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The Eighth Plague and the War for Covenant Children

Exodus 10:1-20

Shu and the east wind

In plagues 1-6 God shows his power over the Earth, in plagues 7-9 He shows His power over Heaven. He is the Lord of Heaven and Earth. This isn't so much Yahweh displaying His power over locusts, it is that, but more so it's Yahweh showing His power over the wind. Halfway through v.13 we read "the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts."¹ The Egyptian god Shu was believed to hold power over the wind. Interestingly He was recognized as the god who separated the sky from the earth allowing the formation of the world. Shu's name ironically means "emptiness" and that is what he was shown to be. His power over the wind was empty when Yahweh summoned the east wind.

The worst plague thus far

This plague was far worse than the hailstones. The hail killed any creature in the field, plant, animal or man. That plague brought immediate death. This plague promised a slow death of starvation for days, weeks and

¹ "The 'east wind' appears throughout scripture as a sign and means of God's judgement. The Lord shatters the ships of Tarshish with an east wind (Ps. 48:7); he scatters Israel in the same manner (Jer. 18:17; Ezek. 19:12) and he dries up the wells of Ephraim with it (Hosea 13:15). Consider also its use in Ezekiel 27:26 and Jonah 4:8. The point is that divine doom is coming upon Egypt." John D. Currid, *Exodus Vol. 1: Chapters 1-18*, (Auburn, MA.,: Evangelical Press, 2000), pg. 220

months to come. It brought an immediate famine upon the land and turned Egypt instantly into a third world country overnight. v.15 says “[the locusts] covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt.” As one author said “Because the whole land was affected, food had to be purchased from other countries, decapitalizing Egypt.”²

Flying death

Pharaoh lamented grievously in v.17 “...plead with the LORD your God only to remove *this death* from me.” Locusts brought death. Listen to this account of a locust infestation from the Canary Islands 300 years ago:

The air was so full of them, that I could not eat in my chamber without a candle; all the houses being full of them, even the stables, barns, chambers, garrets, and cellars. I caused cannon-powder and sulpher to be burnt to expel them, but all to no purpose; for when the door was opened an infinite number came in, and the others went out, fluttering about; and it was a troublesome thing when a man went abroad to be hit on the face by those creatures, so that there was no opening one's mouth but some would get in. Yet all this was nothing, for when we were to eat, these creatures gave us no respite; when we cut a bit of meat, we cut a locust with it; and when a man opened his mouth to put in a morsel, he was sure to chew one of them. I have seen them at night, when they sit to rest them, that the roads were four inches thick of them, one upon another; so that

² Rousas John Rushdoony, *Commentaries on the Pentateuch: Exodus*, Vallecito, CA.,: Ross House Books, 2004), pg. 112

the horses would not trample over them, but as they were put on with much lashing, pricking up their ears, snorting and treading fearfully. The wheels of our carts and the feet of our horses bruising these creatures, there came forth from them such a stench as not only to offend the nose, but the brain. I was not able to endure it, but was forced to wash my nose with vinegar, and hold a handkerchief dipped in it continually at my nostrils.”³

Insatiable appetites

And then there was the unending appetites of these flying insects, they could eat their own weight in a day. On author reports that during locust infestations any “clothing [left] on a clothesline...[would be] completely eaten except for the tiny piece protected by the clothes pin.”⁴ Laura Ingalls Wilder reported of locust infestation in her day that “[there] was one big sound made of tiny nips and snips and gnawings...[They] were eating...You could hear the millions of jaws biting and chewing...Day after day [they] kept on eating.”⁵

The desolation of Egypt and the war for covenant children

The house of Egypt was left desolate. This plague gives us a specific insight that the previous plagues did not. Pharaoh was willing to let the men go, but he refused to release “the little ones”—Israel’s children. As the manifestation of the Dragon (Satan) on earth, Pharaoh was in a battle with Yahweh over the future of the world. For the covenant of children to have been left in Egypt

³ *Ibid*, pg. 113-114

⁴ *Ibid*, pg. 112

⁵ Philip Graham Ryken, *Preaching the Word: Exodus, Saved for God’s Glory*, (Wheaton, IL.: Crossway, 2015), pg. 263

would have meant the end of the God's plan of redemption. And this is only one of many episodes that is played out in world history. How important are our children? Our children are one thing that the Dragon covets most. Yahweh is willing to overthrow empires for the sake of our children. This plague brings into focus the battle throughout world history over the children of the LORD.

