

THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS:

- I. **Abrahamic Covenant** (Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:7-8; 22:17-18):
 - A. To the Nation Israel:
 - 1. The Land: the nation was unconditionally & unilaterally promised possession of the land (15:8-21)
 - 2. The Ruling Seed (17:18-19)
 - a. The line of the seed is narrowed to one son of Abraham (a specific heir of the covenant promises).
 - b. In each generation there is a particular recipient of the promise.
 - 3. The Natural Seed: the nation would be great & innumerable (12:2; 13:16; 15:5)
 - B. To the Nations: all families of the earth are promised blessing (12:3).
- II. **The Land Covenant** (Deuteronomy 30:1-10):
 - A. This unconditional covenant elaborates upon Israel's relation to the land promises of the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 17:1-18)
 - B. The land is the everlasting possession of the physical seed of Abraham (Israel, Gen. 13:5; 17:8; Ezek. 16:60).
 - C. Fulfillment: the future, earthly millennium (Deut. 30:3; Isa. 11:11-12; Ezek. 37:21; Amos 9:15).
- III. **The David Covenant** (Samuel 7:12-16):
 - A. The promise of a ruling seed is made more specific in the Davidic Covenant.
 - B. The unconditional, unilateral covenant promises:
 - 1. A Son (house): the line of David would always be the royal line.
 - 2. A Throne: the right to rule would always belong to a Davidic heir.
 - 3. A Kingdom: a political kingdom of Israel over which the Davidic heir would rule.
 - C. Fulfilled: In the Person of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:31-33), during His reign on earth during the millennium (Isaiah 2:2-3; 11:10; 40:5; 66:23; Dan. 7:14; Zech. 14:9; Acts 15:14-17; Rev. 20:2).
- IV. **The New Covenant** (Jeremiah 31:33-34):
 - A. The Promise is the nation, to bring spiritual blessings on the people.
 - B. The unconditional, unilateral covenant promises:
 - 1. Forgiveness of sin.
 - 2. Spiritual blessing (a changed heart, the indwelling Holy Spirit, fellowship with God, knowledge of God).
 - C. The New Covenant was ratified by the death of Jesus Christ (Mt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 11:23-27; Heb. 12:24).
 - D. Fulfilled:
 - 1. It will be fulfilled in the Millennium by Israel (Isa. 54:10; 55:5; 59:20-21; 61:8; Jer. 31:33-34; Ezek. 16:60-63; Rom. 11:26-27; Heb. 8:8-12).
 - 2. During the present (church age), Gentiles enter into the spiritual provisions of the New Covenant through faith in Jesus Christ (its Mediator, 1 Cor. 11:23-27; Heb. 10:16-17; 12:24).