



Jesus and His Better Covenant • Part 2

Lesson Twenty-Seven • Hebrews 8:6-13

Why Is the New Covenant Better than the Old?

The New Covenant is better than the Old Covenant because it **PERFECTS** God's people through **BETTER PROMISES** on a **PERMANENT** basis through the person and work of Christ Jesus. (8:6-13)

Why Is the New Covenant Better than the Old?

1. The Old Covenant Could Not **PERFECT** God's People. (8:7-8a, 9)

"(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God." (7:9)

"For finding fault with them...for they did not continue in My covenant!" (vv. 8a, 9b)

Jeremiah the "Weeping Prophet" Laments Over Israel's Stubborn, Evil Hearts: 9:13-16; 11:8-10; 13:10; 16:12

2. The New Covenant Has Better **PROMISES**. (8:8b-12)

Four Better Promises

- I will **COMPLETE** a New Covenant for rebel sinners! (vv. 8, 10a)

Observations

1. God's grace alone.
2. Restoring Israel as a nation.

The Better Promises of the New Covenant for Israel as a Nation

1. REPENT as a nation; **2. REGATHERED** from exile; **3. RETURNED** to their promised land; **4. REUNITED** as one nation; **5. RECONCILED** with their God; **6. REGENERATED** hearts (Ezekiel's dry bones live again!); **7. REIGN** by one Shepherd-Priest-King; and **8. RESTORED** as a nation to bless the Gentile nations in the Messianic Kingdom on earth!

3. Unconditional covenant: *"I will"* 7x!

How Will God Complete the New Covenant?

The NT reveals the **MYSTERY of the CHURCH** and the **TWO COMINGS of Christ** with a **NOW-NOT YET FULFILLMENT**, while Israel as a nation is **STILL** under the curse with stubborn hard hearts!

- I will **WRITE** My laws on hearts by My Spirit! (v. 10b)

1. How does this happen? *Ezekiel 36:26-27*

"I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart." Jeremiah 24:7

2. What does this mean? *Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 13:20*

- I will **BE** their God and they will be My people personally and eternally! (vv. 10b-11)

1. Who can get in on this? (v. 11)

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28

2. What does “knowing the LORD” mean? (v. 11)

Covenant Loyal Love: *An intimate, personal knowledge between two persons who are committed wholly to one another in a relationship that penetrates the heart: mind, will, and emotion!*

3. What are the implications of this promise?

There are *no* **UNCONVERTED** partakers of the New Covenant like under the Old Covenant!

- Therefore, the New Covenant church *does not baptize babies or the unconverted!* Since baptism is the *initial sign* of the New Covenant, it is *reserved* for those who have *already believed for themselves*.
- Therefore, *only* those who *have made a credible profession of faith* in Jesus and *have been baptized* are welcomed as *covenant members* into the local church and are *then invited* to partake of the Lord’s Supper – the *ongoing sign* of the New Covenant meal!

➤ I will **REMEMBER** their sins no more. PERIOD! (v. 12)

1. A third **DOUBLE** “I WILL” (v. 8, 10; 10:15-18).

2. Impossible without the **ONCE FOR ALL** sacrifice of our Priest-King as our *Sinless Substitute* and *Sufficient Sacrifice!* (Ch 9)

As our *sinless sacrifice*, He is the **GUARANTEE** of this *better* covenant (7:22) and as our *eternal high priest*, He is the **MEDIATOR** of this *better* covenant! (8:6).

When Was This Accomplished?

Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20 John 19:30

How Do We Remember God Does Not Remember Our Sins?

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

3. “New” Means the Old Has Already Become **OBSOLETE**. (8:13)

- When God said “**NEW**” He made the Old Covenant *prophetically obsolete* and it was already becoming *historically outdated*.
- Don’t settle for what’s outdated when you already have the eternal **UPGRADE** in Jesus!

New Covenant Brings the Fulfillment of All of God’s Promises and Covenants in Christ!

The New Covenant is better than the Old Covenant because it *perfects* God’s people through *better promises* on a *permanent basis* through the *person and work of Jesus Christ our heavenly High Priest!*



Biblical Names for the New Covenant

Names		NEW COVENANT in the OLD TESTAMENT
NEW Covenant	Jeremiah 31:31	"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,"
Covenant of PEACE	Isaiah 54:10	"For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken, ' Says the LORD who has compassion on you."
	Ezekiel 34:25	"I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods."
	Ezekiel 37:26	"I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever."
EVERLASTING Covenant	Isaiah 55:3	"Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, <i>according to</i> the faithful mercies shown to David."
	Isaiah 61:8	For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; and I will faithfully give them their recompense and make an everlasting covenant with them.
	Jeremiah 32:40	" I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me."
	Jeremiah 50:5	"They will ask for the way to Zion, <i>turning</i> their faces in its direction; they will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten."
	Ezekiel 16:60	"Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you."
	Ezekiel 37:26	"I will make...an everlasting covenant with them..."
Appoint YOU as a Covenant for the People	Isaiah 42:6	"I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people , as a light to the nations,"
	Isaiah 49:8	"Thus says the LORD, 'In a favorable time I have answered You, and in a day of salvation I have helped You; and I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people , to restore the land, to make <i>them</i> inherit the desolate heritages;"
MY Covenant	Isaiah 59:21 (cf. 56:4; 56:6)	"As for Me, this is My covenant with them,' says the LORD: 'My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring,' says the LORD, "from now and forever."
	Ezekiel 16:62	"Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD,"
Names		NEW COVENANT in the NEW TESTAMENT
NEW Covenant	Luke 22:20	"And in the same way <i>He took</i> the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant (καινή διαθήκη) in My blood. "
	1 Corinthians 11:25	"In the same way <i>He took</i> the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant (ἡ καινή διαθήκη) in My blood; do this, as often as you drink <i>it</i> , in remembrance of Me."
	2 Corinthians 3:6	"who also made us adequate <i>as servants of a new covenant</i> (καινῆς διαθήκης), not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."
	Hebrews 8:8	"For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the LORD, when I will effect a new covenant (διαθήκην καινὴν) with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;"
	Hebrews 8:13	"When He said, 'A new covenant , (only "new" καινὴν,)' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear."
	Hebrews 9:15	"For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant (διαθήκης καινῆς), so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were <i>committed</i> under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."
	Hebrews 12:24	"and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (διαθήκης νέας), and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than <i>the blood</i> of Abel."
BETTER Covenant	Hebrews 7:22	"so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant (χρεῖστος διαθήκης)."
	Hebrews 8:6	"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant (χρεῖστος διαθήκης), which has been enacted on better promises.
SECOND Covenant	Hebrews 8:7	"For if that first <i>covenant</i> had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second (only "second" δευτέρα)."
ETERNAL Covenant	Hebrews 13:20	"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant (διαθήκης αἰωνίου) , <i>even</i> Jesus our Lord,"
MY BLOOD of the Covenant	Matthew 26:28	"for this is My blood of the covenant , which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."
	Mark 14:24	"And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant (τὸ αἷμά μου τῆς διαθήκης), which is poured out for many."
MY Covenant	Romans 11:26-27	"and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, 'The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is my covenant (ἐμοῦ διαθήκη) with them, when I take away their sins. "