The Big Idea...

Covenant children are the battle ground in history between Yahweh and the Dragon

★ Our Doctrine

★ Our Duty

★ Our Delight

I. Our Doctrine

God's 3-fold purpose in hardening Pharaoh

We know that God judicially hardened Pharaoh's heart *because* of Pharaoh rebelled against the Lord. But here we see three additional reasons for God hardening Pharaoh. Please look at v.1-2 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, *for I have hardened his heart* and the heart of his servants, (1) *that* I may show these signs of mine among them, ² and (2) *that* you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, (3) *that* you may know that I

am the LORD.” **First**, God hardened Pharaoh’s heart so that He could show these signs to Egyptians. In order to stop the mouth of those who would put Yahweh on the same level as these other false gods, and to put the fear of God in others whom He had appointed to save. Israel left Egypt with a multitude of Egyptians who believed in true God (Exodus 12:38). **Second**, God hardened Pharaoh’s heart so that Israel could tell their sons and grandsons the great works God wrought in Egypt. Had God rescued Israel on day one, without the multiplication of all of God’s wonders, God’s glory would have been remained hidden. Calvin says here “Had they been redeemed by any ordinary method, the praise due to God would soon have been forgotten.”⁶

“We have heard with our ears”

Israel did in fact tell these wonders to their children. Psalm 44:1 “O God, we have heard with our ears, *our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old.*” You cannot read the OT without constantly hearing in the law or the psalms or the prophets about how God delivered Israel out of Egypt.⁷ It’s everywhere. Israel’s sons and grandsons were told of God’s wonderful signs in Egypt. It was the children’s bread, it was their nourishment generation after generation. Psalm 78:4 “We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

⁶ John Calvin, *Calvin’s Commentaries Vol. II*, (Grand Rapids, MI.: BakerBooks, 2009), pg. 194

⁷ The basis for the national covenant that God made with Israel is based on His rescuing them out of Egypt. Exodus 20:1-2 “And God spoke all these words, saying,² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” If the NT’s chief redemptive work is the cross of Jesus Christ, the OT’s chief redemptive work is the Exodus out of Egypt. Just as the Revolutionary War is foundational to America and we celebrate our independence every July 4th, so the Exodus was foundational to the Lord’s people and we still celebrate our independence down to this day.

What inheritance are we leaving our children?

This is so vital to see. As I get older, I'm asking myself more and more frequently "What am I going to pass down to my children? What inheritance will I provide for them when I am gone?" John Crawford, in his book "Baptism Is Not Enough: How Understanding God's Covenant Changes Everything" says this:

"Perhaps the more important aspect of the succession of the family covenant is that it is through the family bonds that *wealth* is transferred. I am not speaking only about money and physical assets. *The love of God, wisdom, and the understanding of Scripture are the most important aspects of family inheritance.* It takes all of these as well as physical assets to carry out the family's God-given purpose."⁸

Crawford is saying that the most important wealth we give to our children is the knowledge of God, the fear of God, the love of God, the power of God, the plan of God, the glory of God. A father that gives his child the whole world but fails to teach him with his words and his life that the Lord of Heaven and Earth is to be loved has left his child desolate.

