

## **Abrahamic Covenant**

## **Royal Grant**

**Gen. 12:1-3 the divine call**

**Unconditional blessing by a superior to an inferior merely on the basis of the benefactor's good will and loyalty of the beneficiary**

**Gen. 15:5-21 the divine signing with an oath**

**Gen. 17:1-14 the sign of the beneficiary**

**Gen. 22:15-18 the divine confirmation**



**1:6-4:40 1<sup>st</sup> Exposition of the Torah: motivation to obey from past gracious actions of Yahweh (biblical faith as sourced in historic revelation requires accurate historical memory)**

**1:6-3:29 Narration of Israel's history from Sinai to the Transjordanian victories**

**1:6-18 From Sinai to Kadesh**

**1:6-8 Command to depart Mt. Sinai recalling the LAND promise to Abraham**

**1:9-18 Appointment of deputy judges because of the PEOPLE promise to Abraham**

# Social Justice

**Law of Yahweh (Mosaic)  
(ca. 1500-1400 BC)**

**Code of Hammurapi  
(ca. 1700 BC)**

**2 classes—Jews and resident  
aliens**

**3 classes—nobles, citizen,  
slaves**

**Based upon Abrahamic  
Covenant**

**Based upon social standing**

**Top of 6-foot Stele at the Louvre, Paris discovered in 1906**



**Hammurabi receiving laws from Sun-god Shamash (god of justice)**

**“You should not recognize faces in  
*mishpat*;  
as the small one as the large one you  
shall hear;  
do not accord special respect to the face  
of a man;  
because the *mishpat* is of *Eliohim*”  
*Deut. 1:17a-d***

- **“However rude it may be these days to say so, there are some moral truths that we all readily know—truths which a normal human being is unable not to know. They are a universal possession, an emblem of a rational mind, an heirloom of the family of man. That doesn’t mean that we know them with unfailing perfect clarity, or that we have reasoned out their remotest implications: we don’t, and we haven’t.”** J. Budziszewski, What We Can’t Not Know p 19.

- **Must be provision for the administration of justice (DI #4)**
- **Must be no idolatry**
- **Must be no blasphemy**
- **Must be no sexual immorality**
- **Must be no bloodshed**
- **Must be no theft**
- **Must be no eating of flesh torn from living animals**
- J. Budziszewski, What We Can't Not Know, p 225f.