

13 Week Schedule

THE TEXT TO BE EXAMINED

1. What Is The Bible? Week 1

THE TOOLS THAT ARE NEEDED

2. Exegetical Tools Week 2

3. Biblical Theology Tools 1 Week 3

4. Biblical Theology Tools 2 Week 4

5. Systematic Theology Tools 1 Week 5

6. Systematic Theology Tools 2 Week 6

THE STORIES TO BE TOLD

7. Creation Week 7

8. Fall Week 8

9. Love Week 9

10. Sacrifice Week 10

11. Promise Week 11

PUTTING IT TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH

12. Preaching Week 12

13. Other Benefits for the Local Church (Counseling, Missions, Social justice, etc.) Week 13

Core Seminars—Biblical Theology Class 3: Biblical Theology Tools 1



REVIEW OF EXEGETICAL TOOLS

SELF-REVELATION THROUGH COVENANTS

Preamble: identifies parties to the covenant.

Historical prologue: outlines what the Great King has already done for the Vassal King.

Stipulations: summary and detailed—what is expected of the vassal.

Document clause: stipulates where copies of the covenant are to be placed; when it should be read; and who the witnesses are.

Blessings/Curses: explains consequences for keeping or breaking covenant.

Definition: a “covenant” is a bond in blood that establishes an all-encompassing relationship. It’s a claim on someone’s total loyalty and allegiance.

“Cutting” a covenant?

Covenants of works and covenants of grace: the difference lies in who takes the oath and so undertakes to suffer the curses should the covenant be broken.

SEVEN BIBLICAL COVENANTS

Covenant of Works: Made with Adam in Gen 2:15-17.

Covenant of Redemption: Implied in Gen 3:15.

Noahic Covenant: Made with Noah and all living creatures in Genesis 9:8-17. Sign: rainbow.

Abrahamic Covenant: Gen 15:1-21. Made with Abraham and his seed. Sign: circumcision.

Mosaic Covenant: Exodus 20-25; Deuteronomy. Made with the people of Israel. Sign: both circumcision and the Sabbath.

Davidic Covenant: 2 Samuel 7. Sign: birth of a son.

New Covenant: promised in Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Ezekiel 36:24-28 and fulfilled by Christ in Matthew 26:27-30.

THREE HORIZONS OF INTERPRETATION

(Textual)

Epochal

Canonical

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER—Psalm 18.

Textual:

Epochal:

Canonical: