
Covenant in the Old and in the New Testament

Annotation

The covenant (Hebrew "berit", Greek "diatheke") is a fundamental structural element of the life of Israel and the disciples of Jesus in the Church in relation to God. The course presents the basic types of covenants against the background of the ancient Near East and shows how their scheme is applied as a theological category in biblical books. The canonical approach prevails in the interpretation, i.e. with regard to the whole Bible, which, however, respects the historical circumstances and the literary character of the individual texts studied.

Syllabus

- I. The theme of covenant today: overview of research
- II. The Old Testament
 1. Promise to patriarchs
 2. The Covenant of Sinai (Exod. 19-24)
 3. The role of the Covenant in the book of Deuteronomy
 4. The Liturgy of the Covenant (Josh. 24)
 5. The Royal Covenant with David
 6. The Covenant of love in the books of prophets
 7. The covenant of God with the world
 8. Post-exile period
 9. Conclusion
- III. The New Testament
 1. The Eucharist and the Covenant
 2. Paul and the Covenant
 3. The Epistle to the Hebrews
- IV. Covenant and creation

Basic Literature

- Hahn, Scott W. Kinship by Covenant. New Haven - London: Yale University Press, 2009.
- Other titles will be added continuously

Course completion requirements

- Students will prepare a paper on a topic of free choice from the material of the seminar. The length of the paper should be between 4500 and 9000 characters
- Further information in [Study Informational System](#)