


The Second of the Three Covenants to the Church

Scripture Reading:


Acts 3:12-26

REVIEW of the Definition of a COVENANT

A Biblical covenant is a 'super promise' by God to individual in order to provide "strong consolation" - Heb 6:16-18



A Biblical covenant is only a covenant when the BIBLE calls it a covenant!



Once a Biblical Covenant is made it cannot be added to or subtracted from - Gal 3:15

REVIEW of COVENANTS

- ◆ The more notable and important covenants in Scripture:
 - ◆ 2 covenants made with Noah
 - ◆ 7 covenants made with Abraham and his offspring, the nation of Israel
 - ◆ 3 made with Abraham
 - ◆ 2 made with Israel (law and land)
 - ◆ 1 made with David (the promise of a future king)
 - ◆ 1 to be made in the future

REVIEW of COVENANTS

- ◆ The more notable and important covenants in Scripture:
 - ◆ 3 covenants that pertain only to the Church
 - ◆ The New Covenant belonging to the Church that provides Eternal Life to individual NT grace-believers
 - ◆ The 4th Abrahamic Covenant that promised a singular Seed: Christ
 - ◆ The Eternal Covenant between the Father and the Son in eternity past

INTRODUCTION

This morning we will emphasize the 'blueprint' of that assured glorification of the Church: the

4th Abrahamic Covenant:

a promised singular Seed from Abraham and
all those placed into that singular Seed -

Christ.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES TO THE **FOURTH** ABRHAMIC COVENANT

◆ THE COVENANT MADE

◆ Gen 2:17-18 - unconditional

◆ THE COVENANT IDENTIFIED AS A COVENANT

◆ Lk 1:68-75 – “sworn by an oath”

◆ Acts 3:25 - the covenants’ provision of being blessed in the promise was first offered to Israel shortly after the Day of Pentecost, at the beginning of the Church – cf Acts 3:26
“...unto you first...”

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES TO THE FOURTH ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (continued)

◆ ENCOURAGEMENT TO JEWISH CHRISTIANS TO
“LAY HOLD OF THE HOPE” (the expectation) of resting
in their position in Christ, who is seated in the heavenly
temple

◆ Heb 6:13-20

◆ PAUL'S VIEWPOINT OF 4TH ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

◆ Gal 3:16, 26-29

CONCLUSION

◇ Being placed into the singular Seed (Christ) does not make us Abraham's physical seed (Jews), but rather a quality of spiritual seed – "...the Church, which is His Body..."

◇ Eph 1:22-23