

Spectrum of Views on Relationship of OT to NT

Dispensational

Covenantal



Anabaptist
some Bible Churches
Classic Disp.

Classic
Dispensationalism

New
Covenant
Theology

Reformed
Baptist
Covenant
Theology

Congregationalist

Presbyterian

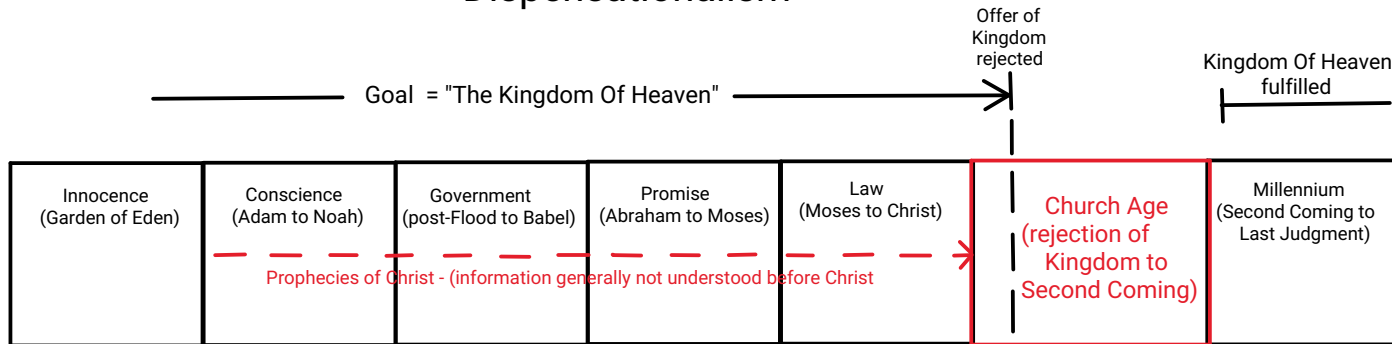
Anglican

Roman
Catholic
Church

- * Disunity of Testaments
- * Church is NOT Israel
- * Individual
- * Subjective / Internal
- * Extreme: Grace w/o Law

- * Unity of Testaments
- * Church Is Israel
- * Corporate
- * Objective / External
- * Extreme: Law w/o Grace

Dispensationalism



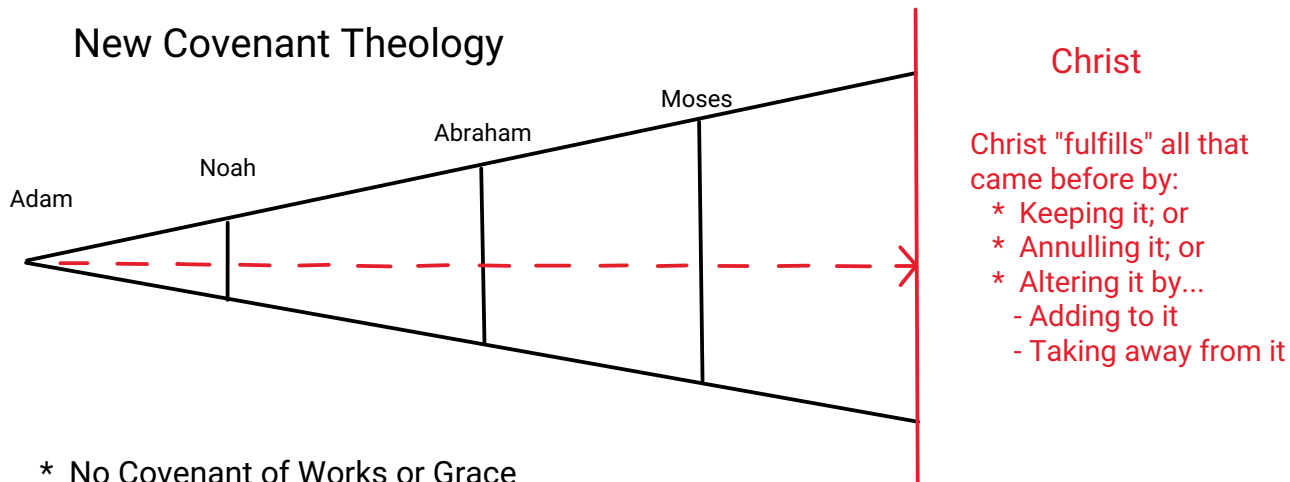
- * No Covenant of Works or Grace
- * Salvation is by grace thru faith in the means appointed
- * OT verses about Christ are prophecies for the future, but not covenant promises for the OT people

