

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR EVERY PART OF YOUR LIFE

(Our God is a Covenant God)





THE BRIDGE: OT PROPHECIES

Week 6

REVIEW: ELEMENTS

- *What are the **elements** of a covenant?*
 1. Parties
 2. Condition
 3. Promise or Blessing
 4. Penalty or Curse



REVIEW: COVENANT OF GRACE

1. Parties
2. Condition
3. Promise/Blessing
4. Penalty/Curse

1. God and Christ
2. Faith in Christ
3. God is our God
Forgiveness of sins
4. God always fulfills!



UNCONDITIONAL OR CONDITIONAL?

YES!



REVIEW: HOW IS THAT?

ASYMMETRICAL SYNERGISM



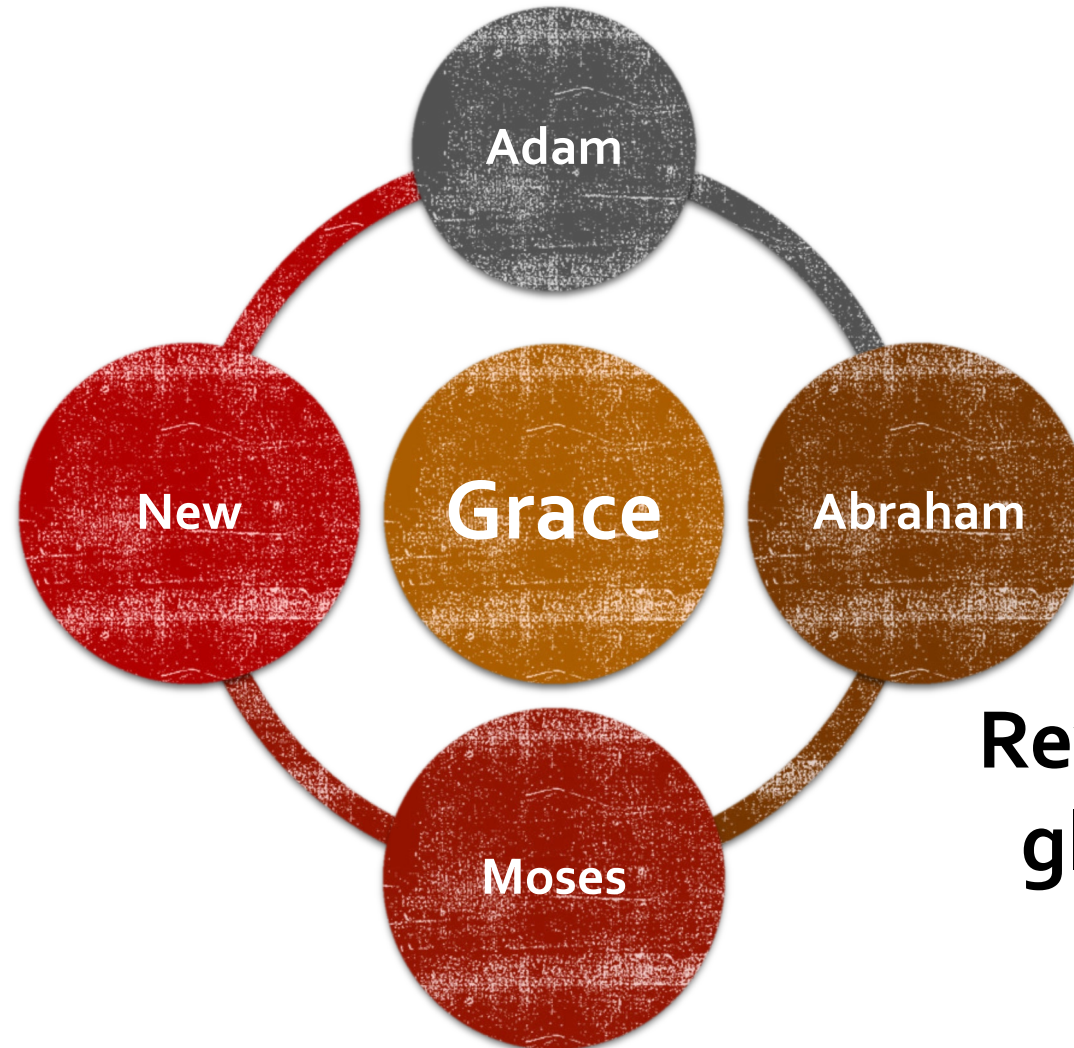
THEMATIC UNITY

- Thematic unity in **Ephesians 2:12:**
- *To be God to you and to your offspring after you*
 - *Abraham (Genesis 17:7-8)*
 - *Moses (Exodus 6:6-7)*
 - *Israel (2 Sam. 7:14; Jer. 31:33)*
 - *The New Testament (Heb. 8:10 Rev. 1:5)*



