

Covenants

1. The First Covenant – The Covenant given to Adam

Gen 1:28 30; 2:15 17 – This covenant is in Abeyance. A covenant is an agreement or contract between men or God and men. Generally it is based on certain conditions agreed upon. Sometimes between God and man it is unconditional. God's covenants with man originate with Him and generally consists of a promise based on the fulfillment of certain conditions.

A condition is what the general in Lk 14:31-32 could not have in the terms of peace if he were to live. He could not restrict or modify anything at all which the coming, more powerful general had determined.

The lesser general could make no propositions upon which the coming general's terms were conditional.

The covenant they would make with one another was not depending upon any proposal or propositions or conditions the lesser general could make. The only provision for him to live was absolute surrender without any conditions – that is he could not restrict or modify the terms of peace with the coming king.

The first three covenants were made to Adam and Eve and Noah. The fourth was to Abraham; the fifth to Abraham concerning the land (Dt 30:1 10; Gen 15:17-18).

The sign of the covenant with Abraham is circumcision (Gen 17:9 14) which extends to eternity. The Adamic and Noahic covenants pertain to the nations or those who keep these covenants are worthy of the new nations.

The covenant with Abraham pertains to the rulership over those worthy of the nations. The covenant with Abraham is confirmed then only to Israel. The covenants to Adam and Noah have to do with conscience and government in which men are to live in accord with to be worthy of the nations (Rom 2:14 16; Gen 3:16 19; 9:1 17).

The original covenant in Genesis 3 is continued, but extended to human respect for one another, for government and for authority which Rev 20:12-13 is based upon.

God did not have “a people” before He called out Abraham. He chooses us as He chose him – He called us out the same way – we are those chosen ones. If we don't eat of His Body, we have no part in Him. 1 Cor 10:15 – The bread and wine – the bread we break when we partake of this bread – is it not a communion in the Body of Messiah? 1 Cor 11:29 – drinks or eats damnation to himself if it is not an actual communion and participation in His body and blood (1 Cor 11:24-25).

The ministry of intercession is for when something is out of line in the world or in the Body. We intercede in their or its behalf. Intercede when something is wrong. We quit criticism and intercede.

In order to build and plant, first the prophet tears down and roots out. They always stone the prophet – even in the Edah we have that tendency in us, don't we?

The religious spirit honors what God did, but opposes what He is doing.

Authority is given to those who are God's representatives. Authority must be used or exercised for the benefit of the ruled as Psalm 72 says.

The husband is to use his God-given authority to rule over the woman for her sake (Gen 3:16). While the right to rule may be vested in a man, having dominion carries responsibility. Under god's dominion a ruler must care for those ruled – authority is servanthood.

Our Master taught with authority. He used authority granted Him by the father. He was like other men (except sinless) that His brothers did not believe He was so different (He did not have a halo) – proved by their unbelief – and John the Baptist may have been surprised. He impressed upon others and He communicated without doubt or wavering – without embarrassment.

Capital punishment was established by God as in Gen 9:6 – This sets up the system of justice based upon how one perceives God's image in other humans.

2. The Second Covenant to Adam – Gen 3:14 19

A woman today cuts her hair off and argues with her husband if she even has one and goes to the hospital to relieve the pain of childbirth. Man goes to college to be a high tech con artist so he would not have to work by the sweat of his brow.

3. Noahic Covenant – Gen 8:20 – 9:17

4. Abrahamic Covenant in Abeyance – Those who will rule with Elohim – (Messiah) Gen 12:1 3,7; 15:18

5. And the Covenant of Circumcision – Confirms Gen 15:18; 17:2,7,8,10 – and to be the sign of it – the scar, resulting in servanthood love.

6. Mosaic Covenant – Fulfilled in Messiah’s rule now (Rom 8:4)

1. Moral Law (Ex 20:1-26)

2. Civil Law (Ex 21:1 through 24:18)

3. Ceremonial Law (Ex 25:1 through 40:38)

The sign of this covenant is the Sabbath (Ex 31:12-18; Mt 5:17-19). Don’t misunderstand why I have come, it isn’t to cancel the Laws of Moses and the warnings of the prophets and their prophecies; No, I come to fulfill them and to make them all come true!

7. The Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7:4-17; Lk 1:32) at present in Abeyance.

This is His heavenly rule. He at present rules from Heaven, over the twelve tribes of new Israel (Eph 1:21)

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8. The New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 8:7-13)

This is in Abeyance also. That is over natural physical Israel, which will commence at His return to earth for His earthly reign over the twelve tribes (Mt 19:28).