

Covenant, Curse, and Credit

Genesis 12-29

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Covenants are the backbone of the Bible

You cannot rightly understand the Bible without understanding the covenants.

Covenant

Covenants in Scripture are solemn agreements, negotiated or unilaterally imposed, that bind the parties to each other in permanent defined relationships, with specific promises, claims, and obligations on both sides (e.g., the marriage covenant, Mal. 2:14).

The Covenant of Creation (or Works): Genesis 1-3

The Covenant of Noah

The Covenant of Grace (or Promise)

The Covenant with Israel (or Moses)

The Covenant with David

The New Covenant of Grace

From Genesis to Jesus

Two Observations:

1. God promises to take the curse on Himself
2. Abraham is justified by faith, not by works.

Four Truths

1. The Old Covenant is Fulfilled in Christ
2. Jesus establishes a New and Better Covenant of Grace
3. Righteousness is received, not achieved
4. You have been blessed to be a blessing

“The gospel came to you on its way to someone else.” - R. Gallaty