

Theology and Doctrines
Eschatology
Covenants

1. God is a **Covenant** , **promise** making God.
2. It is **impossible** to accurately interpret prophecy without a **clear** understanding of the Biblical **Covenants**.
3. There were two kinds of **covenants** that God made with people, **conditional** and **unconditional**.
- 4 The **Edenic** Covenant was a **conditional** covenant, Adam and Eve broke the **condition** and were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.
5. The **Noahic** Covenant was **unconditional**, no condition was **attached** in order for God to keep His covenant.

Genesis 9:11–16 “I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. “It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. “When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

6. The **Mosaic** or **Old** Covenant was **conditional**.

Deuteronomy 5:1–3 Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: “**Hear**, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. “The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. “The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *with* all those of us alive here today.

Deuteronomy 5:31–33 ‘But as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the land which I give them to possess.’ “So you shall observe to do just as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left. “You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which you will possess.

7. The **Abrahamic** Covenant was and is **unconditional**.

Genesis 17:7–8 “I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. “I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

Ezekiel 36:22–38 “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 My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. “I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord,” declares the Lord God, “when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight. “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. “You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. “Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you. “I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. “Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations. “I am not doing *this* for your sake,” declares the Lord God, “let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!” ‘Thus says

the Lord God, “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt. “The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by. “They will say, ‘This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.’ “Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken and will do it.” ‘Thus says the Lord God, “This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock. “Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I am the Lord.” ’ ”

Amos 9:11–15 “In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name,” declares the Lord who does this. “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved. “Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*; they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. “I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them,” says the Lord your God.

Hosea 11:1–11 When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son. The more I called them, the more they went from Me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to idols. Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them in My arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of a man, with bonds of love, and I became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their jaws; and I bent down *and* fed them. They will not return to the land of Egypt; but Assyria—he will be their king because they refused to return *to Me*. The sword will whirl against their cities, and will demolish their gate bars and consume *them* because of their counsels. So My people are bent on turning from Me. Though they call on Me on high, none at all exalts *Me*. How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I surrender you, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned over within Me, all My compassions are kindled. I will not execute My fierce

anger; I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They will walk after the Lord, He will roar like a lion; indeed He will roar and *His* sons will come trembling from the west. They will come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will settle them in their houses, declares the Lord.

Ezekiel 28:25–26 ‘Thus says the Lord God, “When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and will manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will live in their land which I gave to My servant Jacob. “They will live in it securely; and they will build houses, plant vineyards and live securely when I execute judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God.” ’ ’ ”

Jeremiah 31:35–36 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; the Lord of hosts is His name: “If this fixed order departs from before Me,” declares the Lord, “then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.”

8. The Davidic Covenant was and is unconditional.

Psalms 89:20–37 “I have found David My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him, with whom My hand will be established; My arm also will strengthen him. “The enemy will not deceive him, nor the son of wickedness afflict him. “But I shall crush his adversaries before him, and strike those who hate him. “My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him, and in My name his horn will be exalted. “I shall also set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. “He will cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’ “I also shall make him *My* firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. “My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall be confirmed to him. “So I will establish his descendants forever and his throne as the days of heaven. “If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments, if they violate My statutes and do not keep My commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes. “But I will not break off My lovingkindness from him, nor deal falsely in My faithfulness. “My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips. “Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David. “His

descendants shall endure forever and his throne as the sun before Me. “It shall be established forever like the moon, and the witness in the sky is faithful.”

Jeremiah 33:20–26 “Thus says the Lord, ‘If you can break My covenant for the day and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time, then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant so that he will not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers. ‘As the host of heaven cannot be counted and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.’

9. One of the most important things to do when studying Prophecy is to keep **straight who** is being talked about in the prophecy.

10. A big **mistake** that is frequently made is to **confuse** the Nation of Israel with the Church, if you do that you will have **hash**.

