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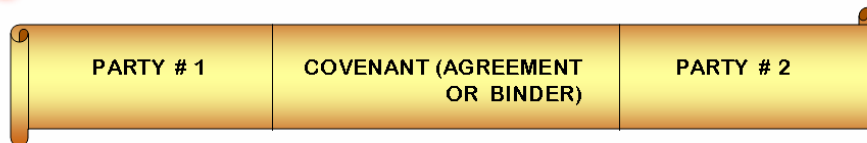
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1. WHAT IS A COVENANT ?
2. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COVENANTS ?
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 - THE ETERNAL COVENANT
 - ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT
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WHAT IS A COVENANT ?



DEFINITION :

•A COVENANT (DIATHEKE = TO PLACE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES SO AS TO BIND THEM TOGETHER - e.g. MARRIAGE)

TYPES :

1. CONDITIONAL
2. UNCONDITIONAL

DURATIONS :

1. TEMPORAL
2. ETERNAL



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WHAT IS A COVENANT ?

Definition:

“dia” = a preposition: it means “ between two”

“theke” = from a verb which means “to put or place”

“diatheke” = to put or place between two parties (e.g man & God)

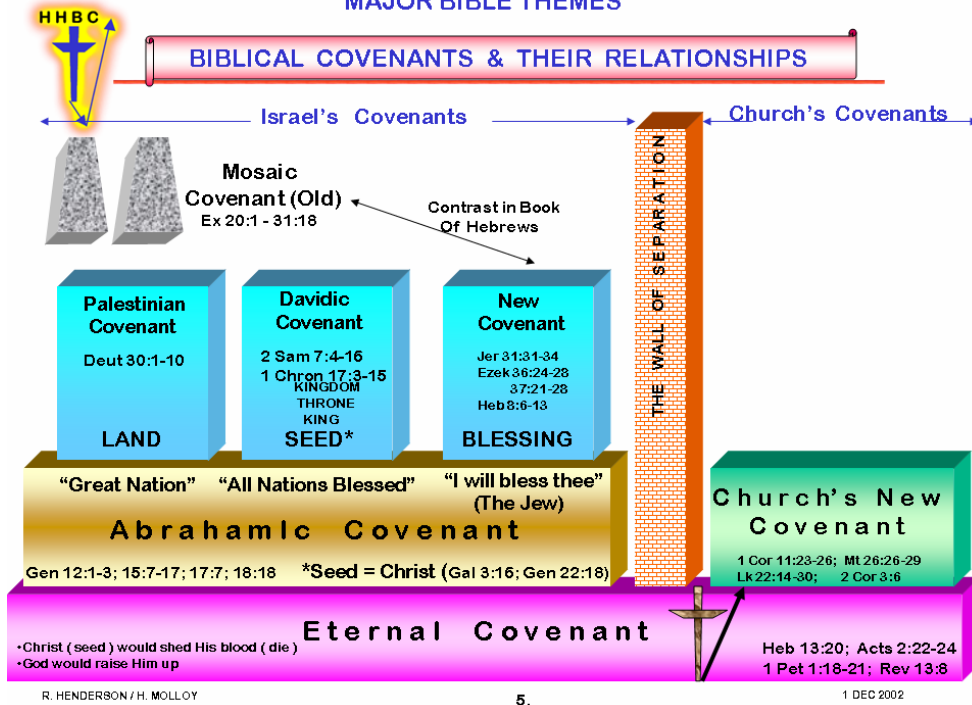
Types:

1. **Conditional:** A covenant in which man has to fulfill his responsibility before God will do His part. If man fails in his part God is not obligated to fulfill His part.
2. **Unconditional:** A covenant in which God makes certain promises and will fulfill them in His timing and man has no responsibilities in the fulfillment. God does desire that man believe Him.

