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# **THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS**

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# THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

- ✘ **3 Major Promises Of The Covenant**
- ✘ **LAND** - Guaranteed Israel's permanent ownership of the Promised Land  
(Gen. 12:7; 13:14-15; 15:18-21; 17:8)
- ✘ **SEED** - Guaranteed Israel's permanent existence as a nation  
(Gen. 12:2; 13:16; 15:5; 25:23; 35:11)
- ✘ **BLESSING** - All the nations of the earth would be blessed through Abraham's seed  
(Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:3-4; 28:14)

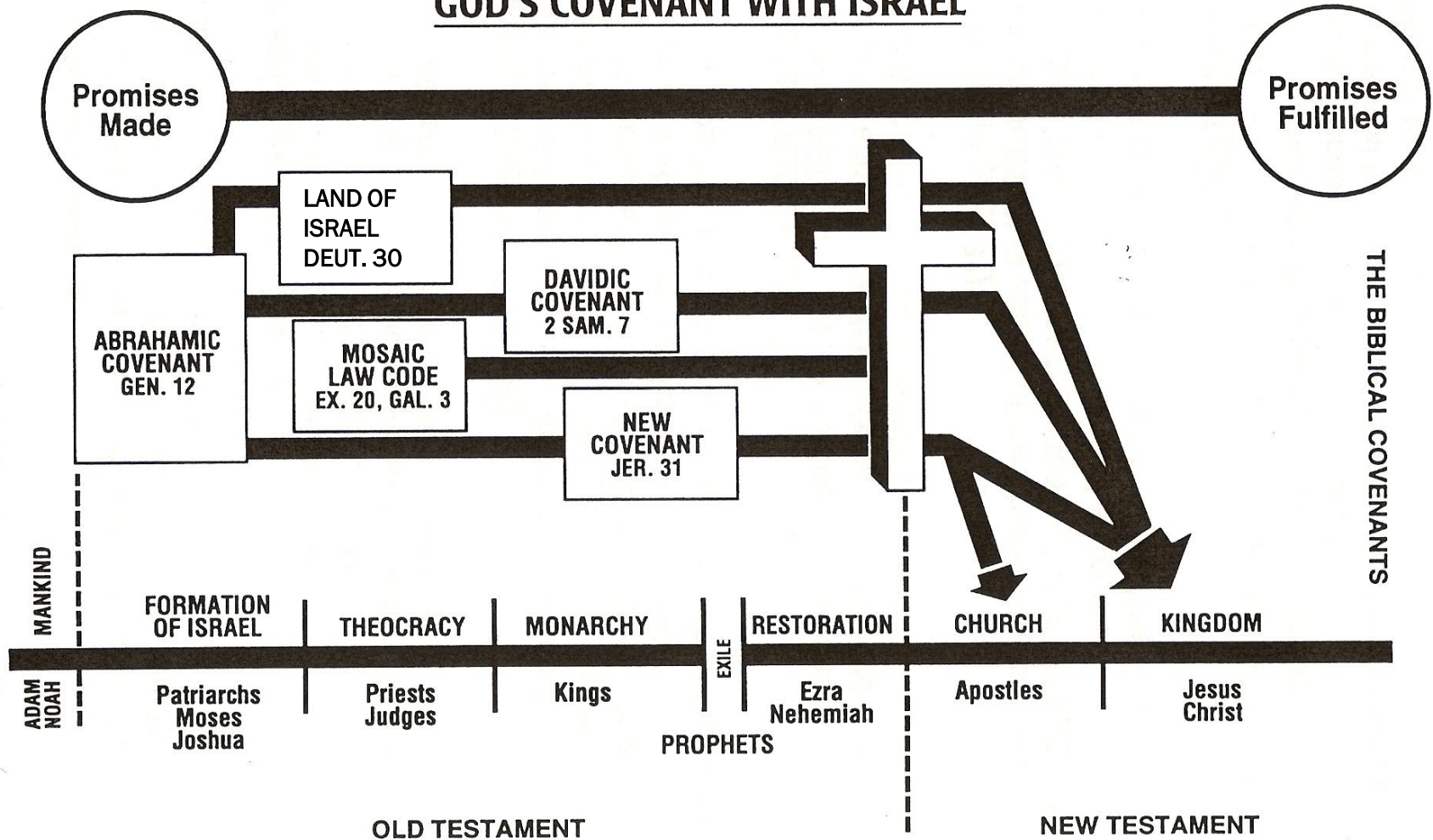
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- ✘ The three major promises of the Abrahamic Covenant are developed further in three other major covenants:
  - + LAND – “Land of Israel” Covenant (Deut. 30)
  - + SEED – Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7)
  - + BLESSING – New Covenant (Jer. 31)
- ✘ The promises concerning the land, seed and blessing will find their fullest and complete fulfillment during the millennial age.

