

The Covenant of Grace

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Covenants Within the Covenant

- Adamic Covenant – “The Covenant of Commencement”
- Noahic Covenant – “The Covenant of Preservation”
- Abrahamic Covenant – “The Covenant of Promise”
- Mosaic Covenant – “The Covenant of Law”
- Davidic Covenant – “The Covenant of the Kingdom”
- **The New Covenant – “The Covenant of Consummation”**



Jesus Christ

Jer 31:31-34

Luk 22:20

David

II Sam 7

Moses

Ex 20

Abraham

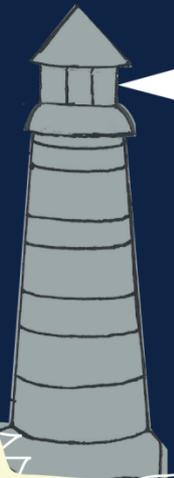
Gen 12

Noah

Gen 9

Adam

Gen 3:15



The Promise to Abraham & His Offspring

“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed... Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the LORD...”

Genesis 12:1-3,7



The Davidic Covenant



“...the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ‘Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ...***I have been with you*** wherever you went and ***have cut off all your enemies*** from before you. And ***I will make for you a great name***, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And ***I will appoint a place for my people Israel*** and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. ***And I will give you rest from all your enemies.*** Moreover, the LORD declares to you that ***the LORD will make you a house... I will raise up your offspring after you***, who shall come from your body, and ***I will establish his kingdom.*** He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and ***he shall be to me a son.***” II Samuel 7:5-14

Covenant Blessings & Curses



“If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways... then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess...

Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Fall of the Shadow Kingdom



“For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: ‘...surely I will make you a desert, an uninhabited city. I will prepare destroyers against you, each with his weapons, and they shall cut down your choicest cedars and cast them into the fire. And many nations will pass by this city, and every man will say to his neighbor, ‘Why has the LORD dealt thus with this great city?’ And they will answer, ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and worshiped other gods and served them.’” Jeremiah 22:6-9

“As God once had called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees and given him a promise concerning a land, so now the seed of Abraham must be cast out of this land of promise... This sober word of covenantal devastation, however, is not the only word spoken by Jeremiah. By his announcement concerning the new covenant, the prophet introduces a hope for Israel even beyond this decree of destruction.”

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The New Covenant



“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the LORD.... Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...”

Jeremiah 31:27,28,31

New, But a Continuation of the Old

“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 31:31,32



The Same Promise of Redemption



“Jeremiah mentions specifically that this covenant was established on the day that God redeemed Israel by bringing them out of Egypt. This old covenant cannot be characterized simplistically as a legalistic works-righteousness covenant... The Lord functioned as ‘husband’ to Israel under this relationship... the substance of the two covenants in terms of their redemptive intention is identical.”

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The Same Law in Different Places



“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:33

A Difference in Degree, Not in Kind

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”

Deuteronomy 6:5,6

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears he will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.”

John 16:13



Direct Access: Knowing God



“And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 31:34



“The immediate knowledge of God by each and every participant of the covenant gives expression to the idea of the essence of the covenant relationship which runs through Scripture. What is the point of the Covenant? It is to establish a oneness between God and His people. The oneness which was interrupted by the entrance of sin must be reconstituted through the covenant of redemption [grace].”

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Forgiveness Accomplished



“For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” Jeremiah 31:34b

“For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.” Hebrews 10:1-4



The Eternal Covenant



“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever... Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.”

Jeremiah 33:14-21

The New Covenant Inaugurated



“And [Jesus] took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is *the new covenant in my blood.*’”

Luke 22:19,20