

THE NEW COVENANT

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Many scriptures refer to God making a New Covenant with the house of Israel.

Such as Ezek. 16:60 where speaking of Israel it says:

Ezek. 16:60,62

I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant... and thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

JER 31:31

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah,...I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

From these scripture and many others that refer to the New Covenant we see that it is referring to an agreement or a contract that God will make with or for the nation of Israel.

As our study progresses we will see that the ultimate purpose of this covenant is to bless not only Israel but all of mankind.

Therefore the 1st question that may arise is why is the covenant referred to as being made with Israel, and not all mankind?

Let's consider 3 reasons:

1. The first is given us Paul in Romans 11:18

Romans 11:28 NAS

From the standpoint of the gospel, they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

That is, their special kingdom role will be because of the promises God made to their faithful fathers such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Daniel, and so on.

2. The 2nd reason, is because God's original Law Covenant was made with Israel. In that Covenant God gave commandments which spelled out all the principals which he desired mankind to live by. The moral principals of the New Covenant will be the same as the old Law Covenant.

3. The 3rd reason, is the New Covenant will initially start with them. The Ancient Worthies who will be the first raised from the dead will for the most part be Israelites.

They in turn will then teach the faithful of Israel, who in turn will go on to teach the rest of mankind who will become Israelites indeed.

A 2nd question that might be asked is, "does the fact that the New Covenant will be made with Israel, mean that all natural Israelites will be automatically blessed just because they are Jews by birth?"

The answer is No! This blessing will only come to those who become Israelites indeed. The expression used by Jesus to describe Nathaniel in John 1:47.

John 1:47

Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Jesus saw in Nathaniel a faithful, pure heart, desirous of pleasing God. One who was not only circumcised in the flesh but in the heart.

Let's note a few of the scriptures that indicate Israel's special blessing will only come to those who will be Israelites indeed, those which the scriptures describe as a faithful remnant class.

Ezek. 20:33-38

I will ...gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out... I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me.

God will regather Israel from all the nations, then he will purge out the rebels, that is those not having the proper heart condition.

Those however who will be Israelites indeed, will recognize Jesus as Messiah, will make a consecration, and will be brought into the bond of the New Covenant.

Isa. 10:20-23 goes on to show that this initial group who will be brought into the bond of the covenant after the purging, will be just a remnant.

Isa. 10:20-23 NAS (Also Quoted in Rom. 9:27,28)

Now it will come about in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped,...will truly rely on the Lord. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

For though your people, oh Israel, may be like the sand of the sea, only a remnant within them will return,...For a complete destruction, one that is decreed, the Lord God of hosts will execute in the midst of the whole land.

The Apostle Paul Quotes this scripture in Rom. 9:27-28 then to emphasize the fewness of the remnant adds in verse 29, a quote from Isa, 1:9.

Rom.9:29

And as Isaiah said before, Except the Lord of Sabbath had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah.

In other words, except for a small seed remnant, Israel would have been completely destroyed like Sodom and Gomorrah

Isa. 4:3,4 brings out this seed class that are left alive after Jacob's Trouble has purged Israel, will be called holy.

Isa. 4:3,4

And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion.

Thus we see that not all naturally born Jews will automatically receive a special blessing under the New Covenant, but only those who will be Israelites indeed.

Initially, as we have seen it will start with a holy remnant seed class. But we believe it will grow very rapidly. Paul says in Rom. 11:26 that ultimately all Israel will be saved.

Rom. 11:26,27

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Thus ultimately under the general arrangements of the New Covenant all Israel will be saved. That is they will be all saved from Adamic condemnation, by being raised from the tomb, and will have their blindness and ignorance of Messiah removed.

Next we would like to consider WHEN and HOW this covenant will be made.

At one time I had the thought the New Covenant would be made after the Ancient Worthies were resurrected and they would in turn instruct Israel to see Jesus was truly their Messiah and at that point the New Covenant would be made with Israel.

However after reading the following reprint articles we would like to share with you what we believe is a more clarified view.

R.-3109

As the World's representative, God will appoint or enter into a covenant with His son on behalf of the people. ...The New Covenant is given to Israel and the world only indirectly; the Father's dealings are not with Israel nor with the world under this New Covenant, but with the Mediator of the New Covenant, - the Christ.

