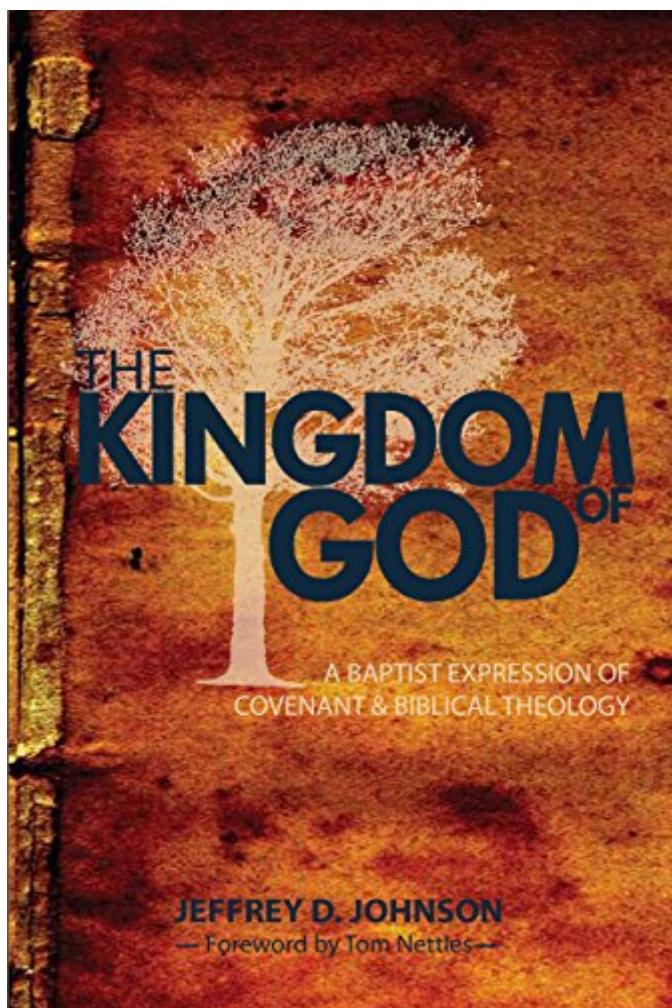


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# The Kingdom Of God: A Baptist Expression Of Covenant Theology



## Synopsis

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*:

“Giving serious attention to Johnson’s tenacious engagement with the biblical theme of The Kingdom of God will expand one’s personal knowledge of Scripture, extend one’s confidence in the wisdom and certainty of divine providence, and exact transparent and pure praise to God for his invincible grace.” • Tom Nettles, Professor of Historical Theology, Southern Baptist theological Seminary

“The deeper treatment that Johnson gives to the Abrahamic Covenant in this work is one of the clearest statements I have read. After you finish reading it, you will have a clearer view of the big picture of the kingdom of God.” • Pascal Denault, Author of *The Distinctiveness of Baptist Covenant Theology*

“I recommend the reading of *The Kingdom of God* as a welcomed addition to Baptist covenantal theology. I think you will be blessed to read his presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ as fulfilling the Covenant of Works for us that God’s Grace may justly fall upon sinners.” • Fred Malone, Author of *The Baptism of Disciples Alone* Available in hardcover, paperback and Kindle eBook! Get *The Kingdom of God* right now...

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## **Customer Reviews**

The Kingdom of God is an excellent book that brilliantly explains baptist covenant theology with great clarity, brevity, and theological precision. There are two parts. Part one is a little longer and more theologically polemic (yet generous) than part two. In part one, Johnson reveals baptist covenant theology primarily through the lens of the dichotomous nature of the Abrahamic covenant. This was extremely well written, and successfully accounts for the contrast between the physical/spiritual seed that thematically runs throughout scripture. Part two is a beautiful expression of biblical theology. Johnson commits roughly 100 pages to a simple narration of the whole storyline of scripture from a reformed baptist covenant presupposition. This was an enjoyable read. This part, in particular, is something I would recommend to those who are new to covenant & biblical theology. Unfortunately there were several silly grammatical errors throughout. Perhaps a future new edition will use an editor that cleans up those careless mistakes.

This book is a clear, detailed, and precise exposition of Baptist Covenant Theology. Unlike many works the author does a great job of keeping the language simple and clear so that the average member of the body can grasp the beauty and mystery of the redemptive work of Christ as expressed through the covenants. The first half of the book explains the doctrine and the synergistic inter workings of the covenant in bringing about God's purpose for mankind and builds a support for the second half of the book which gives the reader a glorious view of the scope of redemptive history through the covenants as portrayed in the Word of God. A great read for those struggling with their understanding of covenant theology and a worthy work of sound doctrine.

Fantastic book on the Baptist Covenant Theology. Very well laid out in an easily understood format. Strong argumentation for the Baptist expression of covenant theology. One of the best books I've read on the subject. A page turner that I had trouble putting down. I'll return to this book many times in the future.

"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. Johnson brings forth serious theological thought without being overly academic. The points he ponders and presents are as deep as anything John Owen has written, in my humble opinion, yet they are accessible to every child of God. Like my favorite authors, Bunyan and Spurgeon, author Johnson has a pastor's heart and desires Christ's sheep to draw near to the Master in the Biblical truths that sanctify and uplift the humble reader. His passion for Christ's person and work run passionately through the pages of this book and because of the gospel back of every chapter and every thought, Jeff Johnson makes theology palatable for the everyman. In that regard, he reminds me of Richard Hawker, who points to Christ in everything, whose brevity speaks volumes. Jeff says more in 278 pages than others writing 1200 pages, and have said much less. Because of that, every Christian believer will benefit from this book; and I believe that it is a must-read for every Baptist believer,

whether they are Reformed in theology or not. The perspectives gained from the insights contained therein are, as the back of the dust jacket states, "CLEAR, COHESIVE, [and] HISTORICAL." If you have read this far in my review, you will have obviously gathered that I most highly recommend this book. I read through it twice since I got my copy in September and I'm sure I will read it again as I can hear many of the truths expounded by Pastor Johnson spilling forth in my own sermons on Sunday mornings and evenings. The only negative thing I can say about this book is that it is not yet in paperback or on Kindle eBooks. I would love to see this work reach as wide an audience as possible.

THIS BOOK IS EXCELLENT AND OFFERS both A POLEMIC AND A POSITIVE approach TO COVENANT THEOLOGY YOU WILL BE BLESSED

This is the best book I have read about covenant theology. The author is clear, concise, and yet very thorough. Baptist covenant theology is more biblical than the Presbyterian alternative and this book proves that.

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