

“I Take You”
Genesis 2: 24-25
Exodus 6: 5-7

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“I Take You” resonates throughout
Scripture

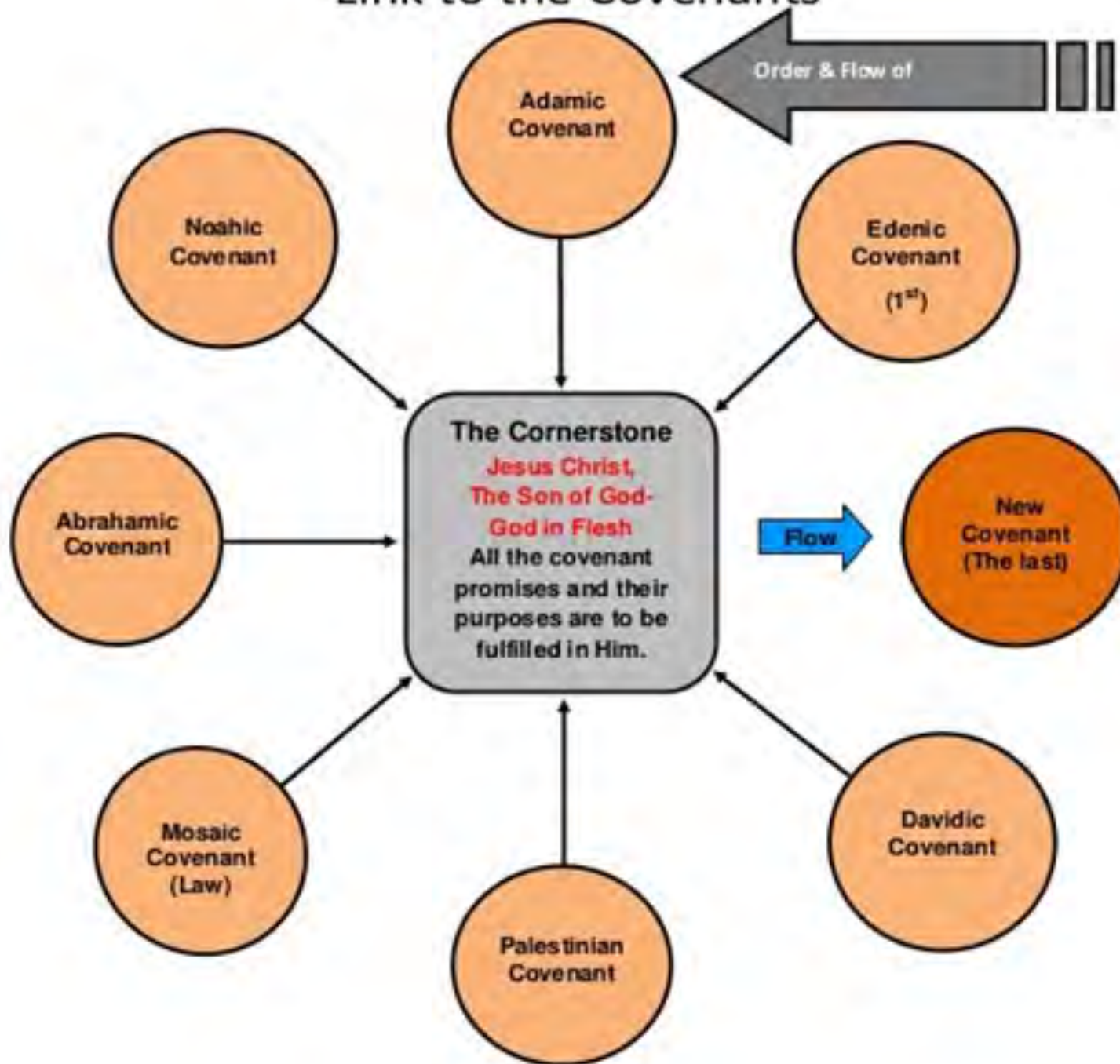
“I Take You” the nation of Israel as
My People

