

God's Plan for His People

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Class schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Chapter
1	9/2	Introduction	1
2	9/9	Covenant Curse & Conflict	2 & 3
3	9/16	Abraham & Moses	4 & 5
4	9/23	David & the New Covenant	6 & 7
5	9/30	The Covenant of Redemption & Salvation	8 & 9
6	10/7	Covenant People & Covenant Life	10 & 11

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Today's Outline

- What is a covenant?
- Why a covenant focus?
- Structure of Covenant
- Function of covenant in the Bible

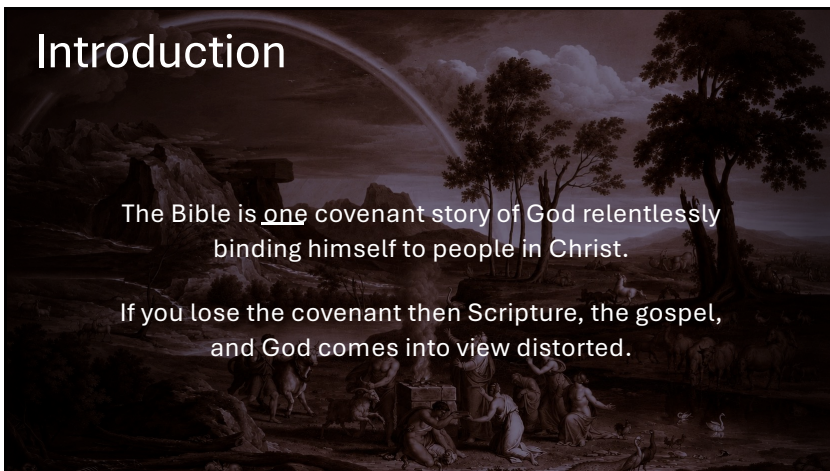
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What is a covenant?

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you”

Genesis 17:7

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What is a covenant?

“I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”

Exodus 6:7

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What is a covenant?

“And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people”

Leviticus 26:12

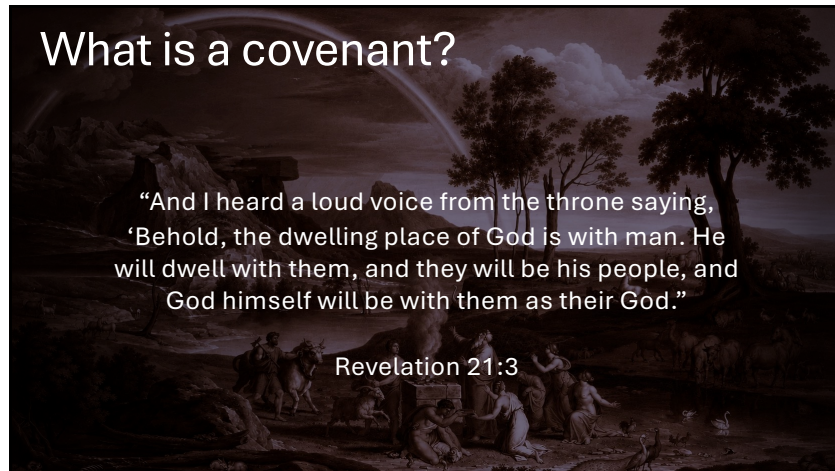
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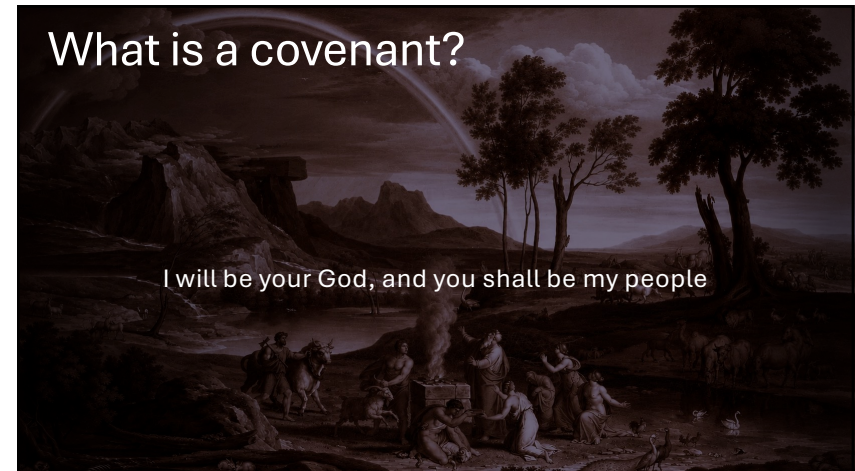
“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:33

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Why covenant?