R-4640 NEW COVENANT TO BE MADE WITH MEDIATOR

During the Millennium the world will not be in covenant relationship with God except in and through the Mediator. All their blessing will come through him, and their approach to the Father and all their worship will be through him. In other words, the New Covenant with Israel will be made not with them directly, but with their Mediator, and he will stand between them and God until they are perfected by restitution, ready to be received as sons of God, in covenant relationship with the Father, at the conclusion of the Millennium.

R-4555

God will not make New Covenants with each member of Adam's race and have Messiah mediate thousands of millions of covenants. The correct thought is very different. When the great High Priest shall have finished his offerings, first for his own members and house, and then for all the people, he will present the merit of his sacrifice on the world's behalf redeeming the world...

He will then be the owner of the world and prepared to deal with them and to effect restitution for as many of them as will obey him. (Acts 3:23) As a means to this end, he will mediate for Israel the New Covenant as a substitute for their old one, restoring that nation to the place of honor as the favored nation, Abraham's natural seed, through whom the blessings of redemption will extend to all nations.

That New Covenant will not be made with rebellious sinners, however. God's Covenant will be with the Mediator for Israel, guaranteeing forgiveness and reconciliation to all of Abraham's natural seed who will exercise the faith and the obedience of Abraham.

From these three articles we see Bro. Russell is bringing out the point that the New Covenant will not be made with Israel directly, but rather will be made with the Mediator acting on their behalf.

Also he refers to the time element as to when the covenant will be made, as being the time when Jesus applies his ransom merit to justice, thereby becoming the owner of the world.

After reading these three reprint articles we saw a beauty of harmony we hadn't notice before. For the New Covenant would have to be already in operation for the Ancient Worthies to be resurrected, which in turn must be before Israels conversion. We'll consider Bro. Russell's explanation of the reason why shortly.

Shortly after the New Covenant is made we believe the Ancient Worthies will be resurrected, and they in turn will instruct Israel causing Zech. 12:10 to be fulfilled.

Zech. 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son.

I at one time thought, this is the time element when the New Covenant would be made with Israel. That is after they are instructed by the Ancient Worthies and come to recognize Jesus as their Messiah.

However we believe a clarified view from these reprint articles would be to say, that this is when the holy remnant class of Israel accept Messiah, and they at that time enter into the covenant that was already made for them some time earlier by their Mediator.

Then as each individual Jew or Gentile thereafter, accepts Christ and makes a consecration to righteousness becoming an Israelite indeed, they to at that time enter into the covenant and begin to receive of it's blessings.

Let's proceed to see the scriptural support for these thoughts of Bro. Russell

A quick overview of the sequence of events that these scriptures will show is this.

First, that the New Covenant could not be made until after all those who were spirit begotten have finished their earthly course in death.

Then the New Covenant will be made simultaneous when Jesus applies his merit to justice on behalf of Adam.

Shortly after the Ancient Worthies will be raised under the Covenant already in effect.

Then as individual Israelites indeed whether Jew or Gentile, come to accept Messiah and make a consecration to righteousness, they will at that time, come into the bond of the covenant that started when the Mediatorial reign first began.

Lets begin by considering why the New Covenant could not go into effect, before all the Spirit begotten have gone into death.

By obeying the law perfectly Jesus earned the right to perfect human life.

Thus when we speak of Jesus ransom merit, it literally consists of the right to live for one person.

We recall the word ransom means a corresponding price.

Meaning Jesus right to a perfect human life was given as a corresponding price to justice, to redeem the one perfect human life of Adam who sinned.

The tabernacle Day Of Atonement picture of Leviticus 16, shows us how the merit of Jesus was actually applied to Justice in two stages.

CHART OF SIN OFFERINGS OF LEV. 16

(POINT) = There were two sprinklings of blood on the Mercy Seat in the Most Holy, which was a picture of God's Justice

The 1st sprinkling of blood was the Bullocks which was a type or picture of Jesus. Were told the blood was given "On behalf of His house."

That is the household of faith which would include the Church and the Great Company.

(POINT) = On our chart we've likened this to Jesus merit being deposited with God's Justice, to be applied first to justify his prospective church.

The merit which is imputed to the Church now, is that which would have been applied to them as children of Adam in the kingdom.

When Jesus will apply his merit to Adam in the kingdom it will remove the condemnation from Adam and thereby from all his offspring.

So when Jesus applies this merit to the Church now during the Gospel Age, it removes their condemnation, just like it would have in the kingdom.

