

Genesis: The Book of Beginnings

Focus	Four Great Events								Four Great Persons				
Divisions	1	2	3	4	5	9	10	11	12	25:19	27	37:2b	50
	Creation		Fall		Flood		Nations (Babel)		Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph	
Topics	Primeval History of Humanity								Patriarchal History of Israel				
	Beginning of the Human Race								Beginning of the Hebrew Race				
Locations	East (Eden to Ur)								West (Canaan to Egypt)				
Time	2,000 + years (20% of Genesis)								About 286 years (80% of Genesis)				

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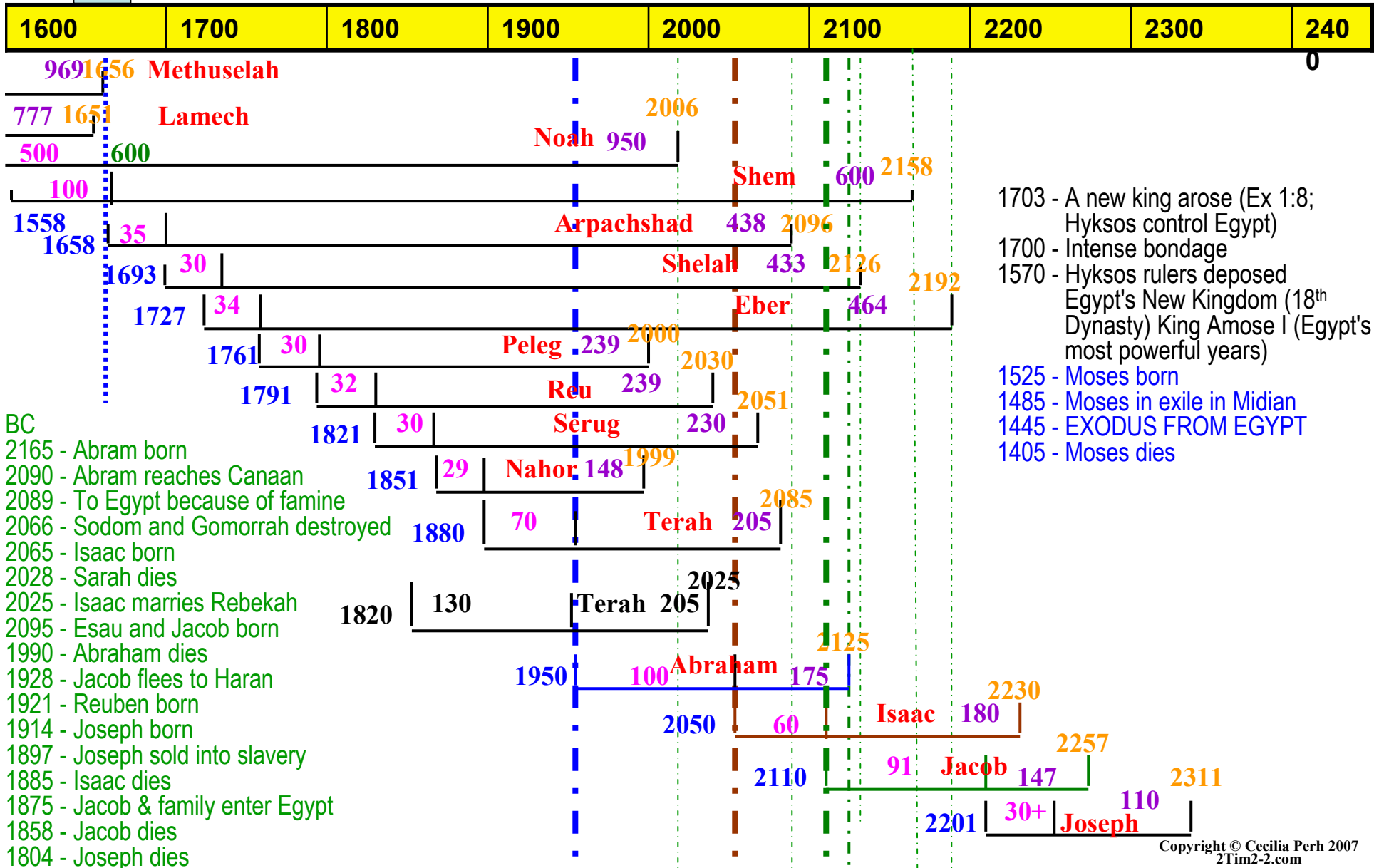
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Theme: Israel's Origin & Early Years

Purposes: 1) to present the beginning of everything but God
 2) to record God's choice of Israel & His covenant plan for the nation
 3) to show how the sin of man is met by the redemption of God

Flood

The Generations of Shem and Terah (Genesis 11)



- BC
- 2165 - Abram born
- 2090 - Abram reaches Canaan
- 2089 - To Egypt because of famine
- 2066 - Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed
- 2065 - Isaac born
- 2028 - Sarah dies
- 2025 - Isaac marries Rebekah
- 2095 - Esau and Jacob born
- 1990 - Abraham dies
- 1928 - Jacob flees to Haran
- 1921 - Reuben born
- 1914 - Joseph born
- 1897 - Joseph sold into slavery
- 1885 - Isaac dies
- 1875 - Jacob & family enter Egypt
- 1858 - Jacob dies
- 1804 - Joseph dies

Genesis 15 – The Abrahamic Covenant

- A. Abram's Complaint (15:1-3)
- B. Abram's Conversion (15:4-6)
- C. God's Covenant (15:7-21)

The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 15:1-21)

A. Abram's Complaint (15:1-3)

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,

“Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you;
Your reward shall be very great.”

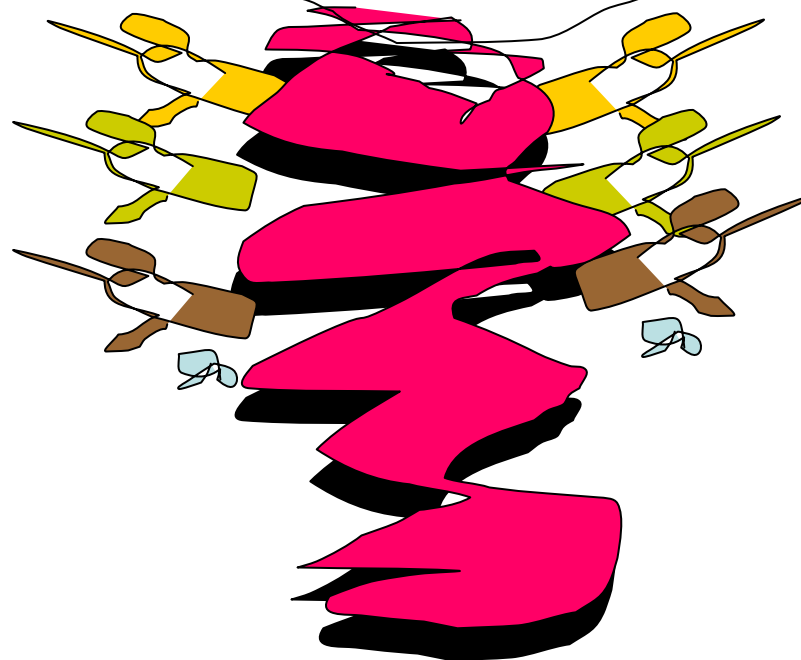
2 And Abram said, “O Lord God, what wilt Thou give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Since Thou hast given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.”

B. Abram's Conversion (15:4-6)

4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This man will not be your heir; but one who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.” 5 And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. (see Romans 4)

C. God's Covenant (15:7-21)

7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it." 8 And he said, "O Lord God, how may I know that I shall possess it?" 9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds. 11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.



C. God's Covenant (15:7-21)

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him. 13 And *God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. 14 **But** I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and **afterward** they will come out with many possessions. 15 And as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 **Then** in the fourth generation they shall return here, **for** the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

God's Principles of Judgment

Genesis 15:13-16 – He waits till the cup of iniquity of a nation (or all the nations in a particular land) is full

Ezekiel 14:12-23 – each person is saved by his own righteousness; he can't save anyone else

Leviticus 18:24-30 – Sexual sins defile the land and causes the land to spew out its inhabitants

Gen 15:13-16: Prophecy to Demonstrate God's Faithfulness to Covenant Promises

v13 know for certain that

- (1) your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs,
- (2) where they will be enslaved and oppressed
- (3) four hundred years.

v14 (4) But I will judge that nation whom they will serve;

