

WELCOME TO THE COVENANT QUEST

Welcome Covenant Questers! Thank you for accepting the Quest for the Covenant challenge. This is your passport. If you are going to discover the covenant that God makes with each one of us, you must keep this passport on you at all times and use it to help you in your quest. Enjoy the journey!

NOTES



DESTINATION

GARDEN OF EDEN

DISCOVER IT

Genesis Chapter 2:8-25 and 3:1-22

UNDERSTAND IT

The Quest for the Covenant begins a long time ago where most things begin: the beginning. God created everything, the world, the heavens, the animals and the fish. Last of all he created Adam and Eve and put them in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and enjoy living there. God had a perfect relationship with them. He walked and talked together everyday.

God had one rule that Adam and Eve had to follow. The rule was to not eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. One day Satan, disguised as a snake, tricked Eve into eating from that tree and she gave her husband Adam some of the fruit. They had disobeyed God and introduced sin into the human race. The perfect relationship they had with God was broken.

Just like we inherit our nose or ears from our parents, we also inherit our sinful nature from Adam. Sometimes we make mistakes or disobey God and our relationship with God is damaged. We need help in making it right. We need a covenant. The Quest for the Covenant begins!

- 1. In Genesis 2:17, what was the name of the tree God told Adam and Eve not to eat from?
- a) The Tree of Right and Wrong
- b) The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
- c) The Tree of the Garden of Eden
- 2. In Genesis 3:6, who disobeyed and ate the fruit first?

- 3. What happened when God found out that they ate the fruit?
- 4. Why do we have a broken relationship with God?
- 5. What are the results and punishments for sin?
- a) Death
- b) Pain
- c) Broken relationship with God
- d) All of the above

DEFINE IT

Sin - Doing what we want to do, when we want to do it, rather than doing what God would have us do. It is also known as missing the mark.

DO IT

1. Our relationship with God is scrambled! Unscramble what He is saying in this verse: "roF tsirhC deid ot tes meht eerf morf eht ytlanep..." 15:9 swerbeH





Genesis 12:1-3, and Genesis 15

UNDERSTAND IT

Our Quest for the Covenant continues several hundred years after Adam and Eve with a man named Abram. Abram loved God but still was under the curse of sin. God had a plan to fix this broken relationship with man. Abram couldn't do anything himself to fix the broken relationship with God, just as we can't, so God came to him and made a covenant with him. A covenant is an unbreakable agreement between two people.

God amazingly told Abram he would bless him and that his family would grow so large they would be like the stars in the sky. Abraham believed that what God said was true even though he was an old man and didn't have a son. God told Abraham to kill a cow, a goat, a ram, a turtledove and a pigeon.

The blood of the animals showed their commitment to the agreement and that they would keep it forever. It showed that God would never break his covenant (unbreakable promise or agreement). The animals became the thing that would pay for our sin. As a sign of His covenant, God changed Abram's name to Abraham. This covenant blessing is still ours today. We have a right to Abraham's blessing all because of God's goodness!

- 1. What was God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?
- a) He would be blessed with land and a great family
- b) He would build a boat to survive a flood
- c) He would have a dog

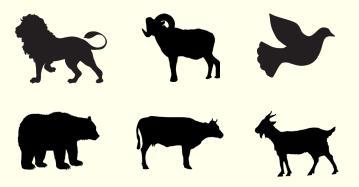
- 2. What animals did God tell Abraham to sacrifice in Genesis 15:9?
- a) a horse, a goat, a ram, a frog and a pigeon
- b) a dog, a cat, a turtle, a frog and a bird
- c) a cow, a goat, a ram, a turtledove and a pigeon
- 3. What did the blood of the sacrifice mean about the covenant between God and man?
- 4. Why did having a son mean so much to Abraham?
- a) He really wanted a boy to name Bob
- b) It showed God was keeping his covenant promise
- c) He needed someone to take care of him
- 5. What does the covenant between God and Abraham mean for you today?

DEFINE IT

Covenant – An unbreakable agreement or unbreakable promise. God's covenants were often sealed with blood to show how serious He took them.

DO IT

1. What doesn't belong?





Next:

Now we know that God wants to help heal our relationship. He has made an amazing covenant agreement with us to bless us. But can we trust God to keep his covenant? What happens if time passes and he forgets? The quest continues...





Exodus 12:1-13, 21-40

UNDERSTAND IT

Now our quest picks up in the land of Egypt where Abraham's descendants are living as slaves to the Egyptians. But God remembered his covenant with Abraham and chose Moses to free them from 430 years of slavery! Moses went to Pharaoh 9 times asking to let his people (The Israelites) go, and every time Pharaoh said "no".

In response to Pharaoh's stubbornness God sent plagues to the land of Egypt. Plagues like frogs and flies. Ewww! The tenth time Pharaoh said "no", God told Moses he was going to kill the first born sons all across Egypt including the animals. To protect the Israelites from the plague, God told Moses that every household needed to sacrifice a lamb and put the lamb's blood on their doorposts.

