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## Keeping Yourself Oriented in a Disoriented World

### Jesus Christ: High Priest of Good Things to Come, Part 2

COVENANT (בְּרִית, berith; διαθήκη, diathēkē). A sacred kinship bond between two parties, ratified by swearing an oath.

The Lexham Bible Dictionary.

Five Covenants in the Bible between God and man:

#### 1. **Covenant with Noah (Noahic Covenant) – Genesis 9:11-17**

God promises to never again destroy mankind with a flood. Rainbow is the sign of the covenant. *Unconditional.*

#### 2. **Covenant with Abraham (Abrahamic Covenant; Palestinian Covenant) – Gen 15,17**

God promises Abram offspring as the stars of the sky; ratified in the cutting of animals. Land. *Unconditional.*

#### 3. **Covenant with Moses (Mosaic Covenant, or Old Covenant) – Exodus 19-24**

The only *conditional* covenant, in which God promises to bless Israel if they keep His covenant.

#### 4. **Covenant with David (Davidic Covenant) – 2 Samuel 7**

God promises David that his throne would be established forever. *Unconditional.*

#### 5. **New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-33, Luke 22:20**

God promises a New Covenant, in which His law is written on our hearts; inaugurated by the blood of Jesus. *Unconditional.*

(Some see an Adamic Covenant, re: the promised Seed)

*The study of these covenants is not “Covenant Theology.”*

Covenant theology is one of two predominant theological frameworks used by theologians to provide an overview for

understanding the “big picture” of the Biblical narrative; the other framework is Dispensationalism.

### **Covenant Theology (Reformed Theology)**

1. Covenant of Law – Adam/Eve in Eden until the Fall
2. Covenant of Grace – Offered to Adam and Eve after the Fall and to all subsequent generations
3. Covenant of Redemption – made between the members of the Godhead, in eternity past, to provide for the redemption of the human race

(Neither of these terms occur in the text of the Bible.)

#### *Ramifications:*

Allegorical hermeneutic

Church replaces and becomes “spiritual” Israel

No literal Kingdom (amillennialism)

All of the Bible is written *for* us and *to* us. (2 Chron 7:14 billboard)

### **Dispensational Theology**

God deals with humanity in different ways, through history, but He has always saved by grace.

Dispensation/Economy (Gr oikonomia, Eph Ch 1,3) of:

1. Innocence – Adam/Eve
2. Conscience – Cain/Abel to Flood
3. Government – Noah to Abraham
4. Promise – Abraham to the Moses
5. Law – Moses to Jesus Christ
6. Grace (or Church) – Pentecost to the Rapture
7. Kingdom – the Millennium

#### *Ramifications:*

Consistent, literal hermeneutic

The Church is separate from, and distinct from, Israel

Literal Kingdom on Earth (Premillennialism)

All of the Bible is written *for* us, but not all is written *to* us.

Exodus 21:22,23; 22:16; 22:18; 22:22-24; 23:4,5; 23:9

Galatians 3:19 Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

. . .until. . . *The Law was in effect from its origin until Jesus.*

3:21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.

*The Law can only convict and kill; it cannot give life. That was its purpose. It does not save, nor can it sanctify us.*

3:24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

. . .tutor. . . Gr. “paidagogos” (English pedagogue) In Roman society, “a servant whose office it was to take the children to school”

Strong, J. (2009). A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament and The Hebrew Bible (Vol. 1, p. 54). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

The purpose of the Law was/is to show our sinfulness in the eyes of God, to convict us of our worthy penalty of death, and to convince us of our need for a Savior.

The Law does not play a role in our Justification for eternal life, nor does it play a role in our Sanctification process. The just shall live by faith.

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2 Timothy 2:15

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