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Lesson 23

1. Last week I taught in part Gen 12:1-3 and when time expired we were in the process of reviewing the Doctrine of the Four Unconditional Covenants.

2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will begin new material on page three.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

2.1 Anti-Semitism will always be punished but in God's perfect timing.

2.2 Gen 12:3 addresses the caveat at the time of the selection of Abram as the first Jew.

2.3 Nations who persecute the Jew shall receive discipline from God; often such discipline results in national destruction.

2.4 Nations who treat the Jew well will prosper provided they have a pivot; one of the characteristics of a nation with a pivot is Pro-Semitic policies.

2.5 Anti-Semitism is inspired by Satan as a ploy to spoil the plan of God; without Jews, Christ has "no one to come back to."

2.6 Because the decrees of God are immutable there will always be Jews no matter how many nations or peoples try to destroy them.

3. Now let's return to our study of the four unconditional covenants to Israel: The Abrahamic, Davidic, Palestinian, and New.

3.1 Abrahamic- Although properly distinguished from the other three covenants the Abrahamic Covenant incorporates many aspects of the other three.

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3.1.1 He will get a land and be a great nation.

3.1.2 He will be a blessing to the world and his name shall be great.

3.1.3 Those kind to Abraham will be blessed and those who are not will be cursed.

3.1.4 He will get a son from his own loins when he has capacity to enjoy the boy.

3.1.5 His descendants shall be numerous.

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Gen 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

3.1.6 It will be unilateral! The sign shall be ... a unilateral symbol. Gen 15:8-12

Gen 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Gen 15:9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

Gen 15:10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not ...

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

3.1.7 He will have nations come from his loins.

3.1.8 He will have kings come from his loins.

3.1.9 He will get a new name.

3.1.10 God will be his God. Gen 22:16-18 (Abe offered Isaac).

Gen 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

3.1.11 In a repeat of the promise after the temporal sanctification of Abraham when he offered Isaac, God reiterates the essence of the Covenant and adds that Abraham shall garrison the gates of his enemies.

3.1.12 He has a promise not only for himself but for his descendants after him.

3.1.13 The promise is confirmed repeatedly and enlarged in a number of instances and in no case is it ever made conditional on the faithfulness of Abraham or his descendants. Notice first to Jacob and then to Israel even in the midst of terrible apostasy just before being exiled to Babylon.

Gen 28:10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

Gen 28:11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

Gen 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Gen 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in _their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Jer 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jer 31:37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

3.1.14 In the New Testament there is a recognition of the Covenant as being an everlasting one and unconditional in nature. Heb 6:13-18

Heb 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

Heb 6:14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Heb 6:15 And so, after Abraham had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Heb 6:16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

Heb 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

Heb 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

3.1.15 Take notice God swore by two immutable things: His promise and His oath! Fath!

3.2 Davidic-2Sa 7:10-16

2Sa 7:10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as before time,

2Sa 7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have shall caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

2Sa 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

2Sa 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

2Sa 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever.

3.2.1 The promise is in summary "that God will always have a descendant on the throne of Israel from the line of David."

3.2.2 As you can see from verse 16 it is an everlasting promise and has dual application to both Solomon and Christ as the everlasting heir.

3.2.3 Christ was indeed guilty of the sin of all the world by means of imputation and God did chastise Him for us.

3.2.4 The Covenant is unconditional given verses 14 and 15.

3.2.5 There is also, as we will see, a promise of land and protection in the land.

3.2.6 The Covenant is said to be everlasting and therefore unconditional just as is the Abrahamic Covenant.

3.2.7 Both Jeremiah and Ezekiel record the reaffirmation of the Davidic covenant at a time when Israel was in full scale national reversionism and about to go out under the fifth cycle of discipline to Babylon. Even in their exile Ezekiel records the reaffirmation.

Eze 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

Eze 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince forever.

Eze 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

Jer 33:20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Jer 33:21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

Jer 33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

3.2.8 While in Babylon they are promised an everlasting and unconditional Covenant of a King, Land and safety under a reincarnated David who will serve as Christ's Executive Officer in the Millennium.

3.3 Palestinian- Eze 20:33-37

Eze 20:42 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

Eze 20:43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

Eze 20:44 And ye shall know that I am the LORD when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

3.3.1 Here is a promise of the land and the regathering of Israel to inhabit the land but only after they are corrected during the Tribulation period.

3.3.2 The treatment in the Tribulation is followed by a renewed and changed people who enter the land to be blessed says verses 42 and 44 following.

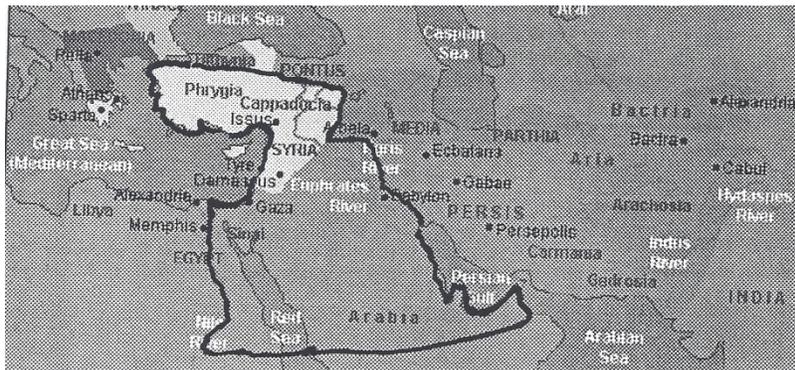
3.3.3 The land is defined in Gen 15:18-21:

Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.



3.4 New Covenant- Jer 31:31-37

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

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3.4.1 Israel is remade and they will no longer sin in the Millennium; the everlasting nature of the Covenant is reiterated.

3.4.2 The eternal and UNCONDITIONAL nature of the Covenant is reiterated in verses 35-37 of Jeremiah chapter 31.

3.4.3 The promise of the New Covenant is even reaffirmed in the New Testament:

Heb 8:10 This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

End Lesson