

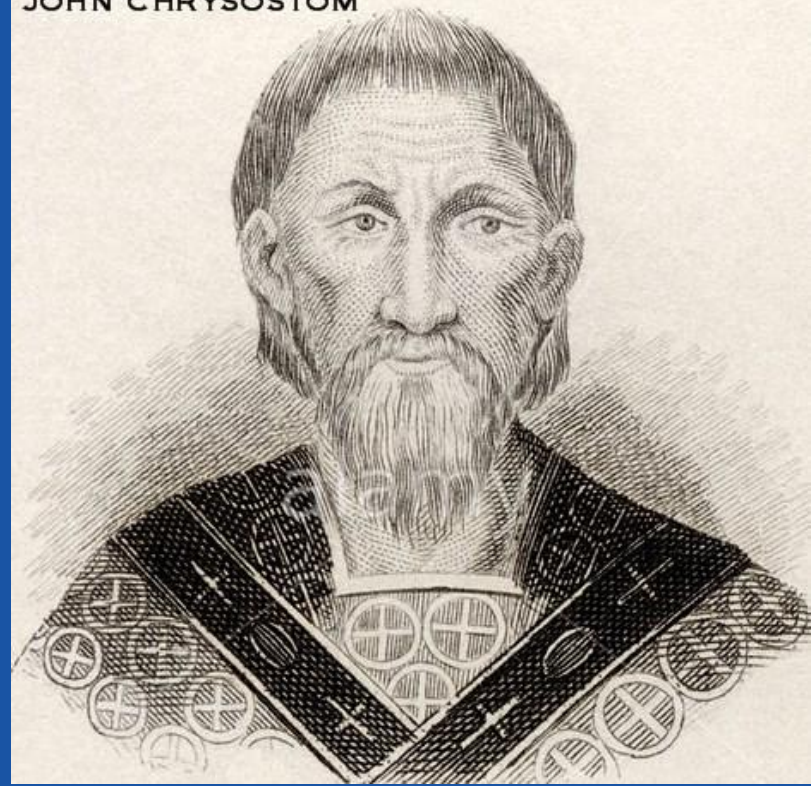
ACTS 13: PAUL IN ANTIOCH



- Focus has shifted from Peter to Paul
- Paul is speaking to God-fearers among the gentiles
- Since he is speaking in synagogues, he is speaking also to Jews
- Paul is giving a brief summation of redemption history
- It begins with Abraham, the first Hebrew

