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-PARTIES – Mediators of the covenant

-TERMS – Requirements of the covenant

-PROMISES – Outcomes of a covenant

-Founded upon MUTUAL OBLIGATION

-God’s promises TAKE TIME AND FAITH

-God makes promises EVEN WHEN we’re NOT WORTHY

-God ALWAYS KEEPS A PROMISE

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