

# Covenant

## *Berit* (Heb.)

A formal, binding agreement defining relationships and responsibilities between two or more parties

Between nations, a *berit* was a treaty.  
Between individuals, a *berit* was a pledge of friendship, help, and protection or a business covenant.

Between a ruler and his people, a *berit* was a constitution and set of rules—

Spelled out the responsibilities of the ruler and the people.

God chose *berit* to clarify and illustrate the relationship he sought to establish with his people.