It is with the understanding however that those now Spirit Begotten, will never use the merit to gain human life.

But rather they promise to sacrifice unto death their justified human life.

All who receive this merit now in the Gospel Age must die, for as long as even one member remained alive, then the ransom merit would not be available to apply on Adam's behalf.

Because recall that, Jesus ransom merit consists of the right to life for one perfect human being and no more.

(POINT) = When all previously justified, (Church, Great Company, 2nd death class,) die as humans then the Ransom Merit is free to be applied on behalf of Adam.

(POINT) = This brings us to the 2nd sprinkling of blood which was that of the Lord's Goat, which is a type or picture of the Church class.

When it was sacrificed its blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat on behalf of the people.

It's not referring to any merit of the church that's given on behalf of mankind, but rather:

As in our illustration, it:

(POINT) = Depicts the sacrificial sin offering of the church being completed, and thus the ransom merit which first justified them, could now be applied to justice on behalf of Adam, thus removing condemnation from Adam and all his posterity.

Now we would like to go on to show how this 2nd application of blood or merit, will in addition simultaneously seal the New Covenant.

Why do we say that? Recall the word's of our Lord at the Memorial supper in Matt. 26:27,28.

Matt. 26:27-28

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Here Jesus likened his blood or the merit of his life, to the blood which would seal or make possible the New Covenant.

Then we notice how the Church are invited to participate with him in this cup of suffering, they were to drink all of it. Showing how the two sin offerings of Jesus and the church would together seal or make the New Covenant possible.

This Memorial Cup blood of Jesus and the church that is spoken of as the blood of the New Covenant, is really the same blood as pictured in the Day of Atonement sin offerings we just considered.

CHART OF SIN OFFERINGS OF LEV. 16

It was the blood of two animals the bullock and the goat, picturing Jesus and the Church that would bring atonement or at-one-ment between God and mankind.

Likewise in the memorial cup picture, it will be the sufferings of Jesus and the Church which will seal or make the New Covenant possible, which in turn will bring about At-one-ment between God and Mankind.

In other words the blood pictured on the Day of Atonement, and the blood pictured in the memorial cup are referring to the same sin offerings, from two different standpoints. One application brings Atonement, the other seals the New Covenant.

Let's go on to see how the fulfillment of both these types occur simultaneously.

This is more conclusively shown when we consider in detail how the old law covenant was sealed, which the apostle Paul brings out is a picture of how the new covenant will be sealed.

Heb. 9:15-23 (Diaglott)

On this account he is Mediator of a new covenant...For where a Covenant exists, the Death of that which has ratified it is necessary to be produced. Because a Covenant is firm over dead victims, since it is never valid when that which ratified it is alive.

(Paul here alludes to the fact that the New Covenant cannot begin until the death of those who will ratify it takes place, that is the death of Jesus and the Church.)

Heb. 9:15-23 (Diaglott Continued)

Hence not even the first has been instituted without Blood. For every commandment in the Law having been spoken by Moses to all the people, taking the Blood of Bulls and of Goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and Hyssop, he sprinkled both the Book itself, and ALL the People. Saying, "This is the blood of the Covenant which God enjoined on you."...

(23) It was necessary then, indeed, for the copies of the things in the Heavens to be cleansed by these, but the heavenly things themselves with Better Sacrifices than these.

Paul is here telling us that the sealing or ratifying of the old law covenant required the blood of two animals bullocks and goats. It's plural only because it would take many sets of two to get enough blood to sprinkle the two million people.

In verse 23 were told these animals in turn were a picture or copy of the better sacrifices of Jesus and the Church that would seal a New and better Covenant in God's heavenly courts of justice.

Notice the sequence of what took place in the picture. First the blood was sprinkled on the book, meaning the book of the law covenant.

CHART OF SIN OFFERINGS OF LEV. 16

That is, it's symbolizing the same thing as the sprinkling of the blood of the bullock and goat on the mercy seat on the Day of Atonement. It pictured the satisfaction of God's justice.

In other words, when the blood of the bullock and the goat is applied to justice, it is what at the same time seals the New Covenant making it possible to go into operation.

