

The New Covenant: March 20, 2025

The Covenant of Grace	
Intra-Trinitarian Counsel of Peace (Covenant of Redemption)	Outworking of the Counsel/Covenant in Redemptive History A/E→Noah→Abraham→Moses→David→Jesus

The New Covenant in the Old Testament

Continuity with the Covenant of Grace

And Yet Still . . . New!

The New Covenant and the Exile

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--Jeremiah 31:31-34→A New Covenant, the Law written on their hearts, Immanuel Principle

--Ezekiel 37:24-28→David, Land, Obedience, Forevermore, Immanuel Principle

--Revelation 21:2-3→New Jerusalem, Immanuel Principle

"The new covenant will be the perfect realization of everything that God has been doing before. It will be not a departure from His previous covenantal work, but a glorious fulfillment of it." 247

The new covenant as an eternal covenant, "sounds like an eternal council of peace, progressively administered through successive covenants, finally reaching the height of its glory in the shedding of blood that will save the people of God." 249

--Romans 3:24-26→Jesus, a propitiation, by His blood, to deal justly with former sins passed over; God both just and justifier

What is "new" about the "New Covenant"?

Context: 931 B.C. → 722 → 586 Broken Covenants! The New Covenant will not be broken!!

--Ezekiel 36:25-28→Clean! New heart! New Spirit! New Obedience! Immanuel Principle!

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Breakable	Unbreakable
External law—written on tablets	Internal law—written on hearts
Hearts of Stone	Hearts of Flesh
Jesus Anticipated	Jesus Come; "It is Finished!"
Holy Spirit Active	Holy Spirit Poured Out in Fullness

--Romans 8:1-4→No condemnation in Christ, set free by the Spirit of life, fulfill the law in Christ, walk according to the Spirit

“As God the Son does, in history, what he had covenanted to do in the counsel of peace, part of the reward He receives is the outpouring of the Spirit, who had covenanted to come and apply the redemptive blessings of the Son. And that outpoured Spirit, dwelling in the hearts of God’s people, enables them to keep the law’s requirements in a way that God’s people never could do before the Spirit was sent.” “In the new covenant, God’s people will have new hearts.” 251, 252

The New Covenant in Exile—Continuity?

Hosea 1:2→Hosea takes a prostitute to be his wife.

Hosea 1:6-9→“No Mercy” and “Not My People” born because “I am not your God.”

Hosea 1:10→Yet, children of the living God

Romans 9:6-8→Children of God are those of promise, not of flesh.

Galatians 3:29→Those in Christ are Abraham’s offspring by promise.

Isaiah 42:6-9→The LORD’s covenant people--righteous, a light to the Gentiles

“In the Old Testament Prophets, then, the Scriptures provide a picture of the new covenant that prepares God’s people for the coming of the Messiah, one who secures an unbreakable covenant by washing away the sin and changing the hearts of the people who are Abraham’s seed, even if not always strictly his biological descendants.” 260

The New Covenant in the New Testament—What’s New? “The fullness of redemption revealed and accomplished in Jesus Christ, along with all of the blessings and communion that come with that accomplished redemptive work.... The shadows have become substance and the dreams of the prophets are now the realities proclaimed by God’s servants.” 264

“Thus cleansed and made new, God’s people are able to *draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith* [Heb 10:22]. God has his people. And they are able to draw near to Him. It is a people from every nation in a heavenly city with their triune Redeemer. Truly, from of old, Abraham saw this day and he, with us, rejoiced [John 8:56].” 264

The Blessing: *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.* I Thessalonians 5:23-24