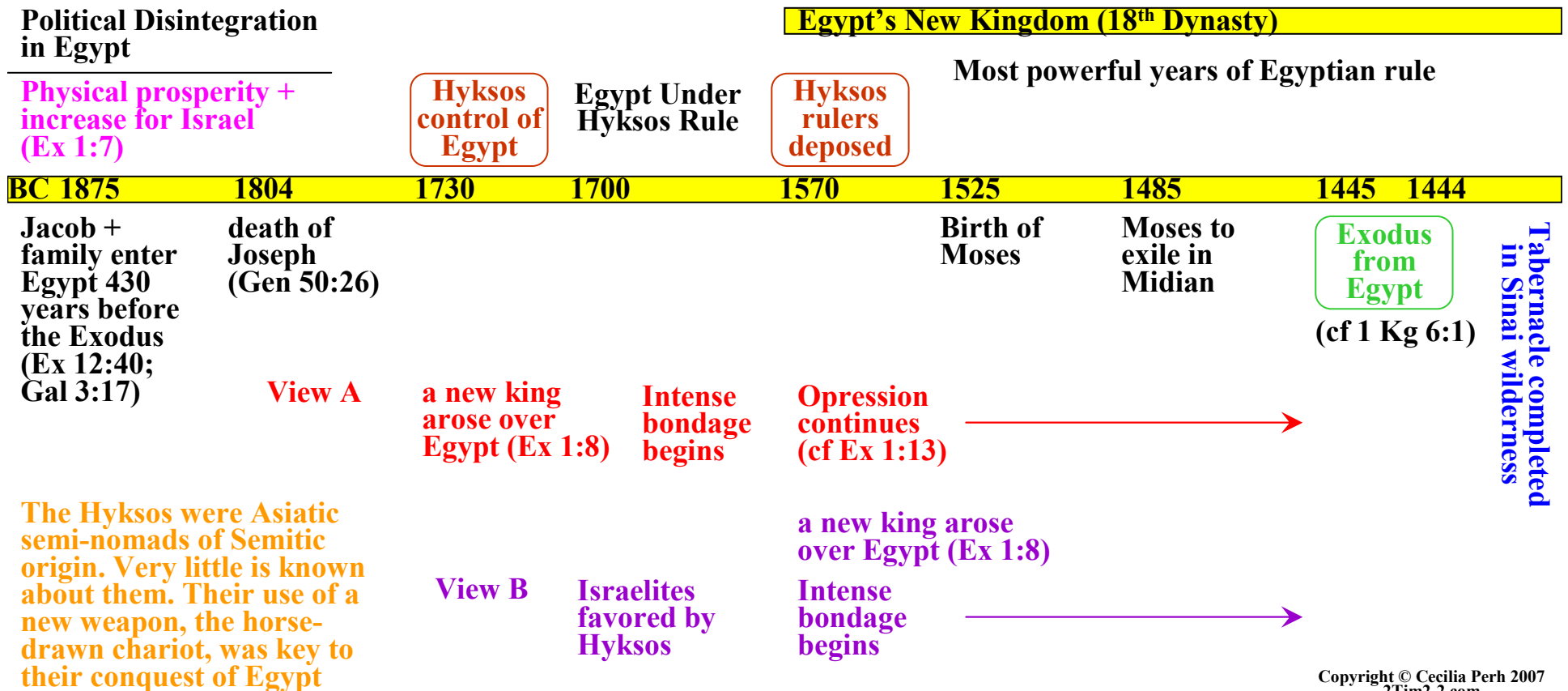
- (5) and afterward, they will come out with many possessions.

v15 (6) And as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace;

- (7) you shall be buried at a good old age.

v16 (8) Then in the fourth generation, they shall return here,
for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.

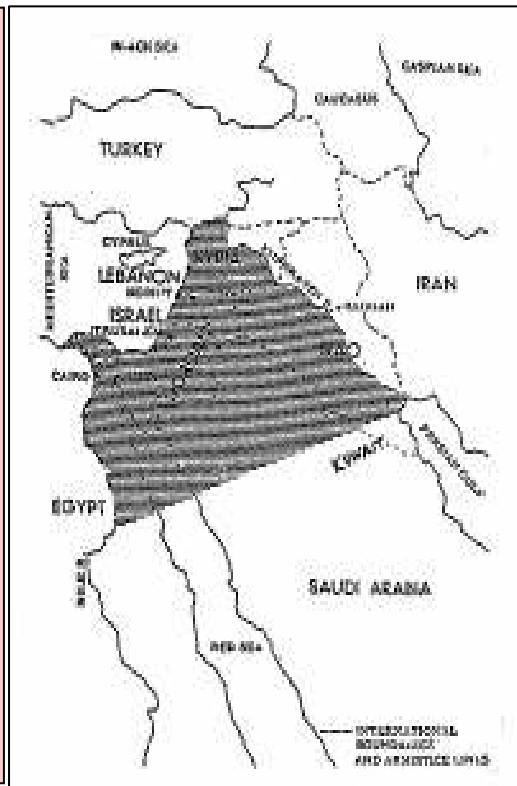
The Fulfillment



C. God's Covenant (15:7-21)

17 And it came about **when the sun had set**, that it was very dark, and behold, *there appeared* a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. 18 **On that day** the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “**To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite 20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim 21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.**”

Boundaries of The Promised Land



The Empire of David and Solomon

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

Acts 4:12 - "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."



Hebrews 10:19-22 – 19 Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 – 5 For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *borne* at the proper time.

Hebrews 10:10 - By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Romans 3:19-26

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, **that** every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 **because** by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; **for** through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin. 21 **But now** apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even *the* righteousness of God **through faith in Jesus Christ** for all those who believe; **for** there is no distinction; 23 **for** all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace **through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus**; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, **because** in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, **that** He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:1-11

1 **Therefore** having been justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**, 2 **through whom** also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, **but** we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, **because** the love of God has been poured out within our hearts **through the Holy Spirit who was given to us**. 6 **For while** we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 **For** one will hardly die for a righteous man; **though perhaps** for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 **But** God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 **Much more then**, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God **through Him**. 10 **For if while** we were enemies, we were reconciled to God **through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, **but** we also exult in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom** we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 5:17-21

17 **For if** by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life **through the One, Jesus Christ**. 18 **So then as** through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, **even so through one act of righteousness** there resulted justification of life to all men. 19 **For as** through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, **even so through the obedience of the One** the many will be made righteous. 20 And the Law came in **that** the transgression might increase; **but** where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 **that, as** sin reigned in death, **even so** grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life **through Jesus Christ our Lord**.

Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law **through the body of Christ**, **that** you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, **that** we might bear fruit for God.

A Study of God's Covenants of Salvation

- A. The Abrahamic Covenant
- B. The Mosaic or "Old" Covenant
- C. The New Covenant

The Benefits of Studying Covenant

- * Studying covenant will give you
 - absolute assurance in Christ
 - freedom from past sin/failures ...
 - power to live out our lives in Christ
 - confidence to lean on God's covenant promises
 - deep gratitude to God for all He has done so that we will never break covenant
- * Everything God does is based on covenant.
- * Covenant is like the missing piece in the whole picture of our so-great-a-salvation.

The Definition of Covenant

covenant = beriyth – used 298 X in OT

- = a compact (made by passing between pieces of flesh); a treaty, a pledge
- = a contract accompanied by signs, sacrifices & a solemn oath which sealed the relationship with promises of blessing for obedience & curses for disobedience

diatheke – used 33 X in NT – completely unilateral

- = a disposition (spec.) a contract (esp. a devisory will); covenant, testament
- = in NT, a solemn disposition, institution or appointment of God to men, a promise, an agreement
- Covenant is the most solemn binding agreement made by passing through pieces of flesh. The penalty for breaking covenant is death.
- In Covenant, TWO become ONE!

The Abrahamic Covenant

I. Preparation of Abram (Gen 12-14)

A. Abram's First Call (Ac 7:2-4) – from Ur

B. Abram's Second Call (Gen 12:1-3)

– from Haran

C. Abram in Canaan (Gen 12-14)

– 75 years old

- to Egypt because of famine (Gen 12:10-20)
- to Oak of Moreh (Gen 13:4; 12:6); back in Canaan
- separation from Lot (Gen 13:5-13)
- God's promise to Abram (Gen 13:14-18)
- **Battle of the Kings (Gen 14)**
 - Lot captured (Gen 14:1-2)
 - Lot rescued (Gen 14:13-16)
 - Melchizedek blesses Abram (Gen 14:17-24)

II. The Covenant Cut (Gen 15-16)

God promises Abram (Gen 15:1-7)

- an heir of from his own body (Gen 15:4)
- an innumerable number of descendants (Gen 15:5)
- * Abram becomes a believer (Gen 15:6)
- the land of Canaan (Gen 15:7, 18-21)

God confirms the covenant with Abram (Gen 15:8-17)

The Birth of Ishmael (Gen 16) – 86 years old

III. The Sign of the Covenant (Gen 17)

A. Abram's name was changed (Gen 17:1-8)

– 99 years old

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B. The Sign of Circumcision given (Gen 17:9-14)

* penalty of breaking covenant = death (Gen 17:14)

C. Sarai's name changed (Gen 17:15a)

D. The covenant to be established with Isaac NOT Ishmael (Gen 17:15b-21)

* Ishmael was 13 years old

E. Abraham circumcised his household (Gen 17:22-27)

Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12-17)

Gen 12:2 I will make you a great nation
I will bless you
& make your name great
You shall be a blessing

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you &
the one who curses you I will curse
in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

Gen 15:4 a son from his own body

Gen 15:5 innumerable descendants

Gen 15:18-21 the land from the river of Egypt
as far as the river Euphrates

Gen 17:2 I will multiply you exceedingly

Gen 17:4,5 I will make you the father of a multitude of nations

Gen 17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful
I will make nations of you,
& kings shall come forth from you

