

## Lesson 4: Dynamics of the Covenants

### 约的动态

#### I. Covenant Ideals 约的理念

##### A. Covenant Structures 约的结构

1. Suzerain-Vassal Treaties [*suzerain*: emperor; *vassal*: servant]  
宗主附庸条约[宗主：君主；附庸：仆从]
  - a. Emperor: imperial benevolence 君主：君王的恩惠
  - b. Vassals: human responsibility 附庸：人的责任
2. Biblical Covenants 圣经中的约
  - a. Adam 亚当
    - i. divine benevolence: Garden of Eden, etc. 神的慈爱：伊甸园等。
    - ii. human responsibility: forbidden fruit 人的责任：禁果
  - b. Noah 挪亚
    - i. divine benevolence: rescued Noah and family from flood  
神的慈爱：从洪水中拯救挪亚和他的一家
    - ii. human responsibility: “be fruitful and multiply”  
人的责任：“要生养众多，昌盛繁茂”
  - c. Abraham 亚伯拉罕
    - i. divine benevolence: promise of blessing 神的慈爱：祝福的应许
    - ii. human responsibility: “walk before me [God] and be blameless”  
人的责任：“你当在我[神]面前作完全人。”
  - d. Moses 摩西
    - i. divine benevolence: rescued Israel from Egypt 神的慈爱：领以色列人出埃及
    - ii. human responsibility: full obedience 人的责任：完全顺服
  - e. David 大卫
    - i. divine benevolence: made David king 神的慈爱：立大卫为王
    - ii. human responsibility: remain loyal, keep law/commands  
人的责任：保持忠心，持守律法
  - f. New 新约
    - i. divine benevolence: saved by grace 神的慈爱：靠恩典得救
    - ii. human responsibility: good works 人的责任：行善

##### B. Prophetic Ministry 先知的事工

1. Emphasized Divine Benevolence 强调神的慈爱
2. Emphasized Human Responsibility: test of faith for visible covenant community  
强调人的责任：对有形约中群体的信心测试
  - a. proved the true faith of believers 证明了真信徒的真信心
  - b. disproved the false faith of unbelievers 反驳了不信者的假信心

## II. Covenant Judgment 约的审判

### A. Types of Judgment: Dependence on Moses (Deut. 4:25-28; 28:15-68; 29:16-29; 32:15-43; Lev. 16:14-39)

审判的类型：依靠摩西律法（民数记4:25-28; 28:15-68; 29:16-29; 32:15-43; 利未记16:14-39）

1. Judgment in Nature: drought, pestilence, famine, disease, wild animals, population loss  
大自然中的审判：旱灾，瘟疫，饥荒，疾病，野生动物，人口损失
2. Judgment in War: defeat sieges, occupation, death, destruction, exile  
战争中的审判：战败和被围困，被占领，死亡，破坏，流放

### B. Process of Judgment (Lev. 26:14-39) 审判的过程（利未记26:14-39）

1. Divine Patience神的耐心
2. Increasing Severity严重性上升
3. Particular Climax: exile 审判高峰：流放

## III. Covenant Blessings 约的祝福

### A. Types of Blessings: (Deut. 4; 28; 30; Lev. 26): seek to be faithful (not perfect); not rebelling

祝福的类型：（民数记4; 28; 30; 利未记26）：寻求是忠心的(并不完美); 不背逆

1. Natural Blessings大自然的祝福
  - a. agricultural plenty农作物丰收
  - b. livestock fertility牲畜繁多
  - c. health健康
  - d. population increase人口增长
2. Blessings in Warfare战争的祝福
  - a. defeat of Enemies打败敌人
  - b. end to warfare结束战争
  - c. relief from destruction不担心毁坏
  - d. return of captives被掳的得回归

## B. Process of Blessings 祝福的过程

1. On the Basis of Grace 基于恩典
2. Varying Degrees of Blessing 不同程度的祝福
3. Climax: Remnant Survival, and Greater, Permanent Blessing (Lev. 26; Deut. 4; 30)  
终极：余民的存留，并且更多，永久祝福 (利未记26; 民数记4; 30)

## Lesson 4 Teacher's Guide 第四课 教师手册

**Objective:** This lesson describes the dynamics of blessings and cursing which governed the ministries of the prophets.

**目标:** 这节课阐述了祝福和咒诅的动态，它主导了先知的事工

**Main Ideas:** 主要思想:

This lesson contains three main ideas: 三个主要方面:

1. Every covenant in the Bible was saturated with God's grace, but each covenant also required human beings to be faithful to the Lord in order to avoid judgment and to receive the blessings of the covenant.  
圣经中的每个约都充满了上帝的恩典，但每份盟约也要求人类对上帝忠心，以避免审判并且接受约中的祝福。
2. The judgments of the covenants followed certain patterns which consistently appeared in the prophets' words.  
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3. The blessings of the covenants followed certain patterns which consistently appeared in the prophets' words.  
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**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 4 as participants take notes on outlines.  
播放第四课的录像，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. How is it possible to speak of divine grace and human responsibility as co-existing in biblical covenants? What is the biblical support for this view? How do we avoid a doctrine of salvation by works if we allow for human responsibility?  
为什么说神的恩典和人的责任同时存在于圣约里？对这种观点的圣经支持是什么？在我们考虑到人的责任时，如何避免靠行为得救的教导？
2. Summarize the types of judgment and the process of judgment described in this lesson.  
总结在本课中描述的审判的类型和审判的过程。

3. Read Isaiah 1:21-31. Explain in detail how this passage illustrates the types and processes of judgment described in this lesson. Do the same with Hosea 2:9-13.  
读以赛亚书1:21-31，详细解释这个段落怎样说明了在本课中所描述的审判的类型和过程，通过何西阿书2:9-13做同样的分析。
4. Summarize the types and processes of blessings described in this lesson.  
总结在本课中描述的祝福的类型和过程。
5. Read Isaiah 2:1-4. Explain in detail how this passage illustrates the types and processes of blessing described in this lesson. Do the same with Hosea 3:21-23.  
读以赛亚书2:1-4，详细解释这个段落怎样说明了在本课中所描述的祝福的类型和过程被，通过何西阿书3:21-23做同样的分析。