

## **The New Covenant**

The New Covenant is the final OT Covenant. It replaces the Old(Mosaic) covenant, the only covenant that God intended to replace. The New covenant assures the endless existence of the nation of Israel (the physical descendants of Abraham) and the rebuilding and permanent existence of Jerusalem.

### **The Covenant**

The Mosaic covenant was not intended to save or mature the people in the covenant (Heb. 7:19). It showed that:

1. Israel would refuse to obey God.
2. No one would be able to obey the law.
3. The inability of law and sacrifices to bring man into a relationship with God (Heb. 10:1).

The New Covenant is better and will have “better promises” (Heb. 8:6)

1. A better High priest
2. A better sacrifice
3. A covenant
4. A better sanctuary

### **Participants in the Covenant**

God- Jer. 31:31, Heb. 8:8

House of Israel- Jer. 31:31, Heb. 8:8

House of Judah- Jer. 31:31, Heb. 8:8

### **Time frame of the covenant**

Jer. 30 details the time frame for the establishment of the NC with Israel and Judah.

Jer. 30:3- It will be accomplished when the nation is regathered in the land.

Jer. 30:7- it will be established after the “time of Jacob’s trouble,) the 7-year Tribulation.

Jer. 30:16- it will be established when all of Israel’s enemies are destroyed.

### **Israel's blindness and rejection of God's message**

1. Ro. 10:16-17 this is actually a quote from Isa. 53:1. It is clear that Israel has been blind and rejected God's message. The day is coming when the words of Isa. 53 will be the cry of repentance and belief in Jesus as the messiah.

2. Ro. 11:1 states that God has not cast away His people Israel.

3. Ro. 11:25 Today there are many Gentile believers but, there is a great blindness among Israel. Paul points out that this is temporary.

V25 "fulness of the Gentiles" refers to God building the church, taking out a people for His name. Upon completion, the Lord will begin the end time activities and the time of the Gentiles will close.

4. Ro. 11:26 All Israel(remaining) will be saved, the blindness will be removed and they will recognize Jesus as the deliverer out of Zion.

5. Ro. 11:29 the purpose of God for Israel has not changed, the "gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

### **Promises of the covenant**

1. Regeneration- an inward knowledge of God, Jer. 31:33, Heb. 8:10. The OC was an external code with no provision or promise of regeneration. Israel must simply obey- Jer. 32:39-40, Ez. 36:27, 37, 23-24.

2. A personal knowledge of God- Jer. 31:34, Zech. 8:23, Heb. 8:11

3. Complete forgiveness of sins- The NC will be able to bring man to complete forgiveness and to a full relationship with God. Jer. 31:34, Heb. 8:12, 10:1. The sacrifices were not permanent, never for salvation but for the restoration of ceremonial fellowship. They could never bring forgiveness or maturity.

### **The Nature of the Covenant**

1. It is an unconditional covenant. God stated no conditions in the passages which cover the covenant. The fulfillment is not dependent on the obedience of Israel.

2. It is an everlasting covenant, Jer. 32:40, Ez. 16:60, 37:26).