

The Covenant of Grace

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THE
Christ
OF THE
COVENANTS

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sovereignly administered.***

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covenantal relationship with
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a life-and-death bond. A
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*O. Palmer Robertson,
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Covenants Within the Covenant

- Adamic Covenant – “The Covenant of Commencement”
- **Noahic Covenant** – “The Covenant of Preservation”
- Abrahamic Covenant – “The Covenant of Promise”
- Mosaic Covenant – “The Covenant of Law”
- Davidic Covenant – “The Covenant of the Kingdom”
- The New Covenant – “The Covenant of Consummation”



Jesus Christ

Jer 31:31-34

Luk 22:20

David

II Sam 7

Moses

Ex 20

Abraham

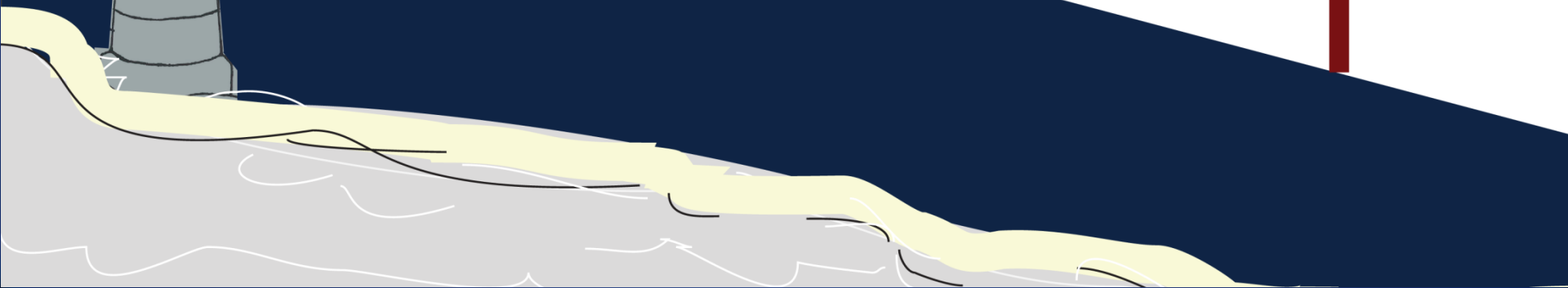
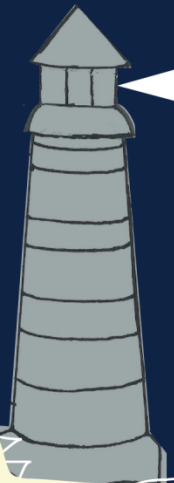
Gen 12

Noah

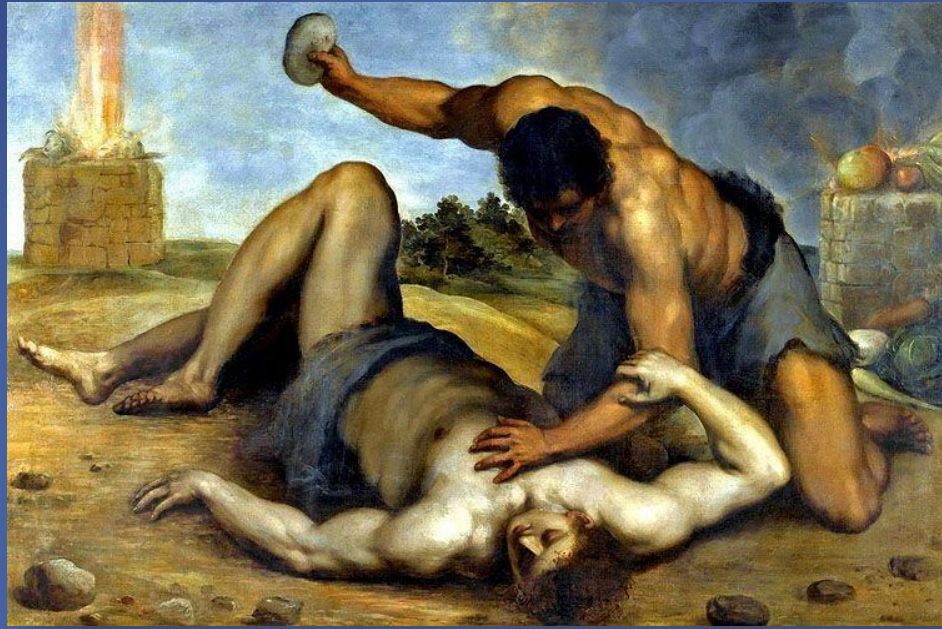
Gen 9

Adam

Gen 3:15



Seed of the Serpent vs. Seed of the Woman



“Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.” Genesis 4:8

“And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, ‘God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.’ To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.” Genesis 4:25,26

The Cup of God's Wrath Filled

“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to his heart. So the LORD said, ‘I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.’”

Genesis 6:5-7



The Covenant of Grace Continues



The Seed of the Woman: “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD... Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.”

Genesis 6:8,9

The Covenant Family

“Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you... Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you [sing.] are righteous before me in this generation.”

Genesis 6:17,18; 7:1



The Covenant of Preservation



“Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in His heart, ‘I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.’”

Genesis 8:20-22

Renewing the Creation Ordinances



“Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth... And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.’”

Genesis 8:17; 9:1

The New Provisions

“The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.”

Genesis 9:2-6



The Restraint of the Sword

“But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ‘Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.’”

Genesis 9:4-6

“...God institutes the temporal power of the state as His instrument in the insistent necessity of controlling evil.”

O Palmer Robertson



The Grace of Civil Government

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God... he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, *for he does not bear the sword in vain.* For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.”

Romans 13:1,4



The Sign of the Covenant



“And God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.’”

Genesis 9:12-15

The Laying Down of the Bow



“And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.”

Hosea 2:18,19

A Promise that Can't Be Broken

“Thus says the LORD: If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, then also My covenant with David My servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne...”

Jeremiah 33:20,21

“...God calls the Noahic covenant eternal. It is everlasting; it will last as long as the earth endures. This aspect should strike us as outstanding. When we see the rainbow, we can know God is also gazing at it and remembering His everlasting covenant to uphold seedtime and harvest, day and night. With all the terror and grievous evil that humans have inflicted on each other, we may wonder why the globe keeps spinning. From our point of view, it is not an easy thing to keep this promise. But God is greater than we are... He is a God who keeps His promises.”

Michael Brown and Zach Keele, Sacred Bond

The Promise Fulfilled

“...scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.’ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished...”

II Peter 3:3-6





“... But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly... But according to His promise we are waiting for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

II Peter 3:7,13