

The New Covenant: Lesson 3

We have noted there are **basically Seven Covenants between God and man**

- 1 Adamic covenant – promise of Salvation
- 2 Noahic covenant – no more destruction of the world by flood
- 3 Abrahamic covenant – unconditional; given to nation of Israel
- 4 Mosaic covenant – conditional
- 5 Palestinian – unconditional promise of the land of Israel
- 6 Davidic covenant – unconditional promise of king in line of David
- 7 New Covenant to Israel

Notice: There is **no covenant cut** between God and man **for the CHURCH Age.**

We are blessed under the first three covenants but there is no covenant mentioned in the New Testament for the Church.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Where we are learning almost all the aspects of the New Covenant.

31 **"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make-cut- a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,**

1 The Time the Covenant will be enacted:
in future Days (Millennium)

2 The maker of the Covenant:
The Lord YHWH

3 The name of the Covenant:
New

4 The parties of the New Covenant:
House of Israel (Northern Kingdom)
and the
House of Judah (Southern Kingdom)

Again, not to all peoples, and not to the Church.

Next, we have the contrast of Two Covenants:

The **Old** and the **New**

Verse 32 the Old Covenant and

Verse 33 The New Covenant.

32 **not like the covenant which I made (cut) with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.**

We spent much of last week noting from this verse why the need of a New Covenant with all Israel.

not like the 'old' covenant (the Mosaic covenant)

Which means this one is 'new'
when compared with the Mosaic covenant.

Why the need of a New Covenant?
Not just that **They broke the old covenant.**

But that the Lord took them as a husband and wife and then they broke that marriage Covenant.

The Mosaic Covenant was a Conditional Covenant. This means that both parties were under obligation to keep it.

Israel did not keep it but continually broke it and in detestable ways. Here we noted along with this verse, Ezekiel 16:15-34, to show how historically they '**broke**' or violated this Covenant.

The imagery used in the Old Testament is that the Lord was **married** to Israel by this Old Covenant. Then they **broke** the Covenant, which brought about a **separation** between God and Israel recorded in Isaiah 50:1; which lead to the **divorce** recorded in Jeremiah 3:6-10.

This brought about a great discipline from God on Israel and on Judah. Ezekiel 16:35-43; Hosea 2:6-13 and the Babylonian captivity against the Southern kingdom.

If God is going to continue to have a relationship with Israel, there must be a New Covenant. And that is what we are here studying. Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 16:60-63.

By the way, to answer those who think that the New Covenant is for the Church.

- 1 What is the '**old**' Covenant that is now replaced in the Church?
- 2 The relationship between JESUS CHRIST and the Church is not based in any way on the Law.
- 3 There are no scriptures that teach of a New Covenant for the Church. In fact, there are no scriptures that teach of any Covenant relationship between JESUS CHRIST and the Church.

The Church is divinely established as the bride of Christ and everyone who believes in JESUS CHRIST as Savior is baptized into Christ and becomes part of the Bride of Christ.

The marriage is conditioned only upon Faith in JESUS CHRIST and cannot be lost or divorced from Christ.

The marriage of the Old Testament and that of the New Testament are different in many aspects.

For example, in the Old Testament, since they were **first** married to the Lord and **then broke** the 'wedding vows' the Marriage Covenant—the Lord divorced Himself from them, which set up the need of a new Covenant.

Remember from last week,
the fault was not with the groom = **The Lord** for He is perfect;

The fault was not in the Covenant
for it also is perfect.

The fault was with the bride Israel,
for she broke the wedding Covenant.

The Mosaic Law was given to reveal the perfect Righteousness of God and of the Lord. God gave the Law so man would know that he is not perfect and not capable of being perfect before God. The Mosaic Law was given to show everyone who wanted to earn from Him, that they had to be perfect as He is perfect—this was the original plan of God in giving the Law.

Even now in the Church Age we are to keep the whole Law and we do when we are Filled by the Holy Spirit by Grace through Faith.
Romans 13:8

8 **Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another;
for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the* law.**

This is Spiritual Love that comes only by the Holy Spirit when we are Filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Law—the overt standard of the perfect Righteousness of God must always be met in order to have a relationship with God.

In the **Old Testament**, they broke it.

In the **Church Age**,
we are imputed with God's perfect righteousness
at the point of Faith in JESUS CHRIST
and we live in the fulfillment of that righteousness
in our daily lives by the Filling of the Holy Spirit.

But still we violate (or fail to maintain) this Righteous relationship with God and must be restored; and God in His Grace and Faithfulness set it up where we can be restored by Grace through Faith –in the Holy Spirit.

But then in the millennium God will set it up where every one of these believing Jews who enter the Kingdom will fulfill the Law by the Power of the Holy Spirit instinctively.

Now Verse 33 really adds some important details of this New Covenant.

33 **"But this is the covenant** (The New Covenant) **which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

But instead of destroying Israel, and in contrast to the Old Covenant **this is the covenant** another one, a new one, when considering the old one = Mosaic Covenant

which I will make—cut—with the house of Israel once again the Holy Spirit stresses the point that this is a national Covenant, not an individual Covenant.

after those days After what days?

Notice this is not translated **these days** as referring to days in or near the time of Jeremiah, but **those days** referring to two concepts:

1 Distant from the time of Jeremiah

2 Those—referring to days that the reader should know about;

So, what are those days?

The remainder of the 490 years God promised to Israel with seven of those years yet remaining before God can enact a New Covenant.

And, of course, those seven years are the seven years of the Tribulation.
Jeremiah 23:20

20 **"The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart; In the last days you will clearly understand it.**

"Those days" of Jeremiah 31:33 refers to ***the last days*** referred to here, in Jeremiah 23:20.

Jeremiah 31:33

33 **but this is the covenant which I will cut with the house of Israel in those days**

Declares the Lord Now we move to something very important; first we must not miss that this is an **unconditional covenant**.

The Lord is going to do this on His own account as per this New Covenant He is making with Israel.

I will put my Law within them and on their heart I will write it

OK, I don't want you to miss this:

Look at Deuteronomy 4:8

8 **"Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"**

Note carefully in Jeremiah 31:33.

The Lord will put this Law **in them, on their hearts** while in the Mosaic Law He simply sets the Mosaic Law **before them!**

Before them means that it is outside of them...

they have to learn them and then decide if they will do them.

Also note once again the absolute standard of God:

righteousness—And in the Church Age we can live a Righteous Life by knowing the Word of God and then living it by the leading and power of the Holy Spirit.

I hope you are gaining a new appreciation for the MINISTRY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Next Deuteronomy 11:32

32 **and you shall be careful** (volitional decision) **to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.**

Again, the contrast of setting the Mosaic Law before them, outside of them and putting them inside on their hearts.

Another strong passage 1 Kings 9:6-7

6 **"But if you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,**

7 **then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight. So, Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples.**

Which is exactly what Israel is to most of the world... a joke in their own way.

I hope you can see clearly from this passage in 1 Kings

DO & DO...DO & DO

If you will do this.... then.... I will do that!

**I will put my Law in them
is the opposite of
I will set my Law before them!
This is definitely a New Covenant.**

So, we learn something about God, regardless of the dispensation, God always demands perfect Righteousness.

This has been true from the garden to Abraham to JESUS CHRIST to the church... to the Tribulation... and into the Millennium.

**How can a Perfect God
have any intimacy with an imperfect creature,
whether angelic or human?**

He cannot!

**So, God in His Grace and Faithfulness
has set into every dispensation the Grace Way
of His creatures to be Righteous before Him
and live a Righteous Life in a manner compatible with Grace.**