The passing of the covenant of grace

That's the **third** reason given at the end of v.2. God hardened Pharaoh's heart, in order to show His wonders in Egypt *so that*—end of v.2—"...you may know that I am the LORD." God did what He did in Egypt so that future generations of covenant children would believe on Him, love Him, spend their

⁸ John Crawford, *Baptism Is Not Enough: How Understanding God's Covenant Changes Everything*, (Moscow, ID.,: Canon Press, 2013), pg. 45

lives for Him. God was aiming at generational succession. The great Dutch theologian Herman Bavinck says here “The covenant of God with its benefits and blessings perpetuates itself from child to child from generation to generation. While grace is not automatically inherited, as a rule it is bestowed along the line of generations.”⁹ Certainly this is what God is aiming at in the formation of families. Malachi 2:15 “Did he not make them [*husband and wife*] one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring”—offspring that belong to the LORD in heart, mind and soul. The LORD gives husbands and wives a portion of His Spirit in their union, because He desires the souls of their children.

Enter the Dragon

But so does the Dragon. Pharaoh rebuffed Moses’ first appeal. But Pharaoh’s servants talked Pharaoh into a compromise. Halfway through v.7 they suggest to “*Let the men go...*” v.8 “So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God. *But which ones are to go?*” Moses knows what is behind this sinister question so he immediately responds in v.9 “Moses said, “We will go with *our young and our old*. We will go with *our sons and daughters* and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.”” The covenant that God made with Abraham includes children. Moses is not at liberty to part with one covenant child. He denies Pharaoh’s compromise. Pharaoh responds in v.10 “But he said to them, “The LORD be with you, *if ever I let you and your little ones go!*”¹⁰ Stop. This is full-throated arrogance. In essence, “*the only way you get your children is if Yahweh pries them out of my cold dead*

⁹ Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics, Volume 4: Holy Spirit, Church, and New Creation*, (Grand Rapids, MI.: Baker Academic, 2008), pg. 528

¹⁰ No doubt it seems that Pharaoh was also hanging on to the women as well, but the net effect is the same. Without their children and their women, there would be no successive generation.

hand.” The Dragon will not peaceably part with covenant children. Like Yahweh, the Dragon knows how to play the long game. This refusal was about the future of the world. Whoever controls the children, controls the world.

Our doctrine: *the battle ground in history*

That brings us to **our doctrine:** *Covenant children are the battle ground in history between Yahweh and the Dragon.* Consider three proofs.

Proof #1: King Ben-hadad

Turn to 1 Kings 20:1-3. This is the record of Syria coming against the Northern tribe of Israel. “Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together. Thirty-two kings were with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and closed in on Samaria and fought against it. ²And he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, “Thus says Ben-hadad: ³‘Your silver and your gold are mine; your best wives *and children also are mine.*’” Joseph Boot says here:

“This was not a random request, but carried enormous significance. To surrender his wealth would leave the royal treasury empty...To surrender his wives to be raped and placed in Ben-hadad’s harem would humiliate and shame Ahab...[but] the biggest and most significant demand...was that his own children be handed over. His sons and daughters would be taken and re-educated in terms of an alien faith, religion and morality.”¹¹

¹¹ Joseph Boot, *The Mission of God: A Manifesto of Hope for Society*, (Toronto, Canada, : Ezra Press, 2016), pg. 439

The Dragon wanted to steal covenant children in order to turn them—in order to thwart the redemptive purposes of God. Though Ahab was a wicked king, Yahweh intervened and fought for His covenant children defeating Ben-hadad.¹²

Proof #2: King Nebuchadnezzar

Please turn to Daniel 1. This book opens up recording the defeat of Judah by Babylon. Look at King Nebuchadnezzar's first order of business. v.3 "Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, ⁴*youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.* ⁵The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. ⁶Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. ⁷And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego." The Dragon took Judah's most promising children and put them through a Babylonian re-education program including: Babylonian literature, language and philosophy (v.4); a Babylonian diet contrary to God's commands (v.5); and new Babylonian names in order to erase their Jewish identity (v.7). The dragon had the long game in mind. Judah was defeated, *at least temporarily*. If he could corrupt their youth, they would be defeated forever. But Yahweh was with

¹² There is a lesson in itself in which follows. The Lord wins two battles for Ahab and in the end Ahab makes peace with Ben-hadad. He was a friend to the very man who tried to destroy covenant children. How many evangelicals make alliances with those who try to destroy covenant children?

