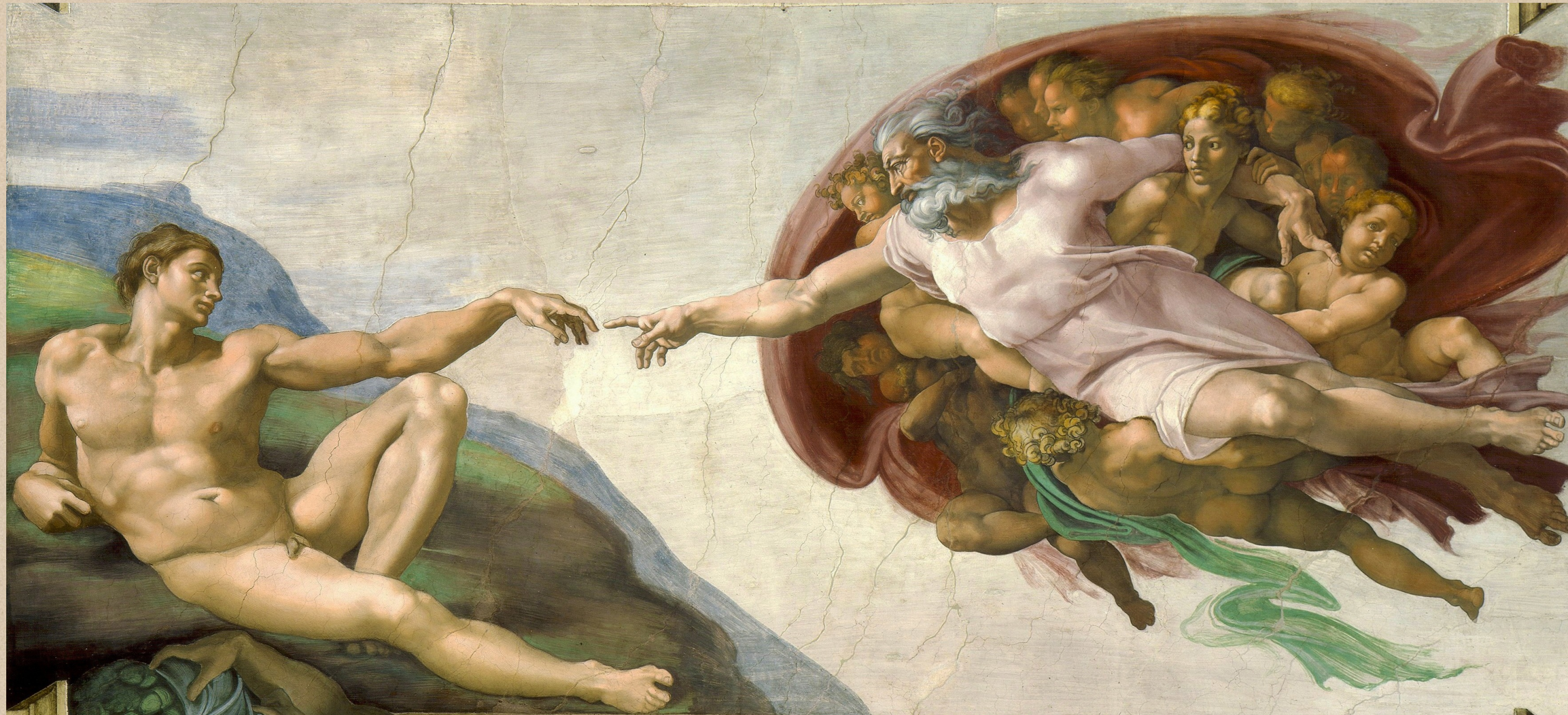


# Kingdom & Covenants

The Promised Kingdom - Part 2



# Adam Covenant



- ◆ Be fruitful and multiply
- ◆ Have dominion and rule over all the creatures on the earth
- ◆ Don't eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil



# Noah Covenant - Gen 8:20 - 9:17

- ◆ Be fruitful and multiply
- ◆ Human dominion over earth
- ◆ Humans can eat other creatures
- ◆ Forbidden to eat or shed blood
- ◆ Days and seasons shall not cease
- ◆ Never again wipe out all life





