1Thess #104

Two new covenants are being fulfilled.

The Angel book has been sent to the publisher so it is now in the works, please keep that in prayer.

We will open up today in the OT – Jeremiah chapter 31.

Today we will look at two new covenants mentioned in scripture that are already being fulfilled right now in the CA we live in. Then coming up in the last dispensation of the 1,000 reign of Christ on earth, the second one will open up.

These two covenants point us to the last two dispensations – The Church Age and the dispensation of the Millennium. There is only a transition related to divine discipline owed from the Dispensation of Israel between these last two covenants – it is the 7 years of Tribulation.

The Apostle Paul mentioned this set of new covenants in his teaching;

/Gal 4:4 But **when the fullness of the time came,** God sent His Son, born of a woman, born **under the Law**, 5 so that He might **redeem those who were under the Law**, that **we might receive the adoption** as sons *and daughters*.

(Jer 31:31-34, Heb 8:8-12, Heb 10: 15-18)\

It is seen clearly in these other scriptures as well. Two dispensational covenants.

/Gal 4:4 -*The fullness of time* – during the completion of one period or dispensation, Jesus Christ was born under the Dispensation of Israel.

Jesus fulfills all LAW and commands and in doing so HE is the pivotal cornerstone between Israel into the CA. WE also are graphed into God’s family – sons and daughters of Abraham. \

We do not replace Israel and in fact we have our own covenant as they do as well.

We are all under the arms of the same FATHER. All part of the citizenship of heaven, yet each dispensation is as different as children in a family.

Just as you have three or four children under the same parents yet all unique personalities and talents, it is still the same family!

Jeremiah the weeping prophet began his ministry at the age of 20 – he was instrumental in warning about the enemies of Isarel and the discipline of God.

During the military march of Babylon over Israel, Jeremiah was the key prophet in Judah and he was able to escape captivity and was scattered aboard with many other Jews, most went into Egypt.

His prophecy held several layers for their current and future conditions. Starting in chapter 30 right into chapter 31 we see exactly what I am telling you;

/Jer 30:3 ‘For behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘**when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah**.’ The LORD says, ‘**I will also bring them back to the land**that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall take possession of it.’”

This spoke to the future, after the release from Babylonian captivity. Yet it also pointed thousands of years ahead into the Dispensation of the Millennium.\

Now look at Jeremiah Chapter 31 verse 31;

/Jer 31:31 “Behold, **days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

This is a new covenant which has never been fulfilled…yet!\

[Jer 31:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jer/31/32/s_776032) not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

This a rare occurrence where we see the term, *husband* used – because Israel was unfaithful, they were referenced as the cheating bride.

This is speaking about a new covenant not in relation to the Mosaic Law.

/[Jer 31:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jer/31/33/s_776033) “For **this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days**,” declares the LORD: “I will put My law within them and **write it on their heart**; and I will be their God, and **they shall be My people**.

All Law & commands in the future will be fulfilled in the person and work of Christ. For Israel they will be walking in a new covenant at the 2nd Advent of Christ. \

[Jer 31:34](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jer/31/34/s_776034) “They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember.”

/The new covenant to Israel was designed to demonstrate to the Jews the fact that the first covenant, the Mosaic law, was temporary and was to be replaced. The Mosaic law was designed for the Age of Israel, from the time of Moses to the time of the Cross of Christ it was operational. The death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session of Jesus Christ completed every aspect of God’s plan from eternity past. \

At this point we have the interruption by the Church Age in which God calls out a royal family for the Lord Jesus Christ.

/Then the Age of Israel continues with the Tribulation (5th cycle of discipline) and concludes with the second advent. The new covenant for Israel was designed for the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ as well as for eternity. The old covenant was designed for the age between Moses and Christ. The new covenant is designed for the Millennium.\

The new covenant to Israel was designed to carry Israel in the Millennium.

The old covenant was designed to carry Israel into the point of interruption of the CA, because Christ arrives and fulfills everything!

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The new covenant will not be fulfilled until Jesus Christ returns to the earth at the end of the Tribulation. There will be a new form of priesthood and worship for the nation of Israel in the future.

/The new covenant is like the other unconditional covenants to Israel. There are three: the Abrahamic, Palestinian, and Davidic. The Abrahamic — Abraham is promised a nation forever; the Palestinian — the geographical location of that nation; the Davidic — that the son of David would rule that nation forever. Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of these and EVERYTHING! The new covenant is like these 3, it is unconditional and will not be fulfilled until the Millennium.\

Jump over to NT Hebrews chapter 9.

The new covenant to Israel is to be fulfilled in the Millennium and not affiliated with the new covenant to the Church.

