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AN OVERVIEW OF BIBLICAL COVENANTS

Covenant	Nature	Purpose	Current Status
1) EDENIC (Gen. 1:28-30 and 2:15-17)	Conditional	To authorize Man's dominion over the earth and to lay down the conditions for the exercise of that dominion.	Annulled by the sin of Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:22-24)
2) ADAMIC (Gen. 3:14-19)	Unconditional	To specify the curses which Man would have to suffer for his violation of the Edenic Covenant and to establish God's purpose to redeem Man from those curses.	In effect until the return of Christ (Rom. 8:18-23)
3) NOAHIC (Gen. 8:20-9:17)	Unconditional	To authorize capital punishment and the eating of meat and to promise protection of the earth from another universal flood.	In effect until the provision of the New Earth (III Pet. 3:7-13)
4) ABRAHAMIC (Gen. 12:1-3 and 17:1-8)	Unconditional	To reveal and implement God's plan of redemption by promising a seed and a land which would produce a Redeemer.	ETERNAL (Gen. 17:7)
5) MOSAIC (Ex. 20-31)	Conditional	To convict Man of sin and of his inability to save himself, thus pointing him to the Messiah.	Annulled by the Cross (Col. 2:14)
6) PALESTINIAN (Deut. 29-30:10)	Unconditional	To amplify the land promise of the Abrahamic Covenant by promising the regathering, restoring, and blessing of Israel.	ETERNAL (Ezek. 16:60)
7) DAVIDIC (II Sam. 7:4-17)	Unconditional	To amplify the seed promise of the Abrahamic Covenant by promising that an heir of David (the Messiah) will be given an everlasting kingdom.	ETERNAL (II Sam. 23:5)
8) NEW COVENANT (Jer. 31:31-34 & Heb. 8:6-13)	Unconditional	To amplify the blessing promise of the Abrahamic Covenant by promising salvation through the Messiah.	ETERNAL (Jer. 50:5 and Heb. 13:20)