11. A prevalent **teaching** that has been around for a long time and has grown much **stronger** in the last 10 years is called “**replacement** theology”.

12. **Replacement** Theology teaches that because Israel **rejected** Jesus as their Messiah that the **Church** has taken over the **promises** of the Abrahamic Covenant.

13. **Replacement** Theology teaches that all the **prophecies** in the Old Testament made concerning the nation of **Israel** are now all being fulfilled in the **Church**, not Israel.

Romans 11:1–36 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in *the passage about Elijah*, how he pleads with God against Israel? “Lord, they have killed Your prophets, they have torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.” But what is the divine response to him? “I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant

according to *God's* gracious choice. . . . I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be! . . . If the first piece of *dough* is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. . . . And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.” “This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.” From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

14. **Constantine** was a Roman **Emperor** who converted to Christianity.

15. **Constantine** reigned during the 4th century and is known for attempting to **Christianize** the Roman Empire. During his reign the term “Holy Roman Empire” began.

16. He made the **persecution** of Christians **illegal** by signing the Edict of Milan in 313 AD.

17. He is best known for **bankrolling** many church-building projects, commissioning new copies of the Bible, and summoning **councils** of theologians to hammer out the religion's doctrinal **kinks**.

18. The Council of **Nicaea** met in 325 AD, convened by the emperor **Constantine** to resolve the controversy of **Arianism**, a doctrine that held that Christ was not divine but was a created being

19. Also at the Council of **Nicaea**, under Constantine's oversight, the Church formally disconnected from the **Jewish** roots of Christian theology and practice, and **replacement** theology became the **official** position of the Church.

20. **Augustine** was born in 354 AD and became one of the major **theologians** of the Roman Catholic Church, with over five **million** words from sermons and books surviving him.

21. **Augustine** wrote that the Jews had **crucified** Jesus so should be **shunned** at best and persecuted and killed at worst.

22. There were nine **Crusades** from approximately 1100 to 1300 AD initiated by the Pope to have Christian **knights** and soldiers from Europe free Jerusalem from the **Muslims**.

23. One of the battle cries of the European **crusaders** was “**kill** a **Jew** for Jesus”, which they did on their marches from Europe to the Holy Land.

24. Martin Luther (1483 -1546) was the **Father** of the **Reformation**, and as such has a great place in Christian **history**.

25. Martin Luther was greatly **influenced** by Augustine's teaching and preached many **anti-Jewish** sermons and wrote many **anti-Jewish** books.

26. Martin Luther was quoted by **Hitler** numerous times as a **justification** for the **murder** of millions of Jewish people.

27. Martin Luther's writings are a **basis** of much **anti-Semitism** today.

28. The main **promise** to Israel in the **Abrahamic** Covenant is the land of **Palestine**.

29. The area of land known as **Palestine** wasn't very attractive to Gentiles so Replacement Theology began to **spiritualize** the promise of a specific piece of **real estate**.

30. Once the land was **spiritualized** so was the **Millennial Kingdom**, and the result was two systems of theology called **Amillennialism** and Postmillennialism.

31. Augustine's book "City of God" was the foundational work describing and establishing the theological view of **Amillennialism** which is the official **position** of the Catholic Church and many other **denominations** as well.

32. **Amillennialism** simplifies prophecy down to just **one** event somewhere in the future called the "**end** of the **world**," and the ushering in of eternity.

33. Postmillennialists believe that the **Millennium** began when Jesus entered heaven and that we are living in the **Kingdom** now.

34. They believe that Jesus is ruling from heaven on the earth through believers that follow Him as **Lord** of their life.

35. There is no set return date of Jesus, He will **return** at a point when the Church has conquered the world, including most people being **converted** to be followers of Christ.

36. Amillennialists and Postmillennialists both believe that the **Church** has **replaced Israel** as the people of God.

37. **Premillennialism** teaches a **literal** one **thousand** year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.

38. **Panmillennialist** don't know which of the views is correct but that it will all **pan** out in the end.