

# Deuteronomy 5:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

## Analysis

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The statement 'The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb' emphasizes the Sinai covenant as foundational to Israel's identity. The use of 'us' (though most of Moses' audience were children at Sinai) shows covenant continuity across generations—each generation must personally embrace God's covenant, not merely rely on ancestors' faith. Covenant relationship requires contemporary commitment, not historical association alone.

## Historical Context

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Horeb (another name for Sinai) was where God gave the Ten Commandments and established formal covenant with Israel after the Exodus. This covenant, while rooted in God's promises to Abraham, brought Israel into national relationship with YHWH as His treasured possession among all peoples (Exodus 19:5-6).

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How do you personally embrace God's covenant rather than relying on inherited faith?
2. What does it mean for you to be in covenant relationship with God today?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּחָרֶב: בְּרִית יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה אֶלְהֵינוּ מָאֵן  
The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 4:23** (Covenant): Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

**Exodus 24:8** (Covenant): And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

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