

## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOUR ETERNAL COVENANTS

- I. Two Kinds of Covenants
  - A. Unconditional—God obligates Himself to bring DEFINITE BLESSING upon the covenant people by saying, “I WILL”
  - B. Conditional—God promises to bring blessing by saying “IF YOU will, then I WILL,” usually promising PUNISHMENT if man FAILS to fulfill the condition
  
- II. The ABRAHAMIC Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:1-7; 17:1-18)
  - A. Abraham’s NAME would be GREAT
  - B. A great NATION would come from Abraham
  - C. Abraham would so great a blessing that ALL FAMILIES would be blessed
  - D. The LAND of Palestine would be given to Abraham and his descendants as an inheritance FOREVER
  - E. His descendants would be as the DUST of the EARTH and the STARS of the SKY
  - F. Whoever blessed him would be BLESSED and whoever cursed him would be CURSED
  - G. He would be the father of MANY NATIONS
  - H. KINGS would descend from him
  - I. The covenant would be PERPETUAL
  - J. The land of Canaan would be an EVERLASTING POSSESSION

- K. GOD would be GOD to Abraham and his descendants
- L. His descendants would POSSESS the gate of his ENEMIES
- M. In his descendants ALL NATIONS would be blessed

III. The PALESTINIAN Covenant (Deut. 28:63-68; 30:1-9)

- A. The nation would be REMOVED from the LAND for unfaithfulness (28:63-68)
- B. A FUTURE generation of Israel would REPENT (30:1-2)
- C. Their MESSIAH will RETURN (30:3-4)
- D. Israel will be RESTORED to the LAND (30:5)
- E. Israel will be CONVICTED of their SIN (30:6)
- F. Israel's ENEMIES will be JUDGED (30:7)
- G. The nation will then receive her FULL BLESSING (30:8-9)

IV. Eschatological Implications of These Covenants

- A. MANY provisions have already been fulfilled LITERALLY
- B. We should expect REMAINING provisions to be fulfilled LITERALLY
  - 1. Israel has never yet OCCUPIED ALL THE LAND promised
  - 2. Israel's occupation of the land has yet to be ETERNAL
  - 3. Therefore, those MUST happen in a time still FUTURE
- C. Thus, the Abrahamic and Palestinian Covenants give STRONG SUPPORT to Premillennial eschatology