

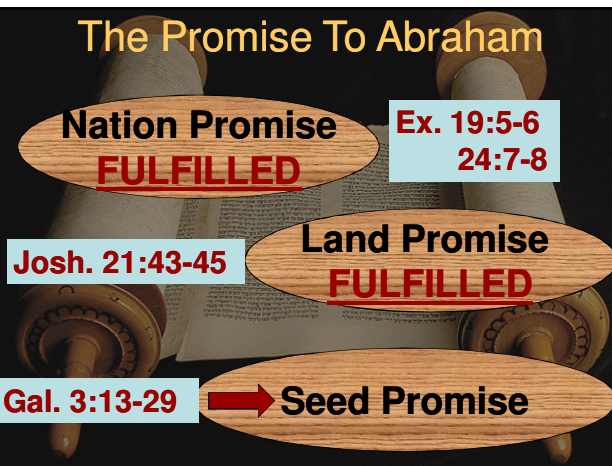


“THE TWO COVENANTS”



Covenants

- Covenant God made with Noah and every living creature.
Gen. 9
- Covenant God made with Abraham.
Gen. 17
- Covenant God made with Israel.
Ex. 24:7-12



The Promise To Abraham

Nation Promise
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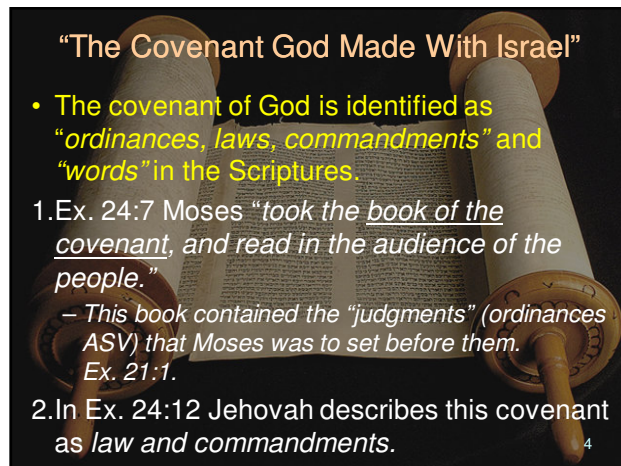
Ex. 19:5-6
24:7-8

Josh. 21:43-45

Land Promise
FULFILLED

Gal. 3:13-29

Seed Promise



“The Covenant God Made With Israel”

- The covenant of God is identified as “ordinances, laws, commandments” and “words” in the Scriptures.

1. Ex. 24:7 Moses “took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people.”

– This book contained the “judgments” (ordinances ASV) that Moses was to set before them.
Ex. 21:1.

2. In Ex. 24:12 Jehovah describes this covenant as *law and commandments*.



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Ex. 24:1-8 Moses read the book unto the people and they agreed to do all that the Lord commanded of them.

➤ This law was given only to Israel as a nation. Ex. 20:1ff; Deut. 5:1ff.



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God By Moses Gave A Book... To The People Including:

Included:

1. Commandments. Ex. 20:3ff
2. Promises. Ex. 20:12ff
3. Penalties. Ex. 20:7ff

People:

1. Heard.
2. Understood.
3. Agreed to all. (Cf.. Ex. 24:3)

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This Covenant Was Broken:

1. Moses said: *"Ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the Lord had commanded you."*
Deut. 9:16; Cf. Heb. 8:9
2. Note: Ezek. 20:10-12 and Jer. 31:32. The people had turned away. Thus at this point the covenant was broken. (Cf.. Zech. 11:10-13)

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God Reveals His Plan For A Second Covenant

Jer. 31:31-34 Prophecy New Law

Not Like the Law of Moses

- ✦ "I will make a new covenant"
- ✦ Distinct from the Law of Moses
- ✦ Written into the heart
- ✦ Citizens of covenant know God (no infants)
- ✦ Final, perfect pardon of sin
- ✦ **Heb. 8:6-13** Prophecy fulfilled: gospel

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Rom. 7:1-7 Paul argues that the Jews were dead to the Old Law:

- a. Rom. 6:14-15 They are not under it.
- b. Rom. 7:4 They are dead to it.
- c. Rom. 7:6 They have been discharged from it.
- d. Rom. 7:7 The Law that the Jews were freed from was the Law that included the 10 commandments.. the Mosaic law.

