

We will now begin lecture 5 on biblical theology. /Today we will discuss chapter 4 on the revelation before and after the Flood. /Before the flood people multiplied. /First, sin spread. /Genesis 4:1-24

/This is spread through the line of Cain./The line of Cain spread materialism./This belongs to natural grace./But the descendants of Cain did not use nature grace rightly.

/That is why sin spread in the world. /They used materialism to spread wickedness./For example, they invented machines to kill people.

/We can know how serious the consequence of Adam's sin is./Even though no body teaches how to sin, sin passes down the generations./Cain did not heed God's warning and killed his own brother.

/Through the seventh descendants of Cain, pasturage, music, and manufacturing developed./Culture developed but they did not serve God./Lamech the 6th descendant of Cain made a song about murder./He thought power was everything.

/And Lamech became a polygamist. /Second, there was the prosperity of the descendants of Seth. /Gen. 4:25-5:35/Seth's descendants also multiplied. /And the line of Seth represents the redemptive line.

/They were the faithful ones to God. /Historically, there are those who are developed socially and culturally.

/Other people developed spiritually toward Christ, /other nations develop politics and laws,/still others develop religion./Seth's descendants were instruments of God's redemptive purpose.

/Seth's descendants include many individuals with faith. /Such as Enoch,/And Noah,/They were people with faith.

/Third, there is the growth of wickedness./Gen. 6:1-2/In Gen. 6:1, Seth's descendants and Cain's descendants married and sin spread throughout./"Sons of God" are Seth's descendants,/"daughter of men" are Cain's descendants.

/So the line of faith became corrupted through compromise./The believers married with unbelievers and fell from faith.

/Fourth, punishment of the flood. /God judged the world that filled with violence with water. /God would bring a flood in 120 years and destroy all living things on the earth.

/So besides Noah's eighth family members, everyone was perished through the flood./Let us talk about the justice of God./If God had not destroyed the world in the flood violence would have filled the earth./There was much wickedness those days.

/Jesus said that wickedness in the last days will be like the days of Noah./He also said that the at the last days it will become like Sodom and Gomorrah./So God will punish sin and wickedness.

/Let us then talk about God's mercy and grace. /After the flood God made a natural covenant with Noah and nature. /God promised never to send another catastrophic flood. /Gen. 8:20-9:17

/Let us now discuss the relationship between the Noahic(Natural) Covenant and Abrahamic(Grace) Covenant./Noahic Covenant supports the truths found in the Abrahamic Covenant./In other words, because we see that God is keeping the Noahic Covenant we can be sure that He will also keep the Covenant of Grace with Abraham.

/Also through the Noahic Covenant the recipients of the Covenant of Grace (humanity) are prepared. /People will populate the earth./There will be the recipients of the Covenant of Grace./There will be many who will receive the salvation of God./1 Tim. 2:4

/Also, when the covenant of grace is completed then the natural covenant will also be complete./Creation will be renewed./Rom. 8:19-23/2 Peter 3:13/Rev. 21:5/Creation will be restored./Garden of Eden will be renewed.

/When Christ returns the world will become like Eden. /So the Bible teaches that the natural covenant is a model of the covenant of grace./Isaiah 54:9/Jeremiah 33:25-26

/Next is the necessity of the covenant./God gave us the covenants so we could believe in the truth of God. /He showed us the truth through His word./God promises it through His word.

/God fulfills His promises according to His word./John 13:19/John 14:29/Isaiah 44:7/Isaiah 48:3, 5/"Covenant" means "to contract"/Gen. 9:9/v. 11/v. 17

/The word "covenant" came from the Hebrew "to cut"/When a covenant was made an animals was split in two. /This meant if anyone broke the terms of the covenant he would be cut like the animal.

/Therefore, a covenant must be kept. /God made a covenant with people through His absolute sovereignty./Gen. 15:8-21/He initiated a covenant with us.

/God has all the authority. /God made a covenant with people having this authority. /Gen. 22:16/ Deut. 32:40/God's covenant does not depend on man's cooperation. /Because it comes to pass according to the absolute authority of God.

/That is why we must be obedient to God's covenant through faith./Now let us discuss the "covenant"/The covenant established between God and Israel is an act of God's grace.

/As discussed earlier, God made the covenant on His authority and His initiative. /This covenant is "berith" in Hebrew. /Berith refers to fellowship. /God made the covenant with Israel out of His own one-sided decision.

