

THE NEW COVENANT

The Creator chose the children of Israel, Jacob's twelve sons, to establish His kingdom, which was called the Kingdom of Israel, here on earth. In doing so, God made a covenant with Israel which was called the Old Covenant.

The Old Covenant consists of His royal law which are the Ten Commandments written on tablets of stone.

The agreement was that if Israel kept the Ten Commandments, the statutes and judgments, God would make them the greatest nation on earth. Israel would be the head; not the tail. Blessings would overtake them.

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

He would be their God and they would be His people.

Moses presented this covenant to the children of Israel and they agreed to do all that the Most High had commanded.

Then Moses took blood and sprinkled the people and the covenant was established.

Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

The covenant was not the Ten Commandments, but the agreement that Israel would *keep* the commandments of God. Some religious leaders believe that the covenant was the Ten Commandments. When the covenant was abolished, because Israel sinned and broke the covenant, most Christians believe that the Ten Commandments were done away with.

When God divorced the children of Israel because of their idolatry, the Ten Commandments, which were the terms of the covenant, were still in place and not done away with.

Remember, the commandments, which were the terms of the covenant, said that Israel would have no other gods besides the Most High. They would not make any graven images. They would not take the Lord's name in vain. They would remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

These four commandments Israel agreed to keep would show that they respected the Most High God.

Then God gave Israel six more commandments which covered their lifestyle with their fellow man and neighbor. They would honor their mother and their father. They would not steal from their neighbor. They would not commit adultery. They would not kill. They would not bear false witness. They would not covet their neighbor's goods or their neighbor's wife.

These commandments were the royal law and the standard for everyday life. Also Israel agreed to keep God's statutes which consists His holy feast days (Leviticus 23:1-44).

The Feast Days consist of the first feast, which is the seventh day Sabbath, Passover on the fourteenth day of the month called Abib which is found on the

Hebrew calendar; The Feast of Unleavened Bread starting on the fifteenth day of Abib and lasts seven days; Pentecost, which is the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles.

That's the reason the Most High told the prophet Ezekiel:

Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them

This was the agreement that made up the Old Covenant. Israel did not have these laws written in their minds and in their hearts like we do today as we practice the New Covenant. They had these laws written in a book called the Book of the Law. Israel agreed to keep this law when God made the Old Covenant with them. They also had the Ten Commandments written on two tablets of stone which was in the Ark of the Covenant with the Book of the Law in the side of the Ark.

Deuteronomy 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Nehemiah 8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

Israel did not keep the agreement they made with the Most High in the Old Testament. Israel broke the agreement, which was the Old Covenant, by going after strange gods and worshipping them. The Most High scattered Israel among the heathen nations and the covenant became of no effect because of their disobedience.

But God loved Israel. He said, I will not leave them altogether unpunished. I will correct them and chastise them. I will not make a full end of my people Israel.

Jeremiah 30:11 For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

So, the Most High said I will make a New Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Jacob. In order for the Most High to make a New Covenant with

the House of Israel and the House of Jacob, the old covenant had to be abolished.

Remember, Israel was married to the one called the Logos in the Old Testament. The Logos was also Melchisedec in the Old Testament. Abraham met with Melchisedec and paid tithes of all the spoils that he had taken from the kings in the war he fought with them when he freed his nephew Lot.

Hebrews 7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

In order for the Old Covenant to be completely abolished, the one called the Logos had to become the 'Word made flesh' and die (John 1:14); this freed Israel from the Old Covenant, which they broke, and gave them the right to receive the New Covenant that the prophet Jeremiah wrote about.

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

By the Most High making a New Covenant with the laws written in the hearts and in the minds of the people, Israel now had the opportunity to receive eternal life by accepting Jesus Christ as their savior. Jesus not only died for the children of Israel but for the whole human family. The New Covenant is not only for Israel, but also for the gentiles and heathens and all people who accept Jesus Christ as their savior. For

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son and whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Some Israelites would ask what scripture says the gentiles can be equated with Israel in the Old Testament?

Remember, God told Abraham that he would be the father of many nations, including the gentile nations. If a man is the father of many children, even through adoption, they all are the children of that man.

Although the gentiles are not Abraham's biological seed, they are of his spiritual seed when it comes to God's promises. They will receive the same promise that God gave unto Abraham.

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Furthermore, God said that when those who were not Israelites but were strangers kept his Sabbath, He would give them a name and a place in His kingdom more precious than sons.

Isaiah 56:5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

The New Covenant is in force now but only to those who are baptized in Jesus Name and have received the Holy Spirit whether they are Jew or Gentile, male or female.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the

remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Because of the doctrine that started at the Nicene Council in 325 AD, when the Catholic Church changed the laws and statues of God and began to teach a doctrine of so-called grace without the law, many people have become confused. Many good Christians reject what God has written in their hearts and in their minds through the Holy Spirit which is the New Covenant according to Hebrews 8:8.

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Although Hebrews 8:8 speaks of the House of Israel and the House of Judah, understand that the gentiles have been drafted into the House of Israel according to:

Ephesians 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the

covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us

Also Romans chapter 11 shows that the Gentiles are a part of the House of Israel because they are drafted into Israel's good olive tree.

Romans 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Every gentile who has the New Covenant written in their hearts and in their minds becomes a spiritual Jew.

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

The New Covenant is the Ten Commandments written in the hearts and minds of those who accept Jesus Christ as their savior and obey the Ten Commandments which are the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

The New Covenant is an agreement between God and New Testament believers including Israelites and gentiles alike. This covenant qualifies you to be in the first resurrection and to reign with the ruling Christ for 1000 years in the new earth; and to enter into the gate of the city that is coming down out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

We are saved by grace but the New Covenant requires us to know what sin is so we won't unknowingly make the mistake of breaking the covenant by sinning.

Remember sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4). The same law that was in the Old Covenant is the same law in the New Covenant.

However, the law of the New Covenant is spiritual written in the hearts and minds of men unlike the law of the Old Covenant which was carnal written on tablets of stone and in the Book of the Law. Jesus gave examples of the spiritual law in Matthew 5:

Matthew 5:21Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The apostle Paul also taught that the law was spiritual showing that the New Covenant is written in your heart and in your mind bringing your conscious alive.

Romans 7:14For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Remember, God said if your heart condemns you, God is greater.

1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

So the New Covenant covers the inner man as well as the outer man but the Old Covenant only covered the outer man. That's why the bible says that the New Covenant has better promises.

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

The Creator found fault with Israel because they were carnally minded and did not have the Holy Spirit like we do today. Israel was not able to keep the Old Covenant because it was written on tablets of stone and in the Book of the Law. God had to make a New Covenant with the law written in their minds and in their hearts.

Yes, we understand that the prophets had the Holy Spirit but they were only a minute few of the children of Israel. The majority of the Israelites did not have the Holy Spirit and were not mixed with faith. So they

broke the Old Covenant and neglected to keep God's Holy Sabbaths.

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

The New Covenant would eventually be in the hearts and minds of all the people and nations of the world that will be saved. For God said "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh". God's spirit has His laws in it, written it in our hearts and minds.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

So take your time and compare the Old Covenant with the New Covenant and you will find that the New Covenant was sanctified with the Blood of Jesus on better promises than the blood of animals who were offered on the alter year after year.

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