As we look at the Hebrew Scriptures getting ready for Advent there are three great covenants. I've often called them the Matterhorn covenants of the Hebrew Scriptures, the Abrahamic, the Davidic, and the New Covenant. I want to begin and bring in the Hebrew and then the New Testament application of each of these covenants.

It says the Lord spoke unto Abram and he told him to go from his land from his country into a place that he would show him. He's going to make of him a great nation he's going to bless him and he is to be a blessing but then he says as we come to the conclusion "וְנִבְרֹכְךָ בְּכָל-מִשְפָּרָתֶךָ הָאָדָמָה׃" and in you all families of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen. 12:3b). What a beautiful text here relative to advent.

My thought goes to Galatians 3 where Paul quotes this very text and applies it to Jesus Christ. He says the scripture foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles preached in advance to Abram that he would justify the Gentiles by faith and in Him all nations would be blessed. I thought about how Christ is the fulfillment of this great prophetic word spoken to Abraham.

He's also related to the Davidic Covenant. In II Samuel 7 God made this covenant and is a wonderful promise to David that one would sit upon his throne forever. In II Samuel 7: 13, 14 we have what is called the Davidic Covenant. In that covenant the Lord speaks to David and says, I'm going to establish your seed after you which will come forth from your loins and I will establish his kingdom and he will build a house for my name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom וֹמַמָלְכָּה--I'm going to establish forever.

It's exciting to know as we come to Luke 1 when Gabriel makes the announcement to Mary, he refers to this covenant when he says, you're going to have a son and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. Finally, Jesus also fulfills the New Covenant of Jeremiah 31 where Jeremiah promises a new covenant God is going to write the Torah in the heart, and He's going to take away their sins, and Jesus because of his incarnation was willing to become the fulfillment of that New Covenant. Even in Luke 22 he makes the statement at the Last Supper, “this is the blood of the New Covenant”. The writer of Hebrews expands on that in Hebrews 8 -10.

What a beautiful fulfillment that Jesus by his death creates the removal of sins. He is a king, he is a priest in the New Covenant in His sacrifice, and in him we've all been blessed.

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