

The New Covenant of Redemption

...provides forgiveness so that we can inherit the Kingdom Covenants of Promise

Key verses

● “Behold the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah –

...for this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbour, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins I will remember no more. In that He says, ‘A new Covenant’, He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”

Heb.8:10-13 cited from Jer.31:33-34

● “...as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.” Heb.8:6

See also Jer.24:6-7, ch32:40-42; Heb.10:16-17, ch12:24.

The New Covenant

The New Covenant is established on the Kingdom Covenants of Promise (Rom.15:8; Heb.8:6) and is the most important covenant ever made between God and man. It provides three essential blessings from God:

- **God's Laws** written on the heart (repentance)
- **Forgiveness of sins** through Jesus blood (redemption)
- **Fellowship** with God (reconciliation)

Jesus is the Mediator (intercessor)

● “And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.” Heb.9:15

See also Luke 22:20; Rom.8:34; Heb.7:25, 12:24.

When Jesus died and shed His blood on the cross, the New Covenant was “confirmed”* or “ratified”. Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant. We will now see how Jesus effectively represents both parties (God and man) in the “mediating process” of the New Covenant.

God's Laws on ‘their hearts’ repentance

● “I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts” Heb.8:10 See also Isa.59:21

Jesus mediates God to us as “the Word made flesh”, showing us the **righteousness of God** and what we have to do to please Him. His body of flesh was given for us in **life and sacrifice** as an example of “**the bread from heaven**” ie the Word of God. When we accept the Gospel message and all that it entails, we become **participants in the New Covenant**. Knowledge of God's laws (righteousness) is the **first blessing of the New Covenant** which Jesus has given us. This gift of knowledge is written on the heart indicating that **true repentance** has taken place and we are willing to accept all of God's truth and requirements in serving Him (Psa.51:6,17; 2 Tim.2:25).

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Forgiveness of sins redemption

● “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness and their sins I will remember no more.” Heb.8:12

Jesus mediates us to God by offering to Him a **sinless** life in a mortal blood dependent body the same as ours. No other human being has been able to accomplish this. This meant that God did **not have to diminish His holiness** to accept Jesus sacrifice on our behalf, and is prepared to allow Jesus to be our Mediator to forgive and **cover our sins** from His sight, thereby “deeming” us righteous and providing **redemption** (forgiveness) for us. This merciful forgiveness from God is only possible through the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross as the **perfect representative** of the human race. The forgiveness of sins is God's response to the Covenant process and is based on **His grace** (undeserved divine favour).

Fellowship with God reconciliation

● “...I will be their God and they shall be My people...for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.” Heb.8:10-11

The blessings of **repentance and forgiveness** through Jesus, restore us to **true fellowship** with God (1 John 1:3). This is the ultimate purpose of the New Covenant which the Bible styles, “**reconciliation**”, meaning we have been **restored to God's grace** (divine favour, Rom.5:11; 2 Cor.5:18-19).

National covenants with Israel

● “then He said, ‘behold, I have come to do Your will, O God,’ He takes away the first that He may establish the second.” Heb.10:9

There are **two national mediated** covenants with Israel. The first was the conditional old covenant that was mediated through Moses and has now been abolished (2Cor.3:6-11; Rom.7:1-12; Heb.10:9). Because of unbelief Israel broke the old covenant and were broken off as a nation from **the olive tree rootstock of their fathers**. The New Covenant is also a **national covenant with Israel** that is mediated by God's own Son and we Gentiles access by “adoption” or “grafting in”. Gentile salvation has always been by adoption into the olive tree of Israel since they left Egypt. This explains Jesus' claim, that “**salvation is of the Jews**” (John 4:22). This concept is explained in detail in **Romans chapter eleven**. Israel will be **grafted back in again** nationally, at the dawn of the Kingdom Age (Hos.3:5; Zech.12:10-14; Rom.11:23).

* How God demonstrated the confirming of the New Covenant

The Temple veil was torn from top to bottom

This represented Jesus' total victory over temptation and sin which opened the way for Him to enter “the Holy of Holies” as our Mediator.

An earthquake when Jesus died

Earthquakes in Scripture can represent a ‘political change’. The earthquake when Jesus died would have been an indicator of the passing of the old Mosaic system, to make way for the New Covenant (Matt.27:51).