

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOUR ETERNAL COVENANTS (PART 2)

I. The DAVIDIC Covenant (2 Sam. 7:12-16)

A. Provisions of this covenant

1. David would produce a CHILD, yet unborn, who would succeed him and ESTABLISH his KINGDOM
2. This son would build the TEMPLE instead of DAVID
3. The THRONE of his kingdom would be established FOREVER
4. The throne not be TAKEN AWAY, even though his SIN would justify it (1 Kings 11:1-13)
5. David's HOUSE, THRONE, and KINGDOM would be established FOREVER (cf. Luke 1:32-33)

B. Eschatological implications of this covenant

1. Israel must be PRESERVED as a NATION
2. Israel must have a NATIONAL existence in the LAND
3. David's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, must RETURN to the earth BODILY and LITERALLY to take David's THRONE
4. A literal EARTHLY KINGDOM must be constituted over which the returned Messiah REIGNS
5. This kingdom must become an ETERNAL kingdom

II. The NEW Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34)

A. Provisions of the Covenant

1. UNCONDITIONAL and ETERNAL
2. Promises a renewed MIND and HEART
3. Includes FORGIVENESS of SIN

4. Promises indwelling of the HOLY SPIRIT (cf. Ezek. 36:27)
5. Manifest the TEACHING ministry of the Holy Spirit
6. Israel will be blessed MATERIALLY
7. Sanctuary will be REBUILT in JERUSALEM
8. WAR shall CEASE and PEACE shall REIGN (cf. Hos. 2:18)
9. Its foundation will be the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST (cf. Zech. 9:11)

B. Relation of the Church to this Covenant—a NON-LITERAL interpretation

1. The church is the new covenant PEOPLE OF GOD
2. Israel was SET ASIDE and REPLACED by the church
3. Therefore, the kingdom of God is NOW, and the “land” is the HEARTS of BELIEVERS

C. Relation of the Church to this Covenant—a LITERAL interpretation

1. Requires CHRIST as the MEDIATOR
2. Covenant is with ISRAEL, so complete fulfillment will be in the MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
3. Blessings to the CHURCH are based on Christ’s BLOOD, shed to make the New Covenant with ISRAEL possible

III. Summary of Important Features of the Four Covenants (cf. Isa. 59:21; 61:2, 8-9; Jer. 31:35-37; Ezek. 16:60-62; 34:26-27; 36:27; 37:26; Hos. 2:19-20)

- A. Israel will be a NATION FOREVER
- B. Israel is promised the LAND FOREVER
- C. Israel is promised a KING FOREVER
- D. Israel is promised a THRONE FOREVER
- E. Israel is promised a KINGDOM FOREVER
- F. Israel is promised an ETERNAL NEW COVENANT
- G. Israel is promised ABIDING BLESSINGS