REVIEW: A CENTRAL THEME

God has one
purpose in
history



Revealing His
glory in His
grace



REVIEW: ORGANIC UNITY



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- The Bible is not a series of unrelated events only tied together by the presence of God
- There is *one single way* in which God deals with His people, redeems sinners, and manifests his glory
- That way is simply shown in greater clarity as it *progresses*-- like the bud becomes the flower



Protoevangel
(Genesis 3:15)

Abrahamic
(Gen. 17:1-21)

**Covenant
of Grace**

Mosaic
(Exodus 19-24)

New
(Mt. 26; Heb. 8)



REVIEW: PROGRESSION





GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID

2 Samuel 7

DAVIDIC COVENANT

1. The Context of the Covenant
2. David's desire
3. God's response
4. God's inauguration of the covenant
5. Blessings of the covenant



DAVIDIC COVENANT: CONTEXT

- This is the culmination of OT redemptive history (Psalm 78:67-72)
- Civil War with Saul is ended (2 Sam. 5:3)
- David takes Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:6-7)
- Ark brought to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6)
- David given rest from enemies (2 Sam. 7:1)



DAVID'S DESIRE

Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

(2 Samuel 7:1-3)



GOD'S RESPONSE

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' " (2 Samuel 7:4-7)



COVENANT INAUGURATED

- 2 Samuel 7:8-17 (esp. 7:11)
- You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’ ” (Psalm 89:3-4)



BLESSINGS OF THE COVENANT

- One of David's flesh and blood will occupy the throne (2 Sam. 7:12)
- David's heir will fulfill David's desire (7:13)
- David's heir (**an** individual) will have a unique relationship with God (7:14)
- David's heir will not be cast off like Saul (7:14)
- David's kingdom will last forever (7:16)



NEW TESTAMENT VIEW

- Jesus' triumphal entry (Matthew 21:1-11)
 - See the picture in 1 Kings 1:33
- Peter's sermon (Acts 2:22-36, esp. 30)
- Paul's theology (Romans 1:3-4)
 - Notice: (1) David; (2) Christ; (3) Lord
- Hebrews 1:3-13 (esp. verse 5)





OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

Jeremiah & Ezekiel

JEREMIAH 31

- Context is one of **judgment** – Jer. 31:27-30
 - ✓ This is OT context of condemning sin
 - ✓ Judgment leads to mercy (31:28)
- Jeremiah speaks of the new covenant, which is unique language for the OT, but not a unique concept
- Familiar theme (31:33)



JEREMIAH'S NEW COVENANT

- What does it look like? Look at Jer. 31 & 33
 - A descendent of David (33:15-16)
 - A priesthood (33:18; *cf.* 1 Peter 2:9)
 - Law written on the heart (31:33)
 - I will be their God (31:33; 32:38)
 - They will all know Me (31:34; *cf.* 1 John 2:26-27)
 - Forgiveness of sins (31:34; *cf.* Hebrews 10:16-18)
 - Certainty of promise (31:35-37; 33:26-27)

