

# Covenants — Suzerain Treaty

Suzerain Treaties:

- 1) Identification of the Suzerain
- 2) Suzerain's dealings with the vassal
- 1-2 "Preamble"
- 3) Stipulations from the Suzerain
- 4) Blessings and Curses from the Suzerain

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Example of a Suzerain Treaty:

Exodus 20:1-2 NASB

Then God spoke all these words, saying, [2] "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

(1-2) Identification of the Suzerain (Yahweh) who delivered preamble to Moses (vassal-lord) who represents the people under the authority of the Suzerain.

Exodus 20:3-17 NASB

"You shall have no other gods before Me. [4] "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. [5] You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, [6] but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. [7] "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain. [8] "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days you shall labor and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. [11] For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. [12] "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. [13] "You shall not murder. [14] "You shall not commit adultery. [15] "You shall not steal. [16] "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. [17] "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

(3-4) Stipulations = 10 commandments and select blessings and curses (5b-6); (7b); (12b)