Gen 17:7 I will be God to you & your descendants
for an everlasting covenant

Gen 17:8 I will give to you & your descendants after you,
all the land of Canaan,
for an everlasting possession

God's Promises to Abraham

1. to be his God (17:7-8)
2. a seed (12:3; 15:4-5; 17:2, 4-6)
3. a land (15:7, 18-21; 17:8)
4. a great blessing (12:3)

Abraham's Part

1. to keep God's covenant (17:9-10)
2. to walk before him & be blameless (17:1)

Abrahamic Covenant confirmed to:

A. Isaac (Gen 26:23-25)

- altar built (v25)
- God's presence (v24)
- God's blessing (v24)
- multiplied descendants (v24)

B. Jacob (Gen 28:10-22)

- pillar set up (v22)
- the land given (v13)
- multiplied descendants (v13-14)
- a blessing to all the families of the earth (v14)
- God's presence (v15)
- God's protection (v15)
- God's promise to bring him back to Canaan (v15)
- Jacob's oath: in return for protection, provision & return then
 1. the LORD will be my God (v21)
 2. this pillar will be God's house (Bethel) (v22)
 3. tenth of all to be given (v22)

The Mosaic Covenant (Ex 24:1-11)

Who: God & Israel

What:

1. people vow to obey all the words of the Lord (v3, 7)
 2. altar built at foot of mountain & 12 pillars for 12 tribes of Israel set up (v4)
 3. burnt offerings & peace offerings offered (v5)
 4. blood sprinkled on the altar (v4) & on the people (v8)
 5. book of covenant read to the people
 6. covenant meal eaten in God's presence (v9-11)
- * **Yet He did not stretch out His hand against them.**

Ex 34:27-28

- * Moses with the Lord 40 days + 40 nights
- * wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant / 10 commandments

To Abraham	To Isaac	To Jacob	To Israel
<p><u>Genesis 12:1-9</u></p> <p>1 I will make you a great nation (v2) 2 I will bless you (v2) 3 I will make your name great (v2) 4 You shall be a blessing (v2) 5 I will bless those who bless you (v3) 6 I will curse the one who curses you (v3) 7 In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (v3)</p> <p><u>Genesis 13:14-18</u></p> <p>8 I will give you the land which you see to you & your descendants forever (v14-15, 17) 9 I will make your descendants (lit. seed) as the dust of the earth (v16)</p> <p><u>Genesis 15:5-21</u></p> <p>8 I have given this land to your descendants, from the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates (v18)</p> <p><u>Genesis 17:1-21</u></p> <p>10 I will establish My covenant between Me & you (v2) 9 I will multiply you exceedingly (v2) 11 you shall be / I will make you the father of a multitude of nations (v4, 5) 12 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham 9 I will make you exceedingly fruitful (v6) 11 I will make nations of you (v6) 13 Kings shall come forth from you (v6) 14 I will establish My covenant b/w Me & you & your descendants after you thro'out their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you & your descendants after you (v7) 8 I will give to you & your descendants, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession (v8) 15 I will be their God (v8) 16 Sarai, your wife, shall be called Sarah (v15) 17 I will bless her (v24) 18 I will give you a son by her (v16) 19 She shall be a mother of nations (v16) 20 Kings of peoples shall come from her (v16) 21 you shall call Sarah's son, Isaac (v19) 18 I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him (v19). 19 My covenant I will establish with Isaac (v21).</p>	<p><u>Genesis 26:1-6</u></p> <p>1 I will be with you (v3) 2 I will bless you (v3) 3 I will give you all these lands to you & your descendants (v3,4) 4 I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham (v3) 5 I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven (v4) 6 By your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed (v4)</p> <p><u>Genesis 26:24-25</u></p> <p>1 I am with you (v24) 2 I will bless you (v24) 3 I will multiply your descendants (v24)</p>	<p><u>Gen 25:23, 33-34 - To Rebekah</u></p> <p>1 one people shall be stronger than the other (v23) 2 the older shall serve the younger (v23)</p> <p><u>Genesis 28:10-22</u></p> <p>3 I will give the land on which you lie, to you & your descendants (v13) 4 your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth (v14) 5 you shall spread out to the west, east, north & south (v14) 6 In you & your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed (v14) 7 I am with you (v15) 8 I will keep you wherever you go (v15) 9 I will bring you back to this land (v15) 10 I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you (v15)</p> <p><u>Genesis 32:24-30</u></p> <p>11 Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel (v24)</p> <p><u>Genesis 35:9-15</u></p> <p>11 Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name (v1) 12 A nation & a company of nations shall come from you (v11) 13 Kings shall come forth from you (v11) 3 I will give you the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac (v12) 3 I will give the land to your descendants after you (v12)</p>	<p><u>Genesis 28:13</u></p> <p>1 I will give the land on which you lie, to you & your descendants (v13)</p> <p><u>Genesis 35:12</u></p> <p>1 the land which I gave to Abraham & Isaac, I will give it to you</p> <p><u>Genesis 49:1-28</u></p> <p>The 12 sons of Jacob become the 12 tribes of Israel v3-4 Reuben v5-7 Simeon Levi v8-12 Judah (spiritual blessing of the first born = the * Messianic line) v13 Zebulun v14-15 Issachar v16-18 Dan v19 Gad v20 Asher v21 Naphtali v22-26 Joseph (physical blessing of the first-born - a double portion) - Manasseh - Ephraim v27 Benjamin</p>

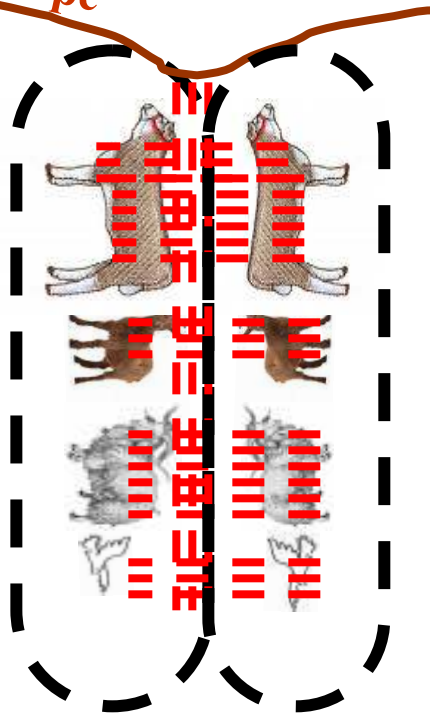
Covenant is a Walk into Death that Leads to Life

Matthew 27:51-53

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split, 52 and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.



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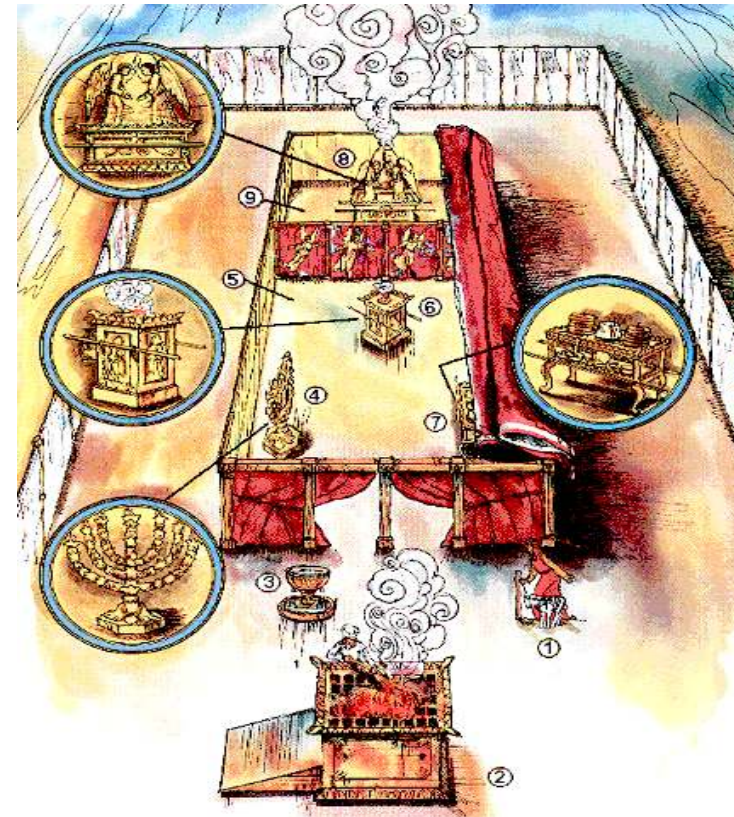
OT Pictures

Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-21)

Lessons learnt:

1. Covenant is principally a promise by Jehovah. He is the one who binds Himself, making covenant immutable.
2. Salvation in OT, as in NT, is still faith in God's Word, in particular, the Gospel.

