

The Covenant in Jesus Christ

Isaiah 49:8

Gen. 22:18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.

Ps. 2:6-8 As for me, **I have set my King on Zion**, my holy hill.” I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.” Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Is. 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it** with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Is. 49:4 But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

Is. 49:4-5 ...yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God. And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength

Is. 49:7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Is. 49:8 Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered You; in a day of salvation I have helped You; I will keep You and **give You as a covenant to the people**, to restore the land, to apportion the desolate inheritances.

Is. 42:6-7 I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness; **I will take You by the hand and keep You**; I will give You **as a covenant for the people**, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I. The Importance of God’s Covenants

1 Sam. 18:1-4 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father’s house. **Then Jonathan made a covenant with David**, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

2 Sam. 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, **and King David made a covenant with them** at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Gen. 9:11-13 I establish **my covenant with you**, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
And God said, “**This is the sign of the covenant** that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be **a sign of the covenant** between me and the earth.

Gen. 12:1-3 Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

Gen. 15:18 On that day the **Lord made a covenant with Abram**, saying, ‘To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

Ex. 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

Ex. 24:6-8 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then **he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, ‘All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.’** And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.’

Jer. 31:31-32 Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

Jer. 31:33-34 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Salvation is possible only as the result of God’s initiative, and only on the foundation of His love and faithfulness.

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II. The Messiah as God’s Covenant

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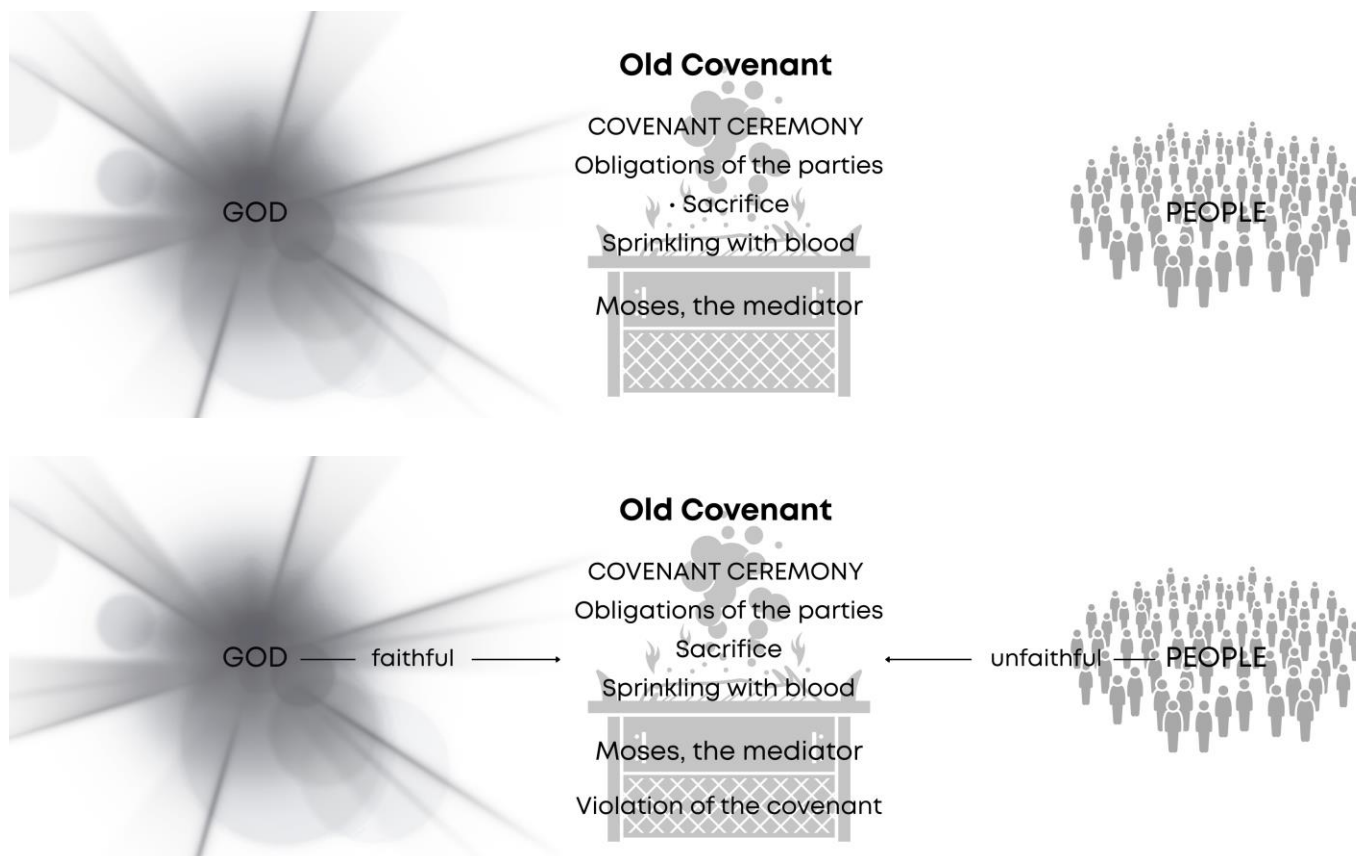
Ex. 24:1-3 Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.” Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.

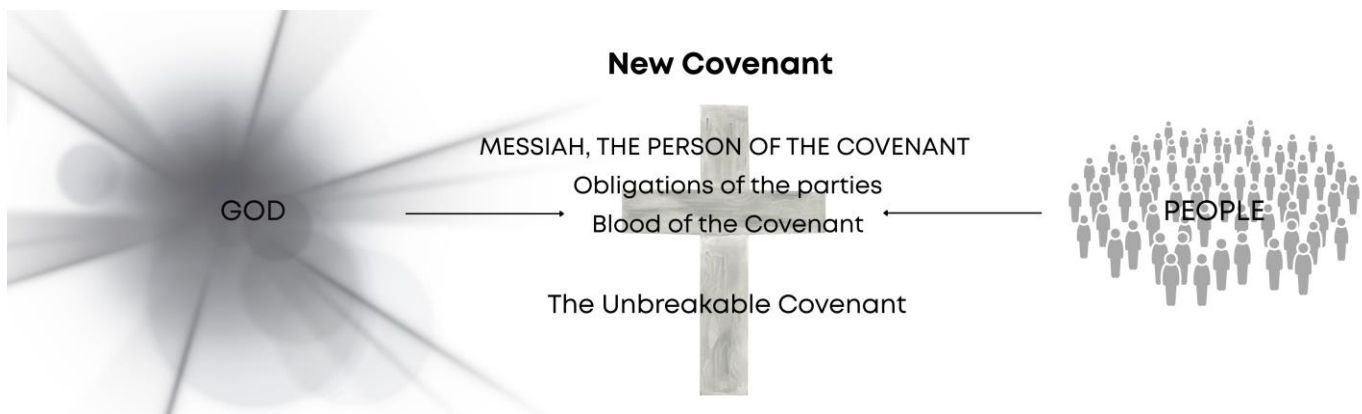
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Jer. 32:40 I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

Ezek. 36:26-27 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.





1 Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ** shall all be made alive.

The Messiah is our representative who has entered into the covenant with God on our behalf.

Luke 22:19-20 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the **new covenant in my blood**.'

John 14:19-20 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and **you in me, and I in you**.

2 Cor. 5:18-19 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, **in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

1 John 5:12-13 **Whoever has the Son has life**; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Rom. 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also **obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God**.

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