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GOD'S COVENANTS WITH ISRAEL

Four of these covenants are unconditional and eternal; one is unconditional and temporal. God will execute the Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, and New Covenants to Israel with no conditions attached. He promised to do certain things, and He will. His immutable character guarantees His faithfulness.

Since the fulfillment of these covenants will last forever [Genesis 13:15, 2 Samuel 7:13, 16, Jeremiah 31:34], the beneficiaries are only those who possess eternal life. God established the Jews as a regenerate race, founded through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as believers in Christ. Not all Israel is Israel of God [Romans 9:6-8].

Individuals who were genetically, culturally or religiously Jews were not included in the unconditional covenants unless they personally believed in the Christ. His person and work are revealed in one conditional covenant. The Mosaic Law alone contains conditional clauses which teach that if the Jews were to do their part, then God would do His part [Exodus 19:3-6, Joshua 1:7-8]. The Mosaic Law is a single whole, which can be studied under three categories.

Codex I –the Freedom Code protected the Jew's ability to make decisions,

Codex II –the Spiritual Code presented the most important decision he faced,

Codex III – the Establishment Code prescribed the environment most conducive to making good decisions.

The spiritual aspect of the Mosaic Law proclaims the grace of God as the way of salvation and identifies faith as the non-meritorious manner of entering into the eternal blessing of all the unconditional covenants.¹

The spiritual codex of the Law presents the Messiah and explains His role as Savior. He is depicted in the animal sacrifices, in the precise construction and furnishing of the Tabernacle, in the ceremonial clothing of the Levitical priesthood, and in the rituals that the priests performed. If any Jew believed in Christ, then God not only would grant salvation to that individual but in the same time would also make him part to the four unconditional covenants.

Moral and civil statutes supported the central spiritual thrust of the Jewish nation. Codex I defined the scope and limitations of human freedom. Codex III revealed the divine laws of establishments for Jewish government, jurisprudence, military, service, economics, diet, hygiene, soil conservation, quarantine, and for other significant aspects of life in Israel.

¹ See page 124

If the citizens of the Old Testament Israel would obey the mandates of Codices I and III, then God would temporarily bless them as individuals and the nations as a whole [Deuteronomy 28:1-14].

The Lord Jesus Christ will execute all divine covenants to Israel. At present, only the Mosaic Law has been fulfilled completely. In His first Advent Christ fulfilled the entire Law, including all three codices, by His sinless life and substitution death for the sins of mankind [Matthew 5:17, Romans 10:4].

In His Second Advent He will fulfill the Abrahamic Palestinian, Davidic, and New covenants when He returns to earth to restore Israel and rule over her. Even at the peak of Israel's glory under Solomon, the unconditional covenants were not fulfilled. Israel has never occupied all of the vast lands granted by the Palestinians Covenant.

God has not forgotten His people; He will keep His promises [Genesis 28:14]. Both in the Millennium and in eternity, Israel will enjoy a glory she has never yet known.