/The interruption of the Dispensation of Israel nullified the Levitical priesthood as it nullified the Mosaic law as the agent of carrying, protecting and teaching God’s word. The WORD became flesh and fulfilled everything. The new covenant to the Church recognizes the interruption of the Age of Israel and the shadows are replaced with reality. The CA is the unveiled glory while much of the Dispensation of Israel, was veiled glory.\

Hebrews chapter nine speaks clearly on the shadow of the OT rituals and how it is now fulfilled by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

Everything related to the rituals of the temple and the sacrifice for sins and even the works of the high priest all pointed to the coming Messiah.

/Heb 9:15 For this reason **He is the mediator of a new covenant** (*diathēkē*), so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the violations that were *committed* under the first covenant, those **who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance**.

This speaks to a last will (testament) a very solemn and binding contract. The new contract points to our new priesthood among other principles. \

He is the mediator is written in a present tense – HE keeps on being a mediator.

DEE-ATHAY-KAY, points to a binding agreement often used in the ancient world for the property, business or inheritance of anything of value.

It would never come to its full fruition until aspects of the contract were fulfilled. That usually meant the one who wrote the contract died. Then you could open it up and see who is entitled to what inheritance.

Keep in mind the Bible has to be interpreted within the time it was written. Historical context… matters!

Much of this, points backward at Hebrews chapter 8 as well;

/Heb 8:6 But now **He has obtained a more excellent ministry,** to the extent that **He is also the mediator of a better covenant**, which has been enacted on better promises. 7 For **if that first *covenant* had been free of fault**, no circumstances would have been sought for a second.

The first agreement (covenant) was continually broken. It was designed to point ahead to Christ and it was our teacher to guide us. \

This is refencing the Mosaic law – so now we see a new covenant brought to light.

[Heb 9:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/16/s_1142016) For where there is a covenant, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

[Heb 9:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/17/s_1142017) For a covenant is valid only when *people are* dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

/[Heb 9:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/18/s_1142018) Therefore even the first *covenant* **was not inaugurated without blood.**

The new covenant to the Church is fulfilled in the dispensation of the Church. It was awaiting the sacrificial LAMB of God which all other shadows in the past pointed toward. \

The reality is that the standard of sacrificial blood was established in the original Garden.

It was the judicial process from eternity past that declared innocent blood for the covering of sins as the legal precedent.

/ Heb 9:22 And almost all things are cleansed with blood, according to the Law, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness**.

Gen 3:21 And **the LORD God made garments of skin** for Adam and his wife, and **clothed them**. \

All covenants and promises as well as prophecies were completed and filtered through the justice system of GOD millions or billions of years ago – though they may seem new to us.

This concept of the new covenant for the CA is written about several times;

/Heb 12:24 and to **Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,** and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

 (Heb 10:29) \

Within the book of Hebrews is great clarity on the OT shadows and the reality of what we now live in.

It also does a wonderful job highlighting the new covenant for the CA.

/Mat 26:28 for **this is My blood of the covenant,** which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Luk 22:20 And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup, which is poured out for you, **is the new covenant in My blood**. (1Cor 11:25) \

The teaching of Jesus Christ HIMSELF, Dr. Luke and the Apostle Paul teach on this as well.

/2Cor 3:6 who also made us adequate *as* **servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit**; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The CA dispensation is a time of the full grace plan of God revealed. Power from the HS is available like never before – we are not dependent upon the LAW. \

The Church Age dispensation is unique for several reasons, one is the indwelling of the Trinity and the filling power of God the HS – but the most important is our union with Christ;

/Heb 7:22 by the same extent **Jesus also has become the guarantee of a better covenant**. 23 The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing; 24 Jesus, on the other hand, because **He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.**

The humanity of Jesus which is our connection to HIM, is recognized as the High priest forever. HE sat down at the right hand of the throne and sealed the deal! \

Let us close today with the characteristics of the new covenant for the CA.

/The 7 characteristics of the Church Age new covenant;

1. The Mosaic Law and Levitical priesthood is now fulfilled in every Bels’ life in union with Christ.
2. The new covenant is viewed, studied and understood through the NT doctrines.
3. God’s grace plan is now fully revealed and within it, is a new royal commission- family, priesthood and ambassadorship. \

/4) The new covenant is related to the Church age therefore the new covenant for Israel is for another dispensation.

1. The new covenant for both the CA and Israel was anticipating the finished work of Christ, including the session (seated right hand).
2. The CA reaps the immediate benefit of the new covenant – Israel receives theirs in the Millenium.
3. The new covenant for the CA is the promise of the virgin bride and the Bridegroom, Christ, gathering her up for the wedding ceremony. \