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of Prophet
Muhammad
(PBUH)*



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The Covenants of Prophet Muhammad refers to various documents issued by Prophet Muhammad that enshrined the human rights and freedom of religion and belief to the *mu'minin* (i.e. Believers).



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🔍 The Constitution of Medina

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The Constitution of Medina

- Written between 622 CE and 624 CE.
- Drafted by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) upon his arrival in Medina after fleeing persecution in Mecca.
- Established the collective responsibility of 9 tribes, including the group of Muslim Qurashyi refugees, to protect one another.
- Sought to end inter-tribal fighting in Medina and also to establish Medina as a multireligious state.
- Built upon the idea of one community of diverse groups living under the divine sovereignty of one God.
- In addition to protecting the religious freedom of non-Muslims it also stated these groups had the same political and cultural rights as Muslims.



The Ashtiname of Muhammad

- Dictated by Muhammad, written by Ali, and ratified by Muhammad in 628 CE, the document granted protection and privileges to Christians.
- It was given to the monks of St. Catherine's Monastery in Mount Sinai.
- Prophet Muhammad would often visit the monastery and hold discussions with the monks.
- The document forbid the destruction and plunder of churches and other places of worship.
- It alluded to the permissibility of interfaith marriage between Christians and Muslims.
- It also forbid the coercion of Christians to practice any other religion than their chosen one.
- The agreement stated that it would hold "until the end of time".



The Treaty of Magna

- Produced in the later part of the life of Prophet Muhammad, this document provides protection to the Jewish communities in northwest Arabia.
- The document demonstrates the continuation of interfaith relations between Muslims and Jews even after the conflict between the Muslims and three Jewish tribes in Medina.
- In the document, Prophet Muhammad told the Jews, "Yours is the safeguard of God and that of his Messenger with regard to your persons, belief, and property, slaves, and whatever is in your possession".
- The treaty also stated that Jews and Muslims were equal citizens of the various nations that they inhabited together.



The Covenant with the Assyrian Christians

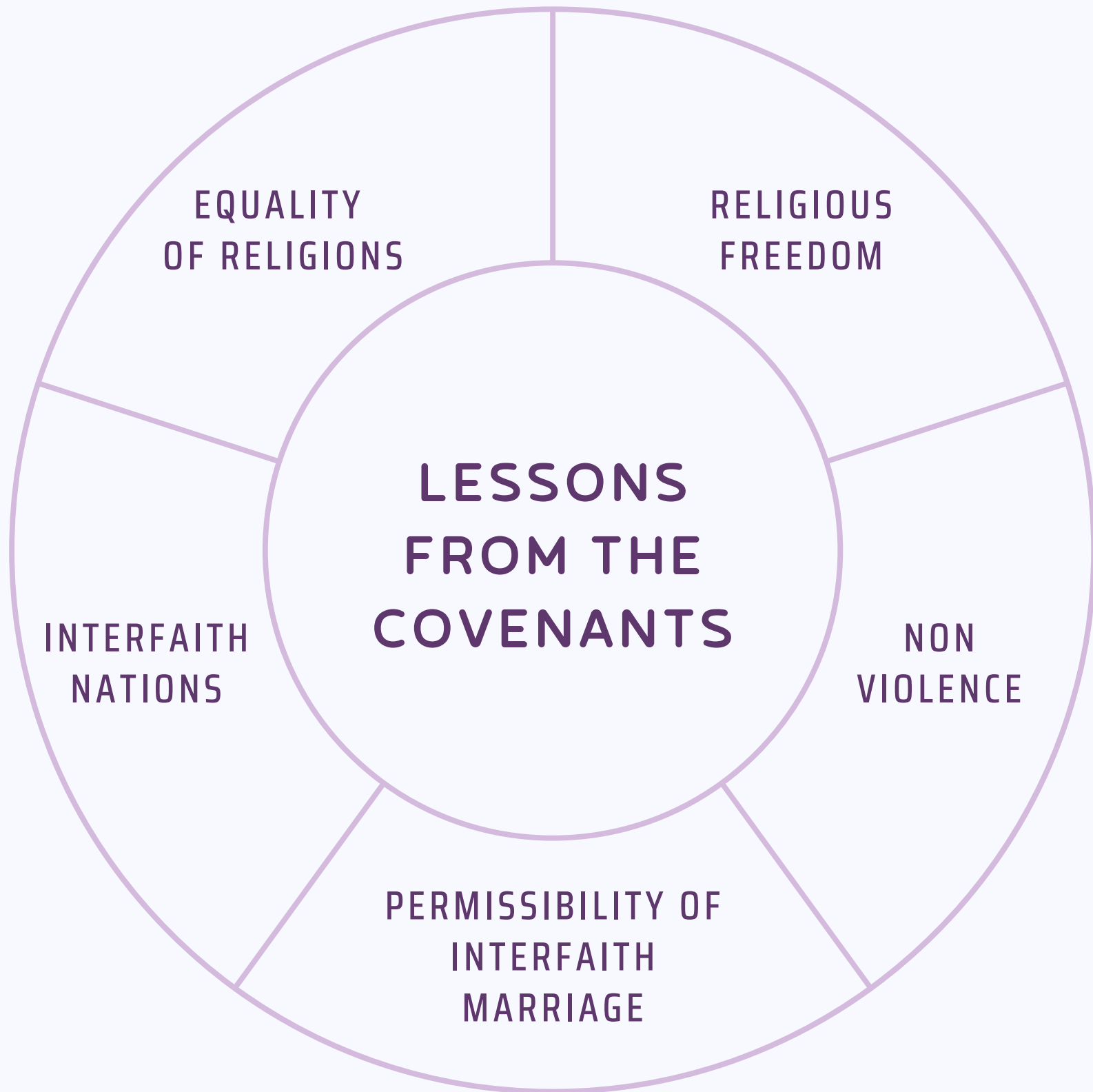
- Dictated by Prophet Muhammad in 4th AH, the document was written down by Moavijah Ben Sofian in Medina.
- The document stated that any Muslim found to "be unjust or unkind to a Christian was disobeying the Prophet of God".
- Gave rights of religious freedom of Christian women married to a Muslim man to practice Christianity.
- Forbid Muslims from forcing Christian women to accept Islam.
- Encouraged Muslims to help and assist Christian leaders and protect their places of worship.
- Commanded Muslims to help Christians build churches.



The Treaty of Najran

- The Treaty of Najran was written around 631 AD when a Christian delegation from Najran traveled to Medina.
- During the delegations visit, Prophet Muhammad allowed the Christians to pray in the mosque, which they did while facing East, and provided them with a place to stay.
- In the treaty, Prophet Muhammad stated, "The Muslims must not abandon the Christians, neglect them, and leave them without help and assistance since I have made this pact with them on behalf of Allah".
- The treaty also guaranteed security of the lives, religion, and property of the Christians and protected their freedom of religion.





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