HALF A BIBLE IS AN INCOMPLETE BIBLE

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

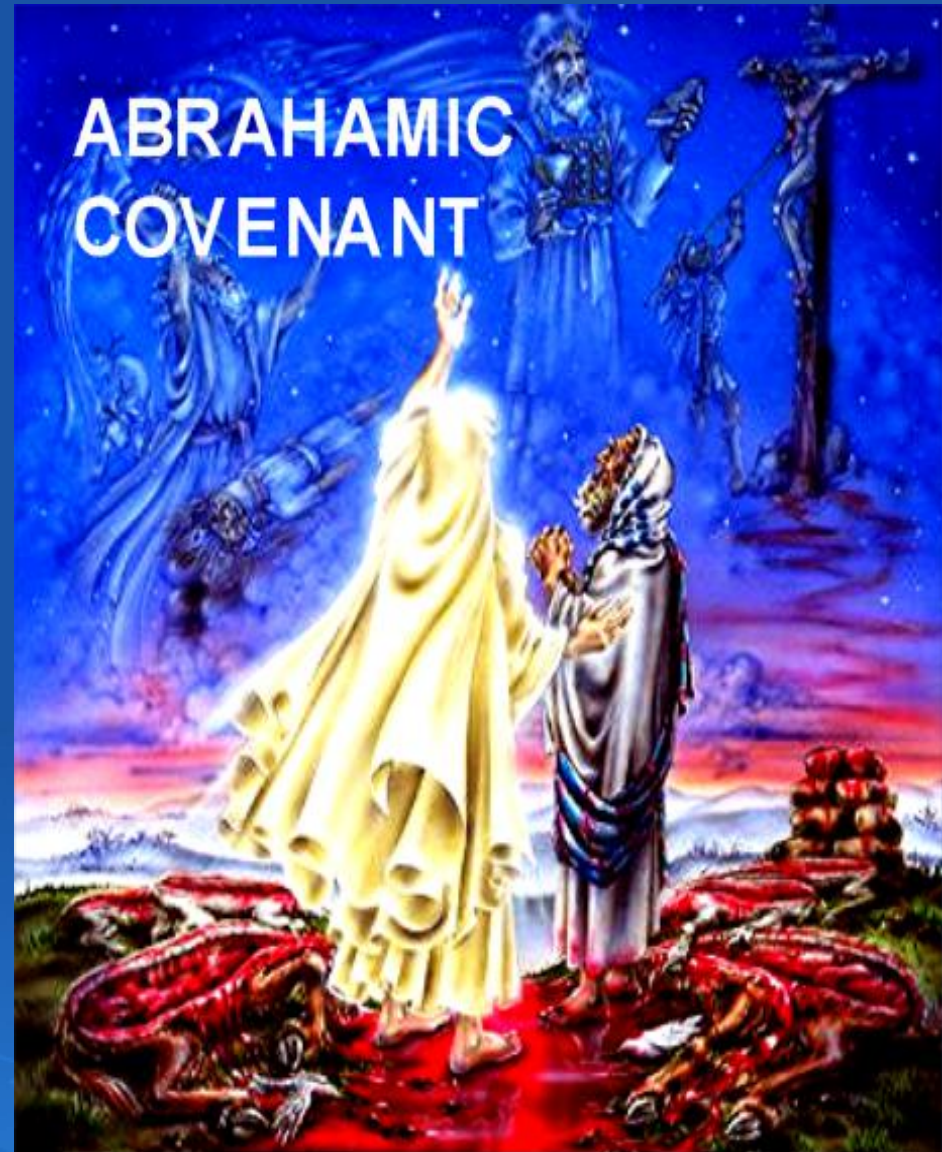


- Paul is teaching that the Old Testament and the Gospel confirm one another
- *“For neither do the Old Testament proofs seem so cogent when taken by themselves nor the later testimonies (the New Testament) apart from the former...both that makes his discourse trustworthy”*
- The Gospel is pronounced and developed in the OT
- A true Bible contains both testaments, with equal weight and relevance given to both



THE PROMISE

- The result of the Promise is an agent and administrator sent by God
- Gen. 12:1 – 3
- *“By you all the families of the earth will be blessed”*
- Early statement of the Gospel, but contains little substantive information
- Gen. 15:18 -21
- The land, the people, the promise, the Gospel, and Yeshua are all organically connected
- The agent of the Promise is Yeshua



BIRKAT HA-MINIM

BENEDICTION AGAINST THE HERETICS



- ***Amidah*** = A prayer in synagogue liturgy, consists of several “blessings”
- ***Birkat Ha-minim*** created to counter the connection between David and Yeshua
- ***Tosefta Berakoth***
- King David himself is said to be the Messiah
- Thus David must be seen as perfect and sinless



AN IMMERSION OF REPENTANCE

- John's immersion was NOT in Yeshua's name
- John's immersion of repentance was a preliminary immersion
- A two-step process
- Today, immersion is sufficient for repentance and identification with Yeshua
- Paul shifts from theory to application
- All that he says applies to his entire audience



PAUL CONDEMNS THOSE WHO CONDEMNED YESHUA



- It was the Jews of Jerusalem, not all Jews
- Because these Jews didn't understand the Scripture readings, they brought about the very prophecies concerning Yeshua
- Readings taken from the Prophets, on every Shabbat

PROPHECIES ABOUT MESSIAH

- 1) Yeshua would be hated for no good reason.
Isaiah 49:7
- 2) A friend would betray Him and turn him over.
Psalm 41
- 3) The price for the friend's betrayal was 30 pieces of silver. Zech. 11:12
- 4) Means of execution would be crucifixion.
Psalm 22:17
- 5) He would be buried in a rich man's tomb.
Isaiah 53:9
- 6) He would arise, alive, from the grave.
Isaiah 53:9 & 10
- 7) He would ascend to God in Heaven.
Psalm 16:11 and Psalm 68

HOW DID THEY MISS IT?

- The entire Torah and Prophets pointed towards Messiah, but they didn't understand
- Luke 23:33, 34
- Beware! Modern day "Believers" are in a precarious position
- Matt. 7:21- 23
- Must seriously study, pay attention, and learn God's Word



MANY WILL SAY TO ME ON THAT DAY

LORD! LORD!