The Tabernacle



Old Testament Picture (The Passover)

When

14th of the 1st month at twilight (Lev 23:5; Ex 12:6)

Ex 12:14 - a permanent ordinance

Deut 16:6 - in the evening at sunset at the time you came out of Egypt

Where

Deut 16:5 not in any of your towns

6 but at the place the LORD chooses to establish His name

What

Details:

1. The Passover Lamb (Ex 12:1-14)

* 10th day - choose an unblemished male kid / lamb a year old (v3-5)

* 14th day - kill it at twilight (v6)

- put blood on 2 doorposts & lintel (v7)

- eat flesh that same night roasted with fire (v8,9)

- eat with unleavened bread & bitter herbs (v8)

- eat with loins girded ... / in haste

Why? It is the LORD's Passover (v11)

2. The LORD's Passover

* I will go through Egypt on that night

& will strike down all the first-born both man & beast (v12)

* I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt (v12)

* The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live (v13)

* When I see the blood I will pass over you & no plague will destroy you (v13)

3. Its Significance

a. Present

* blood = sign that you're under God's protection / covenant

* no judgment / no plague

* this day = memorial (v14)

- of God delivering His people from bondage to Egypt

- of God's protection in the midst of judgment

* to remember the day you came out of Egypt in haste (Deut 16:3)

b. Future

* Passover = Crucifixion

Christ's death to deliver us from sin

New Testament Fulfillment

1. The Lamb

Jesus = the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29)

2. The Choosing & Slaying of the Lamb

10th Nisan = Triumphal entry
the Lamb on display

14th Nisan = Crucifixion
the Lamb slain

(John 12:1, 12-13; Matthew 26:1-2)

3. The Blood

1 Peter 1:18-19 - we were redeemed with precious blood as of a lamb unblemished & spotless = the blood of Christ

4. The Passover

How Celebrated In the days of Jesus

6pm

6pm

6pm

14 Nisan

15 Nisan

Sadducees
(Ex, Lev, Num)

Pharisees
modern Jews follow the
Pharisaic Tradition Today

Alternative Explanation for the Two Passovers

6am

6am

Northern Dating
(Jesus and the 11 Disciples
were from the North)

Southern Dating or Official
Dating (Judas Iscariot was
from the South)

5. The Memorial (Luke 22:15-20)

The Lord's Supper inaugurated

1 Cor 11:26 - to commemorate Jesus' death

1 Cor 11:25 - to commemorate the New Covenant
in His blood

Our Response

- * celebrate the feast not with the leaven of malice & wickedness
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity & truth (1 Cor 5:8)
- * Do this in remembrance of Jesus (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24,25)
- * Proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Cor 11:26)

New Testament Fulfillment

- * “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn 1:29,36)
- * Christ, our Passover also has been sacrificed (1 Cor 5:7)

When Inaugurated

Matt 26:17 - the 1st day of Unleavened Bread

Luke 22:17 - the 1st day of Unleavened Bread when Passover lamb was sacrificed

John 19:14, 31 - the day of Preparation

Matthew 26:17-75

v17-19 preparation to celebrate the Passover - 13th Nisan

v20-29 the Passover Meal

- * when evening had come (Nisan 14, Wed)
- * announcement of betrayal (v21-25)
- * the Lord's Supper instituted (v26-29)
 - * Passover lambs to be killed only between 3-5pm
 - * Northern Jews calculated days from sunrise to sunrise
 - * Southern Jews calculated days from sunset to sunset
 - * 2 days on which Passover lambs are killed - Nisan 13 and Nisan 14

v30 to the Mount of Olives

- v31-35** Peter's denial prophesied
- v36-46** in the Garden of Gethsemane
- v47-56** the arrest of Jesus
- v57-68** the trial before the Caiaphas
- v69-75** Peter denies the Lord

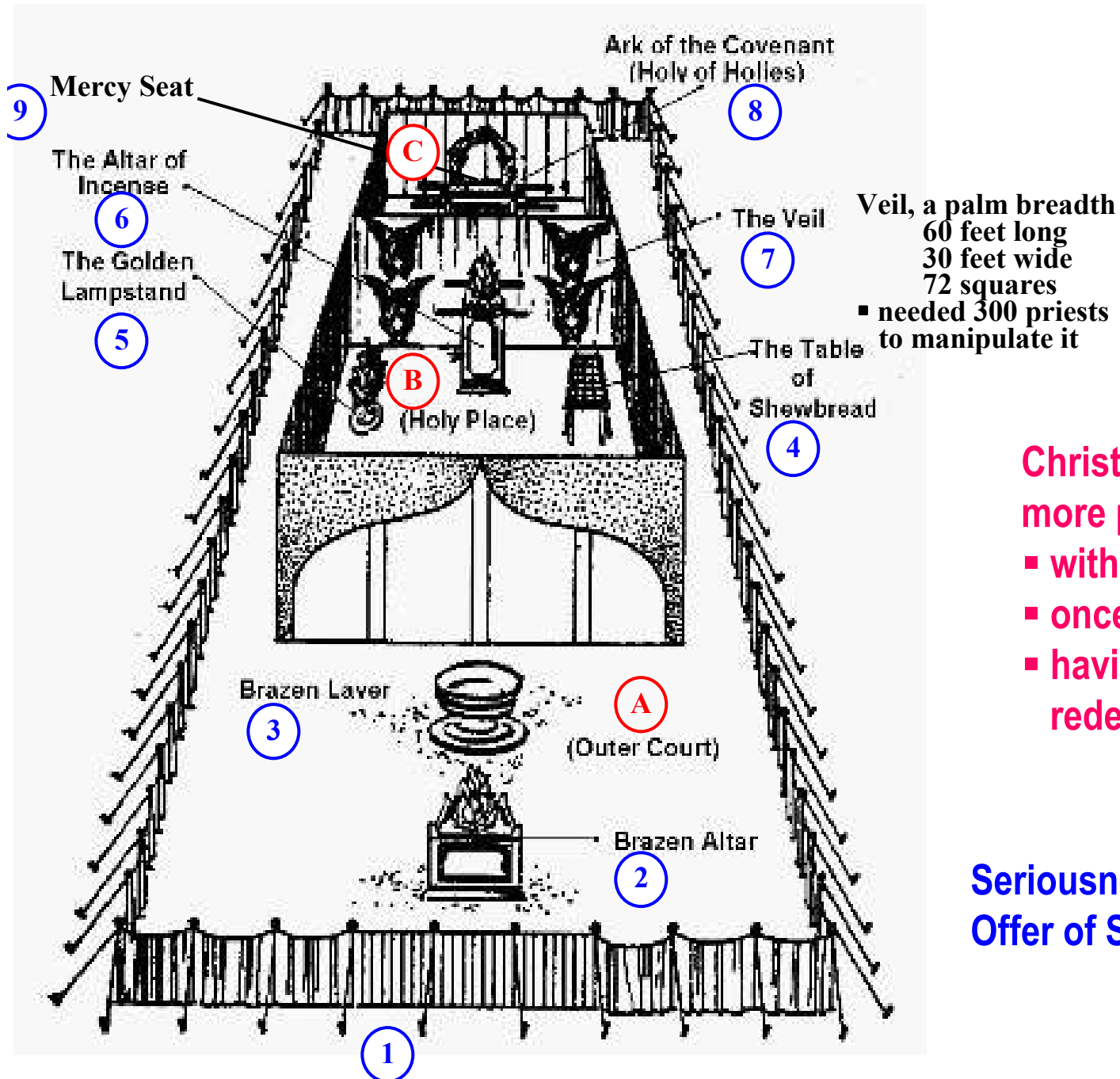
Matthew 27:1-56

- v1-2** the trial before the Sanhedrin
- v3-10** the death of Judas
- v11-26** the trial before Pilate
- v27-31** the mocking of Jesus
- v32-44** the crucifixion of Jesus
- v45-56** The death of Jesus
 - * darkness fell from 6th - 9th hour (v45)
 - * about 9th hour Jesus cried out “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me” (v46)
 - * Jesus yielded His Spirit (v50)

Supernatural Phenomena

- * veil of temple torn in two from top to bottom (v51)
- * earth shook, rocks split (v51)
- * tombs opened, many bodies of saints were raised (v52) and after His resurrection, they appeared to many (v53)

The Tabernacle



Hebrews 9:11-14
Christ entered the greater and more perfect tabernacle

- with His own blood
- once for all
- having obtained eternal redemption

Seriousness of Spurning God's Offer of Salvation (Heb 10:26-31)

How Can a Sinner Approach the Thrice Holy God?

