

EASTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

3 — THE NATIONAL-ETHNIC-MESSIANIC COVENANTS TO THE JEWS, PT 2

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I. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- A. **The Key Passages For The Covenant.** (Gen 12:1-3; 17:2, 4, 7, 21; [13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-27; 22:15-18])
1. The Initial Statement of the Covenant. Gen 12:1-3
 2. The Restatement of the Covenant With More Details (Gen 17), *Statement of Certainty* (v. 2, 21), *Statement of the Divine Covenant* (v. 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 21), *Statement of Perpetuity* (v. 7, 9, 10, 19), & *Statement of Extension* (v. 19).
 3. Other Important Passages. (Gen 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-27; 22:15-18)
- B. **The Provisions Of The Covenant: Personal Blessings To Abraham:** (Blessed, A Great Nation, Produce Many Nations, Prosperous, A Home Land Forever, & Would Produce Kings); **National Blessings To Abraham's Descendants** (Passed On To Isaac And Jacob, A National Existence, The Nation Will Be Great, Will Have A Land Forever, A Continuing Covenant); & **Universal Blessing For Everyone** (All The Families Of The Earth Would Receive A Blessing Through The Physical Descendants Of Abraham).
- C. **The Nature Of The Covenant: Unconditional & Everlasting.**
1. *It Is an Unconditional Covenant.*
 - a) The "I Will" Statements of the LORD. (E.G., Gen 12:1-3)
 - b) The Reiterations of the Covenant. (Gen 17:1-2; 22:16-18; 26:3-5)
 - c) Other Passages Indicate the Covenant Is Unconditional Nature. (Gen 50:24; Ex 2:24; Dt 4:31; 9:5-6; 2Kg 13:23; Lk 1:67-75; Acts 3:25-26; Heb 6:13, 17-18)
 - d) Summary for the Unconditionality of the Abrahamic Covenant.
 - (1) All Israel's Covenants Are Unconditional Except for the Mosaic Covenant.
 - (2) No Condition Is Stated.
 - (3) The Confirmation of the Covenant Was Unconditional.
 - (4) The Covenant Was Confirmed by an Unqualified Oath by God. (Heb 6:13)
 - (5) The Sign of the Covenant, Circumcision Was Not a Condition.
 - (6) The Covenant Was Restated to Isaac and Jacob With no Condition.
 - (7) The Covenant Was Confirmed Despite Disobedience.
 - (8) The Covenant Was Confirmed Despite Apostasy.
 - (9) The Covenant Was Declared To Be Immutable.
 - (10) The Unconditionality of the Covenant Is Confirmed by Later Revelation.
 2. *It Is an Everlasting Covenant.* (Gen 13:15; 17:7, 13, 19; 1Chr 16:16-17)
- D. **The Fulfillment Of The Covenant.**
1. *It Was Not Fulfilled...*
 - a) In Abraham's Lifetime Because It Is Passed on to Isaac. (Gen 17:19; 26:1-5)
 - b) In Isaac's Lifetime Because It Is Passed on to Jacob. (Gen 28:12-15)
 - c) In the Time of Moses Because Moses Reminds God of his Promise to Abraham. (Ex 32)
 - d) In the Times of the Kings of Israel, Because God Did Not Destroy the Nation Due to his Covenant With Abraham. (2Kgs 13)
 2. *It Will Be Fulfilled in the Future.*

II. THE LAND COVENANT

- A. **The Strategic Significance Of The Land: Theological Significance — Center of God's Work; Religious Significance — Center of 3 Religions; Economic Significance — Center of World Commerce; Political Significance — Center of Middle East.**
- B. **The Connection To The Abrahamic Covenant.** (Gen 12:1; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:8)
- Reiteration, Repetition, Reaffirmation of the Land Promise. (Gen 12:1 with v. 7; 13:14-15, 17; 15:7; 17:7-8; Num 34:1-15; Dt 30:5; Josh 1:2; 1Kgs 8:33-34; 9:7; 2Kgs 21:8; Neh 9:8ff; Jer 7:1-15; Ezk 11:15 & 17; 36:28; Acts 1:6; Acts 3:21; Rom 11:11-12; Rev 20-21 w/ Zech 14)
- C. **The Nature Of The Covenant: Unconditional & Everlasting.**
- D. **The Fulfillment Of The Covenant.**
1. Not Fulfilled in the Old Testament Times; Joshua (Josh 11:23; 21:43-45) or Solomon (1Kings 4:20, 21); or in the New Testament Times; or Now.
 2. Fulfilled in the Future: in Connection to the New Covenant (Dt 30:1-6) & the Coming of the Messiah (Jer 23:1-8)

III. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

A. The Key Passages: 2 Samuel 7:4-17 & Ps 89:3-4, 25-37

B. The Background To The Covenant.

1. It Is Connected to the Initial Giving of the Abrahamic Covenant. (Gen 12:1-3)
2. It Is Connected to the Reiteration of the Abrahamic Covenant in Gen 17. (Gen 17:6)
3. It Is Connected to the Abrahamic Covenant Through Judah, the Son of Jacob. (Gen 49:8-12 [Esp. V. 10])

C. The Parties Of The Covenant: The LORD God (2Sam 7:4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15; & Ps 89: 3, 4, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36) and King David (2 Sam 7:5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17; & Ps 89:3, 4, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 36)

D. The Nature Of The Covenant.

1. It Is an Everlasting Covenant. (2Sam 7:10, 13, 15, 16; Ps 89:3 w/ Heb 6:13ff, 4, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37)
2. It Is an Unconditional Covenant: I Will Statements of God. (2Sam 7:12-14; Ps 89:3, 4, 20, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35; & Isa 9:6-7.

E. The Provisions Of The Covenant.

(According to Paul N. Benware's book *Understanding End Times Prophecy, Revised and Expanded ed.*)

1. David's Name Would Be Great. (2 Sam 7:9)
2. David Would Have Peace. (2 Sam 7:11)
3. David Would Have a House That Will Last Forever. (2 Sam 7:13, 16)
4. David's Throne Would Be Established Forever. (2 Sam 7:13, 16; Ps 89:4, 39, 36)
5. David's Kingdom Would Never Permanently Pass Away. (Ps 89:28, 33, 34, 35, 37)

F. The Fulfillment Of The Covenant: Future, At The Second Coming Of The Messiah (Mt 1:1; Lk 1:32; Rev 5:5 / Jn 7:42; Gen 49:10; Isa 9:6-7)

IV. THE NEW COVENANT

A. Key Passage — Jer 31:31-34

B. The Parties Of The Covenant: The Lord God (Jer 31:31) & The Nation Of Israel: With The House Of Israel And The House Of Judah, With The House Of Israel. (Jer 31:31, 33)

C. The Provisions Of The Covenant.

1. The Jews Will Be Given a New Heart. (Ezk 11:19; 18:31; 36:26)
2. The Jews Will Be Given a New Spirit or the Spirit of God. (Isa 32:15; 34:16; 44:3; 59:21; Ezk 11:19; 18:31; 36:26-27; 37:14; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29; Zech 12:10)
3. The Jews Will Have Forgiveness of Sins and Cleansing.
4. The Jews' Relationship With God Will Be Restored, "my People, Your God." (Hos 1 & 2)

D. The Nature Of The Covenant: Unconditional & Everlasting (Isa 55:3; 59:21; 61:8).

E. The Fulfillment Of The Covenant: End Of The Tribulation Before The Millennial Kingdom. (See Rom 11:16-17)

F. Summary Of The New Covenant

1. *It Is a Covenant Between God and the Nation of Israel.*
2. *The Provisions of the New Covenant Are:*
 - a) It Is an Unconditional Covenant. Jer 31; Ezk 16:60-62
 - b) It Is an Everlasting Covenant. Isa 61:2; Ezk 37:26; Jer 31:35-37
 - c) It Restores Favor and Blessing. His 2:19-20; Isa 61:9
 - d) Imparts Regeneration to its Recipients (Renewed Heart and Mind). Jer 31:33; Isa 59:21
 - e) Includes the Restoration of Favor and Blessing to the Nation of Israel.
 - f) Provides the Forgiveness of Sins. Jer 31:24b
 - g) Includes the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the Recipients. Jer 31:33; Ezk 36:27
 - h) Includes the Teaching Ministry of the Holy Spirit To and in the Recipients. Jer 31:34
 - i) Includes Material Blessing for the Nation of Israel. Jer 32:41; Isa 61:8; Ezk 37:26-27
 - j) Includes the Rebuilding of the Temple. Ezk 37:26-27a
 - k) Brings Peace. Hos 2:18
 - l) Is Based on the Shed Blood of the Messiah. Zech 9:11
3. *The Nature of the New Covenant Is: Literal, Eternal, Unconditional, Gracious, a Blessing, & Future.*
4. *The Fulfillment of the New Covenant Is: At the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus & Before the Millennial Kingdom.*

Other Places In The Old Testament — Isaiah 55:3-5; 59:20-21; 61:8-9; Ezk 34:25-27; 36:25-33; 37:14, 27; 39:29;; Hosea 2:23; Zech 8:7-8; 13:9 (this is an incomplete list).