

# ISRMELOLOGY

The Missing Link in Systematic Theology

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## The Unconditional Covenants

- Unconditional
  - Not dependant upon Israel's obedience
  - But upon God promise to fulfill
- Literal covenants, to be interpreted literally
- Eternal covenant
- Made exclusively with the people Israel
- Not all provisions are effective immediately



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# The Unconditional Covenants

Covenant Theologians claim that
Dispensationalism teaches that
the unconditional covenants contain
absolutely no conditions whatsoever.



# **The Unconditional Covenants**

By unconditional, Dispensationalists mean that God's fulfillment of His promises are unconditional.

The conditions stated in the covenant are not the basis by which the covenants are fulfilled.



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## The Unconditional Covenants

# The Abrahamic Covenant

**Genesis 12:1-3** 

Genesis 12:7

Genesis 13:14-17

Genesis 15:1-21

Genesis 17:1-21

Genesis 22:15-18



# The Unconditional Covenant

The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

- The Land
- The Seed
- The Blessing



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## The Unconditional Covenants

## **Abrahamic Covenant Provisions**

- 1. Great Nation
- 2. A land (land of Canaan)
- 3. Abraham to be greatly blessed
- 4. Abraham's name to be great
- 5. Abraham will be a blessing to others
- 6. Those who bless will be blessed
- 7. Those who curse will be cursed



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### The Unconditional Covenants

# **Abrahamic Covenant Provisions**

- 8. A promise of Gentile blessing
- 9. A son through his wife Sarah
- 10. Egyptian bondage for descendants
- 11. Abraham the father of many nations
- 12. His name changed from Abram to Abraham
- 13. Wife's name changed from Sarai to Sarah
- 14. Sign of the Covenant Circumcision



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The Abrahamic Covenant

Abraham had 8 sons by 3 women

Which son is the heir to the covenant?

Isaac (Genesis 26:2-5 and 26:24)

Isaac had 2 sons – Esau & Jacob

Jacob (Genesis 28:13-15)



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The Abrahamic Covenant

The Token of the Covenant

- Circumcision



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## The Unconditional Covenants

## **Land Covenant Provisions**

- 1. Israel will disobey & be scattering (Deut 29:2-30:1)
- Israel will repent (Deut 30:2)
- 3. Messiah will return (Deut 30:3)
- 4. Israel will be regathered (Deut 30:3-4)
- 5. Israel will possess the land (Deut 30:5)
- Israel will be regenerated (Deut 30:6)
- 7. Israel's enemies will be judged (Deut 30:7)
- 8. Israel will enjoy Kingdom blessings (Deut 30:8-10)



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Importance of the Land Covenant

#### Israel's title deed to the land

- Ownership of the land is unconditional
- Enjoyment of the land conditioned on obedience



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# **The Unconditional Covenants**

The Land Covenant

- Established: Deuteronomy 29:1 30:20
- Reconfirmed: Ezekiel 16:1-63
  - God recounts His love for Israel (vv. 1-7)
  - Israel is the Wife of Jehovah (vv. 8-14)
  - Israel played the harlot (vv. 15-34)
  - Israel punished by dispersion (vv. 35-52)
  - Israel will be fully restored (vv. 53-63)
- Status: Being an unconditional covenant, it is still very much in effect



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## The Unconditional Covenants

The Davidic Covenant

Made between God & David

# Two key passages

- Il Samuel 7:11b-17
  The emphasis is on Solomon
  - I Chronicles 17:10b-15
    The emphasis is on Messiah



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## The Unconditional Covenants

## **Davidic Covenant Provisions**

- 1. David is promised an eternal dynasty
- Solomon to be established on throne
- 3. Solomon to build the Temple
- 4. David's throne & Solomon's Kingdom forever
- Solomon would be disciplined for disobedience, but God's lovingkindness would not be removed
- Messiah to come from the seed of David
- 7. Messiah to rule from David's throne forever



# The Unconditional Covenants

# **God Promised David 4 Eternal Things**

- 1. An eternal house or dynasty
- 2. An eternal throne
- 3. An eternal kingdom
- 4. An eternal descendant



# The Unconditional Covenants

<u>Importance of the Davidic Covenant</u>

**Amplifies the Seed aspect** 

Seed of Woman (Edenic)

Seed of Abraham (Abrahamic)

Seed from tribe of Judah (Gen 49:10)

Seed from the House of David (Davidic)



# The Unconditional Covenants

The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

### Further confirmation:

Isaiah 55:3; 59:21; 61:8-9

Jeremiah 32:40

Ezekiel 16:60; 34:25-31; 37:26-28

Romans 11:25-27



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# The Unconditional Covenants

## **Provisions of the New Covenant:**

- Unconditional covenant with both houses
- Distinct from the Mosaic Covenant
- 3. Israel's national regeneration
- Individual salvation to all Jews
- 5. Forgiveness of Sin
- 6. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- 7. Israel to receive material blessings
- 8. Sanctuary will be rebuilt
- 9. Law of Messiah



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## The Unconditional Covenants

# Importance of the New Covenant

- It amplifies the Blessing aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant
- Basis for the Dispensation of Grace (Church)
- Basis for the Dispensation of Kingdom (Jews)

**Status:** Unconditional & eternally in effect