THE COVENANT

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"The secret of the Lord is with them who fear him, and he will show them his covenant" Psalm 25:14

I. Adam's Covenant:

- a. Genesis 2:15-17 (Man) don't eat the Tree of Good & Evil and (God) will provide the Garden.
- b. **Hosea 6:7** "But they like men (Adam) have transgressed the covenant." (The word "men" should be translated "Adam," it's the same Hebrew word for "Adam as in Job 31:33)
- c. 1 Timothy 2:14 "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived "

II. Fall of Man:

- a. The Fall: **Genesis 3:1-13**
- b. Curse of Death: Genesis 3:17-19
 - a. **Hebrew 9:27-28** "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."
 - b. Genesis 3:22 "the man is become as one of us, lest he take... and eat, and live forever."
 - c. Romans 5:12 "as by one man sin entered the world, and death passed upon all men."
- c. Curse on the Serpent: Genesis 3:14-15
 - a. Isaiah 65:17-25 "I create a new heaven & a new earth: ... the dust shall the serpent's meat."
- d. Curse on the Woman: Genesis 3:16
 - a. 1 Timothy 2:15 "she shall be saved in child bearing..."
 - b. Galatians 4:4-5 "God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."
 - c. 1 Timothy 2:11-15 "I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over a man."
 - d. 1 Peter 3:1-6 "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husband."
 - e. Galatians 3:28 "there is neither male nor female... ye are all one in Christ."
- e. Curse on the Earth: Genesis 2:17-19
 - a. **Genesis 5:29** "because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed"
 - b. Romans 8:20-22 "we know the whole earth groaneth and travaileth in pain until now."
- f. Curse on the Man: Genesis 2:17-19
 - a. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 "that if any would not work, neither should they eat."

III. Noahic Covenant:

- a. Genesis 6:13-22 (Man) Build and ark and (God) I will spare thee.
- b. **Genesis 9:8-17** (Man) none and (God) Not destroy all flesh by water. Sign of the Covenant is the Bow.

IV. Abraham's Covenant:

- a. Genesis 11:26-32 Lineage of Abraham and his family
- b. **Genesis 12:1-9** (Man) Leave this place and go and (God) I will make you a great nation. Note: Abram did not fully obey, he was told to leave all of his family but he took his father/ nephew.
- c. Genesis 12:10-20: Abram goes to Egypt. He lies about his wife and Pharaoh takes her.
- d. Genesis 13: Abraham and Lot split up and Abram moves to Hebron.
- e. Genesis 14: Abram rescues Lot and receives a blessing of Melchizedek
- f. Genesis 15: (Man) Abraham's faith and (God) will give you a seed.
- g. **Genesis 16**: Sari and Abram takes matter in their own hands to fulfill the promises. Note: Vs. 9-10 The Angel of the Lord gives Hagar a promise if she returns and is submissive
- h. **Genesis 17:** (Man) To be circumcised and keep my commandments and (God) there shall be kings, lords, and great nations come from you.
 - 1. Vs. 11 The sign of the Covenant is given which is Circumcision.
 - 2. Vs. 14 The Uncircumcised person is cutoff from the Covenant
 - 3. Father of many nations:
 - a. Genesis 12:2 "I will make of thee a great nation"
 - b. Genesis 17:4 "and thou shalt bee a father of many nations"
 - c. Romans 4:13-18 "as it is written: I have made thee the father of many nations"
 - 4. <u>Isaac/ Ishmael:</u>
 - a. **Genesis 16:9-10** "I will multiply thy seed exceedingly..."
 - b. Genesis 17:20-21 "Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him"
 - c. Galatians 4:21-30 "Which things are an allegory of the two covenants."
 - 5. God's promise of a Seed:
 - a. Genesis 17:17 "Abraham fell upon his face and laughed."
 - b. Genesis 18:13 "Sarah laughed within herself"
 - c. Romans 4:19-20 "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief..."

- i. Genesis 18: 1-15 Reminder of the promise of a seed
- j. Genesis 21:1-7 Isaac is born
- k. Genesis 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael are sent away

Note: Vs 17-18 God remembers his promise

- l. Genesis 22: 1-19 (Man) Sacrifice Isaac and (God) because you would have I will multiply your seed.
 - 1. **Hebrew 11:17-19** "By faith when he was tried, offered up Isaac"

V. Isaac's Covenant:

a. Genesis 26:1-4 (Man) Go to Egypt and (God) will multiply your seed.

VI. Jacob's Covenant:

a. Genesis 28:13-15, 1 Chronicles 16:16-17 Jacob was given Abraham's promise.