Daniel and his three friends and He miraculously preserved them and the rest of the remnant.

Proof #3: The rest of history

This has been *the number one strategy* of the Dragon. “In Mein Kampf, Hitler stressed ‘the importance of winning over and then training the youth in the service of a new national state.’” In a speech dated November 6, 1933, he said:

“When an opponent declares, ‘I will not come over to your side,’ I calmly say, “Your child belongs to us already...What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp.”¹³

Is this not the same strategy we see today? What is the *main battle ground* in culture today? Our children! Whether it’s drag queen story hour or trans surgeries for kids, the Dragon understands the long game. This is *why* Germany today has outlawed homeschooling.¹⁴ This is why the President has recently said that our children belong to the state.¹⁵ We could multiple examples without end. Pharaoh and King Ben-hadad and Hitler and the current regime all have one thing in common, they understand where the true battle lies, with our children. That’s **our doctrine**: *Covenant children are the battle ground in history between Yahweh and the Dragon.*

¹³ Four years later, he said, “This new Reich will give its youth to no one, but will itself take youth and give to youth its own education and it’s own upbringing.” Gary DeMar, *Whoever Controls the Schools Rules the World*, (Powder Springs, GA: American Vision, 2007), pp. 1-2.

¹⁴ <https://www.dw.com/en/european-court-rules-against-german-homeschooling-family/a-47021333>

¹⁵ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/04/24/remarks-by-president-biden-and-first-lady-jill-biden-at-the-2023-national-and-state-teachers-of-the-year-celebration/> and <https://www.newsweek.com/no-president-biden-children-dont-belong-government-opinion-1703558>

II. Our Duty

Experimental Use

Our **first duty** is to *examine* ourselves. Children, boys and girls, do you know that the Lord God has laid claim on you? You are no different than these little Hebrew boy and girls in our passage. Almighty God has instructed your parents to tell you all the mighty works that He has done, so that you would trust Him, love Him and praise Him. God gave your parents a portion of His Spirit in their marriage so that you would be raised to fear God body and soul. But do you know that the Dragon wants you as well? That old serpent the devil desires to turn you to His side. You are in the middle of a war even as a small child. So take this to heart dear child, the best gift your parents give you is when they teach you about the Lord from Scripture. Don't despise that gift like Esau did. Remember what Esau did? Genesis 25:34 "Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright." Esau traded his greatest treasure—his birthright—for a bowl of soup. He traded the knowledge of God for the fleeting pleasure of the world. He had the inheritance of the firstborn, great treasure and honor for generations. Yet he lost it all because He didn't treasure the teaching of the Lord from His parents. Boys and girls, are you treasuring what your parents are teaching you about the Lord? Don't you see how much God loves you? He has given you every advantage in the world by giving you Christian parents so that you would follow Him all the days of your life.

Elenctic Use

Perhaps you say, “but my parents are *not* believers.” Ok, but look what God has done, He has brought you into His church! What does that tell you? That He desires your soul, He desires to be Your Heavenly Father, to start *a new work of God in you* so that could be a blessing for generations to come. He has brought you into a new family where you can find a whole host of spiritual mothers and fathers to love you.

Informatory Use

Our **second duty** is to *consider* the gift that children are. Fathers and mothers, have you considered *lately* the precious gift your children are? Is there anything that you possess that is more precious than them?¹⁶ Psalm 127:3 says “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD.” What does that mean? One commentator says here:

“[The Psalmist] is *not only* saying, “God gave you your children.”...Children are *not only* a gift to us from the LORD: they are a *heritage* from the LORD. The word *heritage* carries the meaning of inheritance. When a father hands down an inheritance to his children, he is giving his children *what belonged to him*. Likewise, when the Father gives us children, He is giving us what belongs to him. The children are His.”¹⁷

Parents, God is entrusting you with *His children*—covenant children. What could possibly surpass this privilege? What this means, as Abraham Kuyper once said,

¹⁶ What would you trade for your children?

