

Deuteronomy The Everlasting Covenant #3

Memory Verse

Genesis 17:7 (NKJV) *And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you..*

Revelation 14:6 (NKJV) *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—*

Titus 1:2 (NKJV) *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,*

“Before the foundations of the earth were laid, the Father and the Son had united in a covenant to redeem man if he should be overcome by Satan. They had clasped their hands in a solemn pledge that Christ should become the 1 surety for the human race.”— *The Desire of Ages*, p. 834.

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV) *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

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Isaiah 24:5 (NKJV) *The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant.* “Everlasting covenant” is found 15 times in the bible.

Ezekiel 16:60 *“Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.*

Hebrews 13:20–21 (NKJV) *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,²¹ make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

The Covenant and the Gospel

Genesis 12:1–3 *Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

Genesis 15:4–6 (NKJV) *And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*

Some people make covenants where they write in an ending date at which time everything becomes null and void.

Genesis 18:17–18 (NKJV) *And the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,¹⁸ since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”*

Romans 4:1–5 (NKJV) *What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*

The covenant did not begin with Abraham, it starts in Genesis 3:15, and is reaffirmed with Noah.

While we are saved by faith the everlasting covenant does not abolish the law. Look at the wording;

Hebrews 8:10 (NKJV) *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

The covenant with them was “officially” established at Sinai.

The Covenant and Israel

Deuteronomy 9:5 (NKJV) *It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

Exodus 2:24–25 *So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.*

Leviticus 26:42 (NKJV) *then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember; I will remember the land. [God lists names backwards.](#)*

Psalm 89:34 (NKJV) *My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.*

Joshua 23:14 (NKJV) *“Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.*

[God worked for them—despite the constant mistakes. \(This, surely, has to be how the gospel works today, as well.\)](#)

The word “covenant”, (breat in Hebrew) is used so often in Deuteronomy that Deuteronomy has been called “The Book of the Covenant.”

- The Word translates as “covenant” 264 times, “league” 17 times, “confederacy”. 1 alliance, pledge, treaty, league, constitution, ordinance, pledge, alliance (of friendship), or alliance (of marriage).

Deuteronomy 5:2–7 (NKJV) *The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³ The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive. ⁴ The Lord talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. ⁵ I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said: ⁶ ‘I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ⁷ ‘You shall have no other gods before Me. The Lord gives them the 10 Commandments when they first come out of Egypt and repeats the covenant before they enter the Promised Land.*

His Special People

These pagan nations were steeped in paganism, polytheism, and some utterly degrading practices, which included child sacrifice.

Deuteronomy 18:9 (NKJV) *“When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.*

Exodus 34:11–12 (NKJV) *Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. ¹² Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst.*

Deuteronomy 7:2–5 (NKJV) *and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. ³ Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. ⁴ For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. ⁵ But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.*

Deuteronomy 26:16–19 (NKJV) *“This day the Lord your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁷ Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. ¹⁸ Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, ¹⁹ and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.”*

[Why is the idea of “this day” committing to God and to His covenant requirements relevant even to us, “this day”?](#)

Other Images

Deuteronomy 14:1–2 (NKJV) *“You are the children of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. ² For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*

Leviticus 19:28 (NKJV) *You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the Lord.*

Leviticus 21:5 (NKJV) *‘They shall not make any bald place on their heads, nor shall they shave the edges of their beards nor make any cuttings in their flesh. (for the dead).*

God did not want his people imitating the practices of the pagan nations that surrounded them. When they did he chastened them.

Deuteronomy 8:5 (NKJV) *You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.*