Heb 9:9 The Tabernacle is a Symbol for the Present Time

* symbol, *parabole*, a comparison of one thing with another, likeness, similitude

* time, *kairos*, season, opportunity, crisis, time

The Symbol / Shadow

The Reality

1. How Children of Man Can Become Children of God

The Old Covenant

9:19 Mediator = Moses

9:4 Law written on stone

9:1 Tabernacle on earth

10:1 shadow of good things to come

Sign: The Law (Torah)

The New Covenant

9:24 Mediator = Jesus Christ

10:16 Law written on hearts

9:24 Tabernacle in heaven

10:1 the very form of things

Sign: Indwelling Spirit

2. How Unholy Man can Approach the Thrice Holy God

The Earthly Tabernacle (9:1)

8:5 copy + shadow of heavenly things

Outer Court:

1. one door always facing East

2. brass altar for sacrifices

3. laver for cleansing for priests

Inner Court:

The Holy Place: 1. lampstand

2. the table of shewbread

3. the altar of incense

The Veil

The Holy of Holies: 1. the ark of the covenant

2. the mercy seat

The True Tabernacle (8:22)

9:11 the greater & more perfect tabernacle

- Jesus is the door (Jn 10:19), only way (Jn 14:6)

- Jesus is the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29)

- Jesus' blood cleanses from sin (1 Jn 1:7)

cleansed by the washing of the word (Eph 5:26)

- Jesus is the Light of the world (Jn 8:12)

- Jesus is the bread of life ((Jn 6:35)

- Jesus is our Intercessor (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25)

- Jesus' flesh (Heb 10:20)

- God's presence (Ex 25:22; Lev 16:2)

- Jesus is the propitiation for our sins & the sins of the whole world (1 Jn 2:1-3)

Symbolisms in Covenant

- A. Covenant is Putting on His Robe
- B. The Exchange of Weapons
- C. The Exchange of Belts

Covenant is Putting on His Robe

Covenant Defined:

- * beriyth = a pledge, a compact, made by passing thro' pieces of flesh
- * karath = to cut (off, down, asunder), kill, eliminate, cut a covenant)
- * covenant = the closest, holiest & most indissoluble compact conceived
- involved absolute surrender of self
- merger of one's individual nature into another i.e. two become one

Types

1. Between God and Man

- Noahic covenant - to preserve life (s. Gen 3:15)
 - Abrahamic covenant - promise of a seed + a land
 - Mosaic covenant - a special people for the Lord
- Basis:** Love , involves God's redemptive purpose for man.
- * unilateral, unconditional
 - * generally confirmed by a solemn ceremony, sacrifice, covenant meal in God's presence.
 - * God & man are not equal partners (Exo 19:5-6)

2. Between Man and Man

- * between equals
 - * mutually imposed
 - * mutually binding
- Basis:** fear
- * accompanied by signs, sacrifices, oaths, covenant meals, blessings & curses

Covenant Illustrated

- * Jonathan and David
- Basis:** love (1 Sam 18:1,3)
- ### The Gift & Exchange

Jonathan gave David

1. his robe
2. his armor
3. his sword
4. his bow
5. his belt

Meaning

- * David symbolically put on Jonathan, took on his identity
- * demands an absolute surrender of one's self
- * an indissoluble, irrevocable merger of one with another
- * from then on, their hearts were as one
- * has to turn from parents, own flesh and blood, selfish desires to covenant partner's desire

Covenant Paralleled

In our covenant relationship with Christ, when we enter into the New Covenant of grace, we merge ourselves in Him, i.e.

1. we put on His robe, His identity, we become one with Him

2. we have a responsibility
Gal 3:26-29 - Our Identity

Rom 13:12-14 – Our Responsibility

Eph 4:17-32 - Our New State & Conduct

* Putting on the Lord => change in character, thought, action & speech

Col 3:1-17 - New Realities & New Responsibilities

Rom 6:1-7 - New Realities

When did Jesus exchange His robe with us?

* Phil 2:5-8 He put on our flesh / humanity (pre-fall)

* Hebrews 1:3; 2:9, 14-18

1 Samuel 18:1-4

- 1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.
- 2 And Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house.
- 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.
- 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

When did Jesus Exchange His Robe with Us?

Philippians 2:5-8

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Hebrews 2:9,14-18

9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

When did Jesus Exchange His Robe with Us?

The Incarnation and Crucifixion

- Jesus is God (Phil 2:6; Heb 1:3)
- Jesus became Man (Phil 2:7-8; Heb 2:14, 17)
- Jesus, the God-Man, died on the cross (Phil 2:8)

The Purpose for Jesus' Death

- to make purification of sins (Heb 1:3)
- to taste death for everyone (Heb 2:9)
- to render the devil powerless (Heb 2:14)
- to deliver those under slavery (Heb 2:15)
- to make propitiation for people's sins (Heb 2:18)

The Present Reality

- Jesus, the God-Man,
 - is now seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb 1:3)
 - is crowned with glory and honor (Heb 2:9)
 - is a merciful and faithful high priest (Heb 2:17)
 - He comes to the aid of those who are tempted (Heb 2:18)

Romans 6:1-7 – New Realities	Galatians 3:26-29 – Our Identity	Romans 13:12-14 - Our Responsibility
<p>v2 died to sin v3 baptized into Christ = baptized into His death = buried with Him thro' baptism into death v4 = raised with Him <u>Result:</u> to walk in newness of life (v4)</p> <p>v5 united with Christ in His death = united with Christ in His resurrection v6 old self was crucified with Him <u>Results:</u> * our body of sin might be done away with * no longer be slaves to sin v7 he who has died = freed from sin * Dead people do not sin because all awareness of sin is cut off.</p>	<p>26 You are all sons of God <u>How?</u> through faith in Christ Jesus <u>What?</u> 27 baptized into Christ = clothed yourselves with Christ <u>Result</u> * no racial, social or gender differences (v28) * all one in Christ Jesus (v28) * transfer of ownership from Satan to Christ (v29) * If you belong to Christ = Abraham's offspring (v29) = heirs according to promise (v29)</p>	<p>12 lay aside <u>the deeds of darkness</u> 13 <u>carousing</u> = <i>komos</i> = a revel, carousal; used generally of feasts & drinking parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry * <u>drunkenness</u> = <i>methe</i> = intoxication * <u>sexual promiscuity</u> = <i>koite</i> = cohabitation– lawful or unlawful * <u>sensuality</u> = <i>aselgeia</i> = licentiousness, unbridled lust, without moral restraint * <u>strife</u> = <i>eris</i> = contention, wrangling * <u>jealousy</u> = <i>zelos</i> = envious & contentious rivalry, jealousy 12 put on the armor of light 13 behave properly as in the day 14 put on the Lord Jesus Christ 14 make no provision for fleshly lusts</p>

Ephesians 4:17-32 - New Conditions and New Conduct

Our Past

- 17 walked in futility of mind
18 darkened in understanding,
excluded from the life of God,
ignorant (*agnoia, lack of knowledge*)
hardness (*porosis, covering with a callus*)
of heart (*kardia*)
19 callous (*apalgeo, apathetic; cease to feel pain*
or grief)
given over to sensuality (*aselgeia*) & impurity
(*akatharsia, uncleanness, in a moral sense: the*
impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living) &
greed (*pleonexia*)

Instructions

- 22 lay aside the old self
corrupted by lusts of deceit
25 lay aside falsehood
26 do not let sun go down on anger
27 do not give the devil an opportunity
28 do not steal
29 no unwholesome words
30 do not grieve the Holy Spirit
31 put away all bitterness (*pikria*), wrath
(*thumos*), anger (*orge*), clamor (*krauge, outcry*),
slander (*blasphemia*), & all malice (*kakia*)

Our Present

- 21 heard Christ & taught in Christ
25 members of one another
32 forgiven by God in Christ

Instructions

- 23 be renewed in your mind
24 put on the new self
in the likeness of God
created in righteousness
& holiness of the truth
25 speak truth with each other
26 be angry yet not sin
28 labor with hands so as to share
with the needy
29 speak only what is good for edification,
according to the need of the moment, to give
grace to those who hear
32 be kind to one another
tender-hearted
forgiving each other
as God in Christ has also forgiven you

Col 3:1-17 – New Realities and Responsibilities

The Responsibilities

5 consider the members of your body as dead to immorality (*porneia, illicit sexual intercourse, adultery, fornication*), impurity (*akatharsia = uncleanness, in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living*), passion (*pathos, a drive or force which does not rest until it's satisfied*), evil desire (*epithumia, lust, wider than pathos = all evil longing*), & greed (*pleonexia, insatiable selfishness, the longing of the creature who has forsaken God to fill itself with the lower objects of nature*) = idolatry

6 **Why:** the wrath of God will come

7 once walked & lived in them

8 now put them all aside: anger (*orge, deep-seated anger*), wrath (*thumos, anger forthwith boiling up & soon subsiding again*), malice (*kakia, the vicious nature which is bent on doing harm to others*), slander (*blasphemia, the attempt to belittle & cause someone to fall into disrepute*), abusive speech (*aischrologia, filthy talk, dirty speech*)

9 do not lie to one another

Why: since you laid aside the old self with its practices

The Realities

1 raised up with Christ

2 set your mind on the things above
not on things below

3 your life is hidden with Christ in God

10 you have put on the new self - renewed to a true knowledge according to God's image

11 no distinction but Christ is all, and in all

12 chosen of God, holy and beloved

The Responsibilities

12 put on a heart (*splanchnon, bowels*) of compassion (*oiktirmos*), kindness (*chrestotes*), humility (*tapeinophrosune, lowliness of mind*), gentleness (*prautes, gentleness*), patience (*makrothumia, patience, forbearance, longsuffering*)

13 bear with one another

forgive each other as the Lord forgave you

14 put on love = perfect bond of unity

15 let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
be thankful

16 let the word of Christ richly dwell w/in you
teach and admonish one another
sing with thankfulness in hearts to God

17 do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
give thanks through Him to God

In Covenant, Two Become One

The Exchange of Robes		The Exchange of Weapons		The Exchange of Belts	
<p>Symbolizes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> putting on each other's identity / character involves an absolute surrender of one's separate self & a merging into a dual nature 		<p>Symbolizes: the responsibility to protect / defend each other</p> <p>Illustrated: 1 Samuel 18, 19, 20</p>		<p>Symbolizes: strength, i.e. giving your covenant partner your strength</p>	
		Application			
		Old Testament	New Testament		
		<p>God protects His covenant people, Israel (Ps 105:8-15)</p>	<p>Jesus Christ protects His covenant people, the Church (Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-7)</p>	<p>How:</p> <p><u>Isa 40:31</u> - wait for the LORD</p> <p>= qavah to bind together (by twisting); to expect, await, look patiently for; to be confident to trust, to be enduring</p>	
Application				<p>Result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * will gain new strength = chalaph (to change, alter, renew, sprout, go on forward) * will fly like eagles * will run & not be tired * will walk & not be weary 	
Put Off	Put On			<p>What:</p> <p><u>2 Cor 12:1-10</u></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> old self old obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the deeds of darkness * to self * to world * to Satan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> new self new obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * righteousness & holiness * to God * to Jesus * to Holy Spirit 	<p>God's Response to My Enemies</p> <p><u>2 Thess 1:3-10</u></p> <p>My Enemies Become God's Enemies</p>		<p>My Response to God's Enemies</p> <p><u>Rom 12:14,17-21</u></p> <p><u>Matt 5:43-48</u></p> <p><u>Who are God's enemies?</u></p> <p>John 15:12-25</p>	
Bad tree produces bad fruit	Good tree produces good fruit			<p><u>Our Response to God's Enemies</u></p> <p>1 John 2:15-17</p> <p>James 4:1-4</p> <p>God's Enemies Become My Enemies</p>	
Our Unrighteousness	Christ's Righteousness	<p>What are some specific ways we might be guilty of siding with God's enemies?</p>		<p>My weakness</p> <p>insults</p> <p>distresses</p> <p>persecutions</p> <p>difficulties</p>	
				for His power	For His grace
				<p>when I am weak, then I am strong (v10)</p> <p><u>Phil 4:13</u> - strengthen = endunamoo to empower; to make strong / vigorous</p> <p>Illustrated: <u>2 Tim 4:6-18</u></p>	

God's Response to Our Enemies	Our Responsibility to God	Who are God's enemies?
<p><u>2 Thessalonians 1:3-10</u></p> <p><u>His People:</u> persecuted (v4), afflicted (v4,6), suffering (v5)</p> <p><u>Their Enemies:</u> those who afflict them (v6)</p> <p><u>Result:</u></p> <p>v3 faith is greatly enlarged love grows ever greater v4 perseverance + endurance</p> <p><u>Why Suffering:</u> v5 to be considered worthy of the kingdom of God</p> <p><u>What to Know:</u></p> <p>v7 relief only when Jesus is revealed in flaming fire</p> <p><u>God's Response to Our Enemies</u></p> <p>v6 repay them with affliction v8 deal out retribution v9 they will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord</p>	<p><u>Romans 12:14; 17-21</u></p> <p>v14 bless those who persecute you don't curse them</p> <p>v17 never pay back evil for evil respect what is right</p> <p>v18 be at peace with all (if possible)</p> <p>v19 never take your own revenge leave room for God's wrath</p> <p><u>Why:</u> for vengeance belongs to God</p> <p>v20 give drink to thirsty enemy feed hungry enemy</p> <p>v21 don't be overcome by evil overcome evil with good</p> <p><u>Matthew 5:37-48</u></p> <p>v43 love your neighbor v44 love your enemies pray for those who persecute you</p> <p><u>Why:</u> to be sons of your Father who does good to all (v45)</p> <p>v48 be perfect, as Father is perfect</p>	<p><u>John 15:12-25</u></p> <p>the world controlled by Satan, its mores, thoughts, philosophies, fashions ...</p> <p>Our Response to God's Enemies</p> <p><u>1 John 2:15-17</u></p> <p>* do not love the world or the things in the world (v15)</p> <p><u>Why?</u> not from the Father but from the world (v16)</p> <p>* world & its lusts are passing away (v17)</p> <p><u>James 4:1-4</u></p> <p>v4 friendship with world = hostility to God</p> <p>* a friend of the world = an enemy of God</p> <p>Copyright © Cecilia Perh 2007 2Tim2-2.com</p>

BREAK TIME

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In Covenant, TWO become ONE

- A. The Sharing of Blood
- B. The Covenant Meal
- C. The Sharing of Possessions
- D. Name Exchange
- E. Memorial Given

Oneness in Covenant with Jesus Christ

Illustrations	Parallels in the New Covenant	Application to Believers
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;"><u>A. Sharing of Blood</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">2 Becomes 1</p> <p>* A commingling of the covenant partners' blood = blood brothers</p> <p>Basis: belief that blood represents life</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. giving of blood represents receiving of life 2. receiving of blood represents receiving of life 3. inter-commingling of blood represents inter-commingling of life 4. a divine-human inter-union through blood is the basis of a divine-human inter-communion in the sharing of the flesh of the sacrificial offering as sacred food 	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;"><u>Was a covenant cut made in Jesus' body?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16) * hands & sides pierced (John 20:24-27) * inscribed on the palms of My hands (Isa 49:14-16) * "...Me whom they ...pierced" (Zech 12:10) * oneness with God made possible in Jesus' body & through His death * John 17:21-23 - oneness prayed for * Col 1:27 - the mystery * Eph 5:25-32 - the mystery of Christ & the church <p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;"><u>Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt 26:26-28 - forgiveness of sin John 6:47-58 - eternal life 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; margin: 0;"><u>Ephesians 4:1-6</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Union with God now a possibility!</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green; margin: 0;"><u>1 John 1:9</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daily forgiveness of sins & daily cleansing of sin</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;"><u>B. Covenant Meal</u></p> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;"><u>Gen 26:28-30</u> Abraham & Isaac</p> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;"><u>Exo 24:7-11</u> Mosaic Covenant</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; margin: 0;"><u>The Lord's Supper:</u></p> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;"><u>Mt 26:26-28</u> its institution</p> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;"><u>John 6:47-58</u> Jesus Christ is the living bread (His flesh)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * eat His flesh = has eternal life 	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Fellowship, intimacy with God now a reality!</p>

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<p><u>C. The Cutting or Piercing of Hands and the Mingling of Blood as They Clasped Hands</u></p> <p>1. <u>The Handshake</u> (Job 17:3; Ezra 10:19; Ezek 17:18)</p> <p>* Job 17:3 "Lay down, now, a pledge for me with Thyself; Who is there that will be my <u>guarantor</u>? (<i>taqa</i>, to slap; by impl. to become bondsman [by hand clasping]; agreement ratified by striking hands)</p> <p>2. <u>The Permanent Scar</u> (Isa 49:14-16)</p>	<p><u>Permanent Scars in Jesus body or Brand-marks</u></p> <p>* John 20:24-27 - hands (feet), side pierced</p> <p>* Rev 5:6 - Lamb as if slain</p>	<p>In NT, brand-marks were on slaves; soldiers; servants of temples</p> <p>Gal 1:10 His bondservants</p> <p>2 Tim 2:3-4 His soldiers</p> <p>1 Cor 6:19-20 His servants of His temple</p> <p>Gal 6:17 Paul's landmarks in his body (s. 2 Cor 11:23-28)</p>
<p><u>D. Sharing Possessions</u></p> <p>the "community" of life which results from the covenant</p>	<p>2 Cor 8:9 - Jesus' example</p> <p>Rom 8:15-17 - the gift of Spirit</p> <p>Phil 4:19 - the promise of God to supply all our needs</p>	<p>Share blessings with one another (Acts 2:38-45; 4:33-35; 2 Cor 8:1-4, 13-15)</p>
<p><u>E. Name Exchange</u></p> <p>= to establish some participation in one another's being</p> <p>* well-nigh universal Oriental practice of interweaving the name of one's Deity with one's name, as a symbolic evidence of one's covenant union with Deity</p>	<p>Rev 2:17 Our new name</p> <p>Acts 11:26 Christians = little Christs</p>	<p>* live up to our name</p>
<p>Gen 17:4-7 אֲבָרְהָם ← אֲבָרָם</p> <p>Gen 17:15-16 שָׂרָה ← שָׂרַי</p>		


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<p><u>F. Sharing of Friendship</u> * 2 Ch 20:7; Isa 41:8 Abraham Thy (My) friend (aheb) * Exo 33:11 - Moses (<i>rea or reya</i>) * Prov 27:6 - Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.</p>	<p>John 15:13-15 - <i>friend</i> (philos = dear, i.e. a friend) * cf <i>hetaire</i> (Mt 26:50 of Judas) = false friend, deceiver, selfish colleague, imposter</p>	<p>Psa 25:14 – God will make him know His secret (counsel, intimacy) & covenant cf. Gen 18:17-18 – God won't hide from Abraham what He is about to do</p>
<p>- aheb = love, desire, delight; an ardent & vehement inclination of the mind & a tenderness of affection at the same time; often used to describe the unspeakable love and tender mercies of God in the covenant relationship with His people</p> <p>* denotes a strong emotional attachment for & a desire to possess or be in the presence of the object of love</p> <p>* describes the close attachment between parents & children</p> <p>* used of the close ties of friendship</p>		
<p><u>G. Sharing a Memorial as a Reminder</u> Gen 21:22-34 Abimelech & Abraham Gen 31:43-54 Laban & Jacob <u>Exo 13:11-16; Dt 6:4-9, 20-25</u> * phylacteries or amulets * mezuzahs on casings or wall * written document * red thread as substitute for phylactery</p>	<p>1 Cor 11:23-26 the Lord's Supper is our memorial</p>	<p>Remember Jesus as you partake of the Lord's Supper</p>

The Seriousness of Covenant

Penalty of Breaking Covenant:
Death!

