

Lesson 3: People of the Covenant 圣约的子民

- I. Humanity in Covenant (Universal Covenants: Adamic and Noahic)
约中的人类（普遍盟约：亚当和诺亚）
 - A. Central Concerns of the Universal Covenants 着重于普遍盟约
 - 1. Adamic Covenant/Arrangement 亚当之约/安排
 - a. human responsibility 人类的责任
 - b. human corruption 人类的堕落
 - c. human redemption 人类的救赎
 - 2. Noahic Covenant: natural stability 诺亚之约：自然稳定性
 - a. divine patience 神的耐心
 - b. human destiny 人的使命
 - B. Prophets' Dependence upon Universal Covenants 先知依赖于普遍盟约
 - 1. Sins of the nations 列国的罪
 - 2. Redemption for the nations 万国的救赎
- II. Israel in Covenant 约中的以色列民
 - A. Abrahamic Covenant 亚伯拉罕之约
 - 1. Central concerns: special nation 重点：特殊民族
 - a. Descendants 后裔
 - b. land of Canaan 迦南地
 - c. Genesis 15 & 17 创世记得15和17章
 - 2. Prophets' dependence 先知的依靠
 - a. promise of land 土地的应许
 - b. promise of descendants 后裔的应许
 - B. Mosaic Covenant 摩西之约
 - 1. Central concerns: Law of God 重点：神的律法
 - 2. Prophets' dependence 先知的依靠
 - a. Law = standards by which they critiqued Israel 法律 = 他们批判以色列的标准
 - b. blessings and curses depended upon obedience/disobedience to the Law.
祝福和咒诅取决于对律法的遵守或违背。
 - C. Davidic Covenant 大卫之约
 - 1. Central concerns: enormous empire 重点：超级大国
 - 2. Prophets' dependence: worldwide kingdom of David
先知的依靠：大卫的全球性的王国
 - D. New Covenant: fulfillment of all other covenant blessings and promises
新约：所有其它盟约祝福和应许的实现
 - 1. Central concerns 重点
 - a. inherit earth 继承全地
 - b. God's law written in the heart 神的律法被写在心上
 - c. David's son on the throne 大卫的子孙在宝座上

2. Prophets' dependence: hoped for and foretold/offered fulfillment
先知的依靠：希望为和被预言的被提供的履行

III. Salvation in Covenant: 3 Kinds of People 约中的救恩：三种人

- A. People Outside the Visible Covenant Community 约以外的群体
 1. Old Testament Gentiles (excluding those who joined Israel: Rahab, etc.)
旧约时代的外邦人（不包括那些加入以色列的人：拉合，等等）
 2. New Testament people who are not part of the visible church
新约时代中那些不属于有形教会的人
- B. Visible Covenant Community: church, kingdom, house of God, people of God, etc.
约中有形的群体：教会，国度，上帝的家，上帝的子民，等等
 1. Old Testament nation of Israel 旧约时代的以色列人
 2. New Testament visible church 新约时代的有形教会
- C. Invisible Covenant Community (Old and New Testament) 约中无形的群体（新旧约）
 1. True believers only 只有真正相信的人
 2. Secure destinies 终极的保障
 3. faithful remnant 忠心的余民

Lesson 3A Teacher's Guide 第三课(A) 教师手册

(Please note that this lesson contains a number of perspectives which are often unfamiliar. We suggest that this video be used over two consecutive weeks.)

(请注意在这节课中涉及了一些我们通常不熟悉的领域。我们建议用二个星期播放这节课的录像。)

Lesson Objective: 课程目标:

This lesson introduces the idea of biblical covenants as a background for understanding the prophets.

这节课介绍了圣经盟约的思想作为背景来了解先知。

Main Ideas: 主要思想:

This lesson has two main ideas: 两个主要方面:

1. As emissaries of divine covenants (see Lesson 2), the prophets relied on the covenants God made in Adam and Noah with all of humanity.
作为神盟约的使者(参见课程二), 先知依靠上帝与全人类所立的亚当和诺亚之约。
2. As emissaries of divine covenants (see Lesson 2), the prophets relied especially on the covenants God made with Israel.
作为神盟约的使者(参见课程二), 先知特别依靠上帝与以色列之间的圣约。

Suggested Lesson Plan: 建议的教学计划:

1. Review previous lessons.
复习前面的课程。
2. Display (on a board or overhead) and explain the main ideas of the lesson.
显示(在黑板或投影片上)并解释这节课的主要思想。
3. Play the video tape of lesson 3 *up to the third signpost (Salvation in Covenant)* as participants take notes on outlines.
播放录像直到第三个路标(约中的救恩), 让听课人记下要点。
4. Discuss the main ideas of the video.
讨论这节课的主要思想。

Discussion Items: 讨论题目:

1. Write the names of each covenant mentioned in this lesson in front of the class. List the principal verses in Scripture which describe these covenants.
在课堂上写出本课中所提及的每份圣约的名字。列出圣经中描述这些圣约的主要章节。

2. Make sure that the participants know the basic contribution of each covenant to the theology of Scripture. What themes are emphasized in each covenant? Why are these themes important to the Christian Faith?

