

Kingdōm Covenants

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God's Word Is Faithful

God is faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

His word is faithful

God is faithful; and therefore, His word is faithful. If God said it, it will absolutely come to pass.

Titus 1:9a; 1 Chronicles 16:15; Psalm 105:8

Ps 119:138 (KJV)

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

If God says it, He will do it.

He is not a man that he should lie (Numbers 23:19).

2 Corinthians 1:20 (KJV)

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Ezekiel 39:8

"Behold, it is coming and it shall be done," declares the Lord GOD. "That is the day of which I have spoken.

Example: Prophecy about Josiah

1 Kings 13:1-6 – The prophecy about Josiah from the word of Yahweh

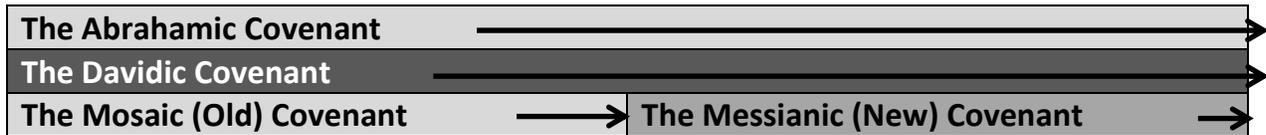
2 Kings 23:15-16 – The word of God was fulfilled at least 350 years later!

A Promise, an Oath, and a Covenant

Promise	A declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified.
Oath	A solemn attestation of the truth or inviolability of one's words, often invoking a divine witness
Covenant	A solemn binding agreement between two parties

A marriage is a great example to help understand a covenant between two parties. Our hope rests in the integrity and the faithfulness of God's Word (Hebrews 10:23; 6:17-19).

The Kingdom Covenants



Yahweh is the true God. No one is like Him in heaven above or earth beneath. He is the great and Awesome God who is faithful to His word and keeps, preserves, the covenants He has made.

1 Kings 8:23; 2 Chronicles 6:14; Nehemiah 1:5; 9:32a; Psalm 111:9; Daniel 9:4

Our hope for the promised future Kingdom is secured through the covenants of God. Isaiah 54:10; Jeremiah 50:5

Pray that God will open the eyes of our understanding, to know the hope of His calling and riches of the glory of His inheritance (Ephesians 1:16-18). Pray that we may come to know His covenants.

Psalm 25:4-14

Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses, For they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; According to Your lovingkindness remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way.

All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

His soul will abide in prosperity, And his descendants will inherit the land.

The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, **And He will make them know His covenant.**

God's Judgments

Psalms 19:9; 119:137; 89:13-14 God's judgments are always true, right, and upright.

Psalm 36:5-6 His judgments are for the preservation of man and beast.

Isaiah 26:9 By His judgments, the world learns righteousness. Sin blinds the mind of the sinner so that he sees nothing from a divine perspective, least of all his own sin. A function of judgment is to teach humans the seriousness of sin and to show them that God cares deeply about righteousness.

Romans 11:33-36 The totality of His judgments are immeasurable.

Matthew 6:10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as *it is* in heaven." The Kingdom refers to the right to rule and the realm of rule. "Your Kingdom come" refers to the time when God will have absolute rule over the earth through His Son, Jesus Christ. Then will be fulfilled that for which we now pray daily. When the Kingdom covenants are fulfilled, all that was ruined by sin and God's judgments will be restored (Acts 3:18-21).

In order to understand the covenants, we must understand what was destroyed by sin and God's judgments. Justice cannot prevail without judgments that assure proportionate retribution and equitable compensation. Only Almighty God who is omnipresent and omniscient (knowing all that can be known) is qualified to always make right judgments.

Genesis 1:26-28 Originally, God made man to be sovereign over all the earth, under His absolute rule. Man forfeited this position when he was disobedient to God's command (Genesis 3:1-6). Since the fall until the return of Christ, the hope of man has been the Kingdom of God.

Genesis 3:7-13 Consequences of their disobedience

14-15 God's judgment upon the serpent

16 God's judgment upon the woman

17-19 God's judgment upon the man

22-24 Expulsion from paradise; denied access to the tree of life. The sovereignty man once had over the world was greatly diminished with the fall.

4:7 Every human's plight from birth - "...sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

5:3 Everyone after Adam and Eve is born in their likeness, not God's image. Adam's sinful nature was passed on to all mankind (Romans 5:12-21). We are all born dead in trespasses and sin, the children of disobedience, and destined for the wrath of God in the final day of judgment (Ephesians 2:1-3).

6:1-4 According to the books of Jude and 1 Peter, Satan has influenced the world greatly.

5-7 The cataclysmic result of God's judgment with the flood brought about the death of perhaps billions of people.

7:11 Note that there were two distinct sources for the water. "The fountains of the great deep broken up" is not referring to the rain. The deep usually refers to the deep waters like oceans and seas that are in the earth. The word "fountain" is a spring. Water gushed up from within the earth. "The windows of heaven were opened" can be referring to the water that is outside the expanse or firmament (Genesis 1:6-8; Psalm 148:4). The intensity of the rain must have been fierce. The water that caused the great flood came both from within the earth and from above it.

7:11; 8:14 Although it rained for only 40 days, Noah remained on the ark for one year and three days. When Noah and his family finally departed from the ark, they experienced a completely different heaven and earth. 2 Peter 3:6 and 7 tell us "...the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store...." When we consider the world we live in today and all the glorious beauty contained therein, it is hard to conceive that this is a mutation of the original. Nevertheless, there are some very sharp differences we can acknowledge.

Isaiah 45:18 The amount of water on the earth and in the atmosphere vastly increased. 71% of the earth's surface is now covered with water.

Before the flood, there was no rain or seasons, but rather a constant moderate climate. After the flood, there was not only rain but all the varying and often extreme weather patterns which include hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes. Most of the earth's surface is extreme, uninhabitable, uncultivated wasteland. Deserts alone cover about a fifth of the earth's land area. Add in mountain ranges, jungles, marshlands, valleys, etc., and we realize the devastation the flood caused.

Genesis 1:29 and 30; 9:1-7 Before the flood, animals were vegetarian. Post flood, both man and many animals became carnivorous.

For the 11 generations before the flood, the average age was 780 years. After the flood, the next 11 generations averaged 196 years.

9:18-29 Ham brought sin back after the flood. God's judgment was upon his son, Canaan.

11:1-9 At this time, the whole earth had one language.

God commanded man to increase and fill the earth (Genesis 1:28; 9:1).

6:4; 11:4 Man was concerned about making a name for himself, not glorifying God! The settlement at Shinar (also called Babylon) was not concerned in fulfilling God's command, but in defying it. Babylon's goal was again to make men a name for themselves and to resist any further scattering of the people on the earth. Due to their arrogant, idolatrous, disobedient ways, God confounded the language and caused them to separate and to fill the earth.

2 Peter 3:13 The consequences of sin and God's judgment are the reasons we look for a new heaven and earth. The Kingdom Covenants are related to the day when God's Kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

For further study read Volume 1 - *The Foundation*, chapter 4, "God's Judgments."