 1. Feasts
 - a. Passover
 - b. Unleavened Bread
 - c. Firstfruits
 - d. Weeks
 - e. Trumpets
 - f. Atonement
 - g. Tabernacles

- B. Hardships
- C. The land
 - 1. Plain
 - 2. Western highlands (*shephelah*)
 - 3. Rift Valley
 - 4. Trans-Jordan
 - 5. Deserts
- D. Rain
 - 1. Less from N to S
 - 2. Less from W to E
 - 3. Elevation / Aspect
- E. Seasons
 - 1. Wet / Dry
- F. The crops
 - 1. Three main:
 - a. Wine
 - b. Oil
 - c. Bread...Psm 104:15; Joel 2:19
- G. Labor-intensive
- H. Plowing
 - 1. The plow
 - 2. The procedure...Matt 13:3
- I. Grains
 - 1. Wheat, barley, spelt
 - 2. Enemies
 - a. Birds
 - b. Tares
 - c. Fire
 - d. Locusts
 - e. Thieves
 - 3. Hospitality (Eat but don't cut)
 - 4. Cutting & transporting
 - 5. Threshing
 - a. Flail
 - b. Threshing instrument
 - c. Animals
 - d. Floor

- e. Winnowing
 - f. Sifting
 - g. Storing
 - h. Caravans
6. Additional grains
- a. Millet
 - b. Fitches
 - c. Cumin
 - d. Flax

J. Vine

- 1. 8 facts from Isaiah 5:
 - a. Hill
 - b. Fence
 - c. Hoeing
 - d. Stones
 - e. Planting vines
 - f. Watching
 - g. Winepress
 - h. Rented
- 2. Vine cultivation
- 3. Harvesting
- 4. Products
 - a. Fresh
 - b. Dried
 - c. Dibs
 - d. Wine

K. Olives

- 1. Products
 - a. Fresh
 - b. Dried (not pickled)
 - c. Oil

L. Dates

M. Figs

N. Misc.