¹⁷ Jared Longshore, *The Case for the Christian Family: The Covenantal Solution for the Dissolving American Family*, (Moscow, ID.,: Canon Press, 2022), pg. 52

is that “God is the One in charge of [their] upbringing.”¹⁸ And oh God has designed them especially when they are little ones to be ready to hear His Word. Kuyper continues:

“God the Lord could have created the children of men...to be born in such a way that in the first years of their life they would not be subject to influences, unable to absorb permanent impressions...[But] On the contrary, He causes man to be born with a heart as tender and soft as wax. The young child is extremely susceptible to impressions.”¹⁹

That’s why God told Moses in v.2 “that you may tell in the hearing of your *son* and your *grandson*” what I have done. He wants the soft wax of their hearts formed by hearing with the stories of His great deliverance. What a gift God has given to Christian parents. We have the privilege of nourishing our children’s souls with the stories of God’s mighty works.

Admonitory Use

Our **third duty** is to *rebuke*. We have an obligation to warn and rebuke those who would attempt to turn children away from the LORD—covenant children or otherwise. The Pharaoh’s of our age²⁰ must be rebuked—whether these Pharaohs be corporations or politicians or teachers. God has overturned empires for this sin. Destroying children is the work of the Dragon and it is a

¹⁸ Abraham Kuyper, *Collected Works in Public Theology, Common Grace: God’s Gifts for a Fallen World Vol. 3*, (Bellingham, WA.: Lexham Press, 2020), pg. 443

¹⁹ Abraham Kuyper, *Collected Works in Public Theology, Common Grace: God’s Gifts for a Fallen World Vol. 2*, (Bellingham, WA.: Lexham Press, 2019), pg. 251

²⁰ “*Let the Pharaoh’s of our age* also learn that when they impede by their cruel menaces the pure worship of God, it is in His strict justice that fanatics, like locusts, assail their kingdoms with their impious errors, and infect their people with contagion.” Calvin, pg. 196

most wicked work. Part of our witness to the world is not only telling the good news, but telling the bad news. God judged Egypt for murdering and corrupting the children of the LORD. Has God changed? No, not at all. “For I the LORD do not change.” Dear people of the Lord, be bold and courageous in the hour that we live. Paul says in Ephesians 5:11 “Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.” We are coming upon so-called Pride Month. How can God use you to expose the works of darkness against children? How can God use you to rebuke the Pharaoh’s of this age—the agents of the Dragon—who seek to devour children?

III. Our Delight

Is the Dragon winning?

If you are at all familiar with the story of the OT, you have to understand that it looks like the Dragon won. God did rescue Israel from Egypt, they did become a nation, but then they steadily apostatized from God until they were taken into captivity and Jerusalem was overthrown. Chronologically, the OT ends with a remnant returning to Jerusalem, to a city torn down and the temple destroyed. The inter-testamental period—between Malachi and Matthew—sees Alexander the Great conquer the world and then the rise of Roman Empire which John calls in the book of Revelation *the beast from the sea*.²¹ Yes Yahweh won in Egypt. But it looked like the Dragon won after that.²²

²¹ Cf. Revelation 13:1 w/ 17:7-10

²² And at times it looks like the Dragon is winning today.

