The New Covenant

The eternal God is thy refuge,
And underneath are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33:27

The New Covenant in Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, 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.
31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more

This marvelous prophecy is elaborated on in detail in Hebrews 8 - 12, and is called the “everlasting covenant” in 13:20. “In those days,” “in that day,” etc. refer to the time of the Lord’s Second Coming.
Zechariah says “I will pour upon the house of David...the spirit of grace and of supplications, and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him... 12:10. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David...for sin and for uncleanness. 13:1

From this New Covenant made through Jeremiah and the confirmations that are found in Isaiah and Ezekiel, specific provisions are found:

- It is unconditional involving God and both Judah and Israel - therefore including the entire Jewish nation and all the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- It is completely distinct from the Mosaic Covenant - which was now considered broken through disobedience- and will ultimately replace the Mosaic Covenant.
- It promises the blessing of salvation - Israel’s national regeneration. (Isaiah 59:21)

- Complete forgiveness of sin. . . sin will be taken away. The Mosaic Covenant was only able, by sacrifices, to cover sin.
- 6. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Under the Mosaic Law, Israel was not empowered to keep the righteous standards of God - it’s purpose was to teach them their need of a Savior! But the New Covenant will provide every Jew the power of God’s Spirit to do the righteous work of God.
- Israel will be showered with material blessings as they are regenerated and empowered to keep the Law. (Ezekiel 34:25—27)
- The Sanctuary will be rebuilt (Ezekiel 37:26-28) - the Messianic Temple.
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The New Covenant in Luke and Hebrews

Just before the Lord died, he took bread and gave thanks, ‘this is my body . . .’ Likewise the cup, saying, ‘this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you.’

See also 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

The Book of Hebrews gives us the picture of Jesus Christ, 500 years after the New Covenant was given through Jeremiah, as the perfect fulfillment and replacement of the Old Covenant sacrificial system.

He took on him the seed of Abraham . . . made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest . . . to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Then said he, ‘Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared for me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I: Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.’ (Hebrews 2:16-17; 10:6-9)

By this will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

Where remission of sin is, there is no more offering for sin.

Their sins and iniquities I will remember no more. In this he says ‘A New Covenant hath made the first one old. It decays and waxes old and is ready to vanish. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.’

QUESTIONS

1. WHEN WILL ALL THIS HAPPEN?
2. WHAT ABOUT US? IS THERE A COVENANT FOR ISRAEL AND ONE FOR US?
3. WHAT IS OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL, TO “HIS TREASURED POSSESSION”?

ANSWERS

1. This New Covenant to Israel will be fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom under Christ reigning as King on the throne of David.

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 for ever, 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 promised them.

Jeremiah 32:37-42
2. It does sound like this Covenant is for Israel and for Israel alone! But there are not two separate Covenants. God, through Paul shows us just where we stand. Remember, that ye were in time past Gentiles in the flesh, . . . at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (the Mosaic Covenant of Law was the separation between Jew and Gentile - it is now removed - replaced. Hebrews 8:13, 10:9)

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments and ordinances; for to make in himself of two, one new man. . . .

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby (portions of Ephesians 2:11-16)

Which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel. Ephesians 3:5-6

3. By our position in Christ, through faith, we the Church today enjoy the spiritual blessings of the unconditional Covenants. All believers whether Jew or Gentile are of the seed of Abraham -- and we are not under the Mosaic Covenant of Law (a conditional Covenant) but under Grace - the New Law of Love. All the Law is fulfilled in one word: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Galatians 5:14

4. A very important note:

The physical promises still belong to Israel and will be fulfilled exclusively with Israel (especially those involving the land) but all the spiritual benefits of all the unconditional Covenants of God are now being shared by the Church and believing Jews, our brothers.