“I Take You” Church as My people

Purpose: The people of God are to
tell the world about the
True God

Covenant = “*berith*” = a
determination,
stipulation, a pledge

Link to the Covenants





***“I Take You”* is Covenantal language with the following conditions:**

- 1) A declaration of terms; based on faithfulness to one another**
- 2) A sacrifice, to give something up; Jesus gave up His life**
- 3) An exchange of weapons - your enemies are My enemies**
- 4) An exchange of belts; weak become stronger**

- 5) Walk of death; die to my rights
- 6) Pointing to heaven and slain animal. Breaking the covenant, I will be slain like the animal
- 7) Mingling of blood; the 2 become 1
- 8) Exchange of names; Abram became Abraham
- 9) A memorial of the event (*an altar, a ring, etc.*)

***“I TAKE YOU” IS A SERIOUS
COMMITMENT!!***

Mankind's Huge Problem:

- 1) Born dead in sin
- 2) Born distracted by sin
- 3) Born wanting his own way

Satan's tool today is distraction, and is facilitated by technology

Distraction, screen time of some sort, is off the charts!

Solomon experienced all the pleasures (*distractions*) of the world, and he concluded they are **“MEANINGLESS”**

God’s solution to Solomon’s problem, or our problem:

Is God Himself

Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

The Simple Truth:

- 1) It is **God** who brings meaning to life
- 2) It is **God** who gives us purpose
- 3) It is **God** that gives us hope
- 4) It is **God** who pursues us
- 5) It is **God** who is the initiator of a relationship with us

The Simple Truth:

6) It is **God** who sent His Only Begotten Son to die for us; to reconcile us and bring us into relationship with Him

God says ***“I Take You”*** = it’s an offer of salvation (*relationship*)

In the salvation (*relationship*) process, ***God does all the work!***

God initiates >

God pursues >

God seeks > ***not us!***

Salvation is a work of God!

God's Process of Pursuing:

This is reflected in the Four Cups of Passover - Exodus 6: 5-7

1) First Cup = Sanctification

"I will bring you out"

To set someone apart to be His own

2) Second Cup = Rescue

"I will rescue you from your bondage"

To remove from legal custody by force

3) Third Cup = Redemption

“I will redeem you with an outstretched arm”

God recovers ownership by paying a specified price - *His Son's life!*
(*This is the communion cup*)

4) Fourth Cup = Acceptance

“I will take you as My people and I will be your God” - (I Take You)

God acting to accept one as the bridegroom does the bride

What Is My Part?

To believe that Jesus died for my sins and receive the gift of salvation - John 1: 12

God gave His Church a memorial:

The Lord's Table - Communion!

“This do in remembrance of Me”

**The next time you take
Communion, remember what Jesus
did for you and say, *“THANK YOU!”***

1) Jesus died for me

It is personal! *THANK YOU!*

**2) Jesus died so I can live with
Him forever**

It is personal! *THANK YOU!*

3) Jesus was crushed and
tortured in my place *for me!*
It is personal! **THANK YOU!**

4) Jesus shed His blood for me
and took all my sins away
It is personal! **THANK YOU!**

CLOSING: "I TAKE YOU"

Jesus' promise to "Take You" should resonate in our minds -

"Take You" as His Bride

"Take You" to Father's house

You are here now, make this your finest hour! ***OCCUPY, RESIST, FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT!!***

King David, when facing what some say was his finest hour, said:

"Is there not a cause?" (1Samuel 17: 29)

Is there not a cause for us to stand for our God against the tsunami of this world ?!?!

Why do we stand? Why did David stand?

- 1) *“That all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel”*
(1 Samuel 17: 46b)**

That all the earth may know there is a True God in America today!

2) *“Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’S . . .”* (1 Samuel 17: 47)

3) There is a cause worth fighting for!!

4) While here, stand for God, *do not shrink back!* Hebrews 10: 38

5) You are not home yet, *but almost!*
Make this your finest hour!

“I TAKE YOU”

ARE PRECIOUS WORDS

FROM GOD TO YOU!

***HIS TRUTH IS WORTH
FIGHTING FOR!!***