使听课人确实了解每份圣约对圣经神学的基本贡献。每份圣约强调了什么主题？为什么这些主题对基督徒的信心是十分重要的？

3. Review at least one prophetic passage mentioned in the video that demonstrates how the prophets relied on each biblical covenant.

查阅至少一个在录像中涉及的预言段落，在其中表明了先知怎样依赖于每份圣盟约？

Lesson 3B Teacher's Guide 第三课(B) 教师手册

(Please note that this lesson focuses on the third part of the video lesson 3.)
(请注意这节课注重与第三课录像的第三部分)

Objective: This portion of video lesson 3 explains how the prophets viewed the difference between being in covenant with God and being saved to eternal life.

目标: 第三课的这部分录像解释了先知怎样看待在上帝的约中和被拯救而获永生之间的区别。

Main Ideas: 主要思想:

This portion of video lesson 3 has main ideas:

第三课的这部分录像有下列主要方面:

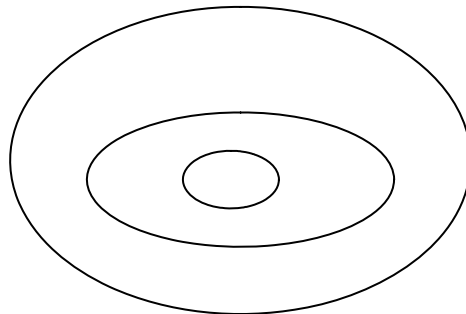
1. The prophets believed that with rare exception Gentiles were outside the covenants with Israel.
先知相信外邦人是在以色列约以外的，除了极少数的例外。
2. The prophets taught that all Israelites were in covenant with God.
先知教导：所有的以色列人是在与上帝的约里。
3. The prophets knew that only some within the nation of Israel were redeemed from their sins.
先知知道在以色列民族中只有一些人从他们的罪孽中被救赎。

Suggested Lesson Plan: 建议的教学计划:

1. Review Previous lessons. 复习前面的课程。
2. Display (on a board or overhead) and explain the main ideas of the lesson.
显示（在黑板或投影片上）并解释这节课的主要思想。
3. Play the third portion (*Salvation in Covenant*) as participants take notes on outlines.
播放录像的第三个部分（*约中的救恩*），让听课人记下要点
4. Discuss the main ideas of the video.
讨论这节课的主要思想。

Discussion Items: 讨论题目:

1. Using concentric circles on the board, illustrate the three kinds of people mentioned in this portion of the lesson: outside of covenant, in covenant, redeemed. Review these basic concepts.
在黑板上用同心圆说明在这节课的这个部份所提及三种人：在约以外的，在约以内的，被救赎的。复习这些基本概念。



2. Read Ephesians 2:11-12. How does this passage explain the typical relationship of Gentiles to God's covenants with Israel during the Old Testament days? What are some exceptions to this rule in the Old Testament?
阅读以弗所书 2:11-12。这个章节怎样解释了在旧约时期外邦人和上帝与以色列的约之间的典型关系？在旧约时期对这个规则有有一些什么例外？
3. Make copies of the chapter of the *Westminster Confession of Faith* mentioned in this lesson. Looking up the Scripture references, make sure that the participants understand the differences between the visible and invisible church.
抄录在本课中提到的威斯敏斯特信条的章节，参照圣经，使听课人确实了解有形和无形教会之间的区别。
4. Read the visions of Amos 7:1-9. There Amos protested against God destroying all the people of Israel, but he did not object to the use of a plumb line which distinguished the righteous from the unrighteous in Israel. How do these visions illustrate the prophet's understanding of the visible covenant people and the invisible covenant people?
查考阿摩司书7:1-9的异象，在这里，阿摩司求告上帝不要毁坏所有的以色列民，但他没有反对用准绳区别在以色列民中公义的和非公义的。这些异象怎样表明了先知对有形的约中群体和无形的约中群体的理解？
5. Read Ezekiel 33:12-20. There Ezekiel declared how repentant Israelites would be redeemed from the judgment of God. How do his words illustrate the prophet's understanding of the visible covenant people and the invisible covenant people?
阅读以西结书33:12-20，以西结怎样在这里宣称悔改了的以色列民会从上帝的审判中蒙救赎？他的话怎样说表明了先知对有形的约中群体和无形的约中群体的理解？
6. What practical difference does it make for us as we read the prophetic word with these distinctions in mind?
当我们读先知的预言时，谨记这些分别，会给我们带来什么样的实际变化？