The covenant is made, it is drawn up, it is inaugurated, it is sealed or guaranteed, when the blood of the two sin offerings is given to justice.
(DON'T READ)

Heb. 9:15-23 (Diaglott Continued)

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Then the next step of the picture takes place. The sprinkling of all the people with the blood. Picturing how it will take the entire remainder of the kingdom period to bring about the completion of the covenant, which in reality is bringing the people to the condition of perfection to meet the terms of the covenant.

Those that pass the test of the little season will then come into direct covenant relationship with God for all eternity.

In order to grasp the overall concepts of the New Covenant, we would like to portray what the legal New Covenant contract between God and the Mediator would be like.

I pray my endeavor will not be looked upon as presumptuous, but just something to help our minds to comprehend all that's involved in the New Covenant when it is inaugurated.

**NEW COVENANT CONTRACT BETWEEN GOD
AND THE MEDIATOR (HEAD AND BODY,) FOR ALL OF MANKIND WHO WILL
BECOME ISRAELITES INDEED**

I hereby agree as Jehovah God the supreme judge, to accept the ransom merit of Jesus as full payment to remove the condemnation I had placed on father Adam and through heredity, on all his posterity. This includes the removal of the curse I placed upon the earth and it's entire animal kingdom.

I further accept the Sin Offering sacrifices of Jesus and his Church as full qualification to become Divine Beings, and Mediators between myself and all mankind.

I further agree that for the entire period of the Mediatorial reign I will refrain from demanding absolute perfection from mankind.

Instead because Jesus merit has in essence bought the human race, I will turn the judgment of mankind entirely into the hands of Jesus and his Church as Mediators, to exercise their judgment as they deem best for the eternal interests of all involved.

I made many promises in the scriptures of how I would make or enter into a New Covenant with the Nation of Israel because of the faith of their fathers. However be it understood that the blessings of this covenant are intended not only for natural Israelites, but in addition, the provisions of this covenant apply to whoever of mankind will become an Israelite indeed in heart and in mind.

Be it further understood that it is my desire for you to resurrect the Ancient Worthies first, so that through them you will communicate the Laws and principals of this covenant to all mankind.

It is our mutual understanding that at the end of your Mediatorial reign you will enforce absolute perfection from all. Any one who will not thus meet the terms of this covenant and achieve perfection of character, you will put to death as not being worthy of life.

Whereas those who will obey the terms of this covenant and develop perfect love within their hearts, I as almighty God promise, that after they pass their test of the little season, I will bless them abundantly with perfect joy and happiness that will continue thruout all eternity.

We would like to digress for a moment to consider a possible question, that is, why we have "The Christ" doing the judging of the little season in view of Rev. 20:9

REV 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down *from God* out of heaven, and devoured them.

Most translations show the words "*from God,*" are spurious, it should read, "fire came down from heaven and devoured them." The judgment will come we believe from "The Christ" who will be in heaven, (not God.)

This would be in harmony with,

JOH 5:21-23 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. *For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:*, That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Jesus doing the judging would also be in harmony with,

MAT 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

It also would be in harmony with,

1CO 15:24-26 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. *For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

This shows us that "The Christ's" reign will continue thru the little season during which they will judge those unworthy of life, - destroying all those who are enemies of God which would include the 2nd death class and Satan, the gretest enemy of all time.

Continuing with our New Covenant Contract,

I further agree to accept Jesus and the Churches sacrifices as the blood which will seal or guarantee that the terms of this New Covenant will be carried out in all it's provisions.

Signed and Sealed this day _____ in the heavenly courts of Jehovah God.

God as Supreme Judge of the Universe

**Jesus and the Church as Mediators
On behalf of those who will become
Israelites indeed.**

The next line of reasoning as to why the New Covenant is made simultaneously when the blood is applied to Justice, has to do with the fact, that the Ancient Worthies could only be resurrected AFTER the New Covenant has already gone into operation. We would like to quote from a Reprint on page 5073, where Bro. Russell brings out the reasons why.

R-5073

The resurrection of these ancient worthies will be "better" than that of the remainder of mankind in that they were tried severely during their life and received a "good report through faith," and will have attained the reward of that faithfulness. They will be perfect men, having completely restored to them all that was lost in Adam--mental and moral likeness to God, and perfection of physical powers.

God must have seen their hearts to be very loyal, else he never would have considered them worthy of a better resurrection. Yet we believe they will have need of further experience and testing.