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Rom. 7:7-8 Paul argues that the Jews were freed from the Old Law:

- a. The Law. Rom. 7:17; Gal. 4:18
- b. Fear. Rom. 8:13
- c. Law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2
- d. Sin. Rom. 6:18
- e. Corruption. Rom. 8:21

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Gal. 3:10-14 Law of Moses Demanded Perfect Law Keeping...

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

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Gal. 3:19-25 Purpose of the Law of Moses: Made Jews Conscious of Sin Till Savior Came

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come

to whom and it: "even to; until, to the time that" in the (Thayer)

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

Gal. 3:19-25 Purpose of the Law of Moses: Schoolmaster

23 But **before faith came**, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
 24 Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.
 25 But after that faith is come, we are **no longer under a schoolmaster**.

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Gal. 4:21-31 "Covenants" Contrasted by Allegory:

Old Covenant New Covenant

Hagar, bondwoman	Mt. Sinai, Old Covenant answers to worldly Jerusalem	Sarah, Free woman	New Covenant, Jerusalem above, Cf.. Heb. 12:22
Ishmael, born after the flesh	Jews	Isaac, born through promise. (vs. 29)	Christians- Gal. 3:29; 4:28; Rom. 9:6-9

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Bond	Bondage of the Jews under the law	Free	Christians are free in Christ. Gal. 5:1
Persecutes	At that time they were persecuting Christians	Persecuted	Christians were persecuted

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Cast out, Mother and Son. (Child receives no inheritance with he son of the free woman	Law and Jews cast out. (Jews cannot inherit with Christians. (Cf.. Heb. 13:10	Inherits	Christians are heirs. (Rom. 8:17)
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Two important points to learn regarding this allegory:

1. How are Christians "children according to the Spirit?"

Gal. 4:29

- Born of water and the Spirit. Jno. 3:3-5; Cf.. Eph. 5:25-27
- Begotten by the word of God. 1 Cor. 4:15
- By one Spirit (the word is the sword of the Spirit Eph. 6:17) we are baptized into the one body. 1 Cor. 12:13; cf.. Rom. 8:16-17

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2. How does one obtain this "freedom" in Christ?

- One can be made free from the bondage of sin by a knowledge of the truth. (Jno. 8:31-36)
- One is made free from sin by obedience to that form or pattern of teaching done by Paul. (Rom. 6:16-18)
 - The "form" of teaching that delivers from sin is set forth in Rom. 6:3-11.
 - The form is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. If one is free from the bondage of sin he has the freedom that Gal. 4 speaks of.

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Gal. 5:1-4 Do Not Go Back To The Law.

Do not be entangled again.
Do not receive circumcision.
Debtor to do whole law.
Severed from Christ.
Fallen from Grace.

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In Gal. 3-5, Paul clearly shows that the Old Covenant is fulfilled in Christ.

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Conclusion:

Since the Old Covenant (Law) has been abolished, no one can appeal to it for support of any religious teaching to bind on man today.

1. It was given only to the Jews and now even they are free from it.
2. The Jewish law came to an end with the death of Christ on the cross.

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Eph. 2:14-16 Law of Moses Nailed to Cross

"For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, having **abolished** in the flesh the enmity, (even) **the law of commandments** (contained) in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, (so) making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, **having slain the enmity thereby**"

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Col. 2:14-17 Law of Moses Nailed to Cross

"**Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us**, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross**; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, **triumphing over them in it.**"

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In Eph. 2 & Col. 2, Paul clearly shows that the Old Covenant is done away, abolished by Christ.

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“to cause to cease, put an end to, do away with, annul, abolish” (Rom 3:31; Eph 2:15) (Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)

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- What is our relation to the Old Covenant?

1. Ex. 20:3	“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”	Acts 14:15,17; 1 Thess. 1:9
2. Ex. 20:4-5	“Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image.”	Acts 17; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Jno. 5:21
3. Ex. 20:7	“Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain..”	James 5:12

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4. Ex. 20:8	“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”	* Keeping the Sabbath day is <u>not commanded</u> in the new covenant. However, certain acts of worship are commanded on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-3; Rev. 1:10
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5. Ex. 20:12	“Honor thy father and thy mother...”	Eph. 6:1-2
6. Ex. 20:13	“Thou shalt not kill.”	Rom. 13:9; Mt. 5:21-24; (Cf.. KJV Mt. 19:18)
7. Ex. 20:14	“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”	1 Cor. 6:9-10; Mt. 5:32; 19:9

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