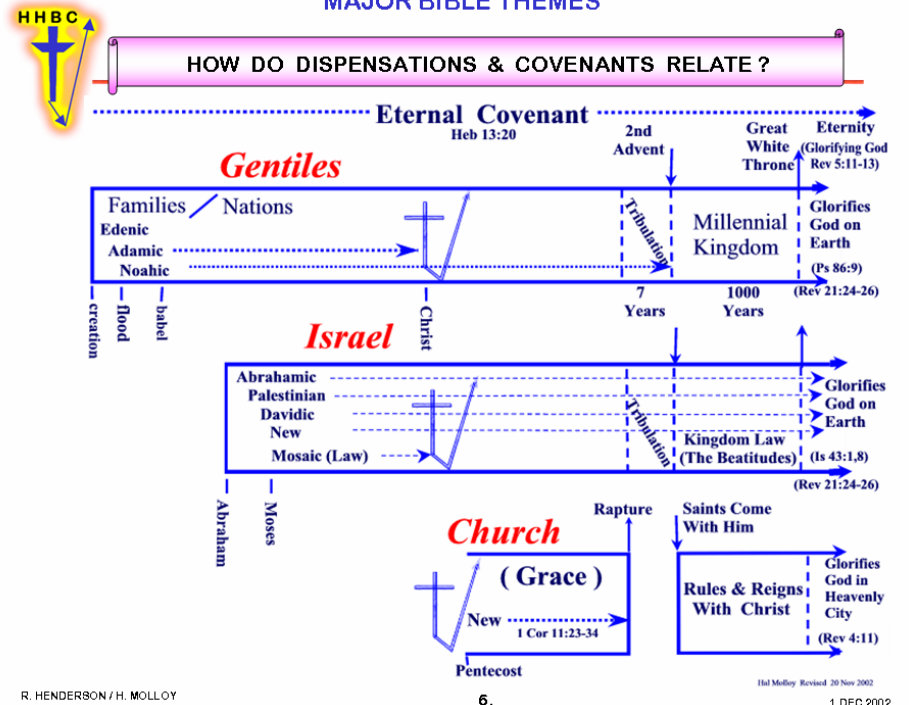
Duration:

1. **Temporal** - A covenant in which the duration is limited.
2. **Eternal** - A covenant which is durative for all eternity.

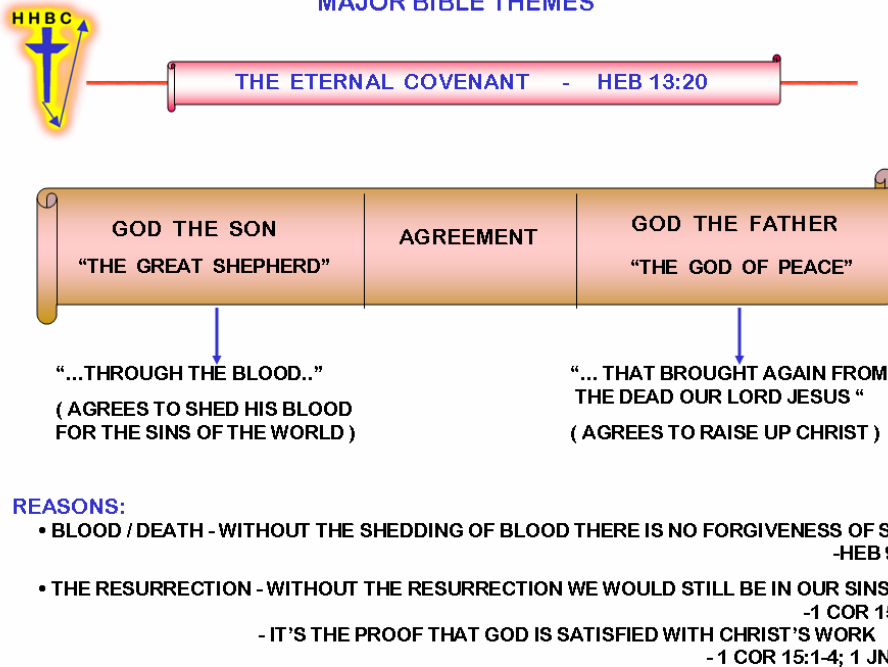
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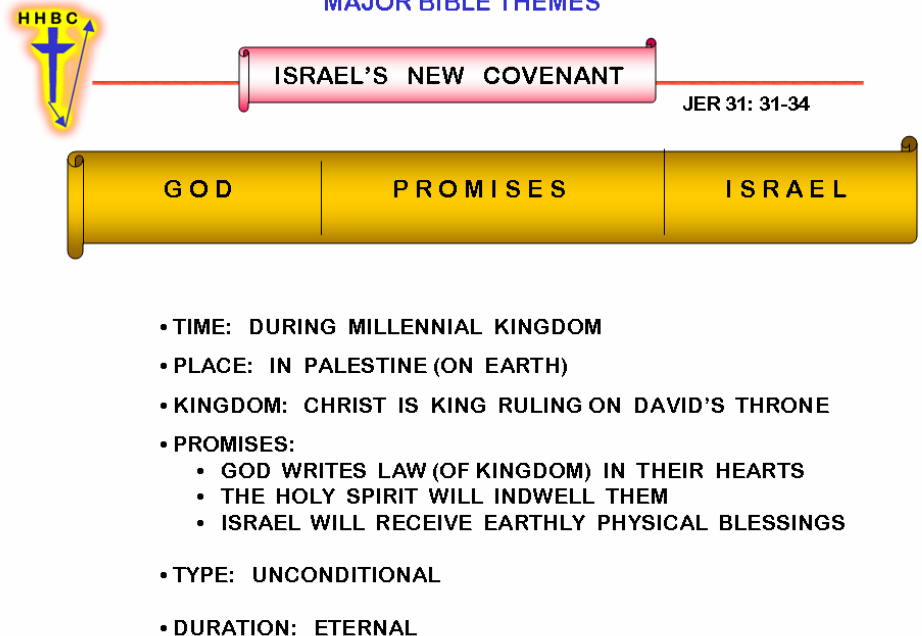
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KEY ASPECTS OF "ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT"

ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT	REFERENCES			
	JER.	HEB.	EZEK.	EZEK.
1. Name of Covenant: New Covenant	31:31	8:8		
2. The 2 Parties: God & Israel (Israel 10 tribes) & (Judah-2 tribes)	31:31	8:8,10	36:21,22	37:21, 22,28
3. Time of covenant: "Days to come" (future) -In the day of the Lord = Kingdom Jer. 31:38-40' Zech. 14:1-21	31:31	8:10		
4. Primary Features				
a. God puts His law in their inward parts	31:33		36:27	37:24
b. God writes His law in their mind (sing.)	31:33	8:10		
c. God will be Israel's God	31:33	8:10	36:26	
d. Israel will be God's people	31:33	8:10	36:28	37:23,27
e. All Israel shall know God	31:34	8:11		
f. God will forgive their iniquity (-R)	31:34	8:12	36:25,33	37:23
g. God will remember their sin no more	31:34	8:12		
h. God will give Israel indwelling Holy Spirit			36:26,27	
5. The mediator (go-between, guarantee): Christ		8:6		
6. Comparison of New to Old covenant (Mosaic Covenant)		8:6-9		
a. New Cov. contains better promises than old				
b. Old Cov. did not bind Israel & God together				
c. Old Cov. was perfect for revealing sin				
d. Old Cov. could not take away sin & impart life				
e. Old Cov. is holy, righteous & good- but the people were faulty (i.e. their old sin nature) - Jer. 31:32				
7. Events surrounding New Covenant				
a. Israel will be brought into their own land			36:24	37:21
b. Israel will dwell in the land (never scattered again)			36:28	
c. Israel will receive earthly physical blessings e.g. increased grain, no famine, multiplied fruit desolate land tilled, ruined cities inhabited			36:29-38	
d. Israel will be one unified nation vs. 2 kingdoms				37:22
e. Israel will have a king over them				37:22
f. Israel will turn away from idols & other gods				37:23
g. David shall be king over Israel & prince forever				37:24,25
h. Israel to dwell in the land forever				37:25
i. Covenant of peace between God & Israel - everlasting				37:26
j. God will set his sanctuary in the land - forevermore				37:26,28
k. The nations will recognize Israel & their God - forevermore				37:28
8. Duration of New Covenant: Everlasting- Gen. 12:1-3; 17:7,8; Ezek. 37:24-28				
9. Place of New Covenant: Planet earth - land of Palestine -Ezek. 36:24; 37:21,22				

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3. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COVENANTS ?

THE CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT

LORD JESUS CHRIST

COVENANT (BINDER)

BELIEVERS



1 COR 11:23-26; MT 26:26-29;
MK 14:22-25; LK 22:14-20; 2 COR 3:6

"THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT"

- 1 COR 11:25

- THE CUP REPRESENTS CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH ON THE CROSS OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT (HEB 13:20)
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE APPROPRIATION OF THE CUP OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT TO EVERY BELIEVER BY GOD
- THE CUP (CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH)
 - BINDS YOU (POSITIONALLY) TO CHRIST'S DEATH
 - YOU GROW (CONDITIONALLY) IN CONFORMITY TO HIS DEATH (DEATH TO SELF)
- BINDS YOU TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION LIFE & FELLOWSHIP

- PHIL 3:10

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THE CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT

SOME KEY POINTS

1. THE REVELATION OF THE COVENANT:

- PAUL RECEIVED IT DIRECTLY FROM THE LORD - 1 COR 11:23
- THE REVELATION WAS PERSONALLY GIVEN TO PAUL BY CHRIST
- GAL 1:11, 12, 15-18
- IT WAS TOTALLY SEPARATE & DISTINCT FROM ISRAEL'S NEW COVENANT
- JER 31:31-34; EZEK 36:21-28; 1 COR 10:16-18
- THE CHURCH'S NEW COVENANT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY REVEALED

2. DEFINITIONS:

- A COVENANT (DIATHEKE = TO PLACE BETWEEN TWO PARTIES SO AS TO BIND THEM TOGETHER - e.g. MARRIAGE)
- THE TWO PARTIES: JESUS CHRIST & YOU (THE BELIEVER)
- THE COVENANT: "THE CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT" (SEE NOTE)

3. THE ESSENCE OF THE COVENANT:

- THE CUP REPRESENTS CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH WHICH IS PART OF THE "ETERNAL COVENANT" (HEB 13:20)
- HE DIED AND SHED HIS BLOOD ON THE CROSS:
 - (1) FOR OUR SINS - AS OUR SUBSTITUTE - 1 JN 2:2; 2 COR 5:19
 - (2) UNTO SIN (OUR SIN NATURE) - AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE - ROM 6:1-10; 2 COR 5:21

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3. THE ESSENCE OF THE COVENANT: (CONT'D)

- THE CUP IS A CUP OF BLESSING BECAUSE IT PROCURED FOR US RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LIFE (HIS LIFE) - ROM 3:21-26; GAL 3:21; 1 COR 10:16
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE APPROPRIATION OF THE CUP OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT TO EVERY BELIEVER BY GOD
- THE CUP (CHRIST'S BLOOD / DEATH) :
 - BINDS YOU (POSITIONALLY) TO CHRIST'S DEATH - ROM 6:3
 - YOU GROW (CONDITIONALLY) IN CONFORMITY TO HIS DEATH (DEATH TO SELF) - PHIL 3:10
 - BINDS YOU TO CHRIST'S RESURRECTION LIFE & FELLOWSHIP - ROM 6:4; PHIL 3:10

4. TYPE OF COVENANT: UNCONDITIONAL

5. DURATION OF THE COVENANT: ETERNAL

6. THE LORD'S TABLE IS A REMEMBRANCE OF THE NEW COVENANT

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NOTES ON 1 COR 11:25

- “THE CUP” IS THE SUBJECT OF THE SENTENCE
- THE VERB “IS” IS A “LINKING” OR “ESSENCE” VERB (IT DEFINES THE QUALITY OR NATURE OF THE CUP)
- PRESENT TENSE = CONTINUOUS ACTION IN THE PRESENT
- INDICATIVE MODE = A REALITY
- THE NEW COVENANT IS THE SUBJECT COMPLEMENT OR “PREDICATE NOMINATIVE” - WHICH IDENTIFIES THE CUP
- CONCLUSION: THE CUP (CHRIST’S BLOOD / THE CROSS) CONTINUOUSLY EXISTS AS GOD’S MEANS FOR BINDING OR UNITING THE BELIEVER TO CHRIST (THE NEW COVENANT RELATIONSHIP) CONDITIONALLY



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SUMMARY OF THE COVENANTS

Covenant	Ref.	2 Parties	Major Aspects	Type	Duration
Eternal	Heb 13:20	Father & Son	Christ would shed His blood (die) God would resurrect Him	Conditional	Eternal
Abrahamic	Gen 12:1-3	God & Abraham	A Land, A Seed, A Blessing	Unconditional	Eternal
Palestinian	Deut 30:1-10	God & Israel	God reaffirms & describes “land” portion of Abrahamic Covenant	Unconditional	Eternal
Davidic	2 Sam 7:4-16	God & Israel	God reaffirms & describes “seed” portion of Abrahamic Covenant. Provides a king, throne & kingdom	Unconditional	Eternal
Israel's New	Jer 31:31-34	God & Israel	God reaffirms & describes “blessing” portion of Abrahamic Covenant	Unconditional	Eternal
Mosaic	Ex 20:1-31:18	God & Israel	If Israel keeps God's law = blessing; If they do not = cursing	Conditional	Temporal
Church's New	1 Cor 11:23-26	Christ & Believers	the appropriation of the cup(Christ's death) of the Eternal Covenant to every believer	Unconditional	Eternal