New Covenant Promises in the Book of Jeremiah

Direct New Covenant prophetic passages are in **BOLD**, but other relevant passages are included. You can do the same with all the Old Testament prophecies concerning the New Covenant. *Ezekiel 34; 36-37; Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 52:13-53:12; 54; 55; 59:16-21; 61:1-11* are great places to continue.

Jeremiah	PROMISES
23:5-8	• Regather the remnant of Israel from all the nations where the LORD had driven them as discipline. (3) • Return to the land where they will be fruitful and multiply on their own soil. (3, 8) • Reign of the King, a righteous Branch of David, whom the LORD will raise up and will be called “the LORD our righteousness.” (5) • Rest in the land under the righteous Davidic King for both Judah and Israel. (6) • Redeem out of exile like the exodus out of Egypt. (7)
30:1-24	• Restore the fortunes of My people, Israel and Judah. (3a, 4) • Return to the land. (3b, 10) • Rescue in that day of great wrath: <i>The time of Jacob’s trouble/distress.</i> (4-7) • Redeem Israel and Judah from being slaves any longer. (8) • Reign of the Davidic King whom the LORD will raise up. (9) • Rest in the land to which they will return. (10-11) • Remnant will be saved after being disciplined by the LORD. (11) • Restore to spiritual health even though their wound is incurable and their sin is so great no one can save them except the LORD. (12-18) • Rebuild the city of Jerusalem and the palace in its rightful place in the land. (18) • Rejoice as a restored nation and a multiplied people who will never diminish. (18-20) • Retribution on all the nations that oppressed them. (8, 11, 16, 22-24) • Realize the covenant promise: <i>I will be their God and they will be my people.</i> (11, 22) • Reassurance that the LORD will execute His wrath on the wicked until He has accomplished the intent of His heart – <i>Israel will understand this in the latter days.</i> (23-24)
31:1-30	• Realize the covenant promise: <i>I will be their God and they will be my people.</i> (1) • Rebuild Israel. (4) • Rejoice as the LORD saves the remnant. (4-7, 12-14) • Return to the land. (8, 15-17) • Repent of their sins. (9, 18-22) • Regather Israel from where the LORD scattered them. (10) • Redeem Israel from here enemies. (11) • Restore the fortunes Judah and her cities. (23-24, 27-30) • Refresh their sorrowful souls due to their sin and exile. (12, 14, 25-26)
31:31-34 NEW Covenant	• Restore the house of Israel and the house of Judah: <i>I will make a new covenant with them.</i> (31, 33) • Reunite the house of Israel as one: <i>This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel.</i> (33) • Realize the covenant promise: <i>I will be their God and they will be my people.</i> (33) • Regenerate each individual heart: <i>I will put my Law within them and on their heart.</i> (33-34) • Remember their sin no more: <i>I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.</i> (34)
31:35-40-	• Reassurance of fulfillment: <i>As sure as the fixed order of all creation.</i> (35-37; cf. Noahic Covenant) • Rebuild the city of Jerusalem so the whole land will be holy to the LORD. (38-40)
32:36-44 EVERLASTING Covenant	• Regather the scattered people to the city of Jerusalem and the land: <i>I will gather them.</i> (36-37) • Rest in the land in safety, (37) • Realize the covenant promise: <i>They shall be my people, and I will be their God.</i> (38) • Regenerate their hearts: <i>I will give them one heart and one way, so they don’t turn from Me.</i> (39, 40) • Restore Israel: <i>I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn from them.</i> (40-44)
33:6-26	• Restore the fortunes of Judah and Israel. (6-7, 11, 26) • Rebuild Judah and Israel as they were at the first. (7) • Remember their sin no more, having cleansed them from all their iniquity. (8) • Rest in the land with peace and goodness that will cause the nations to fear the LORD. (9, 16) • Rejoice again as a people in the LORD and in His everlasting, covenant loyal love. (10-11) • Return to the land. (12-13) • Realize all the covenant promises to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (14) • Reign of the King, a righteous Branch of David, who will execute righteousness on the earth. (15-26) • Restore the Levitical priesthood. (18, 21-22. Note: Obvious tension with the Book of Hebrews!?) • Reassurance of fulfilment of Davidic covenant along with the Levitical priests. (19-26; cf. Noahic Cov)