/That is why Israel who are under this covenant must obey./God on His part will protect the Israelites./God will save his people according to His grace,/and those who have received God's grace should obey Him.

/Berith can be translated as a contract,/or a covenant./In English it is a contract,/or a covenant./ A contract is used when it involves material possessions, and covenant is used for people.

/So a contract with God is one-sided. /God will save us by His grace, and people should simply obey. /So let us discuss first the covenant with Noah. /Gen. 6:18

/It says that "I will make my covenant with you"/Gen. 9:13/Covenant is another word for "oath" or "vow"/The term establishing a covenant appears in Gen. 9:9 also/Also, in Gen. 17:7.

/So the natural response to God's covenant is obedience. /If we obey, God said He will bless us. /But when we don't obey there is a curse.

/God promised salvation to Noah and his family. /And after the flood showed the rainbow as a sign. /The rainbow was a sign of the covenant. /Gen. 9:1-17

/But this covenant applies not only to Noah and his family but to all creation./This covenant is universal./And applies to all generations./God made Noah the progenitor of the second group of humanity.

/Whose descendant are you?/We are both Adam's and Noah's descendants./God made a promise to Adam./He told him to be fruitful and multiply./In the same way He told Noah to be fruitful and multiply.

/And when Noah came out of the Ark he built an altar and offered a sacrifice to God with a clean animal. /The word berith began to be used from Noah's time. /God permitted Noah to have meat for food.

/After Noah's flood the environment deteriorated. /The weather changed. /So people needed nutrients. /The people only ate vegetables before. /But after the flood the environment changed so people needed more energy.

/That is why God gave meat to man. /Gen. 8:22/God also promised that creation will run its course naturally. /God showed mercy in the midst of his wrath.

/Next is the Abrahamic covenant./Gen. 12/Gen. 15, 17./Here is the Abrahamic Covenant./First, Abraham will become a father of a great nation.

/Abraham's name will be great. /God said Abraham will be a blessing. /All families on the earth will be blessed through Abraham.

/Also, God will give the land of Canaan to his descendants as an eternal inheritance. /Gen. 12:1-3/Gen. 15:18/Gen. 17:8/God promised that this will be an eternal covenant with Abraham. /Gen. 17:7

/More importantly God will send Christ through the descendant of Abraham./Gen. 15:5/Abraham was old./But God said "your descendants will be like the stars in the sky"/Galatians 3:16

/The seed of Abraham refers to Christ. /Abraham was advanced in age. /But he believed that God would send Christ through his descendants.

/Because of his faith God credit Abraham with righteousness. /Gen. 15:5/Abraham had believed in the coming of Christ. /Abraham believed in God just as He promised.

/God established the covenant of circumcision in Gen. 17:9-14/Gen. 17 has the word "berith" 13 times./Circumcision is a sign of participation in God's covenant by His people./It is a sign of obedience to the covenant.

/It is a sign of God's people./But this circumcision is not only to be applied externally./There must also be circumcision of the heart./In the Old Testament circumcision and Passover were the sacraments./In the New Testament baptism and the Lord's Supper are sacraments.

/So in the Old Testament people must not only be circumcised on the skin but circumcised also of the heart. /Deut. 30:6/Jeremiah 4:4/Acts 7:51/Micah 6:8/ We must cut off impurities of the heart.

/Next, is the mission of Israel./Covenant of Sinai,/Exod. 19:5-6/God said if the people kept the covenant that they would become a holy priesthood./If they kept the covenant God will give this blessing.

/There are 3 points here./Exod. 19:5-6/First, is God's possession./Second, nation of priests,/Third, holy people.

/First, God said they would be His possession./God will deal with Israel as his prized treasure./God will treat Israel with special attention./Psalm 16:3/1 Peter 2:9

/In addition, second, God will make them into a nation of priests. /They will be a people with the rights of a priest and royalty. /Priests were mediators. /They mediated between God and people.

/Priests went to God with the sins of the people and made atonement with the blood of animals. /It is doing something to benefit another./It is praying for another.

/It is leading another person to God. /Rom. 15:16 /Being a witness to other nations and leading them to God that is the role of God's priests. /This becomes their glory. /We too must evangelize and lead others to God.

/We must be missionaries and go to other nations to evangelize. /This is what it means to be a nation of priests./Third, the holy people/Here "holy" means to be distinguished from the world.

