

## Ch 7 The Grand Finale: The Eucharistic Covenant

Suggested Reading: Luke 22–24; Acts 1–2

Untitled Intro: From Ezekiel to Herod

- Ezekiel finished prophesying around 570 BC, Daniel had his vision in 539 BC
- The Persians conquered the Babylonians & let the Jews go home
- By 515 BC Jews had built a small temple to worship God
- Jews had much of their land back and a temple, without sign of the New Covenant
- Alexander the Great (and his successors) ruled in the 330s BC onward
- 160s BC King Antiochus IV tried to make the Jews give up their religion
- The Jews revolted establishing the Hasmonean dynasty (Maccabees)
- Maccabees ruled for about 100 years, but they were Levites, not heirs of David
- Herod got appointed king of Israel by the Romans (37–4 BC), Edomite, not of David

Jesus and the Covenants

- Matthew's *genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham*
  - o About fulfilling all the covenants encoded in the references to David & Abraham

Jesus and the Adamic Covenant (*5 roles said of all covenants*)

- Adam, father of all held a fivefold role as *son of God, king, priest, prophet & bridegroom*
- Jesus is and has the same roles (not an exhaustive list of references):
  - o *Son of God*: Mt 1:18–25, 3:17, 17:5; calls God his Father: Mt 6:9, 11:25–27
  - o *King (Son of David)*: Mt 1:1–17; Lk 3:23–38; called: Mt 12:23, 15:22, Jn 19:19–22
  - o *Priest*: Mt 12:5, Jn 19:23, Heb 4:14–5:10; 7:1–10:18
  - o *Prophet*: Mt 16:13–15, 13:57, 21:11
  - o *Bridegroom*: Jn 3:28–30, Mt 22:2, 25:1
- Jesus fulfills all the roles of Adam, hence it is a new beginning & a new creation
  - o *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation!* (2 Cor 5:17)
  - o *In the beginning was the Word* (Jn 1:1) | *In the beginning God created* (Gen 1:1)
  - o *book of the genealogy of Adam* (Gen 5:1) | *book of the genealogy of Jesus* (Mt 1:1)

The Noahic Covenant

- Noah was primarily a new Adam (of Adam=of Noah) which connects him to Jesus

The Abrahamic Covenant *the Son of Abraham* (Mt 1:1)

- Calling Jesus Son of Abraham sets up a link between Isaac & Jesus, Isaac is a type of Jesus
- Difference: Isaac carried the wood as Jesus did but was not sacrificed as Jesus was
- Jesus is the *seed of Abraham* in the prophetic sense

The Mosaic Covenant

- *God will raise up for you a prophet like me ... you must listen to him!* (Dt 18:15)
  - o *Like* can mean either *similar to* or *equal to*
  - o Gospel of John asserts Jesus is *equal to* & *superior to* Moses
  - o *The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ* (Jn 1:17)
  - o *No one has ever seen God; the only Son ... he has made him known* (Jn 1:18)
  - o *Before Abraham was, I am* (Jn 8:58 – associating God's name in Genesis with himself)
  - o Jesus corrects Moses' defects: eliminates divorce & commands us to love (to death)

- Jesus provides supernatural bread, *bread from heaven* & blood to forgive sin
- *Moses* was replaced by *Y'shua (Joshua)* who was replaced by *Y'shua (Jesus)*

### The Davidic Covenant *the Son of David* (Mt 1:1)

- *I will raise up your seed after you* (2 Sm 7:12)
- Solomon fulfilled partially & incompletely for a limited time
  - *Son & Heir* (Biological Son of David)
  - *Build the Temple of God* (Temple of stone)
  - *Be the Son of God* (Adopted, not natural)
  - *Rule over the kingdom of David forever* (Limited time)
  - *Priest offering sacrifice* (Limited time)
- Jesus fulfills them perfectly and forever
  - *One greater than Solomon is here* (Mt 12:42)
  - Two genealogies of Jesus (Mt 1 & Lk 3) show his legal & biological lineage
  - Jesus gives us a better temple than Solomon: his body as a living temple (Jn 2:18-21)
  - *I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever*

### The New Covenant Promised by the Prophets

- *Go and prepare the passover for us, that we may eat it* (Lk 22:7)
- *This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood* (Lk 22:20)
- Jesus transforms the passover into the new covenant of his blood
- The last supper is completed at the cross when he says *it is finished* (4<sup>th</sup> cup)
  - The physical act of Jesus giving his life completes the sacramental act
  - Drinking from the cross indicates the kingdom of God came at his expiration
- *Pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water* (Jn 19:34)
  - Bergsma compares to the temple draining the blood into the Kidron
  - A miraculous river, the river of life, flowed out from it (Eze 47:1-12)
  - Early Fathers expressed blood & water as Eucharist & Baptism
- 50 days after Passover is Pentecost
  - Giving of the Spirit with wind, tongues of fire & understanding of languages
  - Wind & fire not dangerous, a reversal of Babel with an ironic twist
    - Confused because they understood versus Babel confused & could not understand
  - Peter preaches and 3000 baptized which gives forgiveness of sins and the Spirit
  - *I will sprinkle clean water upon you ... A new heart I will give you* (Eze 35:25-26)
  - *Apostles' teaching...fellowship...breaking of bread...prayers* (Acts 2:42) The Mass
  - This receiving restores the Adamic *shine* because we are *children of God*