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Definitions + Symbolisms	OT Illustration + Teaching	NT Illustration + Teaching
<p>Covenant = solemn binding agreement made by passing thro' pieces of flesh <u>2 become 1 (1 Sam 18:1-4)</u> Exchange of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. robe = identity 2. armor = protection 3. belt = strength <p><u>Common denominator:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. blood 2. covenant meals <p><u>Significance</u></p>  <p>* a walk into death, i.e. death to independent living * oath taken - "God kill me if I break covenant"</p>	<p><u>Gen 15 – Abrahamic Covenant</u> * death of 3 animals and 2 birds <u>Genesis 17:9-14 - The Sign of Covenant</u> * symbol of separation, purity, loyalty to covenant (Deut 30:6; Rom 2:28-29; cf Rom 4:11; cf. Jer 9:26; Ezek 44:7-9) * death for breaking the covenant (v14) <u>Exo 4:24-26</u> * God sought to put Moses to death (v24) * Zipporah circumcises her son, throws foreskin at Moses' feet (v25) * says "You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me." (v25) * God let him alone. <u>1 Sam 20 – Jonathan's Oaths</u> * "may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away" (v13) * "May the LORD require it at the hands of David's enemies." (v16) * "behold, the Lord is between you and me" (v23) * "The Lord will be between me and you, and between my descendants & your descendants forever" (v42) <u>Exo 24:1-11 - Mosaic Cov.</u> <u>Jer 34:8-22; 22:1-9; Dt 30:15-20</u></p>	<p><u>Matt 26:26-28</u> – New Covenant <u>1 Cor 11:18-34</u> – eat the Lord's Supper unworthily – eat & drink judgment to yourself * many are weak & sick & a number sleep - premature death (v30-32) * <u>Heb 12:9</u> be subject to the Father of spirits & live <u>Jas 5:19-20</u> turn sinner from error of his way = save his soul from death & cover a multitude of sins <u>1 Jn 5:16</u> sin not leading to death, ask & God will give life * sin leading to death, don't ask <u>Ecc 7:16-17</u> - don't be excessively wicked & don't be a fool, why should you die before your time?</p> <p>* believe, <i>pisteuo</i>, be persuaded of, trust, place confidence in <u>Faith, Pistis</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. firm conviction producing a full acknowledgement of God's revelation & truth 2. personal surrender to Him 3. conduct inspired by such conviction & surrender

Exodus 24:1-11 - The Mosaic Covenant

v1-8 Covenant confirmed with the people

- God's words * ordinances recounted to the people (v3)
- all the people said, “All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do”
- Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord (v4)

Early in the morning

- altar built with 12 pillars set up (v4)
- sacrifices made - burnt offering + peace offerings (v5)
- blood separated into two parts - for sprinkling the altar (v6)
- book of the covenant read to the people
- they said, “All that the Lord has spoken, we will do, and we will be obedient!” (v7)
- blood sprinkled on the people (Heb 9:19 - on the book & all the people)
- :Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (v8)

v9-11 Covenant meal eaten in God's presence

- Moses, Aaron, Nadab & Abihu & 70 elders of Israel (v9) saw the God of Israel (v10)
 - beheld God and they ate and drank (v11)
- Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles & the sons of Israel (cf Ex 33:11, 20; Jn 1:18; 1 Tim 6:16)

Jeremiah 34:8-22 - The Covenant Broken

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- Zedekiah's covenant with all the people to free their slaves (v8-10)
- Covenant broken after Babylonian siege left (v11,21)
- God rebuked the people (v12-16)
 - the Law required that every 7th year, all Hebrew slaves were to go free (Exo 21:2)
 - once siege was lifted, the people took back the slaves
- God's punishment will match their sin (v17-22)
 - “You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming release”
 - “Behold, I am proclaiming a release to you, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth” (v17)
 - “I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life” (v20-21)
 - “Behold, I ... will bring them (the Babylonians) back to this city; and they shall ... burn it with fire / cities of Judah a desolation” (v22)

Jeremiah 22:1-9

Obey and be blessed (v1-4)

v3 do justice & righteousness
deliver the one robbed
don't mistreat or do violence to
the stranger, orphan, widow
don't shed innocent blood
v4 the kings will enter the gates

Disobey & be judged (v5-9)

v5 if you will not obey these words,
I swear by Myself that this house
will become a desolation
v7 I shall set apart destroyers against you
v9 **because they forsook the covenant
and bowed to other gods**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Life and Prosperity

v16 love the Lord your God (v20)
walk in His ways
keep His commandments, statutes &
judgments
v20 obey His voice
hold fast to Him
that you may live (v16,19,20)
& multiply (v16)
that the Lord may bless you
in the land (v16)

Death and Adversity

v17 if your heart turns away
you will not obey
you are drawn away
& worship other gods
& serve them
v18 you shall surely perish
you shall not prolong your days
in the land

Mt 26:26-28 New Covenant of Grace

Covenant meal eaten in Jesus' presence

v26 bread represents His body

v27-28 wine represents His blood of the covenant, poured out for many for forgiveness of sins

* **Jesus is the covenant sacrifice / Passover Lamb (Jn 1:26)**

1 Cor 11:18-34 Purpose of the Lord's Supper

v18-22 the sin of the Corinthians: divisions (v18), factions (v19), selfishness, some are hungry & others are drunk (v20-21), despising the church of God & shaming those who have nothing (v22)

v23-26 the celebration of the Lord's Supper

v24-25 - do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me

v26 - as often as you eat this bread & drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes

v27-34 the preparation before partaking of the Lord's Supper

Warnings + Judgment

v27 partake unworthily = guilty of the body & blood of the Lord

v29 judge body wrongly = eat & drink judgment to yourself

v30 result: many among you weak & sick, & a number sleep

v32 when judged = disciplined by God & not condemned along with world

Instructions

v28 examine yourself before partaking

v31 judged self rightly = won't be judged

v33 wait for one another

v34 if hungry, eat at home

don't come together for judgment

Is the gospel something merely to be believed OR does belief include obedience?

- Romans 1:5 - Paul received grace + apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles
 - Romans 16:26 - the mystery ... has been made known to all the nations leading to obedience of faith
 - Acts 6:7 - the word of God kept on spreading & the number of disciples continued to increase greatly & a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8
- God will repay with affliction those who afflict you (v6)
 - God will give relief to you who are afflicted (v7)
 - when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God & to those who do not obey the gospel (v7-8)
- Hebrews 3:18-19
- those who are disobedient - did not enter His rest (v18)
 - they were not able to enter because of unbelief (v19)
- **What have you learnt about the seriousness of being in covenant with God?**

Covenant is Withholding Nothing from God

A. Abraham Offers Up Isaac
(Genesis 22)

B. Moses & Saul

C. New Testament Parallels

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The Blessings of Obedience

1. Abraham (Gen 17:1-27) 99 years old

v1-22 God reiterates His covenant with Abraham & his descendents

* confirmed by a name exchange - Abram to Abraham (v5)
- Sarai to Sarah (v15)

* confirmed by a sign - circumcision (v10-14)

* confirmed by a son through Sarah (v16-19) - Isaac (v19)

v23-27 Abraham's immediate compliance

Gen 22:1-19 The Testing of Abraham's Faith

v1-2 The Difficult Command

v3-10 Abraham's Instant & Total Obedience

How to Obey Difficult Commands of God

1. Rest on God's Promises

- * Gen 12:2 - great nation
- * Gen 15:4 - Eliezer not your heir, one from your own body
- * Gen 17:15-19,21 - Sarah shall have a son
- * Gen 18:10-14 - Isaac next year
- * Gen 21:1-5 Isaac born
- * Gen 21:12 Descendants through Isaac

2. Trust God's character

3. Do all that God asks

v11-19 God's blessing given

v11-13 Ram provided

v14 New Knowledge of who God is - Jehovah Jireh

v15-19 Confirmation of Promises (Heb 6:13-20; 11:17-19)

The Pitfalls of Disobedience

1. Moses (Exodus 4:18-26)

v18-23 Prepares to Return to Egypt

v24-26 Saved by Zipporah's act

Principle: No one is exempted from the penalty of breaking covenant

2. Saul, "God's anointed"

* broke covenant

* rejected by God (1 Sam 13:14, ≈ 1048 BC)

* kingdom taken away (1 Sam 15:23, ≈ 1026 BC)

"God's anointed" => God put Saul in the high position of king & thus God had the responsibility of removing Saul when he disobeyed

Result: Saul died by his own hand (1 Sam 31; 2 Sam 1)

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New Testament Parallels

Matthew 10:34-39

Worthy of Jesus	Not Worthy of Jesus
v37 loves Jesus more than father & mother, son & daughter v38 takes up his cross follows after Jesus v39 loses his life for Jesus' sake = shall find it	v37 loves father & mother, son & daughter more than Jesus v38 does not take up his cross does not follow after Jesus v39 finds his life = loses it

