Covenants

Part 1—Introduction and Adam, Noah, and Abraham

I. Introduction and Definitions
What does Biblical Theology have to do with covenants?

“A covenant is an agreement enacted between two parties in which one or both make promises under oath to perform or refrain from certain actions stipulated in advance.”¹

תֵרָבִית (bêrit) and διαθήκη (diathēkē)

binding and not binding

macro and micro (or general and specific)

“…As such, covenant is the instrument constituting the rule (or kingdom) of God, and therefore it is a valuable lens through which one can recognize and appreciate the biblical ideal of religious community.”²

Why are covenants difficult for us to understand in 21st century Western culture?

II. Structure of Covenantal Treaties

III. Major Biblical Covenants

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² Ibid.
IV. ADAM AND NOAH

V. ABRAHAM

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