

## **DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY COMPARED WITH COVENANT THEOLOGY**

### **I. THE BASICS OF COVENANT THEOLOGY**

#### A. Its Definition

1. Covenant Theology is a theological system which attempts to develop the Bible's philosophy of history on the basis of two or three \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In contrast, Dispensational Theology is a theological system which attempts to develop the Bible's philosophy of history on the basis of the \_\_\_\_\_ rule of God

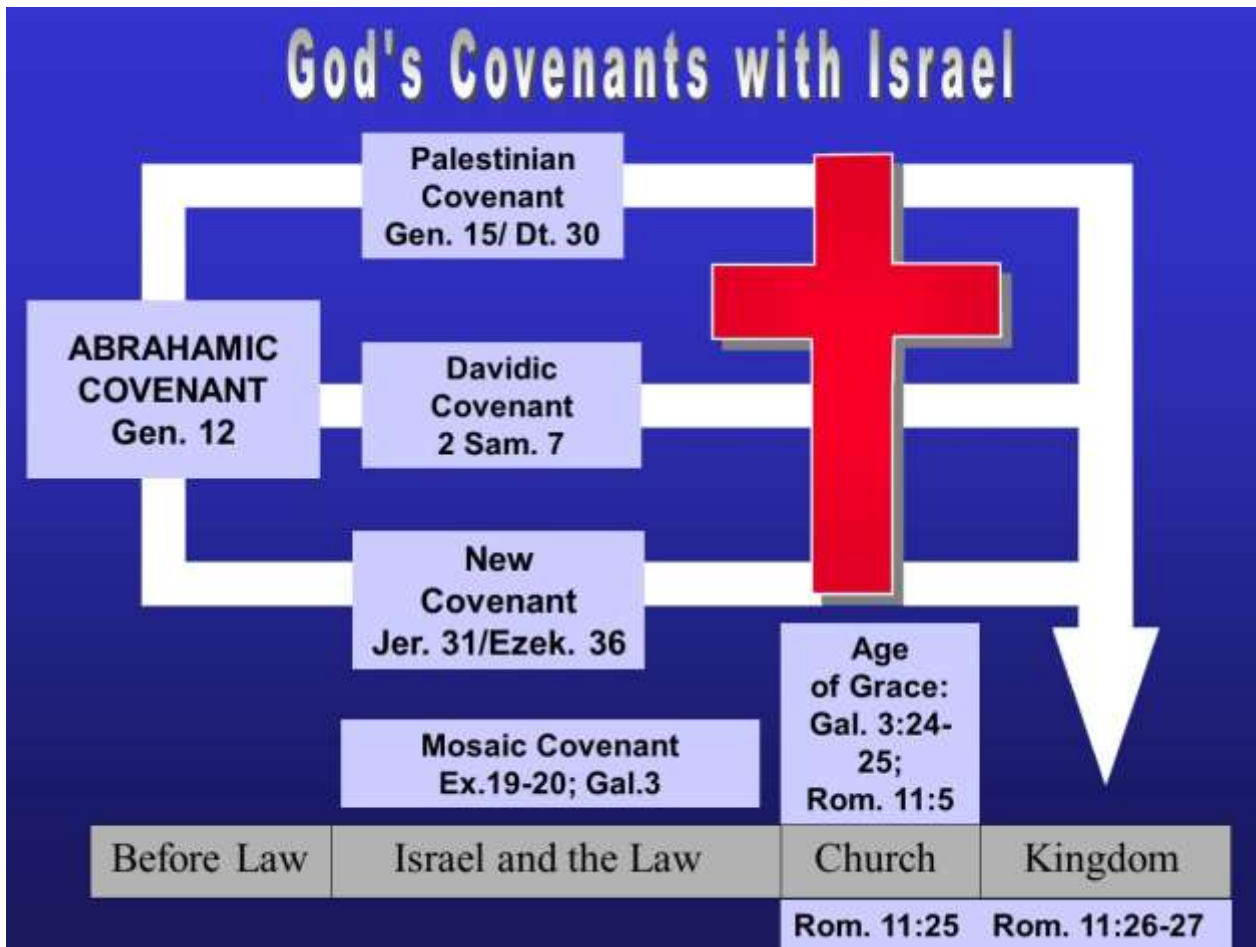
#### B. Its History

1. Covenant Theology as a system began in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ centuries.
2. The real founder of a well-developed covenant theology is \_\_\_\_\_ (1536-1587).
3. Covenant Theology was introduced to America primarily through the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why is this history important?
  - The implication is that Covenant Theology has always been around and dispensationalism is a newer theology IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_!

### **II. THE TEACHINGS OF COVENANT THEOLOGY**

#### A. The Covenants

1. The covenant of \_\_\_\_\_ teaches that in eternity past, God the Father granted the Son to be Head and Redeemer of the elect.
2. The covenant of \_\_\_\_\_ teaches that God made Adam the representative head of the human race.
3. The covenant of \_\_\_\_\_ teaches that God promises salvation through faith in Christ, and the sinner accepts this believingly, promising a life of faith and obedience.
  - Do Dispensationalists believe in covenants?
  - Dispensationalists believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ defined covenants, not the \_\_\_\_\_ defined ones.



B. The Theological implications

1. Covenant Theology teaches that the Millennial Kingdom of God will not be \_\_\_\_\_ fulfilled.
  - What does the Bible teach regarding this? (Isaiah 11:1-9)
  - What is the problem with a “double hermeneutic?”
    - It is \_\_\_\_\_
    - It is subject to human \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ principles
  - Why is this important?
    - Your \_\_\_\_\_ about the future affects how you \_\_\_\_\_ today.
  
2. Covenant Theology teaches that Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ and ownership of the \_\_\_\_\_ land is not permanent.
  - What does the Bible teach regarding this? (Genesis 12:2,3; 13:14-17; 15:7-21; Psalm 105:8-11; Acts 3:25,26; Jeremiah 30:11; 46:27,28)

- Why is this important?
    - Your view of \_\_\_\_\_ in God's plan will affect how you view & respond to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ events today.
3. Covenant Theology teaches that the Church began during \_\_\_\_\_ times, either with Adam or Abraham.
- What does the Bible teach regarding this? (1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 3:4-10; Ephesians 2:13-16, 20; Acts 20:28; Matthew 16:18)
  - Why is this important?
    - If you merge Israel with the \_\_\_\_\_, you confuse God's program for each and mix \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Covenant Theology teaches that the \_\_\_\_\_ is still the Christian's rule of life.
- What does the Bible teach regarding this? (Romans 6:14,15; 7:4,6; Galatians 5:18; Ephesians 2:15,16; Galatians 5:3; James 2:10)
  - Why is this important?
    - A failure to distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ will result in selectively carrying over Old Testament practices, as well as resulting in a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification