

The Superiority of the New Covenant

Hebrews 8:7-13





A. The Need for a New Covenant (v.7)



Ex.24:3-7 - "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.' And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose



up early in the morning, and
built an altar under the hill,
and twelve pillars, according to
the twelve tribes of Israel. And
he sent young men of the
children of Israel, which offered
burnt offerings, and sacrificed
peace offerings of oxen unto the
Lord. And Moses took half of the



blood, and put it in basins; and
half of the blood he sprinkled on
the altar. And he took the book
of the covenant, and read in the
audience of the people: and they
said, 'All that the Lord hath said
will we do, and be obedient.'"



"A law can lay down what
people ought to do, but it
cannot give them the
power to overcome the
temptations to do evil."

Leon Morris



Rom.3:20 - "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

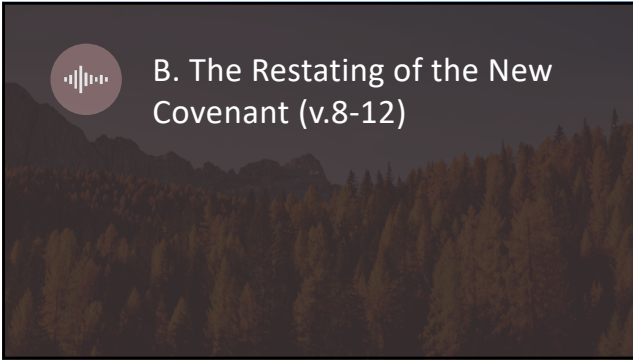



"Paul was not saying that the Mosaic Law is valueless for Christians. The Mosaic Law is a part of the Old Testament, all of which is profitable for Christians (2 Tim. 3:16-17). He was saying

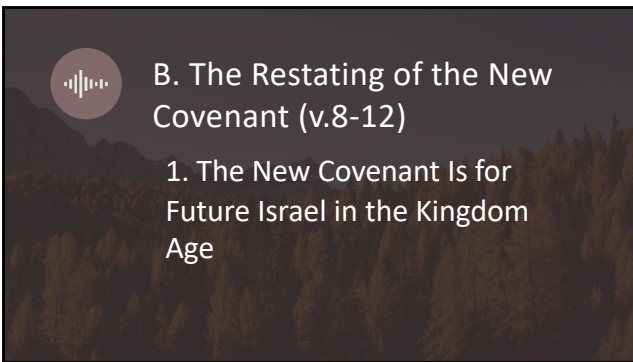



that obeying the Mosaic Law never results in the justification or sanctification of anyone, Jew or Gentile."

Thomas Constable

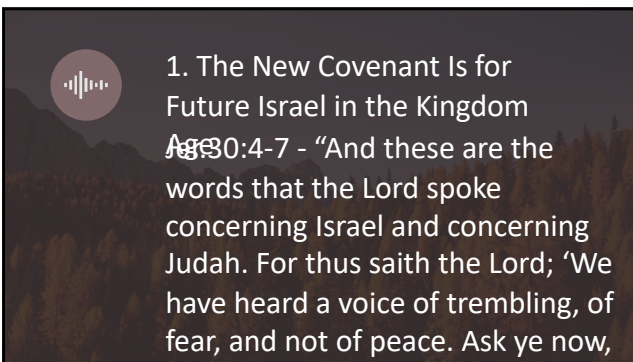



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Ag 30:4-7 - "And these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the Lord; 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now,



peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be



Jer.32:37-42 - "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in Mine anger, and in My fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: And they shall be My people, and I will



be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts, that



they shall not depart from Me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with My whole heart and with My whole soul. For thus saith the Lord; 'Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have



Eze.11:19-20 - "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new Spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh. That they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."



Eze.36:22-28 - "Therefore say unto the house of Israel, 'thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify My great name,



which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord,' saith the Lord God, 'when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will



bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will



give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.'"



B. The Restating of the New Covenant (v.8-12)

- 1. The New Covenant Is for Future Israel in the Kingdom Age
- 2. Is the New Covenant Also for Present-Day Believers?



“The New Covenant is one that will be fulfilled in the future, Jeremiah assures us, for ‘the days are coming’ when this covenant will be completed. This covenant is with the ‘house of Israel’ and with ‘the house of Judah...’The work of the Holy



Spirit is internal, changing our hearts from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. He creates in us a love for God and a desire to obey His commands...

Robert L. Deffinbaugh

The New Covenant enables us to become His people, and He becomes our God. This kind of intimacy is something that the



Rom.9:4-5 - "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen"



"The great promises of Messiah were given to Israel (Rom.9:4), and Christ came through Israel; but Gentile believers have become the joyful beneficiaries of these promises without any loss whatever of the ultimate and final fulfillment of the kingdom promises to Israel during a literal



promises to Israel during a literal, thousand-year reign of Christ on Earth."

David L. Larsen



C. The Extinction of the Old Covenant (v.13)
