

Sunday, October 29, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: God's Covenants and End Times

Series: Learning About the End Times 2

Text: Text: Genesis 12:1 - 3 and 15:1 - 21

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that God keeps the covenants that He makes with Humankind.

Introduction:

The devotional last week was the start of a new series on Learning About the End Times. The title was, 'Do I Recognize the Signs?': 1) God Expects Us to Recognize the Signs; 2) God Promises Blessings to Those Who Recognize the Signs; 3) God Wants His Bride Ready

~ There is not total agreement among Bible Scholars as to the number and details of the various covenants in the Holy Scripture. My personal conviction would be summarized as: 1) **Edenic**, Genesis 1 & 2; 2) **Adamic**, Genesis 3:15 – first promise of a Messiah; 3) **Noadic**, Genesis 9:1 – the rainbow; 4) **Abrahamic**, Genesis 12:1 - 13 and 15:18; 5) **Mosaic**, Exodus 19:25; 6) **Promised Land**, Deuteronomy 29 and 30, regathering of Israel; 7) **Davidic**, 2 Samuel 7:8; 8) **New**, Matthew 26:28, 1 Corinthians 11:25, 2 Corinthians 3:6, and Hebrews 8:8

~ What is a covenant in the Bible: it is a strong, solemn agreement between God and His people. It is a legal contract that is sealed by cutting or shedding blood. It is also a commitment that establishes a relationship and makes two into one. Covenants are a key to God's redemptive plan to restore those who receive, by faith, the Lord Jesus Christ.

~ 2 Corinthians 1:20, *"For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory."*

1. God's Covenant with Abraham:

~ Genesis 12:1 – 3, notice some of the elements:
~ vs. 1, *"To the land which I will show you;"*
~ vs. 2, *"I will make of you a great nation"*
~ vs. 2, *"make your name great, so that you will be a blessing"*
~ vs. 3, *"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse"*
~ vs. 3, *"and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*
~ Genesis 15:1 – 15, consider some of the elements here:

~ vs. 5, a great number of offspring

~ vs. 6, *"And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness."*

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Ephesians 2:1 - 10 and Galatians 3:23 – 29

~ vs. 7, *"I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."*

~ vs. 12, *"a deep sleep fell on Abram."* God made the covenant with Abraham – ALONE!

~ vs. 18 – 21, the area of the land

2. God's Covenant with David:

~ 2 Samuel 7:1 – 17:

~ vs. 8, David *"made a prince over my people Israel."*

~ vs. 9, *"I will make you a great name"*

~ vs. 10, *"I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them"*

~ vs. 11, *"I will give you rest from all your enemies"*

~ vs. 12, *"I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom forever."*

~ vs. 13, *"I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."*

~ vs. 14, Is this prophetic of our Lord Jesus Christ? To me – YES!

~ vs. 15, *"but my steadfast love will not depart from him,"*

~ vs. 16, *"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."*

3. God's Covenant Through Christ Jesus to Believers:

~ Luke 22:20, *"And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."*

~ Hebrews 8:13, *"In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."*

~ Hebrews 9:15 – 16, *"Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. (16) For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established."*

Conclusion:

Romans 8