# Abraham Covenant - Gen. 15 & 17

- ◆ An extremely solemn, everlasting blood covenant promised by God
- ◆ Land of Canaan given to his seed forever
- ◆ His seed like the stars in number
- ◆ A multitude of nations from his seed
- ◆ Circumcision
- ◆ Bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you





# Sinai Covenant - The Law

- ◆ 10 Commandments - Exodus 20
- ◆ "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Ex. 24:8
- ◆ Restated in Deuteronomy after the 40 years
- ◆ National Israel blessed in every way if they keep it. Deut. 28:1-14
- ◆ Cursed if they do not keep it. Deut 28:15-68.





# The Altar of the Covenant





# Captivity foretold

- ◆ Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.

Deuteronomy 28:47-48





# Return from captivity and blessing foretold

- ◆ And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. Deuteronomy 30:1-3



# Return from captivity and blessing foretold

- ◆ If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. Deuteronomy 30:4-6



# Davidic Covenant

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. 2 Samuel 7:12-13,16





# Davidic Covenant

Ought you not to know that the Lord  
God of Israel gave the kingship over  
Israel forever to David and his sons by a  
covenant of salt?

2 Chronicles 13:5





# How to solve the covenant problem?

- ◆ Israel & Judah were blessed when they keep it—cursed when they don't.
- ◆ Humans can't exactly keep the law. Sin nature. Romans 7
- ◆ Repeated cycles of disobedience, being conquered or exiled
- ◆ God had immutably promised to bless Abraham's seed and give them the land.
- ◆ God demands their righteousness and holiness



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, 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. 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. 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 31:31-34



Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God : It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord , declares the Lord God , when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Ezekiel 36:22-23



I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:25-28



And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. The house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward. And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword.

Ezekiel 39:21-23



Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God,  
because I sent them into exile among the nations and then  
assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of  
them remaining among the nations anymore. And I will not  
hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my  
Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God.”  
“Therefore thus says the Lord God : Now I will restore the  
fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of  
Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name.

Ezekiel 39:25,28-29



# The New Covenant

- ◆ From God to man... for His glory... not by their works
- ◆ For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
- ◆ Their sins will be forgiven
- ◆ They will have His spirit and a new heart that wants to keep God's law
- ◆ They will all be brought back from captivity and the land blessed
- ◆ This comes to pass in the Kingdom of God



# What about Gentiles and the Church?

- ◆ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham
- ◆ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:7, 14



# What about Gentiles and the Church?

- ◆ remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and **strangers to the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:12-13
- ◆ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Ephesians 3:6



# The New Covenant

- ◆ 'Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, Matthew 26:26-27



# The New Covenant

- ◆ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:28-29



# The New Covenant

- ◆ And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on **tablets of human hearts**. who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a **new covenant**, not of the letter but **of the Spirit**. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:3, 6



# The New Covenant

- ◆ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. Hebrews 8:6-7



# The New Covenant

- ◆ For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. Hebrews 8:8,10-11



# What difference does it make?

- ◆ Do we care about knowing the Lord Jesus? Who he is? His glory?
- ◆ Do we care about where and how we will spend eternity?
- ◆ Do we care about this major plot-line of the Bible?
- ◆ Do we care about living under just government?
- ◆ Do we care that earth will not be ruined by man?
- ◆ How does a new, perfect body on a beautiful restored Earth sound?



# God's Plan for the Church

- ◆ Is it totally separate from Israel? No
- ◆ Is the Church included in God's redemptive covenants? Adamic Yes; Abrahamic Yes; Sinai No; Davidic yes, New Covenant Yes
- ◆ Do Paul's epistles reveal greater blessings for the Church than were promised in the Old Testament? Yes
- ◆ Will the Church be in the 1,000 year Kingdom? Yes



# How should the Church feel about Israel?

- ◆ Does Jesus love his nation? Yes
- ◆ Should we love what our Lord and King Jesus loves? Yes
- ◆ Is the nation of Israel obeying God today? No
- ◆ Are non-believing Jews obeying God today? No
- ◆ Blindness, in part for Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles come in. Israel is beloved and elect. Romans 11.



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