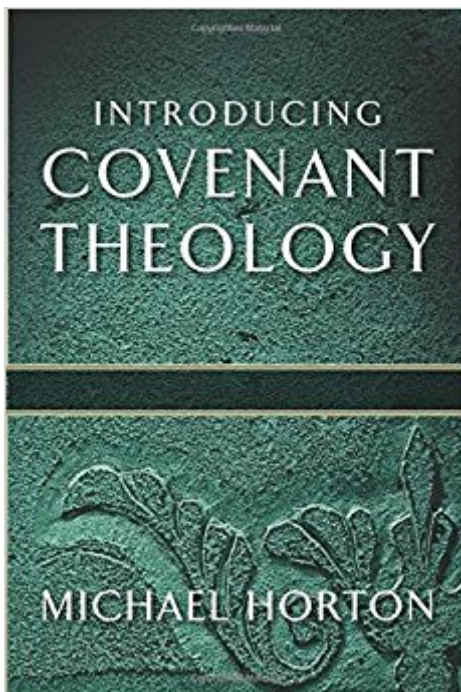


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FRONT FLAP Covenant theology 101 "It's not just that we were created and then given a covenant," writes author Michael Horton. "We were created as covenant creatures-partners not in deity but in the drama about to unfold throughout history." While some Bible readers quake at the mention of "covenant" or "doctrine," it is vitally important to recognize and understand the significance of covenant and its role in bridging the gap between sinner and salvation. Why? Because to understand covenant theology is to understand how it unifies the diverse teachings of Scripture, binds the Old and New Testaments as one narrative, and enriches the meaning in your relationship with the Triune God. Whether new to Reformed theology or not, every believer needs to understand the importance of covenants. God of Promise unpacks covenant theology so you can explore the core of Christianity: knowing-and honoring-the promises of our Creator. BACK FLAP Michael Horton (Ph.D., University of Coventry and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford) is professor of apologetics and theology at Westminster Seminary California. He is also the editor-in-chief of Modern Reformation magazine, the co-host of The White Horse Inn radio program, and the author of several books, including *A Better Way* and *Putting Amazing Back into Grace*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

covenant (n): A binding agreement; a compact; a promise Since biblical times covenants have been a part of everyday life. Simply put, they are promises, agreements, or contracts. But how do they translate into faith and the reading of Scripture? Are covenants merely elements of a narrative? Or do they represent something more? And what are the eternal implications of "cutting" a covenant with God? In *Introducing Covenant Theology*, author Michael Horton unwinds the intricacies of crucial covenant concepts, showing how they provide a significant organizational structure for all of Scripture. They give us a context in which to understand the voices and message of the biblical narrative. They provide life with a goal and history with a meaning. Whether you're a pastor, ministry leader, or layperson, *Introducing Covenant Theology* will give you a new understanding of covenants and covenant theology, providing a framework for an important theological concept. "A masterful survey of the covenantal frame of God's self-disclosure in Scripture. For serious students it is a winner." --J. I. Packer, Board of Governors' Professor of Theology, Regent College "A rigorous and articulate defense of a traditional view of covenant theology. Horton's federalist emphasis gleans from well-established Reformed writers while adding his own highly readable and insightful commentary." --Bryan Chapell, president, Covenant Theological Seminary "Horton has brought covenant theology to life in a way which engages modern thought and appeals to contemporary students and pastors alike. His book is a clear guide to an essential topic." --Gerald Bray, research professor, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University

Horton's small diatribe on *Covenant Theology* is easy to understand. Whereas most volumes on *Covenant Theology* are thick and rely on people smarter than myself, specifically the Puritans. Yes, Horton does work with the Puritans and the Reformers, but this is actually a discussion about Biblical texts, rather than Church history. It shows that through the Old Testament Covenants and the New Covenant, the story of redemption is the story of God's sovereignty and of the relationship between God and His people.

I think this is a great introductory text to covenant theology. It should be accessible to anyone with a cursory knowledge of reformed Christian doctrine, and Horton's writing style is very smooth, less stilted and academic than some of the other big-name books on this topic (e.g., Vos, Robertson). I don't have any substantial gripes with the book's substantive content - although I don't think I fully buy his explanation of a third covenant, the "Covenant of Redemption." But he gives equal time to those who would disagree with him on that subject, and I'm inclined to think it's just a matter of

differing terminology. I have only a couple of minor critiques. First, I think that the book would have worked better if it had included a chapter at the beginning that clearly defines terms and provides an overall structure of covenant theology. Throughout the first three to four chapters, there are many terms used that readers with only a cursory knowledge of covenant theology will not understand. More than that, I think a roadmap of the structure of the covenants would have been useful from the outset. If he had more clearly set out his overarching Covenants of Redemption, Works, Grace from the start, along with the various sub-covenants under each larger theme, it would have made for easier sledding at the beginning. That being said, it all becomes clear by the fourth chapter or so. I just think it's a misstep for a book billed as an introduction to covenant theology. Second, I would have liked to see more time given to the differences of opinion among those who subscribe to covenant theology. Horton does this with some issues - such as the existence of the "redemptive covenant," as he calls it - but I feel like there's more diversity in opinion, particularly about structure and organization, than he lets on here. Overall, I would wholeheartedly recommend this text for any layperson who wants a concise, readable overview of covenant theology. Also - no gripes with the Kindle formatting.

I trust Horton and he is without a doubt one of the best theologians around. He requires that you pay attention but always delivers on the goods. This topic is not well known in today's Christian circles and Horton builds a foundation that helps the average person to begin understanding how God has related to man throughout redemptive history.

i would say first of all that this is not to be read as a bedtime book. i had to be awake and alert to be thoughtful enough to follow. a bit complex, but thorough, at the start. book is easier to understand as it progresses. take time to read decent sized pieces of this little (100 Page) book that packs a wallop. let time assist the settling into the mind these little chunks of info and then proceed.(if you are familiar with covenant theology already, then maybe the book is much easier for you to read cover to cover in one or two sittings. this was not the case for me. this is not my first brush with covenants as such, but my first with them as a system of.....thank you Mr. Horton.

This is an Academic work that does not completely clarify this important Theology. A better work is found in the work by Pastor RC Sproul ("The Promises of God").

Excellent book. It was a little verbose, and the logic is sometimes hard to follow and you have to

re-read the same paragraph 2 or 3 times, but overall an excellent work. Horton view each covenant in Scripture through the lens of Law & Gospel, and shows how Christ ultimately fulfills both.

Pick up this book to better understand law & gospel as well as basic introduction to covenant theology. I loved closing illustration on sailing as it pertains to Christian life.

Terrific introduction to covenant theology. Sometimes the language was written in way that assumed a theological background, thus making it a hard reading at times. However, I still highly recommend this book. It is technical and deep for an introduction and was exactly what I was looking for.

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