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- ✘ Some important refinements to SEED promise of the Abrahamic Covenant
  - + Prediction of the "seed of the woman" crushing Satan in Gen. 3:15
  - + Narrowed to "seed of Abraham" in Gen. 12:2
  - + Narrowed to "seed of Isaac" in Gen. 17:19,21
  - + Narrowed to "seed of Jacob" - kings would come from his body (Gen. 35:11)
  - + Narrowed to tribe of Judah - scepter will not depart from Judah (Gen. 49:8-10)
  - + Around 640 years later narrowed to the "seed of David" in the Davidic Covenant

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- ✘ Key Passage

- ✘ 2 Sam. 7:1-16

- ✘ Recipients Of The Covenant

- ✘ During King David's reign over Judah and Israel God made this covenant with him and his posterity around 1000 BC

- ✘ Nature Of The Covenant

- ✘ UNCONDITIONAL and EVELASTING

- ✘ It involved promises concerning the nation of Israel (2 Sam. 7:10-11), Solomon (2 Sam. 7:12-15) and David (2 Sam. 7:16)

- ✘ God reserved the right to interrupt the actual reign of David's sons if chastisement was required, but the covenant could not ultimately be broken! (2 Sam. 7:14-15)

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- ✘ Major Promises Of The Covenant
- ✘ An everlasting HOUSE - physical line of descent  
(2 Sam. 7:16; Psalm 89:3-4, 35-37)
- ✘ An everlasting THRONE - ruling authority or king  
(2 Sam. 7:16; Jer. 33:19-22)
- ✘ An everlasting KINGDOM  
(2 Sam. 7:16)

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- ✘ Fulfillment Of The Covenant
- ✘ Isaiah 9:6-7 predicts the birth and reign of Christ on David's throne
- ✘ First introduction to Jesus in NT links Jesus to God's covenants w/ Abraham & David (Matt. 1:1)



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- ✘ Both Joseph AND Mary were descendants of David
  - + Matthew traces Joseph back to David's son Solomon (Matt. 1:6)
  - + Luke traces Mary back to David's son Nathan (Luke 3:31)
  - + Being born of Mary fulfilled Gen. 3:15 which predicted that the woman's seed would one day crush the serpent's (Satan) head
- ✘ The angel declares to Mary that Jesus was rightful heir to the throne (Luke 1:31-33)

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- ✘ Jesus came offering the terms of the “Land of Israel” and David Covenants
  - + "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17) - Why? Because He was the KING and He was there offering them the kingdom
  - + He came "preaching the good news of the kingdom" (Matt. 4:23)
  - + Encouraged them to pray "thy kingdom come" (Matt. 6:10)

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- ✘ Official presentation of THE KING to the people took place when He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey (Matt. 21:1-11)
- ✘ Official rejection of THE KING by the nation can be found in Matt. 21:23-27
- ✘ Offer of the kingdom by Jesus ceased in Matt. 21:42-43
- ✘ Jesus questions the Pharisees about the Messiah in Matt. 22:41-46 ... “who’s Son is he?”
  - + Jesus went on to pronounce "woes" on the Pharisees in Matt. 23

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- ✘ Jesus then began to speak of a time when judgment would come on the nation of Israel and He would return as KING (Matthew 24-25)
  - + Jesus declared that He would sit on His throne, judge the Gentiles, and send believers into the kingdom in conjunction with His glorious Second Coming (Matt. 25:31-46)
  - + The Davidic covenant is not fulfilled by Christ reigning on His throne in heaven now. Christ has two thrones – His throne in heaven and the throne He will sit on when He comes to reign on earth during the millennium (compare Matt. 25:31 with Rev. 3:21)

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- ✘ The charge brought against Jesus is that He claimed to be the KING of the Jews (see John 19:3,7,12,14-15; Matt. 27:11 and 27:37)
- ✘ Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom in Acts 1:3
  - + The disciples wondered if Jesus was going to restore it to Israel at that time (Acts. 1:6)
  - + Jesus told them it wasn't for them "to know the times or dates" (Acts. 1:7)

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- ✘ We see Jesus as rightful heir to the THRONE of David in the book of Revelation
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  - + Jesus is seen as the KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS at His Second Coming (Rev. 19:11-16)
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  - + Jesus claims to be "the Root and the Offspring of David" in Rev. 22:16

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