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Introduction

This book before you, *The Foundation and Fulfillment of the Old and New Covenant Scriptures*, follows Books One and Two in sequence on purpose.¹ It essentially retraces the information and study in Book One, *Discover the Story of Your Biblical Heritage*, and goes much deeper in terms of knowledge and context of both the Old and New Covenant Scriptures. Book One was like putting together a picture puzzle with ten large pieces. Book Three systematically creates the same picture with a hundred pieces. And when you're finished, you will be able to see more evidence of how the Bible fits together as a consistent, unified whole.

This book also flows from Book Two, *Identifying Biblical Israel Today*, because it creates relevance and application as to who Israel is today. Now, when you go back through the Bible, you will know who it's about – those from among today's Caucasian people who are typically recognized as descended from the Northwest European peoples and are the physical offspring of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This knowledge is going to help you make much more sense of the Bible because you can identify God's covenant people today and their biblical heritage.

How to Read and Study this Book

We reproduce here a section in the Introduction from Book One because we think it's important and a good reminder.

¹ Book Three and the rest of the books in the *Covenant Heritage Series* are designed to present to you knowledge and understanding that progressively build upon each other. If you have not read and understood Books One and Two, please read them first.

If you want to get the most out of this book, here are some helpful suggestions:

- Start at the beginning and read it through page by page.
- Set aside sufficient time to read and study one chapter at a time with a Bible in hand.
- Though you can go through this book on your own, you might benefit from partnering up with your spouse, friend or even a small study group. But be sure they have the same open mind and are committed to considering the facts objectively. Get that commitment to do so first.
- Make sure you do not go beyond a word you do not understand. This book was carefully written to highlight the definitions of certain words so you can better understand the meaning of words and their application.
- Make sure you go back to a previous section or chapter if necessary and reread it until you feel you have a firm grasp of what is written before you proceed to the next.
- Take time to ponder and answer the questions at the end of each chapter. They are designed to help you review what you have read and studied, and confirm your own conclusions.

In other words, don't rush through this book. It's foundational to understanding what the Bible says and sets the groundwork for the rest of the books in this series. Take the time to absorb it, think about it, and test it.

Time-Tested Principles

This book, like the first two books and the following ones, stays within the bounds of the well-accepted principles of interpretation of the Bible. The two fundamental ones are: 1) that the Bible is more accurately and safely understood in its own context; and 2) when the Bible is allowed to interpret itself. These two basic principles underlie the guiding process that will be critical to answer the question about what the Bible says.

Purpose of this Book

This book draws from a comprehensive list of main topics to help us bring together the unity and consistency of the Old and New Covenant Scriptures. It takes common threads of major biblical themes that weave through the two main divisions (Old and New Testaments) to demonstrate that **the Bible is one unified, non-contradictory story of one covenant family**. The Old Testament (Covenant) lays the foundation and the New Testament (Covenant) is the fulfillment. In other words, the New Testament is the Old Testament fulfilled exclusively in and through the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed,
 The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.
 – Credited to Mark Downey, *Kinsman Redeemer Ministries*

Engage!

We want you to get the most out of this book. We've done our best to make it clear. We believe it will be really helpful and insightful for you. The only other necessary ingredient to potentially make this a valuable book for you is YOU!

Are you willing to jump into this book with both feet and are you ready to seek the truth about what the Bible says? If you've gotten this far, it's probably a good bet you're ready to engage with what you read to see if what is written is true, correct and certain. But you must engage, not with just a passing interest, but with deliberate pursuit of the truth. Be absorbed in it.

It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." – Matthew 4:4

We won't delay you any longer. We can't wait for you to read this book. It's unlike any other book you'll ever read about what the Bible says and what it means by what it says. May it open your eyes to understand who you are and realize your divinely appointed purpose.

Summary of the *Covenant Heritage Series*

The *Covenant Heritage Series* is a set of seven books that will help you understand what the Bible says and what it means to you in regard to your heritage. The series examines the current critical issues of our time in light of what the Bible says. Finally, it offers biblical answers for transforming this world system back to God's original plan and purpose.

You will be challenged to re-examine what the majority consensus believes about the teaching of Scripture and the politically correct and religiously acceptable life perspectives and practices. The *Covenant Heritage Series* will provoke you to think! In the end, you will be able to decide for yourself what your ultimate purpose is and your consequential duties and obligations before the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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