

The Story of the Ages

I. The Abrahamic Covenant is God's covenant with Israel with promises for the future blessing of the world (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-21; 22:15-18).

- This covenant is foundational to all the covenants that come after it.
- This covenant promises to Abraham land, seed, and blessing.
- This covenant is unconditional and eternal in nature.

II. The Mosaic Covenant was God's covenant with Israel to provide a way of life to govern her as the witness nation (Ex. 19).

- Israel was expected to obey the stipulations of this covenant (the Mosaic Law), if she was to enjoy the blessing of God. It was a conditional covenant (Lev. 26; Deut. 28).

- Israel was to be “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” by mediating God’s truth to the nations.

III. The Davidic Covenant is God’s covenant with Israel which promised that David’s line of descent would endure forever (2 Sam. 7:8-16).

- This covenant promised David a “house” (a royal dynasty), a “kingdom” (a people and a dominion over whom the king will rule), a “throne” (the authority and the power of the king in his rule), and it is “forever” (the right to rule will never be taken from the family of David).
- These promises to David are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. This fulfillment will take place in the future when Christ establishes His literal, earthly, and political kingdom (Dan. 7:13-14; Zech. 14; Isa. 9:6-7).
- This is an unconditional covenant.

IV. The New Covenant is God’s covenant with Israel to make possible the enjoyment of the kingdom blessings (Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 34:23-31; 36:1-38).

- The New Covenant promises regeneration, forgiveness of sin, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, universal knowledge of the Lord, obedience of Israel, and national blessings.
- The foundation of this covenant is the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross.
- The church enters into the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant but does not replace Israel in her participation in its fulfillment (Lk. 22:20; Rom. 11:27; Heb. 8:8-13).
- The New Covenant is unconditional.

How should we then live?