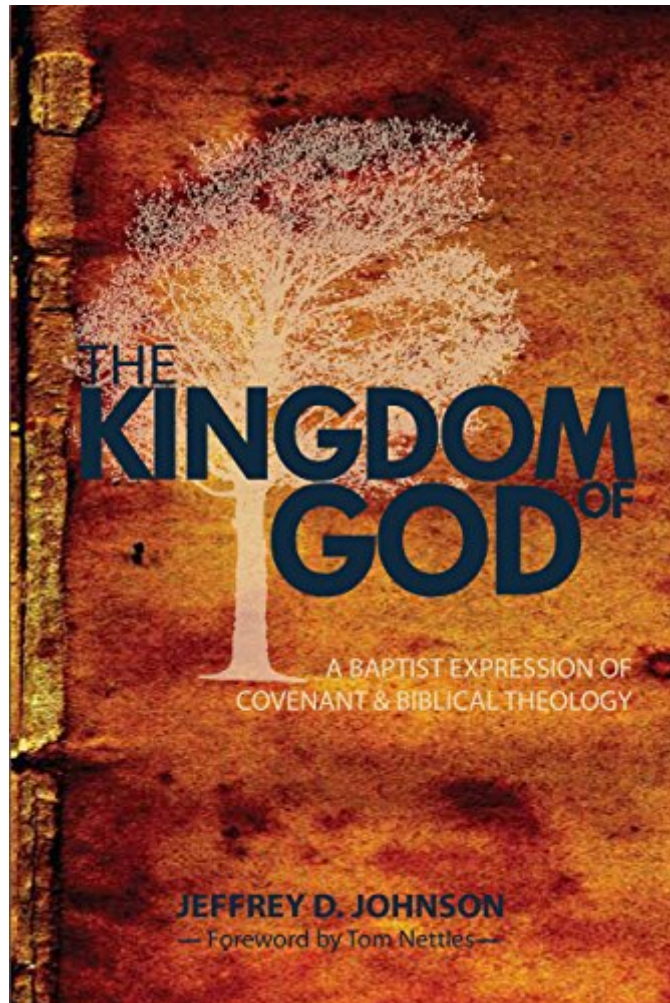


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The Kingdom Of God: A Baptist Expression Of Covenant Theology



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Is There a Central Plot to the Bible? And if so, why is the Bible divided into two different testaments? Moreover, how do these two testaments relate to each other? No doubt, it can be overwhelming to traverse the various covenants of the Bible. And it can be difficult to understand the unity and diversity of the Old and New Testaments. *The Kingdom of God: A Baptist Expression of Biblical & Covenant Theology* explains why the maze of the Old and New Testaments cannot be properly navigated or understood without a knowledge of the dual (law and gospel) nature of the Abrahamic Covenant. For the law of the Old Covenant and the grace of the New Covenant flow out of the Abrahamic Covenant and are wonderfully reunited in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, out of the earlier dichotomy comes the later unity of the gospel message. Grab Your Kindle Edition Copy of *The Kingdom of God Today!* Listen to what others have said about *The Kingdom of God*:

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Customer Reviews

Although I had been raised in a family that attended various churches, from non-denominational military chapels with no discernible doctrine to Nazarene churches with Arminian theology (later in life I was to wonder why those preachers ever preached anything other than Hebrews chapter 6), I was never with an interest in the Word of God. When I was redeemed, I began my search for meaning in the Scriptures and found the popular dispensational teaching of my Baptist church to be very suspect and off track. Once I began learning the doctrines of grace (known as Calvinism), the Scriptures came into a more clear view and then reformed theology was opened to me and I saw the larger redemptive story in the Bible; the main point of the Scripture is to show man how sinful he is and point him to the promised Redeemer. But something still wasn't right. The predominate teaching in the reformed world is from the Presbyterians. And while I can accept their church practices (though I cannot agree with them), I could not see how they made the church equal to the nation of Israel. This perspective, and a couple others closely related to it, cause our Presbyterian brothers to view virtually all Scripture as applicable to the church. It was the complete opposite of what I was taught in my dispensational churches, where there is near complete separation between the church and the nation of Israel. Neither system made sense to me. By the providential hand of God, the early part of the 21st century has brought us a renewed interest in historical Baptist views. While several very good books have been written in this rather large field, the one that made the biggest impact on me was *The Fatal Flaw of the Theology Behind Infant Baptism*, by a man who has become a dear friend to me, Jeffrey D. Johnson.

The Kingdom of God: A Baptist Expression of Covenant & Biblical Theology by Jeffery Johnson is a

book that I have been eagerly anticipating since I first heard about it last year. As a younger Christian and someone who is still working through many areas of covenant theology from a Reformed Baptist perspective I was hoping that this book would be accessible to those new to the subject, those who are well read in this area and then of course someone like me, who would fall in the middle. I must say that as I was reading through this book I was blessed by nearly every page, as my highlights show! I will go ahead and say this up front. This book is a MUST HAVE for anyone who is serious about studying Covenant Theology from a Baptist perspective. Whether you may be paedobaptist, dispensational or a reformed baptist this is an excellent source for study. Why combine Covenant and Biblical Theology? As Johnson states, "Covenant theology seeks to understand the nature and relationship between the divine covenants of redemptive history, while biblical theology seeks to understand the central plot, or if you would, the meta-story of redemptive history....Both are concerned not only with the development of the biblical narrative but also with the culmination of the biblical narrative in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, to understand covenant theology, we must understand biblical theology and vice versa." Johnson has presented the material in such a way that part one leaves the reader rejoicing at how God has decided to interact with man while part two gives a birds-eye flyover of God's work in redemptive history.

"The primary idea of the Kingdom of God in Scripture is that of the rule of God established and acknowledged in the hearts of sinners by the powerful regenerating influence of the Holy spirit, insuring them of the inestimable blessings of salvation, --a rule that is realized in principle on earth, but will not reach its culmination until the visible and glorious return of Jesus Christ." --THE KINGDOM OF GOD, pg. 107 For some two thousand years since Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, the church of Christ has had its ups and downs because of the guilt of sin and the corruptions of flesh inherent in every human being since Adam's disobedience toward a holy God. These days, there is so much out there that calls itself Christianity that is NOT Biblical Christianity, that Jeff Johnson's book, THE KINGDOM OF GOD: a Baptist Expression of Covenant & Biblical Theology, is an oasis in a wasteland; a well of refreshment as we weep and grieve and struggle in the valley of Baca. Except for the works of Bunyan and Spurgeon and a select handful of others (who have all passed into glory many years ago), rarely will I read the works of an author more than once. Jeffrey D. Johnson has been added to my personal list re-readables. His book, THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and his earlier book, The Church, Why Bother?, are two of his titles that stand proudly on my ready-reference bookshelf in my home office, next to my worn and cherished

copy of John Bunyan's THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS and my favorite works of C. H. Spurgeon. THE KINGDOM OF GOD is not a long book, but it is deep and wide. Dr.

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