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The Covenants

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-12

Ephesians 2: 12 "Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the Covenants of Promise, having no hope and without God in the world."

Promises Associated with the New Covenant

1. **Promise of the Holy Spirit-** Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4; 2:33, Gal. 3:14, Eph. 1:13
2. **Promise of Jesus (A Righteous Messiah and King) would reign and fulfill the Davidic royal covenant and Old Testament prophecies.** Acts 2:29, 11:3-32, 34; 26:6; Rom. 15:8; I Cor. 1:20; Eph. 3:6
3. **Salvation by grace with the forgiveness of sins (often as exemplified by Abraham).** Acts 2:39, 13:23; Rom. 4:13, 14, 16, 20, 9:8-9; Gal 3:14-29; Heb. 6:12-17
4. **God promises to be the personal God of the saved and be with them.** 2 Cor. 6:18 and 7:1; Eph. 2:12. These promises and benefits to be obtained in Christ. 2 Tim. 1:1.
5. **Promise of eternal life with Jesus Christ.** 2 Tim. 1:1.
6. **Promise of rest in Christ by the benefits of salvation.** Heb. 4:1.
7. **Jesus was the promised Messiah of Salvation.**
8. **Jesus was the promised king of heaven.**
9. **Jesus was the One who would grant the righteous the promised land with eternal life.**
10. **Jesus was the promised fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies.**

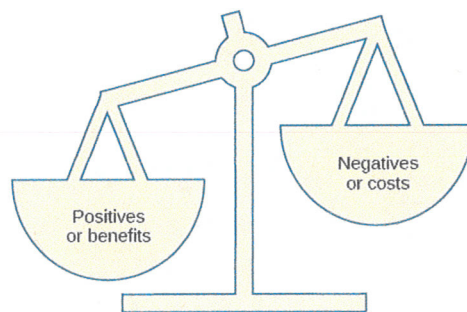
Paul Sayings

Gal. 3:29- "And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

Rom. 9:8- "So it is not the children of the promise who are regarded as offspring.

Rom. 4:16- "Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may rest on grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

All divine Covenant involved promised benefits for those abiding by the terms of the Covenant. That is, God promises to deliver great benefits.



The Noahic Covenant is an eternal Covenant (Gen. 9:16) and is actually a Covenant with all living creatures and all mankind. It consisted of:

1. This covenant was initiated in order to ensure continuity of seasons without interruption. (Gen. 8:21-22).
2. God promises never to curse the ground again. (Gen. 8:21).
3. God promises never to destroy humans and animals by flood again. (Gen. 8:21, 9:11).
4. God promises that Seasons would never be stopped again. (Gen. 8:22).

Abrahamic Covenant: Gen. 13:14-17, 15:1-17, 17:1-27, 18:9-15; 22:15-18 without using the word "covenant" nor (formal sacrifices) and was an eternal covenant, Gen. 13:15, 17:9, 13, 19. The covenant consisted of the following Gen. 15.

1. God promises Abram a biological son.
2. God promises Abram uncountable descendants.
3. God promises Abram's descendants the land of Canaan, "from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river Euphrates".
4. God promises to return Abram's descendants to Canaan after Egyptian slavery of 400 years.
5. God promises to punish the Egyptians.
6. God promises great possessions to Abram's descendants when they leave Egypt.

Israelite Covenant: Exodus 19-24, and expanded in parts of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy—often called, "The Old Covenant", or, "Moral Covenant", or, sometimes incorrectly called, "The Mosaic Covenant".

1. God promises to "save" Israel from Egyptian slavery and deliver them to the Promised Land as stated in the preamble to the 10 Commandments, ex. 20:1, 2, 23:23, Deut. 5:6. This was to fulfill God's earlier promise to Abraham and others to give the Promised Land to Abraham's descendants, ex. 2:24, 6:4,5, forever, I Chron. 16:15, Ps. 105: 8, 111:9.
2. God promises to protect His people by sending a protecting angel, Ex. 23:19, 20, and establish their borders, Ex. 23:31.
3. The benefits/promises of the Covenant are also clearly set out in Lev. 26:1-13, Deut. 28:1-14 (blessings for obedience), and Lev. 28:14-19, Deut. 28:15-68 (curse for disobedience). Lev. 26 as plague (vv. 21-22), sword/war (vv.23-26). Subsequently, these curses for disobedience are simply listed as "sword, famine and plague" in many places such as I Chron. 21:12, 2 Chron. 20:9, Jer. 21:9, 24:10, 27:13, 29:18, 42:22, Eze. 5:23, 17, 7:15, 12:16, etc.

Davidic (or Regal, or Royal) Covenant 2 Sam. 7, 23:5, I Kings 6:11, 12, 8:25, I Chron. 17:11-14, 2 Chron. 6:14-16, 7:17, 18, 13:5, Ps. 89:4, 29, 34, 39, 132:11, 12, Jer. 33:17, 21, Eze. 37:15-28. This is an eternal covenant; 2 Sam. 23:5, I Kings 9:5, 2 Chron.13:5, Eze. 37:25-26, Jer. 33:17, 21 or salt, 2 Chron. 13:5. The provisions of the Davidic Covenant were as follows:

1. God promised to make David, a shepherd king over Israel. 2 Sam. 7:9, 1 Kings 8:25, 2 Chron. 21:7.
2. God promised to defeat all David's enemies and give him peace on all sides, 2 Sam. 7:9.
3. David's name would be great, 2 Sam. 7:9-11.
4. God promised there would always be a blood descendant of David on his throne, by an eternal "covenant of salt" (very solemn), 2 Chron. 13:5, forever, 2 Sam 7:13, 15, 16, Eze 37:26, (2 Sam 23:5).
5. God promised that the descendant of David would have God as his Father and he would be His son, 2 Sam 7:14.
6. David's son, Solomon, was the person to build the temple, 2 Sam 7:12, 13.