

## “NEW COVENANT CONFUSION - Part 2”

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**INTRO:** The old covenant has been replaced by the new (Heb. 8:6, 13; Lk. 16:16; Matt. 5:17; Jn. 17:4; 19:30), and the two shouldn't be mixed (for new covenant truth).

### **I. 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 have been removed (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 10:12; Eph. 2:14-16)!

### **II. WAS THE LAND PROMISE UNCONDITIONAL?**

The Conditional Promise Principle: *“If the general teaching of Scripture is that the promises of God are conditional, then not every promise has to repeat every condition.”*

#### **Four Conditions of God's Promises in the New Testament:**

1. **Faith** (Mk. 11:24; James 1:5-8).
  2. **God's Will** (1Jn. 5:14-15).
  3. **Right Motives** (James 4:2-3).
  4. **Obedience** (1Jn. 3:22).
- The Land Promises were Conditional!** (Gen. 15:18; Deut. 4:1, 23, 26-27; 7:9, 12; 28:1-2, 15-16, 21, 63-34; 31:29; Lev. 26:40-42; 2Chron. 7:19-20).

### **III. IS THE LAND PROMISE GOD MADE TO ISRAEL STILL VALID UNDER THE NEW COVENANT?**

- A. If so, Israel is not currently meeting the conditions.
- B. The land promises were all fulfilled (Josh. 21:43, 45; 1Ki. 8:56; Jer. 29:10, 14; Neh. 9:7-8, 24). No more given!
- C. The new covenant focuses on the future heavenly Jerusalem not the present earthly Jerusalem (Heb. 12:22; 13:14; Rev. 21:2; 2Pet. 3:13; Matt. 5:5; Rom. 4:13)!

**CONCLUSION:** The land promises were conditional and are no longer valid under the new covenant!