

A Covenantal Worldview

False View of Covenant

<u>Old Covenant</u>	vs.	<u>New Covenant</u>
First Bride		Second Bride
Physical		Spiritual
Visible		Invisible
Corporate		Individual
Familial		Personal
Children included		Children excluded
National-Ethnic		Ecclesiastical
Law/Theocracy		Grace
Works		Faith
<i>Abolished</i>		<i>Replacement</i>
<i>In the law</i>		<i>In Christ</i>

Covenant Attributes:

One Covenant (Old and New Covenant)

Same Bride

Same Covenant Structure: By Grace, of Faith
Everlasting Covenant

Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Spiritual and Physical
Visible and Invisible

Corporate / Familial: Personal within the Family Body

Children born into Israel are included

Law given within context of Faith

Works done by Faith

Covenant Attributes: New

Old Covenant

Bride Divorced

Ordinances, Shadows

Bloody Signs

Israel failed to be
a light to the world

New Covenant

Bride Redeemed

Ordinances Fulfilled

Bloodless Signs

Israel made a light
to the world
by the Holy Spirit

Dispensationalism

Pre-millennial Dispensationalism:

2 Peoples: “earthly” = Israel; “heavenly” = church
“ethnic” Israel, “spiritual” church

dispensation of the law vs. dispensation of the gospel

Israel is temporarily on hold until the rapture

when the Jews will convert wholesale to Christianity

Only during the future millennium will God’s promises
concerning Israel be fulfilled in the Jews

Israel and church are distinct

Old Testament promises are not fulfilled in the church

Old and New Covenants are *different* Covenants for
different peoples

Messianic Jews are best of both (super-Christians)

Denies that the church is the New Israel

Two Covenant Theology

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God saves through 2 separate Covenants,
one with Israel, another with the church
(similar to pre-mill dispy, except much worse)

God's savings relationship with Israel does not require
grace or faith in Christ, that's only for Christian "Gentiles"
Jews are saved by keeping the law, Gentiles need grace
Messianic Jews are saved twice over, once by law and
once by grace

Christians must not impose the terms of the Covenant
with the church upon Jews, who are under a different
Covenant, an ethnic Covenant based on the law

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Popular Perception

“I believe it is vitally important that we cast our ballots for candidates who base their decisions on biblical principles and support the nation of Israel.”

-Billy Graham, after meeting with Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney

www.veteranstoday.com

“In January 2000, Rev. Graham questioned leaders of his own Southern Baptist denomination for targeting* Jews and others for conversion, and was praised by Jewish leaders. In the 1990s, Rev. Graham met with Jewish leaders before a New York crusade to assure them there would be no targeting* of Jews.”

“Graham Apology Not Enough,” Eric J. Greenberg,
<http://www.jewishfederations.org/page.aspx?id=29272>, accessed 5.18.2014.

* “targeting” means preaching the gospel to Jews

Replacement Theology

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God replaced Israel with the church

God's divorce of Israel was never redeemed

God's "Plan A" with Israel failed

God made a "Plan B" with the church, based on Christ

The New Covenant is not the redemption of the Old

Covenant, but the replacement of it; God did not

redeem the Old Covenant at all, He trashed it.

Denies that the church is the New Israel

What Paul taught *against* in Romans 9-11

Covenantal Theology

Covenantal Theology: One Covenant = Israel = Church

Church did not replace Israel, the Church is Israel

We, in Christ, fulfill all of God's promises to Israel

The New Covenant is the redemption of the Old

God's plan of redemption is enacted through

exactly one Covenant by which we are saved

Old Testament Israel was saved by faith in Christ

We are all New Testament Israel, saved by faith also

Fundamental unity between Old and New Covenant

believers

Our children are Covenantal children of Israel

We give children the sign of the Covenant, baptism,

as Abraham gave the sign of the Covenant to Isaac

because we are children of Abraham, as was Isaac

One Covenant, Redeemed

Exodus 19:6 You shall be to me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

Hosea 1:10-2:1 *No Mercy, Not My People*: In the place where it was said to them, “You are **not my people**,” it shall be said to them, “**Children of the living God**.” And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head... Say to your brothers, “**You are my people**,” and to your sisters, “**You have received mercy**.”

I Peter 2:9-10 You are a **chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were **not a people**, but now you are **God's people**; once you had **not received mercy**, but now **you have received mercy**.

Abraham's True Seed

John 8:39 “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did.”

Galatians 3:6-9 Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? Know then that **it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham**. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “**In you** shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Gal. 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then **you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise**.

The Law of Moses

The Covenant with Abraham was not abrogated by the giving of the law to Moses

Gal. 3:17-18

The law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Covenantal Archetypes

Abraham



Covenant
Isaac / Ishmael
Jacob, Esau

Israel



*Not my
people*

Judah



Christ: Reformation of Israel

New Israel = Judah + Redeemed Israel + All Nations

Covenantal Archetypes

Abraham: brought in from without

Isaac: born in, faithful

Ishmael: born in, Covenant breaker

Jacob: born in, strayed, returned

Esau: born in, Covenant breaker

Children of the Covenant

Differences on Covenant => Differences on infant baptism

New Covenant does not *eliminate* Covenantal relationships

Believe and be baptized (Mark 16:16, Matt. 28:19)

Expansion of the Covenant to Gentile pagans

This deals with Gentiles coming in from outside

Acts 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

[Philippian Jailer]

Genesis 17:26-27 That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

Our children are children of Israel, not pagans

Children of Israel don't enter the Covenant as do pagans

Don't raise your children as if they were outsiders

Adoption

Gentiles were adopted once into the Covenant

Israelites are adopted twice:

once adopted as Israel, then divorced / cut off
adopted again as redeemed Israel

Twice Mine!

Never call yourself a Gentile

The New Covenant

Jer. 31:31-34

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah**, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband**, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make **with the house of Israel** after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 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.”

The Father's Gift

The Father's Gift to the Son: gift *Of You*, not just *To You*
God's eternal plan for Christ and His Bride, Israel

John 10:28-29 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Ezekiel 36:22-28 I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but **for My holy name's sake...** I will **sprinkle clean water** on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a **heart of flesh**. I will put **My Spirit** within you... you **shall be My people, and I will be your God**.

Our Covenantal Heritage

Isaiah 51:1-2

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness,
ye that seek the Lord:

look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

2 Look unto Abraham your father,
and unto Sarah that bare you:
for I called him alone,
and blessed him, and increased him.