R-5074 (continued)

It is not probable that they would make mistakes; but if, upon their awakening, they should be at once turned over to Jehovah, and, as in Adam's case, the slightest deflection would mean death, we can see that their position would be much less favorable than it will be under the New Covenant arrangement during the Millennial reign of Christ. This is a very gracious arrangement for their best interests, for any possible mistake would be covered by Christ's mediation and not bring them under sentence of death.

R-5074 (continued)

"The history of some of these ancient worthies is very meager and does not always imply that they were overcomers in the sense in which the church is to be. Take, for example, the case of Samson, who is mentioned as one of the ancient worthies...

Faith seems to have been the chief element of character that was developed under Samson's experiences. We do not know how much patience, long suffering, brotherly kindness, gentleness, meekness, etc. were developed in his character...

We may reasonably suppose therefore, that although Samson will be brought back in an absolutely perfect condition, ...there will probably be experiences in life that he never encountered and that will be so new to him that he might be in danger of making mistakes."

R-5074 (continued)

Since the ancient worthies will be a part of the world under the New Covenant arrangement, it follows that they will not have the decision of the divine court, divine justice, respecting their worthiness of eternal life, until the completion of the Millennial age, until the conclusion of the trial at the end of that age, which will bring to them, as it will bring to all others who are faithful, the great reward of life eternal.

Thus we see Bro. Russell's thought as to why (POINT TO SLIDE) "the Ancient Worthies will be part of the world under the New Covenant arrangement."

In view of this we see why the New Covenant has to be made or in effect, not only before Israel's conversion, but even before the Ancient Worthies could be resurrected. Let's go on to see how Heb. 11:39-40 corroborates this thought.

Heb. 11:39-40

And these all, (speaking of the Ancient Worthies) having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

We would like to call attention to the words "made perfect."

Before looking into this verse more deeply, we thought "made perfect," referred to the Church resurrecting the Ancient Worthies to an instantaneous perfect resurrection.

But we find the meaning in the Greek for "made perfect," does NOT refer to an instantaneous event but rather to a gradual process.

"MADE PERFECT" is Strong's word 5048 = TELEIOO = Meaning, "to complete, that is, accomplish or consummate in character.

Vines, defines as: "to bring to an end by completing or perfecting."

Thayer = To carry through completely; to accomplish, finish, bring to an end

Let's go on to see that when this word is used in other scriptures, it describes what is a gradual process rather than something that happens instantaneously.

Heb. 2:10

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

The word perfect here is the same word. Jesus was made perfect or perfected as a spiritual new creature through sufferings. It's describing a process.

1 John 4:12 "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

John 17:23 "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one.

2 Cor. 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Notice how in all these scriptures the thought of the Greek word for "made perfect," is describing a gradual process not something that happens instantaneously.
(Don't Read)

Heb. 11:39-40

And these all, (speaking of the Ancient Worthies) having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Thus in Heb. 11, when it says, "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect," we see it's actually describing a process of how Jesus and the Church class would be instrumental in not only raising them from death, but in addition would help the Ancient Worthies to fully crystallize their characters during the kingdom under the New Covenant arrangement.

(Their characters weren't fully crystallized previously, for they were not spirit begotten as Jesus and the Church were.)

Just as Jesus was made perfect as a new creature thru sufferings, the Ancient Worthies will be under the umbrella protection of the New Covenant until they are made perfect, fully crystallized in character, with the help of the Mediator Jesus and the Church.

Thus we see how Hebrews 11:40, corroborates the thought of Bro. Russell, that the Ancient Worthies will be resurrected under the protection of the New Covenant, which will be in operation prior to their resurrection..

Next we would like to consider further lessons from the types associated with Moses being mediator of the old law covenant.

Recall how Moses received the tables of the law with the 10 commandments written on them, on two separate occasions.

After he received the first tables of the law he came down from Mount Sinai and found the people worshipping and offering sacrifices to a golden calf.

Moses became furious and broke the two tablets and ground the golden calf to powder.

These first tables of the law that were broken represented the failure of the Old Law Covenant to bring mankind life.

Later Moses went up into the mount and received a 2nd set of tables of the law. It was on this occasion that were told that Moses face shone or glowed. So much so that when he came down from the mount the people were afraid, and Moses had to wear a veil over his face.

The events associated with Moses getting the 2nd set of tables of the law, is a picture of the making of the New Covenant.

Moses face glowing represents the completion and glorification of Christ head and body.

The 2nd set of tables of the law represent the New Covenant that will then go into operation.