VII. Nation of Israel's Covenant: Covenant passed to the Nation of Israel

- a. **Exodus 2:23-25** "God heard their groanings and God remembered his covenant with Abraham..."
- b. **Exodus 19:** (Man) Israel to obey my voice and keep my commandments and (God) will make you a kingdom of priest and a Holy nation.
 - <u>Note:</u> Vs 5 God speaks obey my voice and keep my commandments, Vs 8 the leadership of Israel accepts God's commandments, so Moses prepares the people to face God
- c. **Exodus 20**: Covenant part no. 1 and instruction to build an altar Note: God begins to speak to the people from the Mountain, the first Ten Commandments, and the people are afraid and tell Moses for God to speak to him directly. The refuse to let God speak to them. **Deuteronomy 5:24-33** "if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die."
- d. Exodus 21:2 through Exodus 23 God shares with Moses the rest of the Commandments of God.
- e. **Exodus 24:1-11** The People excepts God's covenant Note: Moses tells the people the rest of God's Commandments and the People accept them. Vs. 7 Moses writes book of the "covenants" Vs. 6-8 Moses performs a ceremony sealing it with blood.
- f. Exodus 24:12-18 God calls for Moses. For forty days and nights he receives instructions from God, The Commandment on the two tablets.
- g. Exodus 25 through Exodus 31: are the instructions of God
- h. **Exodus 32:** Forty days after accepting God's covenant the people fell away. The Golden Calf.
- i. **Exodus 33**: The people are instructed to get ready to move.
- j. **Exodus 34: 1-9** Moses and the Lord prepare a new set of tablets
- k. **Exodus 34:10-17** The Lord confirms his covenant with the people. Note: Vs. 10 God makes a covenant with the people and God warns them to not fall into temptations.
- 1. **Exodus 34:18** thru **Exodus 40** More instructions are given to the people of Israel specifically including the Tabernacle. At the end of **Exodus 40** we see God descend and dwell in the Tabernacle.
- m. Leviticus 26 Warning to Israel of the chastisements from God for breaking his commandments.
- n. **Deuteronomy 5: 1-21** Moses re-counts to the people the giving of the Covenant, the first set of Tablets
- o. **Deuteronomy 10:12-22** Moses explain to the people what God requires of Israel.
- p. Deuteronomy 29 & 30 God calls his people to faithfulness and Covenant is Re-affirmed.
- q. Joshua 23 Joshua's charge to keep the covenant and warns them not to seek after other gods.

VIII. Aaron's Covenant:

a. **Number 18:8-25** (Man) the tribe of Levi will get no inheritance and (God) they will get one tenth of Israel's offering.

IX. Phinehas' Covenant:

a. **Number 25:1-13** (Man) Phinehas killed a man that sinned against God therefore defusing God's anger and (God) gave him eternal priesthood.

X. David's Covenant:

- a. **Number 25:13** David is from the same tribe as Phinehas.
- b. **2 Samuel 7:12-17**, **2 Samuel 23:1-5**, **2 Chronicles 13:5**, **Psalms 89** (Man) David's righteous life and faith and (God) One to come from David's line and that David's throne shall be established forever.

XI. Israel is Cutoff:

- **a. Judges 2** Israel broke God's covenant and so God will not drive out her enemies.
- **b. 1Kings 11:9-13** Solomon turned his heart from God so God removed all but one tribe from the kingdom. The one tribe is for David's sake and that tribe was Judah. (**2 Chronicles 7:20** removed)
- c. 2 Kings 17:35-41 (Man) do not worship other gods and (God) will deliver you from your enemies.
- **d. Jeremiah 11:1-17** Both Israel and Judah have broken the commandments of God and God will bring up evil on both for the offerings to Baal.
- e. Hosea 8-14 Israel has done evil and God shall CUTOFF Israel.
- **f. Zechariah 11:10-14** for "thirty pieces of silver" Israel will break God's covenant and God shall CUTOFF Israel.
- g. Luke 17:25 Christ must be rejected by this "generation"

XII. New Covenant:

- a. Isaiah 59:20-21 (Prophecy) a redeemer will come.
- b. Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Prophecy) A new covenant will be made and written in their hearts.
- **c. Jeremiah 33:15-22** (Prophecy) Out of the righteous branch of David shall come the redeemer and God will make an everlasting covenant.
- **d.** Luke 22:19-20 Christ's blood is the New Covenant.
- e. Hebrew 8,9,10 Compare the Old vs. New Covenants. (Hebrew 8:7-13; Hebrew 10:16-18)

XIII. Circumcise Heart:

a. Old covenant:

Genesis 17:10, Deuteronomy 10:16, Deuteronomy 30:6,

b. New Covenant:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 2:15, Romans 2:29, 2 Corinthians 3:3, Colossian 2:11, Hebrew 10:16. Hebrew 8:10.

"Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." **Hebrew 13:20-21**

XIV. Old Covenant is the Mosaic Law:

Exodus 24:7(book of the covenant) **Exodus 34:28** (ten commandments)

Deuteronomy 4:13 (ten commandments) **Deuteronomy 9:11&15** (tables of the covenant)

Deuteronomy 5:1-5 (covenant)

THE SEED

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The majority of the covenants were given to their seed. By faith we can assume that Christ's lineage came from all of these men. The only one's for sure is Abraham's and David's.

- 1. Adam's seed (Genesis 3:15) To be an enmity between Satan and Man. See also Romans 16:20
- 2. Noah's seed (Genesis 9:9) The covenant not to cutoff all flesh
- 3. Abraham's seed:
 - a. (Genesis 12:7 & 15:18) Given the land.
 - b. (Genesis 17:7-10) Everlasting covenant for land.
- 4. Isaac's seed (Genesis 17:19) Given Abraham's covenant and everlasting covenant
- 5. Jacob's seed (Genesis 28:4-15) Given Abraham's covenant
- 6. David's seed (2 Samuel 7:12 & Psalms 89) given an everlasting kingdom and throne.
- 7. Seed's seed:
 - a. (Isaiah 59:21) A redeemer to come
 - b. (Jeremiah 33:26) For a righteous branch to come out of David and the new covenant shall not be broken
- 8. The seed is said to be Christ by Paul in Galatians 3:15-16

The Messiah has come, but the covenant's promised to him are not fulfilled. The Christ is prophesied to return and then shall all the promises be fulfilled.

- a. The land (which is in rest now, see **Leviticus 26:35**)
- b. The kingdom
- c. The throne of David

[&]quot;And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29