

Taken Away or Established?

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Covenants and Feasts / Covenant; Feast Days / Hebrews 10:8-10

There are so many who are confused about the connection and difference between the Old and the New Covenant. What still applies to us and why?

Marriage Covenant

Remember Day

4th July 2010

Marriage More Important

June 12th 2011

Remember that day

Series of Covenants

Adam

Genesis 3:15 ESV

I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel.”

- Notice
 - when first covenant started
- Purpose of Covenant?
 - Salvation

Noah

[Genesis 9:12–15](#) (ESV)

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

- Covenant with
 - Noah
 - Earth

Abraham

[Genesis 15:18–21](#) (ESV)

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river,

the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

Chapter 17

- multiplied greatly
- father of nations
- name changed
- for you and your offspring
- you shall keep it
- land of sojourn
- land of Canaan
- circumcision
- birth of Isaac
- Covenant with Isaac

Moses

[Exodus 2:23–25](#) (ESV)

During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help.

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

- I remember my covenant
 - give them Canaan

[Exodus 19:3–6](#) (ESV)

while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant,

you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

- Israel:

- Promise to keep
- Other Details of
- Moses Covenant
 - Book of Covenant
 - Blessing and Curses

David

[2 Samuel 7:9–12](#) (ESV)

And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel.

And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

- Build Sanctuary
 - I'll build your house.”
 - Establish You
 - Descendants on Throne

Solomon's Failure

1 Kings 11:11 ESV

Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

- Conditionality of the covenant promises

Remnant of OT

- Babylonian Captivity

[Jeremiah 11:6-8](#) (ESV)

And the LORD said to me, “Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

For I solemnly warned your fathers when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, Obey my voice.

Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart. Therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not.”

- They rejected the Covenant

[Jeremiah 11:10-11](#) (ESV)

They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words. They have gone after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah

have broken my covenant that I made with their fathers. Therefore, thus says the LORD, Behold, I am bringing disaster upon them that they cannot escape. Though they cry to me, I will not listen to them.

- The Broke Covenant
 - Curses are coming.

Jeremiah 23:3 **ESV**

Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

- After Curses
 - I will renew Covenant.

Renewing Vows

New Covenant Promised

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) (ESV)

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

not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will

be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

- What is content of
 - New Covenant?

- Conversion
- Law in Heart

Everlasting Covenant

Jeremiah 32:40 **ESV**

I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

- Everlasting...
 - God forgives and renews

[Jeremiah 33:19–22](#) (ESV)

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: “Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time,

then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers.

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me.”

- God cannot break
 - the Covenant...
- Day and Night
 - Sun Stands Still
- Son on the Throne?
 - nope...
- I will forgive them...
 - This is not the end...
- Another 600 years!

The New Testament

[2 Corinthians 3:4–6](#) (ESV)

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us,

but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a

new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

- Paul Says
- New Covenant
 - that means
 - what was before
 - is Old Covenant
- Same Chapter...

Old Covenant

[2 Corinthians 3:12-15](#) (ESV)

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being

brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.

Jew vs. Gentile

[Ephesians 2:11–16](#) (ESV)

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ,

alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by

the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that

he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

- Circumcision
 - Separation Jew/Gentile

Galatians 3:28–29 **ESV**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

- Who is Covenant People?

- those who believe
- “if you are Christs”
- you are Israel!

Out with the Old, In with the New

[Hebrews 10:8–10](#) (ESV)

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),

then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- Something Taken Away
- Something Different Established...
- What is established?

Hebrews 7:22 **ESV**

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

- “Better Covenant”

- further...

Hebrews 12:24 ESV

and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

- Jesus brought
 - New Covenant...
- Summary:
 - God has always
 - (since the fall)
 - had a covenant
 - had a covenant people
- Covenant is
 - agreement to save
- Covenant People
 - Individual or Nations
 - God is working to

- Present His Salvation to World

Last Day Remnant

Revelation 12:17 **ESV**

Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

- God's Special People
 - in the last days.
- His Final Covenant People

[Revelation 14:9-12](#) (ESV)

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will

drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence

of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the

| commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

- They Experience
 - Purpose of the NC
 - Laws in Heart
 - Laws in Mind
 - Reflection of Christ
 - Reflection of Law
 - Reflection of Truth
- God calling us...
 - Final Remnant...
- Final and Full Display
 - Covenant People

Dispensationalism

- God's Covenant is
 - for Israel in the OT

- For Christians NT
- Returns to Israel
 - During Millennium
- Post-millennium
 - Literal 1000
 - On Earth
- [Dan 9:27](#) is about
 - renewing Covenant
 - with Israel
- 144,000 = literal Israel
 - 12,000 each tribe

Different or the Same?

Same

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them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant

that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall

each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

and

Hebrews 10:16 ESV

“This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,

and write them on their minds,”

- When did the
 - New Covenant Start?

- If it started
 - at cross
 - why NC in OT?
- Some say
 - same covenant...
- One Covenant
 - that never ended...
- Does not hold up to
 - weight of scripture.

Different

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then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- Something has
 - been done away
- Something else
 - established
 - (in its place)
- The Bible is explicit
- What has been
 - done away?
- What still applies?
 - Next Sermon...
- All Covenants Purpose
 - Proclaim Salvation
 - Reflect Savior
 - Light to the World

- God changed people
 - multiple times...
- Covenant is not
 - about a people group
- Covenant is about
 - Message of Salvation
- God will use
 - whoever will
 - present message
 - light to the world!

Main Points

- God has always had a Covenant People.
- God's covenant people often failed to keep the covenant.
- God Changes His Covenant People.
- God's Covenant Promises were call conditional.
- God's Promise to Covenant with a particular Person/Nation was Conditional.

- God Brought the Old Covenant to an end.
- God Established an New Covenant.
- The New Covenant has the same purpose as the Old Covenant, but does it in different ways.
- There is a different Covenant People in the New Covenant.

More Questions

- When did the Old Covenant Come to an End?
- What still applies to us from the Old Testament?

Appeal

- Christ is Offering His New Covenant to You.
- Accept it.
- Fulfill the Conditions.
- Experience Covenant Joy!