Mark 8:34-38

The Requirements & the Reward	v35-37 The Paradox
v34 If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself & take up his cross & follow Me v35 loses his life for Jesus Christ's sake & the gospel's = shall save it	v35 wishes to save his life = shall lose it v36 gains the whole world but forfeits his soul = no profit v37 what shall a man give in exchange for his soul (see Ps 49:7-9; 1 Pet 1:18-19)

Luke 14:25-27

Christ's Disciple	NOT Christ's Disciple
v26 "hates" his own father + mother, wife + children, brothers + sisters, & even his own life v27 carries his own cross comes after Jesus	v26 does not hate his own father + mother, wife + children, brothers + sisters, & even his own life v27 does not carry his own cross does not come after Jesus

Conclusion

A. God's Faithfulness to
Covenant

B. The Blessings & Benefits of
the New Covenant

God's Faithfulness to Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant	Mosaic Covenant	New Covenant
<p><u>Participants:</u> God with * Abraham * Isaac * Jacob * their descendants</p> <p><u>Promises:</u> a. a nation (Gen 15) 2. a seed (Jesus Christ, Gal 3:16) 3. a land (Gen 15) 4. a promise of worldwide blessing (Gen 12:13)</p> <p><u>Features:</u> - Unilateral - Unconditional - Everlasting</p>	<p><u>Participants:</u> God with the nation of Israel on Mt. Sinai, after the deliverance from Egypt through Moses</p> <p><u>Special Features:</u> 1. The Law written on tablets of stone (Exo 20) people promised to obey 2. The Tabernacle</p> <p><u>Purposes:</u> a. Place of worship for people b. God's dwelling in their midst c. to show how unholy men can approach the thrice holy God</p> <p><u>Covenant Requirements</u> a. blessings if you obey (Dt 28:1-14) b. curses if you disobey (Dt 28:15-68; 29) c. provision made for returning to God (Dt 30)</p> <p><u>Promises:</u> 1. <u>Exodus 19:1-9</u> The Blessing for Keeping Covenant v5 if you will indeed obey my voice & keep my covenant, then you shall be My own possession (or special treasure) among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine v6 and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation 2. <u>Deut 28:58-66</u> The Curse for Breaking Covenant 3. <u>Deut 29</u> The Covenant Renewed at Moab or a "new" covenant called by some interpreters, "The Palestine Covenant" which gave Israel the title to the land (see 30:5) 4. <u>Deut 30</u> The Blessing of Returning to God</p>	<p><u>Participants:</u> God with Israel & Judah (Jews)</p> <p><u>Mystery:</u> Gentiles included (Eph 3:4-6) – Fulfillment of Gen 12:3 !!!</p> <p><u>Promises:</u> 1. Jeremiah - a prophet during invasion (Jer 31:31-40; 32:37-44; 17:9) 2. Ezekiel - prophet during captivity (Ezek 11:13-21; 36:24-28)</p> <p><u>Fulfillment:</u> 1. The New Covenant of Grace is the Gospel or Good News of Jesus Christ a. <u>Rom 1:16</u> - to the Jew first b. <u>Jn 1:11</u> - Jesus came unto His own c. <u>Mt 15:24</u> - sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel 2. Gentile Inclusion in the "New" Covenant a. <u>Eph 3:4-6</u> - a mystery b. <u>Rom 11:17-18</u> - grafted into the olive tree/partakes of the life of God c. <u>Ac 10</u> - first Gentile convert about 8 years after Pentecost 3. Gentile Relationship to the Covenants of Promise * <u>Eph 2:13-22; 5:29-30</u> 4. Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant * <u>Hebrews 8; 7:22</u></p>

Jer 31:31-40 The New Covenant

v31-40 Its Blessings

- v33 God's Law written on the heart
"I shall be their God
& they shall be My people."
- v34 independent access to God for all
intimate dealings with God for all
forgiveness of iniquity & sin
final dealing with sin
- v36, 37 preservation of Israel as a nation
- v38-40 rebuilding of Jerusalem

v35-37 Its Permanence

Jer 32:37-44 The New Covenant

v37 Restoration of the People to the Land – physical

v38-41 Restoration of the People to the LORD – spiritual

- v38 they shall be my people & I will be their God
- v39 I will give them one heart & one way,
that they may fear Me always,
for their own good,
& for the good of their children after them
- v40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them
that I will not turn away from them,
to do them good;
I will put the fear of Me in their hearts
so that they will not turn away from Me.
- v41 I will rejoice over them to do them good,
I will faithfully plant them in this land
with all My heart & with all My soul.

v42-44 Restoration of the Land to Prosperity – physical

Ezek 11:13-21 The Promise of Restoration

v13 The Judgment on Conspirators in Jerusalem

v14-20 The Promise Given to Those in Exile Who Repent

- v16 protection while in exile - **physical**
- v17 re-gathering of Israel back to the land
- v18 idols will be removed by exiles – **spiritual**
- v19 I shall give them one heart &
shall put a new spirit within them
I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh
& give them a heart of flesh
- v20 that they may walk in My statutes
& keep My ordinances & do them.
Then they will be My people
& I shall be their God.

v21 The Retribution for Idolaters

Ezek 36:24-28 The New Covenant

- v24 Israel re-gathered & brought back to own land
– **physical**
- v25 cleansing from filthiness & idolatry – **spiritual**
- v26 I will give you a new heart
& put a new spirit within you
I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
& give you a heart of flesh
- v27 I will put My Spirit within you
& cause you to walk in My statutes,
& you will be careful to observe My ordinances.
And
- v28 you will live in the land that I gave to your
forefathers - **physical**
so you will be My people,
& I will be your God. - **spiritual**

The Unity of the Church (Ephesians 2:11-22)

2:11-13 Statement of Union	2:14-18 Explanation of Union	2:19-22 Consequences of Union
<p><u>v11-12 Past Disunion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision” (v11) * separate from Christ (v12) * excluded from the commonwealth of Israel (v12) * strangers to the covenants of promise (v12) * having no hope (v12) * without God (v12) <p><u>v13 Present Union</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * in Christ Jesus * brought near by the blood of Christ 	<p><u>v14-16 Christ Himself is Our Peace</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * made Jews & Gentiles one v14 He broke down the barrier of the dividing wall v15 He abolished in His flesh the enmity (v16) v15 He established peace between Jew & Gentile v16 He reconciled them to God thro’ the cross <p><u>v17-18 Christ Announced Peace</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * to Jews & Gentile 	<p><u>v19 A New Relationship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * no longer strangers & aliens * but fellow citizens with the saints * of God’s household <p><u>v20-22 A New Establishment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a dwelling of God in the Spirit * a holy temple of the Lord built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself, being the cornerstone

Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 8)

v1-6 The Excellence of Christ's High Priestly Ministry

v1 He has taken His seat at the right hand of God's throne

v2 He is a minister in the sanctuary & in the true Tabernacle which God pitched

v3 He offered gifts & offerings for all

v6 He has obtained a more excellent ministry

He is a mediator of a better covenant enacted on better promises

v7-13 The Two Covenants Compared

The First Covenant

v7-8 not faultless

v9 they did not continue in My covenant
& I did not care for them

v13 made obsolete

is becoming obsolete & growing old

is ready to disappear

in AD 70 Temple was destroyed

New Covenant to be Made

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Abrahamic Covenant



2000 BC

promise of a seed = Christ (Gal 3:16)

In the Old Covenant:

- man is given the opportunity to prove what he could do with the aid of all the means of grace which God could bestow
- man proved his own unfaithfulness + failure
- dependent on man's obedience

In the New Covenant:

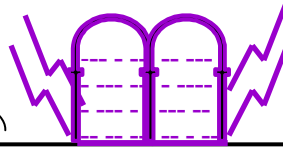
- God proved what He could do with unfaithful & feeble men when He is allowed to do all the work
- dependent on God's faithfulness for He keeps it & ensures our own keeping it

“The New Covenant provides a guarantee, not only for God's faithfulness but for man's, too. And this in no other way than by God Himself undertaking to secure man's part as well as His own ... the Holy Spirit is to be the unceasing, universal all-sufficient worker of everything that has to be wrought by the Christian.” (Andrew Murray)

begin with the final confirmation of the covenant to Jacob (Gen 46:1-4)

430 years

Mosaic Covenant



1500 BC

A people separated to God by the Law

Name:

Mother's name:

Allegorically mother is a picture of

Proceeds from:

Children are:

Born according to:

Ishmael

Hagar

Old Covenant

Mt. Sinai

Slaves

The Flesh

New Covenant



AD 30

A people separated to God by the indwelling Spirit

Isaac

Sarah

New Covenant

Mt. Zion

Sons, Heirs

The Spirit

tutor to lead us to Christ (Gal 3:24) until the seed should come (Gal 3:19)

Ezek 36:27 - work of the Holy Spirit
Rom 8:4 - walk according to the Spirit = fulfill the requirements of the Law
Gal 5:16-18 walk by the Spirit won't carry out desires of the flesh
Gal 5:25 if we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit