Covenant is a word that is not used too much today. But it is used often in the Bible. A covenant is an agreement between two people or two groups of people; both generally make specific promises. Covenants were made between friends to confirm their friendship, between nations to keep the peace, and between husband and wife in marriage. Covenants were often sealed to show they were permanent. The wedding ring and the rainbow are examples of seals. God made a covenant with Abraham, promising to make him into a great nation if he obeyed only God. God also made a covenant with Noah, telling him that as long as the earth endured, He would not destroy it again with a flood. These are examples of covenants from the Old Testament.

In the New Testament, we learn of a “new covenant” fulfilled in our Lord Jesus. When we believe and put our trust in Jesus, our sins will be forgiven. This is the covenant between God and each of us that leads to salvation.