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DAILY DOCTRINE
Israel: Four Unconditional Covenants

1. These unconditional covenants are characterized by the phrase “I will.” While fulfillment of the covenants were condition as far as being fulfilled in each generation, they all remain unconditional in final application.
2. Unconditional means they will be fulfilled. God keeps His Word. He is immutable.
3. Abrahamic Covenant
 - a. God promised that many races would come from Abraham. This progeny is made up of individuals from the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Gen 12:1-3; 13:14-16; 16; 22:15-18. To be fulfilled in the 12 tribes of Israel and progeny.
 - b. “in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,” Gen 26:3-4. This was fulfilled in the incarnation, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.
4. Palestinian Covenant.
 - a. God promises to Abraham’s progeny a piece of real estate – the land which lies between the Nile and the Euphrates rivers and goes down into the Arabian Peninsula, Gen. 15.18.
 - b. This will be fulfilled at the second advent of Jesus Christ.
 - c. All regenerated Jews will live in Palestine in the Millennium, Isa. 65:17-25; Joshua 1:3-4; Gen. 13:14-16; 26:3-4; Numbers 34:1-12.
5. David Covenant.
 - a. God promised David that he would have a son who will reign forever—that Son is Jesus Christ, 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Psa. 89:20-37.
 - b. Fulfillment. Christ became humanity, therefore qualifying Him to fulfill this covenant. He will reign in the millennium and eternity.
6. New Covenant to Israel.
 - a. God promises all regenerate Jews of the past dispensation that they will have eternal life under conditions specified in Jer. 31:31ff and Heb. 8:8-13. This summarizes

everything that God has given and sets it in antitheses to the Mosaic Law which is a conditional covenant, dependent upon the Jews.

b. Fulfillment. All regenerate Jews will go into the millennium and eternity.

7. These covenants will be fulfilled at the second advent of Jesus Christ—none have been completely fulfilled as yet.

8. As part of the Abrahamic covenant, there is a protective clause that applies to all nations throughout all of human history. **Genesis 12:3** And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. Note the insightful words of Donald Barnhouse:

Only eternity will reveal how true this ["I will bless them that bless thee"] has been in the history of the nations. Only the Gibeonites were spared when Israel entered the land of Canaan, for they sought to make a covenant with God's people. I believe that the Lord has blessed the United States because this nation is a haven for the persecuted Jews. In the future, at the judgment of the nations, it is written that the Lord Jesus Christ will say to the nations on His right hand, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25: 40). His brethren, of course, are the children of Abraham living at that day; and the passage takes on its real meaning when seen in this light.

When a man dies, a physician has to write on the death certificate the cause of death. When a nation dies, more often than not, the cause of death is that the nation has mistreated the Jews ["I will curse him that curseth thee"]. When Ham rebelled against Shem, one by one, the tribes of Ham were destroyed or reduced to a minor state: Egypt, Canaan, the Hittites. When the Greeks overran Palestine and desecrated the altar in the Jewish temple, they were soon conquered by Rome. When Rome killed Paul and many others, and destroyed Jerusalem under Titus, Rome soon fell. Spain was reduced to a fifth-rate nation after the Inquisition against the Jews; Poland fell after the pogroms; Hitler's Germany went down after its orgies of anti-Semitism; Britain lost her empire when she broke her faith with Israel.²⁹

Every American needs to be aware of the implications for America when its "leader" and his ilk stop supporting Israel. Our current administration is flirting with serious divine judgment on our nation with its current attitude toward Israel. It is unfortunate that the average American is so lacking in doctrine and divine establishment principles that such disrespect and unfair treatment of Israel goes unnoticed—like it does not matter. Hopefully, we can get a new president in the next term who actually believes in those universal laws of divine establishment that determine the future of any nation. In the meantime we must redouble our efforts in the spiritual life, and understand that God is always in control. The upshot for us is that God wants

us to be informed, and be able to provide philosophical sally for the ranks of the irrational secularists/naturalists/atheists, but He never wants us to live a life of stress and worry about *anything*—that includes our nation.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, Philip. 4:6.

On the Glory Road,

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²⁹ Cited by Barry Leventhal, *Theological Perspectives of the Holocaust* (Unpublished Dissertation: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1982) 121.