/They have a special relationship with God./They are separate from the world./They are distinct from the world./For example, when the Israelites came out of Egypt they separated themselves from the pagan life./Rom. 12:1

/We belong to God. /We are distinguished./Next is the covenant at Sinai./Deut. 4:12/We must not make an idol to worship.

/Exod. chapter 32 says that the Israelites made a golden calf to worship as god. /And this raised the wrath of God. /People cannot see God who appears in glory with their eyes

/Therefore we must not make a physical idol to worship as gods. /Deut. 4:15-19/Next in the Sinai Covenant God's people must recognize God as king and obey Him.

/And ultimately through Christ a New Covenant will be established./The rule of Christ will come./And through Christ His people will establish the Church.

/So what is special about the Sinai Covenant is that/first, it is established by God's sovereign decision. /Israelites were saved from slavery in Egypt./Exod. 19:4/This is God's love./Deut. 7:6-8

/Another characteristic of the Sinai Covenant, is second, Israelites responded with thankfulness toward the covenant./The Israelites gave thanks and praise.

/Third, they proclaimed the holiness of God. /Therefore, the Israelites must also be holy. /Lev. 19:2

/Next we will discuss the covenant with David./The covenant with David appears in 2 Sam. 7:9./ First, God said he will exalt the name of David./Second, David will triumph over his enemies./2 Sam. 7:11

/Third, his kingdom and rule will be established forever./and God will be his father, and he will be His son./This is pointing to the Messiah who will be born from the descendant of David./2 Sam. 7:14

/The physical kingdom of David was broken./The southern kingdom of Judah came to an end during Zedekiah's reign, a descendant of David./Zedekiah was taken into exile to Babylon./Then how can David's kingdom continue?

/Jesus is the eternal king. /Jesus came as David's descendant. /Matt. 1:1-17/2 Tim. 2:8/So Jesus is the offspring of David. /Joseph is the offspring of Solomon. /Mary is Nathan's descendant.

/Joseph and Mary are both David's descendants. /Luke 3:23-31/1 Chronicles 22:9-10/Through Jesus the kingdom continues. /Matt. 3:17/Isaiah 42:1/Is. 42:6/Is. 55:3

/Jesus was born in Bethlehem. /Jesus was victorious on the cross. /Ps. 89:20-37/Jesus took the throne of David. /Luke 1:31-33/Acts 2:29-32/Acts 15:14-17

/We will now discuss the New Covenant. /Jeremiah 11:1-13/Jer. 22:9/The people of Israel sinned before God. /Therefore, God rebuked the people for breaking David's covenant./Jer. 33:19-21

/The New Covenant is Jer. 31:31-34 /'I make a New Covenant.'/And "I will forgive wickedness."/"I will remember their sins no longer."/Therefore, the characteristic of the New Covenant is that it is new!/And it was written in the heart.

/Also, God will be their God, and Israel will become God's people./And from the least to the greatest all will come to know the Lord./And God will forgive the sins of Israel.

/So the New Covenant emphasizes the transformation of the heart. /God forgives the sin of the Israelites. /And He will not remember those sins. /He will remove a heart of stone, /and give them a heart of flesh. /Ezekiel 36:26-27

/In this manner, God established a covenant with each generation. /The purpose of these covenants was to promise God's salvation to His people. /When the covenant is established God becomes our Lord and we the servants.

/God established the covenants by his own authority and initiative./So God says He will save us./Also, it is ultimately a covenant regarding the Messiah./That is God will redeem us through the Messiah

/And so He will save us. /Therefore through faith in Jesus we participate in God's covenant of grace./Through faith in Jesus we are forgiven of our sins and receive salvation.

/We are saved through faith in Jesus. /Therefore we should give thanks and glory to God. /We receive salvation through faith./And next we will be rewarded through our actions

/We are saved through faith./We are not saved by our actions./We are saved when we believe in Jesus./But can we live in a way as we it pleases us after believing?/If we go against God's word it is sin.

/God is not pleased with sin. /After believing in Jesus we must obey God's commands and His word. /If we obey we will be blessed. /We will be rewarded. /We are saved by faith.

/After we believe, we should obey God's Word. /Therefore, we must disregard our sins. /We must please God.

/We must become like Christ. /Our faith must continue to grow. /So let us be rewarded by God in His presence.

/This concludes the fifth lecture on biblical theology. /Thank you.