

Covenant: God's Story

What is a covenant?

“A formal relationship between two parties that includes blessings and cursings” – Hyde

“A ‘Covenant’ is an agreement enacted between two parties in which one or both make promises under oath to perform or refrain from certain actions stipulated in advance.” – Mendenhall and Freeman

“...to trace the unfolding of God’s covenants through what we might call the four major acts found in the Bible: creation, rebellion, redemption, and consummation.”

Creation and Rebellion

Hosea 6:7a: “But like Adam they transgressed the covenant...”

Genesis 2:16-17: “And the LORD God commanded the man saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

Romans 5: 12; 18a: “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men...”

Redemption and Consummation

Ephesians 2:12: “...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

Hebrews 13:20: “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant...”

Covenants in the Bible

