

THE BOOK OF MARK



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them.

Mark 14:24 (NIV 2011)

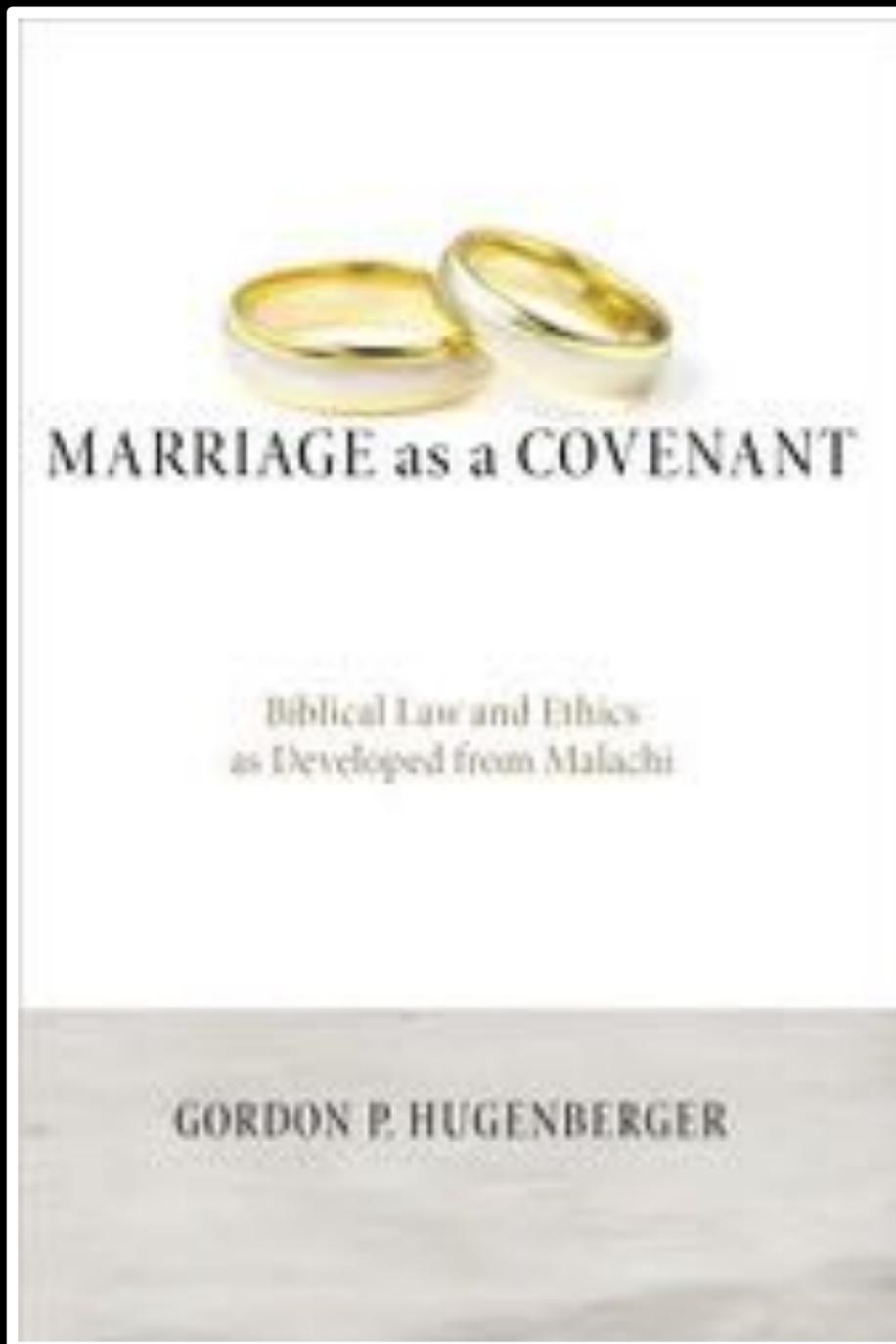
Words for “Covenant”

Hebrew: בְּרִית (b^erîṭ)

Greek: διαθήκη (diathēkē)

Latin: testamentum

English: Old Testament, New Testament



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Gordon P. Hugenberg

Marriage as a Covenant: Biblical Law and Ethics as Developed from Malachi

“A covenant, in its normal sense, is an elected, as opposed to natural, **relationship** of obligation under oath.”

1. A covenant is a long-term relationship of mutual love, respect, loyalty, protection, and friendship.

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2. People choose to be in covenant; it does not happen naturally.

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3. Keeping the obligations expresses the parties' commitment to the covenant.

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4. A covenant begins with an initiation ritual that invokes the gods via an oath.

A Covenant is ...

- a relationship
- that you choose
- with obligations
- and an initiation ritual that involves animal sacrifice

31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. . . .

Jeremiah 31:31 (NIV 2011)

32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though **I was a husband to them,**” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:32 (NIV 2011)

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it **on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33 (NIV 2011)

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because **they will all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:34 (NIV 2011)

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The New Covenant is a committed
relationship of love and loyalty
between God and the Church.

The New Covenant is God's **invitation**
to the whole world.

The people of the New Covenant are
God's partners on a **mission**.

The Lord's Supper is the **initiation ritual** of the New Covenant.

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