WCF 7.1

The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he hath been pleased to express by way of covenant

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Why covenant?

WCF 7.5

This covenant was differently administered in the time of the law, and in the time of the gospel: under the law, it was administered by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews, all foreshadowing Christ to come; which were, for that time, sufficient and efficacious, through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of sins, and eternal salvation; and is called the old testament.

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Why covenant?

Ch 1 – Scripture
Ch 2 – God/Trinity
Ch 3 – Election
Ch 4 – Creation
Ch 5 – Providence
Ch 6 – Sin
Ch 7 – Covenant

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Why covenant?

What does the Bible say?

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Why covenant?

Forgive	150
Salvation/Saved	160
Believe/Belief	260
Repent	67
Redeem/Redemption	80
Love	550
Pray	320
Wisdom	225
Covenant	330

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Why covenant?

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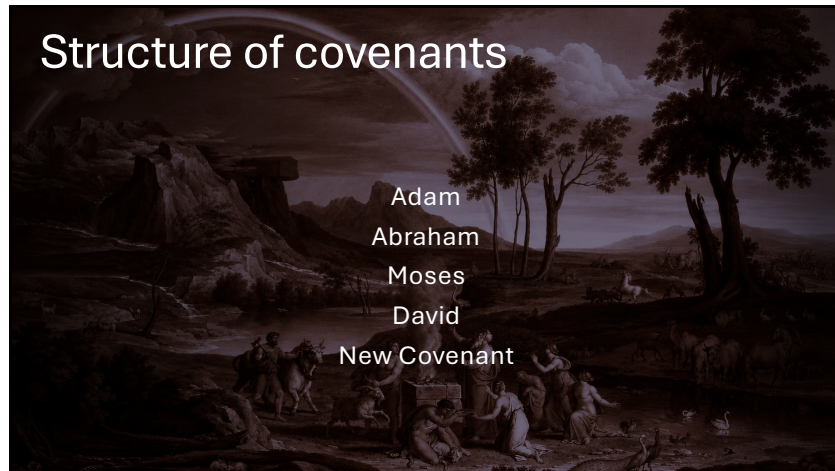
“They serve a copy and shadow of heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better since it is enacted on better promises.”

Hebrews 8:5-6

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Why covenant?

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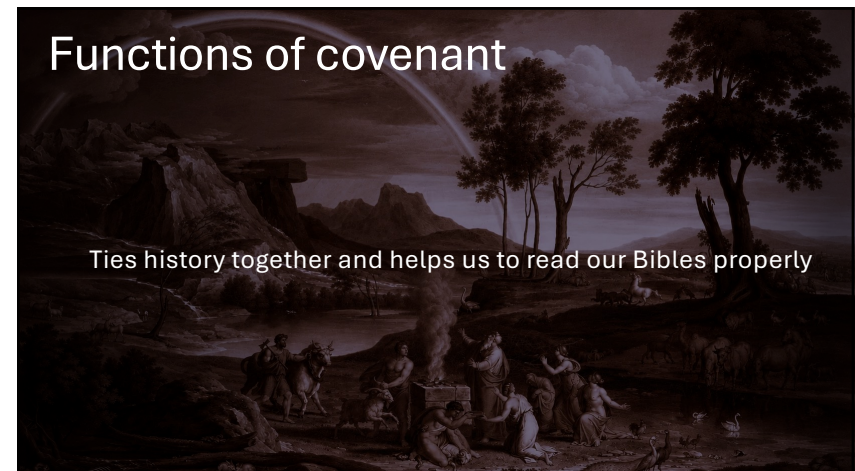
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Functions of covenant

Gives confidence in security of promise

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Functions of covenant

“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, 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

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Functions of 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.”

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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Functions of covenant

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,”

Luke 1:68-75

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Functions of covenant



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