
GOD'S COVENANTS: A STORY OF PROMISES

New Covenant to Israel

NEW COVENANT TO ISRAEL

- Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

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- Some interpret the word *new* to be *fresh* or *remade*, but looking at the usage in the OT
 - Judges 5:8 They chose new gods...
 - Judges 16:11 If they bind me fast with new ropes...
 - Job 29:20 My glory was fresh in me...
 - Those that say *new* means *fresh* reference the following verses in Jeremiah 31:36-37 when God says if the sun or moon pass away then Israel will cease to be a nation before Him.
 - STRONGS says that the Hebrew word חֲדָשׁ ḥâdâš is translated new 48, new thing 4, fresh 1
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- The old covenant, the Mosaic covenant, was conditional and Israel broke it. God said *I will make a New Covenant the house of Israel* that they cannot break because He will put His law in their heart.
 - From a dispensational point of view, *After those days* (v33) likely refers to after the tribulation and the entering into of the new kingdom.
*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.*
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- Jeremiah 32:40-42 *And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.*
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- Ezekiel 36:22-28 *Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:** and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*
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- Romans 11:25-27 *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”*
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NEW COVENANT TO ISRAEL?

- Hebrews 8:7-12 (quoting Jeremiah 31:31-34 - Greek Septuagint)
 7. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.
 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:*
 9. *Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*
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NEW COVENANT TO ISRAEL?

- Hebrews 8:7-12 (quoting Jeremiah 31:31-34 - Greek Septuagint)

10. *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*

11. *And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

12. *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

PETER QUOTING JOEL

- Acts 2:14-21

14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16. But this is that which was **spoken by the prophet Joel**;

17. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

PETER QUOTING JOEL

- Acts 2:14-21

19. And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

JESUS QUOTING ISAIAH

- Luke 4:16-21 (Isaiah 61:1-2a)

16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

THEME OF HEBREWS

- Central theme of the book of Hebrews is the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ
 - 1. Christ is Superior
 - Greater than the prophets (Heb. 1:1–3)
 - Greater than angels (Heb. 1:4–2:18)
 - Greater than Moses (Heb. 3:1–6)
 - Greater than Aaron and the Levitical priesthood (Heb. 4:14–7:28)
 - 2. Jesus as Our Perfect High Priest
 - Jesus, unlike earthly priests, is holy, blameless, eternal, and offers a once-for-all sacrifice (Heb. 4:14–5:10; 7:23–28).
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THEME OF HEBREWS

- 3. The New Covenant Is Better
 - The Mosaic covenant was temporary and pointed forward to Christ.
 - The New Covenant brings internal transformation and true access to God (Heb. 8:6–13; 10:16–22).

 - 4. Faith Is the Way to Endure
 - Faith is how the Old Testament saints endured (Heb. 11).
 - Believers are encouraged to persevere in faith and not drift away (Heb. 2:1; 10:35–39; 12:1–2).
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THEME OF HEBREWS

- 5. Warning Against Apostasy
 - Several stern warnings urge believers not to fall away, reject Christ, or return to the old system (Heb. 6:4–8; 10:26–31).
 - 6. Call to Endurance and Worship
 - Believers are to press on, run the race, and fix their eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:1–3).
 - Worship should now be centered on what Christ has done (Heb. 13:15–16).
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NEW COVENANT FOR CHURCH

- Hebrews 10:14-18

14. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are (being) sanctified.

15. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16. This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

CONCLUSION

- Jeremiah 32 is a promise of a New Covenant to Israel
 - Hebrews 8 is an explanation of why the Old Covenant needed to be replaced and references Jeremiah as an example of prophecy stating that it was going to be replaced
 - Hebrews was written to a group of Jewish Christians who were most likely facing persecution, hardship, and the temptation to return to Judaism. In Hebrews 10 the author uses language they would be familiar with to cement Christ's new covenant from the upper room. There is no more need to follow the old covenant, Hebrews 8:10b ... *there is no more offering for sin.*
 - As we see from Jesus and Peter referencing OT prophecy, there are partial fulfillments possible
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CONCLUSION

- There are TWO New Covenants in scripture
 - One that Jesus instituted in the upper room for the Church
 - The other a prophecy in Jeremiah for Israel and Judah, which will be fulfilled in the new kingdom, the millennium
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