

“NEW COVENANT CONFUSION”

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INTRO: 1) Was the land promise God made to Abraham and the Jews unconditional? 2) Is that land promise still valid under the new covenant? 3) Are the Jews still God’s chosen people under the new covenant? Billions of dollars of our tax money are being sent to Israel and critical decisions are being made based on America’s answers to these questions! It’s all about the new covenant!

My New Covenant Journey (John 16:12-13; 1Cor. 13:9, 12)

1. Modern Judaizers are bringing evangelicals under the old covenant, mixing together the two covenants.
2. Many people are imposing their theology on the Scriptures rather than allowing the Scriptures to form their theology.
3. The New Testament explains the old, not vice versa!

I. FOUR PURPOSES FOR READING THE OLD COVENANT (1Cor. 10:6-11): 1) History, 2) Poetry, 3) Wisdom, & 4) The Testimony Concerning Jesus (Jn. 5:39; Lk. 24:27, 32, 44-45).

II. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS? The faulty, inferior old covenant has become abolished, obsolete, has vanished away and been replaced by a better covenant based on better promises (Heb. 8:6-8, 13; Eph. 2:14-15; Lk. 16:16; Matt. 3:1-2; 4:17; 5:17; Jn. 17:4; 19:30)!

III. EXAMPLES OF NEW COVENANT DISTINCTIVES NOT FULLY REVEALED IN THE OLD COVENANT:

1. Only those in Christ (Jews & Gentiles) are sons of Abraham (Gen. 15:18; Jn. 8:39, 44, 47; Gal. 3:7, 26).
2. Only those in Christ (Jews & Gentiles) are recipients of the promises God made to Abraham (Gal. 3:9, 14, 29).
3. Jesus is the Seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:16; Gen. 12:7)!
4. Jesus is the Israel God called His son (Hos. 11:1; Mt. 2:14-15).
5. Distinctions between Jews & Gentiles has been removed (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 10:12; Eph. 2:14-16)!

ILLUSTRATIONS: An expired insurance policy or an outdated one will no longer have any legal relevance. Check the new one!