Moses coming down to the people with a veil over his face pictured how the Christ will communicate with mankind thru the Ancient Worthies who will be the earthly representatives of the kingdom.

Another point of distinction regarding the 2nd set of tables is to note who made them.

The first tables were made by God. The second set of tables were made by Moses. As we read in:

Exod. 34:1
And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

This would represent that the Christ of glory is commissioned to prepare the tablets, that is to prepare mankind for the writing of the divine law in their hearts.

This preparation work implies awakening mankind from death, and giving every assistance possible that they may ultimately have God's law permanently written in their hearts.

Another interesting point regarding the 2nd set of tables is to note how God refers to the making of the New Covenant.

Exod. 34:27
"And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel."

Notice how God refers to the covenant that I **make with thee** and with Israel.

Conveying the thought we have been considering of how the covenant is made with the **Mediator on behalf of Israel.**

Then when natural Israelites or (Gentiles who desire to become Israelites indeed) make a consecration, they will enter into the covenant that was already made on their behalf by the mediator.

After the making of the New Covenant pictured by these 2nd set of tables, notice the admonition of God to mankind pictured by Israel.

Deut. 10:10-13

"And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights... And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them. And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good."

God's beautiful admonition to mankind as they arise from the sleep of death, to start their journey to the promised land of everlasting life!

Now we would like to consider portions of the 1st and 2nd chapters of the book of Hosea which beautifully bring out how the ultimate effect of the New Covenant will be to bless all mankind who will become Israelites indeed.

Hosea 2:14,15 NAS

Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Bring her into the wilderness, And speak kindly to her.

Then I will give her her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

God here is speaking of natural Israel at this end of the age. Notice God says I will allure her, having reference to how the Zionist movement (the fishers of Jerm. 16) allured Jews to return back to their homeland.

The land of Israel was at that time like a wilderness because of centuries of neglect.

God promises to give Israel the valley of Achor which means trouble, as a door of hope. That is Jacob's Trouble will result will result in a door of hope to Israel, as God fights for her in the days of old.

Hosea 2:18-20 NAS

In that day I will also make a covenant for them with the beast of the field, the birds of the sky, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, And will make them lie down in safety.

And I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In loving kindness and in compassion.

And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the Lord.

Notice here God says He will make a covenant **for them**. Just as we have been considering. God will make a covenant for them with the Mediator, that is on their behalf.

This covenant will encompass all aspects of the earthly kingdom, for it will completely remove all Adamic condemnation, both from mankind as well as the curse that was placed upon the earth overall.

For notice it includes the beasts of the field, the birds of the sky, creeping things upon the ground, and it will abolish the sword and allow mankind to lie down safely.

Then in verse 19 God refers to this covenant as a betrothal or marriage with Israel. For that's what a marriage is, covenant or a contract between two parties.

Now notice what happens next!

Hosea 2:23 NAS

And I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'Thou art my God!'

God tells us he will SOW Israel in the land, S-O-W, that is he will sow the remnant of Israelites that come thru Jacob's Trouble as a farmer sows seed.

The purpose a farmer sows seed, is to reproduce it so that he might gain far more fruitage of the same type.

Then notice what happens as a result of God sowing Israel. "Those who were not God's people, become God's people."

The New Covenant message will spread thru Israelites indeed throughout the earth, resulting in those of mankind who previously were not God's people, to become God's people.

The end result will be:

Hosea 1:10 NAS

The number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; And it will come about that, in the place where it is said to them, "You are not My people," It will be said to them, "You are the sons of the living God."

This is what the sowing of Israel in the earth will ultimately result in. Israelites indeed will gradually reproduce until finally, all of mankind (that is whosoever will) will become Israelites indeed.

Then the promise to Abraham will finally be fulfilled in it's fullest sense. His seed will have become as the stars of heaven, and as the sand upon the sea shore.

For we're told in this scripture that "the number of the children of Israel will then be, like the sand of the sea which cannot be numbered!"

Thus we might say in conclusion, the New Covenant is inaugurated at the beginning of the Mediatorial reign, when it is sealed by the blood of the sin offerings, - but it will not be completed, until mankind have passed their test and each individual will enter into direct covenant relationship with God for all eternity.

Abraham's seed will then truly be as numerous "As The Sand Of The Sea." For all mankind who will pass their test, will be Israelites indeed.