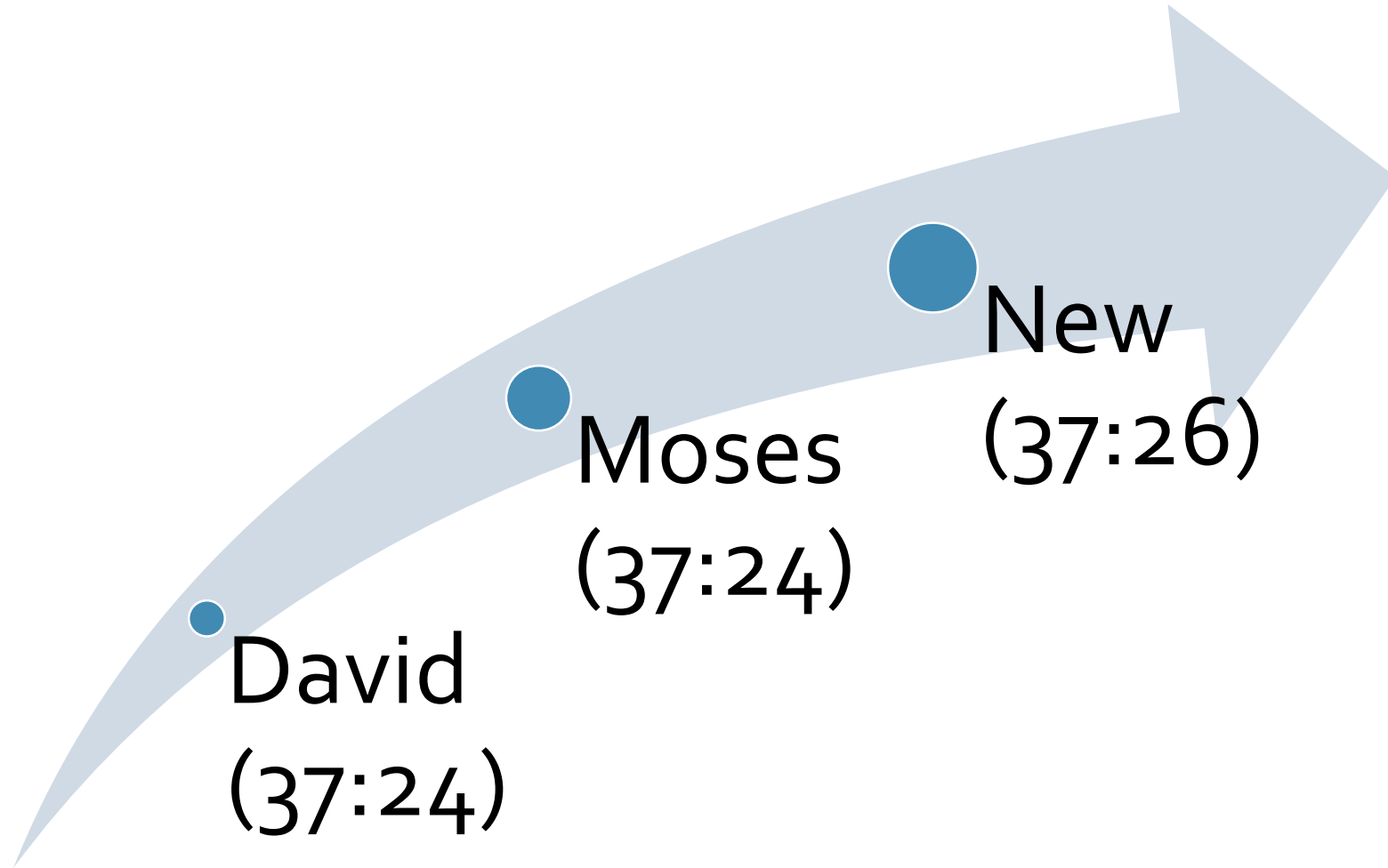


EZEKIEL'S NEW COVENANT

- **Ezekiel 37:15-28**
 - A descendent of David (37:24)
 - A priesthood (rebuilding of temple)
 - Law written on the heart (37:14 and 36:27)
 - I will be their God (37:23, 27)
 - They will all know Me (37:13, 28)
 - Forgiveness of sins (37:23, 28)
 - Certainty of promise (37:26)



FULFILLMENT IN EZEKIEL 37



EVERLASTING COVENANT

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an **everlasting covenant**, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul. (Jeremiah 32:38-41)



EVERLASTING COVENANT

“In those days and in that time, declares the Lord, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come together, weeping as they come, and they shall seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, saying, ‘Come, let us join ourselves to the Lord in an **everlasting covenant** that will never be forgotten.’ (Jeremiah 50:4-5)



EVERLASTING COVENANT

“For thus says the Lord God: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant, yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an **everlasting covenant**. ...I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God.” (Ezekiel 16:59-63)



EVERLASTING COVENANT

- When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." (Genesis 9:16)
- both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an **everlasting covenant**. (Genesis 17:13)
- "For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an **everlasting covenant**, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? (2 Samuel 23:5)



EVERLASTING COVENANT

- Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an **everlasting covenant**, my steadfast, sure love for David. (Isaiah 55:3)
- For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with them. (Isaiah 61:8)



COVENANT OF PEACE

- “I will make with them a **covenant of peace** and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods... And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them... And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.” (Ezekiel 34:25-31)



COVENANT OF PEACE

- “This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my **covenant of peace** shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you...All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children. (Isaiah 54:9-13)





NEW TESTAMENT REALIZATION



COVENANT PROMISES: LIFE

Old Testament

- Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament

- John 3:8
- Matthew 27:50-53



COVENANT PROMISES: LAND

Old Testament

Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt...And they will say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited...I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it. (Ezekiel 36:33-36)

New Testament

- Remember Hebrews 4
- For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. (Romans 4:13)
- Rev. 21



COVENANT PROMISES: FORGIVENESS

Old Testament

- And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
(Jeremiah 31:34)

New Testament

- "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
(Hebrews 10:16-18)



NEW COVENANT REALIZATION

- Romans 11
- 2 Corinthians 3:6-18
- Galatians 3
- Ephesians 2

- What do they all have in common?
 - **One purpose of God**
 - **One people of God**



NEXT WEEK:

- We begin to apply a covenantal way of thinking to marriage
- Homework:
 - Hosea 2
 - 1 Corinthians 7; 2 Corinthians 6

