

# DOCTRINE OF COVENANTS

- I. The Biblical word covenant, **ברית** berith; **διαθήκη**, diatheke, is a disposition made by the party of the first part (God) in favor of the party of the second part (man).
- II. The Edenic Covenant, Gen.1,2, included:
  - A. Perfect environment, Gen.2:8.
  - B. Perfect food and perfect eye stimulation, Gen.2:9.
  - C. Perfect weather under the canopy, Gen.1:6,7; 3:8.
  - D. Perfect sex, Gen.2:21-25.
  - E. Bible class everyday, Gen.3:8; 1:26,27.
  - F. The test of volition and the two trees, Gen.2:9,16,17.
  - G. Man rejected the Edenic Covenant.
- III. The Adamic Covenant, Gen.3.
  - A. It was necessitated by the fall. Spiritual death was incapable of fellowship with God.
  - B. God cursed the instrument of deception.
  - C. The Angelic Conflict overflowed into human history, Gen.3:15.
  - D. There was a new test of volition (the Cross), Gen.3:15.
  - E. There was judgment on the woman (pain in child bearing, subjection to the man with an old sin nature).
  - F. There was a curse on the earth.
  - G. There was expulsion from Eden.
- IV. The Noahic Covenant, Gen.9.
  - A. It was related to the destruction of antediluvian civilization.
  - B. There was the command to repopulate planet earth, Gen.9:1.
  - C. Animal flesh was given as food, Gen.24.
  - D. Capital punishment was punishment for murder, Gen.9:5,6.
  - E. This covenant included the promise that God would never again send a universal flood.
  - F. The rainbow is its sign.
- V. The Abrahamic Covenant, Gen.12:13.
  - A. It was contingent on the maturity status of Abraham and Sarah, Gen.17:16,15.
  - B. It was based on their sexual prosperity in maturity.
  - C. It includes a promise (Gen.22) of:
    1. A nation.
    2. A Messianic descendant.
    3. Racial and spiritual descendants.
    4. Real estate.
    5. A city, Heb.11:10.
  - D. Blessing by association is included.
  - E. It is fulfilled at the Second Advent.
- VI. The Mosaic Covenant, Ex.20; Lev.; Deut.
  - A. It was for Israel only.
  - B. It authorized the Levitical priesthood.
  - C. It included the tabernacle.
  - D. It included national discipline.
  - E. It was fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ at the First Advent.
  - F. It was not given to the Church.
- VII. The Davidic Covenant, 2Sam.7:8-16; Ps.89; Jer.33:22-26.
  - A. It established rulership in David's house.
  - B. His dynasty is perpetuated forever.

C. His greater son (the Lord Jesus Christ) would fulfill it.

VIII. - The New Covenant to Israel, Jer.31:31-34.

A. It is to be made in the Millennium.

B. It is based on regeneration and maturity.

C. It is related to the Cross.

D. It includes the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Ezek.36:27.

E. There is a promise of great material prosperity, Jer.32:41; Isa.61:8; Ezek.34:25-27.

IX. The New Covenant to the Church, Heb.9:15; 10:29; 12:24; Mt.26:28; Mk.14-24; Lk.22:20; 1Cor.11:25; 2Cor.3:6.

A. It is based on the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

B. It authorized a royal priesthood.

C. It includes the universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

D. It is commemorated in the Lord's Table.

E. It is fulfilled in both time and eternity.