

# COVENANTS

## I. INTRODUCTION:

A. Covenant defined: binding agreement, compacts, contracts, confederacy, league.

B. In the Hebrew, the word covenant is so called from the idea of cutting, since it was a custom in making solemn covenants to pass between divided flesh to make a compact.

C. There are seven covenants God uses to deal with man:

1. Edenic Covenant.
2. Adamic Covenant.
3. Noahic Covenant.
4. Abrahamic Covenant.
5. Mosaic Covenant.
6. Davidic Covenant.
7. The New Covenant.

D. Jesus Christ is the theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

E. These seven covenants reveal how we are to draw near and gain access to God.

F. The first six covenants reveal God's plans and expectations for man: anticipation.

G. The seventh covenant is the fulfillment of those plans and expectations: realization.

## II. EDENIC COVENANT REVEALS (GENESIS 1:26-28):

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- A. God's desire for fellowship, communion, and love of children.
- B. God's delegated authority to man and man's responsibility over God's creation.
- C. The consequences of man's decisions will affect his destiny. (Gen. 2:15-17)

### II. ADAMIC COVENANT REVEALS (GEN. 3):

- A. Disobedience of man.
- B. Man's carnal mind (sense and reason without the influence of the Holy Spirit), which results in:
  - 1. Guilt
  - 2. Shame
  - 3. Misconceptions of God.
- C. God's promised judgement of death.
- D. God's promise of mercy and redemption through the seed of a woman.

### IV. NOAHIC COVENANT REVEALS (GEN. 6:8-18, 9:1-17)

- A. God's judgement on man's wickedness.
- B. Eating of meat.
- C. Warning against shedding of man's blood.
- D. Promise of never again destroying the world by flood again.

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E. Foreshadowing of the second coming of Jesus.

### V. ABRAHAMIC COVENANT REVEALS (GENESIS CHAPTERS 12-25)

#### A. God's blessings:

1. I will make of thee a great nation.
2. I will bless thee.
3. I will make thy name great.
4. Thou shalt be a blessing.
5. I will bless them that bless you.
6. I will curse them that curse you.
7. In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

B. God's plan of salvation for mankind. (Gen. 22)

C. God Himself would become the Lamb for the burnt offering. (Gen. 22:8)

D. That the blessing of Abraham would come on us through Jesus Christ. (Gal. 3:8-16)

### VI. MOSAIC COVENANT REVEALS (LAW):

A. The Ten Commandments (morals).

B. Levitical procedures (worship).

C. Blueprints for the Tabernacle (God's Habitation).

NOTE: God knew man could not be justified by the Law. However, it would teach the knowledge of sin and

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become

a school master to lead us to Christ.  
(Rom. 3:20, Gal. 3:24)

D. A separation from the heathen. (II Cor. 6:17)

E. A foreshadowing of what God was going to do  
in us through Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:20-22)

VII. DAVIDIC COVENANT REVEALS (I CHRON. 17:9-15, II SAM. 7:10-17)  
(The establishing of a kingdom)

A. God will appoint a place of rest.  
(Hebrews chapters 3-4)

B. God will plant the Word of God in our heart.  
(Mark 4:13-20)

C. A Kingdom which cannot be moved.  
(Psa. 125:1, Heb. 12:22-28)

D. Subduing of all thine enemies.  
(Psa. 110, I Cor. 15:25-28, 54-58, Acts 2:34-35)

E. The Lord will build thee a house.  
(I Chron. 17:10, Psa. 23:6, John 14:2-3)

F. I will raise up thy seed (the resurrection).  
(I Chron. 17:11, II Sam. 7:12, Psa. 16, Acts 2:25, 30-36)

G. I will establish His Kingdom.

NOTE: The resurrection and enthroning of Jesus is one day.  
(II Sam. 7:12, Acts 2:22-36, Psa. 118:22)

H. He shall build an house for My Name.  
(II Sam. 7:13, I Cor. 3:16, Heb. 3:1-6, Matt. 16:18, Eph. 2:22)

I. I will establish His throne for ever.

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(II Sam. 7:13, I Chron. 17:12, Psa. 45:6, Heb. 1:8, Luke 1:30-33)

J. I will be His Father and He shall be My Son.  
(II Sam. 7:14, I Chron. 17:12, Luke 1:30-35, Heb. 2:14-18, Isa. 7:14, Isa. 9:6-7, Micah 5:2)

K. If He commit iniquity, I will chasten Him with the rod of men.

NOTE: Jesus never committed sin, but received ours and also received our chastisement.  
(II Sam. 7:14-15, Isa. 53, II Cor. 5:21)

L. My mercy shall not depart from Him.  
(II Sam. 7:15, Acts 13:34, 38-39)

NOTE: The Davidic Covenant was a foreshadowing of what He would do through the Lord Jesus Christ for all who believe on Him; not an earthly kingdom, but a heavenly one which would affect and eventually be settled on the earth.  
(Matt. 25:34)

### VIII. THE NEW (AND LAST) COVENANT (HEBREWS 8:6-13):

A. Fulfills all the Old Covenants and Prophecies (which were types and shadows to reveal that which God was to complete in Christ Jesus).

B. Reveals that Jesus is the mediator of this New Covenant.

C. Is a better Covenant based on better

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promises.

D. The Covenant would actually be in our minds and hearts.

E. They shall all know Me from the least to the greatest and be taught by God.  
(Isa. 54:13, John 6:45)

F. He will be merciful to our unrighteousness.  
(Rom. 11:27, Col. 2:10-17)

G. He took away the old to establish the new.  
(II Cor. 5:17, Heb. 10:9)

### SPECIAL NOTE:

Next lesson will deal with the benefits/provisions of the New Covenant.