Celebratory Use

However we have to remember what Pharaoh told Moses ‘your men can go, *but your little ones must be left behind.*’ Moses said “No, every child must come.” And because Pharaoh rebelled, God ruined Egypt with the locusts. He would not suffer any of His children to be under the Dragon. Except One Child. Dear congregation, there was a price for Israel’s freedom. There was a price for your freedom. One Child would have to suffer under the Dragon. One Child would have to be corrupted and abused and tortured and forsaken in the place of all the rest. That Child—that Son—is the Lord Jesus Christ. You and I were born into a slavery that was infinitely worse than the slavery of Egypt, we were slaves to sin. And we had a tyrant over us infinitely worse than Pharaoh—that ancient serpent, the Devil. And God demanded from the Dragon that we be freed “Let My people go.” But the only way God could remain both Holy and Just is if God made a trade, One Child for all the rest. That’s the gospel loved ones. “That God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.”²³ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”²⁴ God gave His Son over to the Dragon, to become a curse, to be slain on the cross. Just as the locusts devoured Egypt and ruined her, making her desolate. So Jesus was ruined and made desolate on the cross. Galatians 3:13 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by become a curse for us.” Jesus was the final propitiation, the once for all wrath absorbing sacrifice for our sin. And this is why we know that history is not the story of the Dragon winning! Because Christ rose from the dead. It was impossible for death to hold Him. Isaiah 27:1 “...the LORD with his

²³ 1 John 4:9

²⁴ John 3:16

hard and great and strong sword... slay[ed] the dragon that is in the sea.” Death has been defeated, the Dragon has been defeated.

Hortatory Use

This is the story we are to tell our sons and our grandsons, our daughters and our granddaughters. So I charge you people of the Lord as Yahweh charged Israel. Tell this to your children and your children’s children. To *tell* in Hebrew means to recount, to rehearse, to declare. Not just a one time telling, but a telling and a retelling and a retelling. Parents, the gospel story is the richest inheritance you can give your children because it contains all the greatest and best works of God. It contains everything that your child needs to know. As one author says here:

“It is a true story based on the facts of history: his virgin birth, his virtuous life, his vicarious atonement, and his victorious resurrection... It explains who we are: the people of God. It explains where we came from: a life of sin and misery. It explains where we are going: to live with Christ in mansions of glory. It explains who God is: the Father of mercy and love. And it explains why we are here: to glorify God by living for Christ.”²⁵

So parents, tell your covenant children what God has done through Christ. Tell it to them in family worship, on vacation, when you put them in bed, when you cook them breakfast, when you discipline them, when they are scared, when they are proud, when they are sorrowful. Every moment is a moment to tell

²⁵ Ryken, pg. 267

them what Christ has done for them.²⁶ These are the vows we have taken in membership that “We will endeavor to bring up our children—and support every other parent toward this end—in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to seek the salvation of our family and friends.”²⁷

Consolatory Use:

Perhaps this kind of message is discouraging to you because you feel like you’ve blown it with your kids. You’re a grand parent now and you have children who are outside the covenant of grace—outside the gospel. Three things. **First**, take heart dear Christian, you have been forgiven by Christ even for your failures as a parent. We all have failures. Children are saved not because of perfect parents but because of the grace of God alone. **Second**, our text says that we are to tell our sons and *our grandsons*. Do you have grandchildren? Then you still have work to do. Tell them, tell those precious grandchildren what Christ has done. The Lord is not done with you, you still have marching orders. I am a saved Christian, my wife and children walk with the Lord today because of my great great grandmother Crombie who took her grandson, my dad to church. God used her to bring salvation to generations. Don’t lose heart. **Third**, don’t give up on your lost children. The gospel is not a trifle. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. God defeated Pharaoh. He overturned the empire of Egypt with locusts. He raised His Son from the dead. Can He still not save? Pray for them, tell them and retell them what Christ has done. God can restore the years the locusts have eaten.

²⁶ "The parents must pass on to the children the acts and ordinances of God (Exodus 10:2, 12:24, 26; Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 40; 6:7; 11:19; 29:29; Joshua 4:6, 21; 22:24-27). The covenant of God with its benefits and blessings perpetuates itself from child to child and from generation to generation (Genesis 9:12; 17:7, 9; Exodus 3:15; 12:17; 16:32; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalms 105:8; and so forth)." Bavinck, pg. 528

²⁷ Also see Thomas Manton’s “Epistle to the Reader” that prefaces the Westminster Confession of Faith.