

COVENANT NOTES

Five Covenants

Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Marriage, New

Definitions

Covenant – agreement, contract, testament, will, proclamation

Vow – contractual agreement

Abraham's seed – believers in Christ

Israel – power with God

Unilateral – God contracts with Himself

Replacement Theology – church takes the place of Israel

Dispensation – time of the church age and Israel age

God does not need anyone to make a contract or agreement (Isaiah 55:11)

11 So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

1. Noahic Covenant (Genesis 6:8-17)

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my **covenant** with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my **covenant** with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This *is* the **token** of the **covenant** which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my **bow** (rainbow) in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a **covenant** between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the **bow** shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my **covenant**, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the **bow** shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting **covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the **token** of the **covenant**, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

Noahic covenant was not disannulled but still in effect (Galatians 3:17)

17 And this I say, *that* the **covenant**, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Expression of Noahic covenant given to the Gentiles (Acts 15:20; Acts 15:28-29)

20 But that we write unto them, that they **abstain** from **pollutions of idols**, and *from* **fornication**, and *from* **things strangled**, and *from* **blood** (innocent life taken).

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye **abstain** from **meats offered to idols**, and from **blood**, and from **things strangled**, and from **fornication**: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

2 Peter 3:7 same topic as Genesis 9:9-17

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7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

Genesis 9:9-17

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2. Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 15:18-21)

Land promised to Israel borders modern day Iraq down to Africa; Jordan and Syria. Although President of Iran threatens nuclear war to destroy Israel, God has promised this land to Israel—no worry!

18 In the same day the LORD made a **covenant** with Abram, saying, Unto thy **seed** have I given this **land**, from the **river** of **Egypt** unto the great river, the **river Euphrates**:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

Trace Heritage (Jews, Christians, Muslims)

Ishmael's descendants have no record of genealogies.

Abraham the Father of Many Nations (Genesis 7:2-4)

- 2 And I will make my **covenant** between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
- 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
- 4 As for me, behold, my **covenant** *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gentiles Promise through Abraham (Galatians 3:14-18)

- 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the **promise** of the **Spirit** through **faith**.
- 15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.
- 16 Now to Abraham and his **seed** were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy **seed**, which is **Christ**.
- 17 And this I say, *that* the **covenant**, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the **law**, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.
- 19 For if the inheritance *be* of the **law**, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

Church cannot replace Israel (Acts 1:2-8)

- 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
- 4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.
- 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.
- 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
- 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
- 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Israel and Church one in the Same (Romans 9:1-6)

- 1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,
- 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.
- 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- 4 Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the **covenants**, and the giving of the **law**, and the service *of God*, and the promises;

5 Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel:

New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:1-3

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down fro God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Revelation 21:22-27

22 And I saw no temple therein for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Dispensation (Romans 11:21-26)

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be **grafted** in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert **grafted** contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be **grafted** into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

3. Mosaic Covenant

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 24:12)

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a **law**, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

The Blood (Exodus 12:13)

13 And the **blood** shall be to you for a **token** upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the **blood**, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 24:7-8

7 And he took the book of the **covenant**, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the **blood**, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the **blood** of the **covenant**, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

4, Marriage Covenant (Malachi 2:14-15)

14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion, and the **wife** of thy **covenant**.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Law binds marriage (Romans 7:1-3)

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the **law** hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is **bound** by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

One Flesh (Matthew 19:3-6)

3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

5. New Covenant (Hebrews 10:10-16)

- 10 By the which will we are **sanctified** through the **offering** of the **body** of **Jesus Christ** once *for all*.
- 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
- 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
- 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
- 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
- 15 *Whereof* the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,
- 16 This *is* the **covenant** that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my **laws** into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Jeremiah 31:33 But this *shall be* the **covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1Corinthians 11:25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the **new testament** in My **blood**: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.

Our Word is Our Bond (James 4:12-15)

- 12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?
- 13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- 14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.
- 15 For that **ye ought to say, If the Lord will**, we shall live, and do this, or that.

A Talebearer

Proverbs 11:13

12 A **talebearer** revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Exodus 20:16

16 Thou shalt not **bear false witness** against thy neighbour.

Revelation 22:15

15 For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a **lie**.

Matthew 26:69-70

- 69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.
- 70 But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

Before making a vow

Count the cost (Luke 14:28)

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and **counteth the cost**, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?

Better not to make a vow (Ecclesiastes 5:4-6)

4 When thou **vowest a vow** unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast **vowed**.

5 Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

Pay your debts (Matthew 5:25-26)

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing (*last penny*).

Bad Vow (Jeremiah 44:25-27)

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them

Words can be Powerful (Judges 11:29-40)

Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto* the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah **vowed a vow** unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

- 32 So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.
- 33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.
- 34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she *was his* only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.
- 35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: **for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.**
- 36 And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon.
- 37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.
- 38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.
- 39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, **who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed:** and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,
- 40 *That* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

The Law found during King Josiah's reign (2 Chronicles 34:14-26)

- 14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest **found** a book of the **law** of the LORD *given* by Moses.
- 15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the **law** in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.
- 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do *it*.
- 17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.
- 18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.
- 19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the **law**, that he rent his clothes.
- 20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,
- 21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers **have not kept the word** of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

- 22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that *effect*.
- 23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,
- 24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, **I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even all the curses that are written in the book*** which they have read before the king of Judah:
- 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.
- 26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard;

Repentance to God (2 Chronicles 34:27-33)

- 27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst to do after all that is written in this book.
- 28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.
- 29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.
- 30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.
- 31 And the king stood in his place, and made a **covenant** before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the **covenant** which are written in this book.
- 32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the **covenant** of God, the God of their fathers.
- 33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. *And* all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

God Knows You (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

- 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- 13 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Take Hold of God's Word (Philipians 2:16)

16 **Holding** forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Have Faith in God (Mark 11:22-24)

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have **faith** in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall **say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

The Anointing Teaches Truth (1John 2:24-27)

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the **beginning**. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the **promise** that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

26 These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the **anointing** which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same **anointing** teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.