When the angel of death passed through it killed all of the first born sons of Egypt except for those who did what God instructed. When the Angel of Death came to the doors with the lamb's blood, it passed over them. The Bible calls this Passover and through it God was able to keep his covenant to Moses by freeing the Israelites from Egyptian rule.

- 1. Why did God want to help the Israelites and free them from the Egyptians?
- 2. What animal did God tell the Israelites to sacrifice in Exodus 12:3?
- a) A lion
- b) A lamb
- c) A donkey



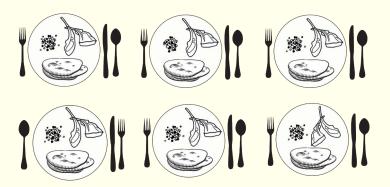
- 3. Why did God tell the Israelites to put the blood of the animal on the door frames in Exodus 12:13?
- a) The blood would be a sign that they were protected by God's covenant and the angel of death would Passover their house not killing their first born sons.
- b) The blood would be a sign that they were protected by God's covenant and keep out the Egyptians
- c) The blood would be a sign that they were protected by God's covenant and keep bugs out of their houses
- 4. What was Pharaoh's response to Moses and ultimately to God's request? How should we respond to God's requests?
- 5. In the story of Moses and the Israelites, God did a lot to protect his people and keep the covenant he made with Abraham and Moses. How far will God go to help you?

DEFINE II

Passover – Jewish celebration remembering God passing over their houses and their families when God destroyed the first borns of Egypt

DO IT

1. Which two Passover meals are the same?



Next:

God keeps his word and won't break his covenant. He protected his people and sent someone to free them, even when they were in great trouble! But we still have this problem of sin that keeps getting in the way. How are we going to solve the problem? Does God have an answer that can help us? The guest continues...





Isaiah 53:4-6, John 3:16, John 19

UNDERSTAND IT

The Quest for the Covenant continues a long time after Moses and the Israelites. For years, the Israelites have been trying to keep the rules and laws that God gave them during Moses' time. But it is hard to always follow the rules, and God wanted to show the people that. Every time they fail to keep them or disobey God, they have been sacrificing an animal to cover up the sin. Remember that the punishment for sin is death? But God had a better plan.

He sent his son Jesus, the only perfect person, as a permanent sacrifice for everyone's sin, to completely wash away all sin. Jesus' death on the cross restored our relationship with God! God wanted to make a new covenant with man, one where we just have to confess our sins and believe in him and we are restored to him. We couldn't do it on our own, no matter how many times we tried or how hard we tried, so God helped us. We can now talk to him like Adam and Eve did before they sinned. What was once broken is now repaired! Thank Jesus for being the ultimate sacrifice for our sins and forever creating a new covenant between God and man!

- 1. What day does John 19:14 say Jesus died on?
- a) Preparation Day of the Passover
- b) Preparation Day of the Covenant
- c) Preparation Day of the Festival of Lights
- 2. Why did Jesus die on the cross?

- 3. What is the new covenant?
- 4. What part do you have to do to receive the new covenant with God?
- 5. What did Jesus's sacrifice do for mankind?
- a) It washed away our sins and allowed us to fellowship with God again
- b) It made a covenant between God and mankind that if we believe on Jesus we'll have eternal life.
- c) It did away with sacrificing animals because Jesus was the perfect sacrifice.
- d) All of the above

DEFINE IT

New Covenant - The promise of restored relationship between God and His children, through the blood of Jesus Christ.

DO IT

1. Write Jesus a letter thanking him for sacrificing himself for our sins.

Next:

God always had a plan for saving us and restoring us to him. He wants us to remember that. We have almost solved the Quest for the Covenant, but one final hurdle stands in the way. What is communion? What does the bread and juice mean? Finish the quest strong by learning what the Covenant Table is!





Luke 22:7-20

UNDERSTAND IT

Throughout Quest of the Covenant we learned what a covenant means. It's not just the bread and grape juice we'll have during communion but how it represents Jesus's body and Jesus's blood. Jesus changed the game on how man and God communicated. We no longer have to continually sacrifice animals for God to forgive our sins.

When we accept the sacrifice Jesus made by shedding his blood, our sins are forever forgiven and our communion with God is never ending. We learned it's a power that anyone can have and God wants everyone to have. Communion is about remembering what Jesus did for us on the cross. It is about fixing our relationship with God once more.

- 1. In Luke 22:19, what did Jesus say to the disciples after breaking the bread?
- a) This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me.
- b) This is bread, break it and eat it often
- c) This is My body after tonight forget what it means
- 2. In Luke 22:20, what did Jesus say to the disciples when he took the cup?
- a) This cup represents the old covenant of Abraham
- b) This cup represents the old covenant of Moses
- c) This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you
- 3. Why do we eat the Covenant Meal (more than one answer is correct)?
- a) To remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.
- b) To eat yummy bread and grape juice and sit in the big service.
- c) To thank Jesus for the new covenant we have in Him.

DO IT

Prepare It:

Prepare your heart to take communion with your family. Remember that God wants to have a relationship with you, but sin often gets in the way. Ask God to forgive you for your sins, even those that you don't remember. Ask him help you in the future. Most of all thank him for sending Jesus to die for you.

