

God's Covenant Promises: Our Reason for Hope

1) God's Eternal Purpose (Covenant of Redemption) (Is. 53:10-12; Ps. 110:4 with Heb. 7:21; John 6:39; 10:17, 18; 2 Tim. 1:9)

2) Adam and Eve (Rom. 5:12, 14; Eph. 5:31, 32)

3) Genesis 3:15 (Rom. 16:20; Rev. 12:17)

4) Noah (Gen. 6:17-19; 9:8-17; Matt. 24:37-39)

5) Abraham (Matt. 12:1-3 with Gal. 3:8; Gen. 15:1-6 with Gal. 3:6; Gen. 17:1-11; Gen. 22:16-18 with Rom. 8:32)

-Promises of land, seed (son, people), blessing.

-Physical Seed (Israel): The Christ comes from Israel (Rom. 9:4, 5); Israel prefigures the church in pictures, prophecies, and promises.

-Spiritual Seed (the church): the true children of Abraham (Rom. 9:8; Gal. 3:7-9; 29)

6) The Old Covenant (Jer. 31); First Covenant (Heb. 8, 9); Covenant with Israel (Ex. 19:5, 6 quoted by Peter and applied to the church in 1 Pet. 2:9, 10)

-Not an 'I will' covenant, but an 'If you will...then' covenant.

-Parallels between the Old and New Covenant communities

7) David (2 Sam. 7:12, 13, 16; Ps. 132:11; see Luke 1:31-33)

-Points to two prominent themes: KING (David's eternal dynasty) and TEMPLE (the son of David)

builds a house for God) Solomon and the temple look ahead to a greater than Solomon, and a greater temple.

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8) Miscellaneous Prophecies: Ps. 89:34-37; Is. 54:9, 10; Jer. 29:11; 31:35, 36; 33:20-22, 25, 26a; Ezek. 34:23, 24; Ezek. 37:24, 25

9) The New Covenant: Jer. 31:31-34 (quoted in Heb. 8:8-12) “I will forgive their iniquity, and their sins I will remember no more.”

→Common Theme: Redemption by Christ

→Essential unity of faith among all the saints

→Progression: God redeems a family, a nation, a people for the glory of Christ

→Christ is the embodiment of God’s purpose to save. The promises are true and trustworthy because of Him.

→Personal Application

→Corporate Application