"Prophecy" View of OT Verses on Christ

"Covenant" View of OT Verses on Christ

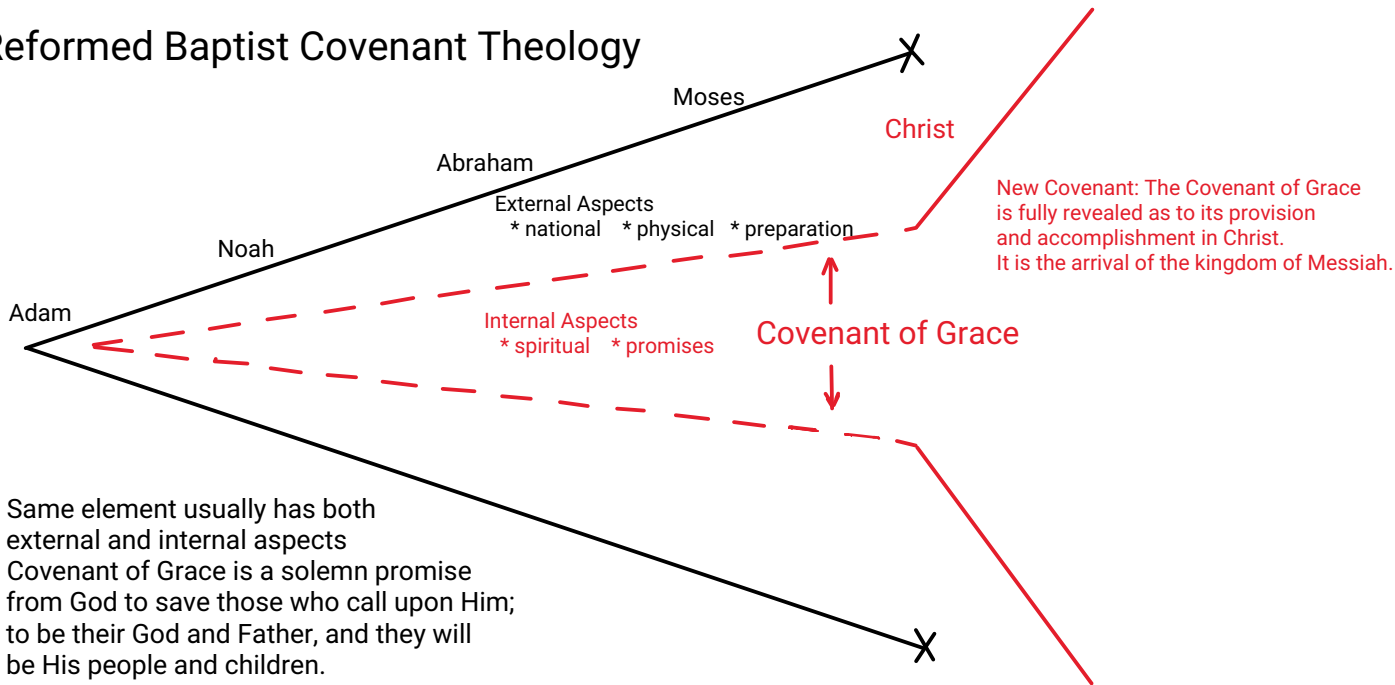
Prophecies are information about Christ / Messiah	Verses about Christ are part of a sovereign promise, as well as information about Christ / Messiah
Points to future, but not currently effective	Currently effective though not actualized until Christ
Requires the hearer to acknowledge them as true. Faith is primarily cognition.	Requires the hearer to believe and trust, as well as understand. Faith is cognition, affection, and volition.
As prophecies, verses about Christ are not really understood by the hearer / reader until Christ comes.	As promises (gospel), verses about Christ are meant to be understood by the hearer / reader, though only done by the Spirit.
When these prophecies are fulfilled, their information becomes historical; i.e. proves Christ's claims.	When the promises are fulfilled by Christ, the gospel covenant is fully manifested / inaugurated / consummated.

New Covenant Theology

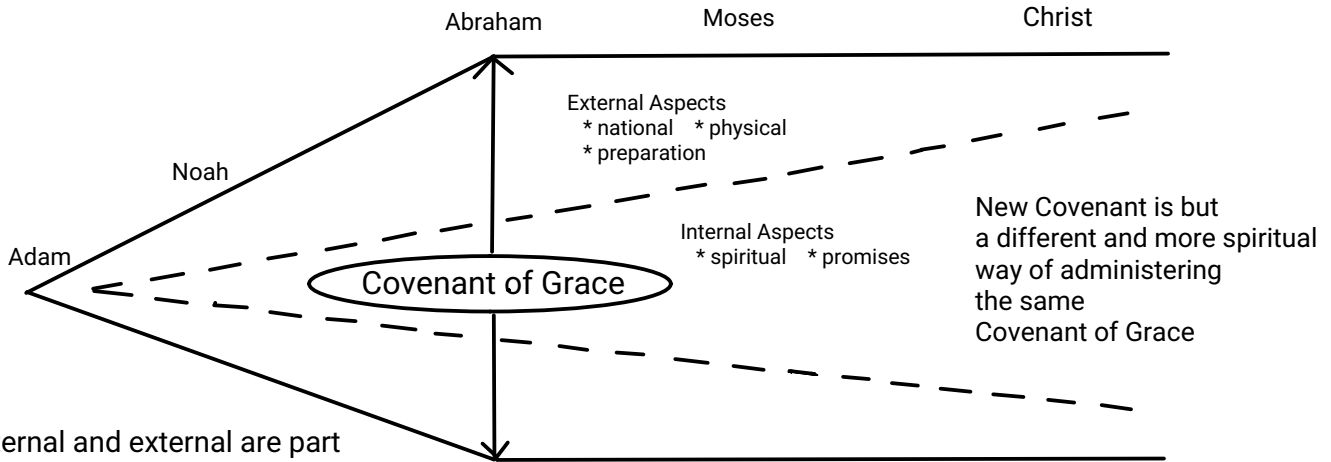


- * No Covenant of Works or Grace
- * Prophecies of Christ are progressive information
- * All saved by God's promise of grace in Messiah

Reformed Baptist Covenant Theology



Paedobaptist Covenant Theology



- Both internal and external are part of the Covenant of Grace
- Nature of Covenant of Grace changed from a promised offer of grace, into an assurance that saving faith will be wrought in believers' children's hearts (see Berkhof, 287-8).