DIDN'T WE PROPHECY IN YOUR NAME?

CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME?

AND DO MANY MIGHTY WORKS IN YOUR NAME?

AND THEN I WILL DECLARE TO THEM

I NEVER KNEW YOU.

DEPART FROM ME.

YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.

MATTHEW 7:22-23

SOME UNFORTUNATE TRUTHS

- Prefer to hear teachings that makes us feel better
- We want to hear what we want to hear
- Bible, doctrines and customs usually seen as one in the same in both Judaism and in Christianity
- Little interest in the truth; more interest in practicing our religion
- By believing the doctrines of men over the Word of God, we put ourselves in great danger



PSALM 2

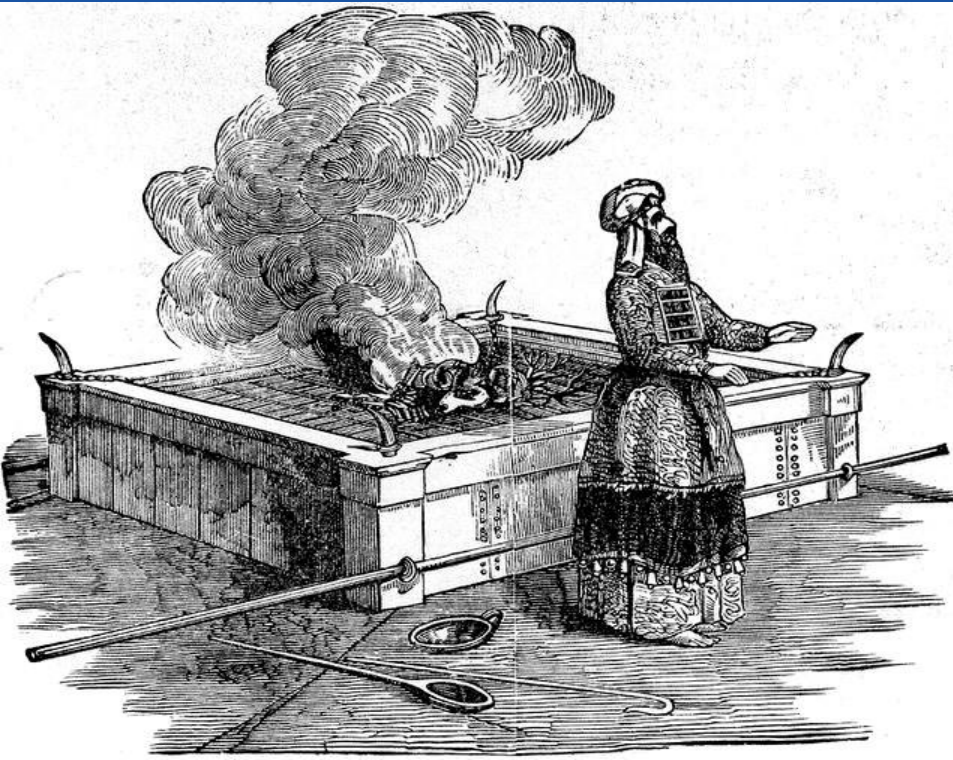
- “The Fathers” means the Patriarchs, starting with Abraham
- Paul’s argument:
- 1) David died, went to the grave, and decayed
- 2) Yeshua died, went to the grave and did NOT decay
- Therefore David cannot be the Messiah, but Yeshua is!



HIGH-HANDED SINS



- Paul says anyone who trusts Yeshua can have sins forgiven that even the Law of Moses can't forgive
- Each law has a prescribed remedy if that law is broken
- Some sins were so grave that there was no sacrificial atonement available
- Committing a sin that is otherwise forgivable in a high-handed way, can elevate that sin to unforgivable



SINS ARE RANKED

- Common Christian doctrine that this passage says that the Law never forgave sins
- *Dikaioo* = righteous
- Lev. 4:32 – 35
- “...priest will make atonement for him....and he will be forgiven...”
- The greater the sin, the more costly the sacrifice
- Yeshua can atone for ALMOST all sins
- Mark 3:28 – 29
- The consequence of earthly punishment for our crime remains

