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PART 7: THE FOUR COVENANTS OF GOD

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This epistle was written to the Hebrews (Jews), not Gentiles and the apostle Paul begins to lay the foundation for how the atonement covenant made with Moses is void and doesn't exist anymore.

THE FIRST ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

God's first covenant with Abraham was that his seed would be a blessing to all nations in the world. **Genesis 12:1-3; 22:15-18**

This covenant is eternal and fulfilled through Christ. **Romans 4:13-17; 9:4-8; Galatians 3:26-29**

Every Jew and Gentile must enter through the same gate; there are no exceptions. **John 14:6; Acts 4:7-12**

THE ABRAHAMIC LAND COVENANT

God's second covenant with Abraham was that his descendants would be given the land of Canaan. **Genesis 15:13-18**

God told Moses to bring the children of Israel into the land of Canaan. **Exodus 3:7-8**

THE ATONEMENT COVENANT

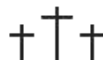
This covenant is traditionally referred to as the "first covenant" and was an atonement covenant made between God and the people of Israel through Moses. **Exodus 24:1-8**

THE FINAL COVENANT

*The Atonement Covenant with Moses was transferred into the Second Covenant, which was made between God the Father and God the Son. **2 Corinthians 5:17-19***

*The land covenant with Abraham was a conditional covenant that ceased to exist with the removal of the ten northern tribes in 721 B.C. and the removal of Judah in three stages, respectively in 597, 587 and 582 B.C. **Deuteronomy 28:62-68***

The land covenant will be renewed during the 1,000 years kingdom on earth when Jesus reigns out of Jerusalem. **Ezekiel 37:19-28**



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THE PRIESTHOOD

The priesthood under the Atonement covenant was overseen by Moses, who ordained Aaron and his sons into the priesthood. **Exodus 29:4-20; Hebrews 5:1-4**

Moses and Aaron were from the tribe of Levi. **Exodus 2:1-3; 10**

Jesus is the Son of God and his mother was of the tribe of Levi (**Luke 1:5; 35-36**), his step-father, Joseph, was from the tribe of Judah and in lineage of King David. **Luke 2:4**

Jesus was a priest after the order of Melchisedec; a priest with no beginning and no end. **Hebrews 5:5-6**

The Bible doesn't give an explanation of where Melchisedec came from and what happened to him, this will remain a mystery until we get to heaven. **Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 7:1-4**

Jesus has obtained eternal salvation as our priest before God the Father. **Hebrews 5:7-10**

The concept that Jesus was the High Priest was completely mind blowing to the Jewish people and still is today. Paul showed his frustration with the Jewish believers because they were slow to understand and accept this fact. **verses 11-14**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?