

## Biblical Theology Class Schedule

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*Further Questions?*

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## Core Seminars–Biblical Theology Week 4: Kingdom Through Covenant

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### Introduction

In *Gospel and Kingdom*, Graham Goldsworthy tells the story of the whole Bible through the simple framework of God's people, in God's place, under God's rule.

### I. RETRACING THE STORY – KINGDOM THROUGH COVENANT

From the beginning of Scripture to the end, God establishes his kingdom through covenants. These covenants give structure to the Bible as a whole.

## Creation and the Adamic Covenant

Genesis 1:1; 1:26-28

What is a covenant?

"A solemn commitment, guaranteeing promises or obligations undertaken by one or both covenanting parties, sealed with an oath."\*

Or: "A covenant is the constitutionalization of a relationship."†  
It involves the coming together – *con-gregating* – of separate parties by a morally binding pact that establishes lines of authority and the boundaries of a political community.

Does Adam and Eve's Genesis 3 revolution succeed?  
If we keep reading in Genesis 5 we see the genealogical tables begin, "**This is the document containing the family records of Adam....**" (Gen5:1), we note that the entries conclude every name with "and he died."

## Noahic Covenant

Genesis 9:1-17.

Covenant sign: rainbow.

Noah, a new Adam.

*All humanity remains accountable:*

*Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns.*

*The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken.*

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\* (Paul Williamson, NDBT)

† (Elazar, *Covenant and Polity*)

*He judges the peoples fairly."*

(Ps. 96:10)

## Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12, 15, 17. Abraham, a new Adam.

Covenant sign: circumcision.

Common Covenants → Special Covenants

Adamic, Noahic                      Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New

- And God *blessed* them. And God said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply...*" (Gen. 1:28)
- And God *blessed* Noah and his sons and said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply...*" (9:1, 7)
- [God promises Abraham] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will *bless* you and make your name great, so that you will be a *blessing*. I will *bless* those who *bless* you... (12:2-3)
- I may make my covenant between me and you, and may *multiply* you greatly... I will make you exceedingly *fruitful*... And I will give to you and to your offspring after you... all the land of Canaan... (17:2, 6, 8)

What's the relationship?

(C) \_\_\_\_\_ → (S) \_\_\_\_\_

See Exodus 1:7

## **Mosaic and Davidic Covenants**

What's the relationship between the Abrahamic, and what will now follow in the Mosaic and Davidic Covenants?

The Mosaic and Davidic covenants \_\_\_\_\_ the Abrahamic promise.

Israel is called a "son." They are a corporate Adam: Exodus 4:22-23; 19:5-6; 20; 24:7-8.

Covenant sign: circumcision.

Covenant milestones:

- Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- 2 Samuel 7:8b-16

David and his offspring were to specially represent the rule of God and God's kingdom to the people of God, and he was to represent God to the people. David, too, was to be a kind of new Adam, a special son of God, representing and bearing the image of his heavenly father, as an example to the people.

Psalms 2:7-8: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage.

But...they rebelled.

## **New Covenant**

Isaiah 53-55; **Jeremiah 31:31-34**; Ezekiel 36:16-38

What's the relationship between the Mosaic (old) and New covenant (new)?

It is **NOT** corporate to individual; and it is **NOT** obedience required to no-obedience-required.

Rather, the institution of the New Covenant is about moving from the Old Covenant where God's people's obedience and kingdom life depended on their \_\_\_\_\_ **TO** a covenant in which their obedience and kingdom life would depend on \_\_\_\_\_ *and his* \_\_\_\_\_.

One might say that in the Old Covenant God \_\_\_\_\_ while in the New Covenant God \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Fulfillment in Jesus: Who Is Jesus?**

**Matthew 1:1**: "An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:"

Greek: **βίβλος γενέσεως**

Transliteration: *biblos genese-os*

Who is Jesus?

The Son of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Son of \_\_\_\_\_.

Now look to Matt. 2:14-15. Jesus is the new

\_\_\_\_\_.

And, he is the new \_\_\_\_\_.

Turn to Matt. 5:17. Jesus fulfills the \_\_\_\_\_ and the

\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Church**

See Matthew 26:26-29. 1 Peter 2:9. Galatians 6.

The Church of Jesus Messiah is made up of God's people, under God's rule, in God's place – a place that will one day be fully restored as a new heaven and new earth.

## **PATTERNS IN THE STORYLINE**

1) Exegesis always begins with the grammatical-historical method and sensitivity to genre.

2) The story is propelled forward by the development of various themes.

3) The story structured by covenants.

4) The story is also held together typology: you get a type of something, and then you get it again, and then you get it again.

5) The is propelled forward by the dynamic of promise and fulfillment.

6) The story involves both continuity and discontinuity.

7) The story focuses on Christ.

## **SYSTEMATIZING IT ALL**

1) God rules all things and will call all humanity to judgment. Therefore...

2) There is no such thing as spiritual neutrality, whether in public or private. There is only one standard of righteousness and justice—a biblical one.

3) God's special people exist to model what is required of all humanity: a true politics. This in turn should lead to discussions about...

4) The witness of the church, and how its evangelism is tied to its deeds. Which in turn is tied to...

5) The role of God's law in the life of God's people.

6) The institutional nature of the people of the new covenant, and how they should be marked off by the signs of the covenant: Lord's Supper and Baptism.

7) The church as the regenerate people of the kingdom.

8) The church's mission and whether we can say the kingdom extends further than the regenerating work of the New Covenant.