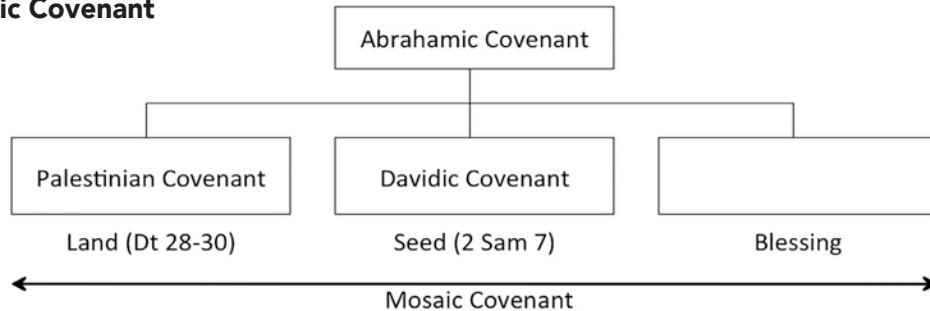




COMING UP... SEPT 15: Daniel part 1 (chs. 1-7) SEPT 22: Daniel part 2 (chs. 8-12) SEPT 29: Revelation part 1 (chs. 1-5) OCT 6: Revelation part 2 (chs. 6-22) OCT 13: Ezra

LESSON THEME: The New Covenant: "Life 2.0"

The Abrahamic Covenant



The Mosaic Covenant

- Was a conditional covenant (Deut 28-30)
- Blessings require obedience
- Disobedience requires discipline
- Ultimate discipline is deportation from the land
- Had limitations: no enablement from the inside-out (Rom 8:3)
- Truths Judah now knows all too well

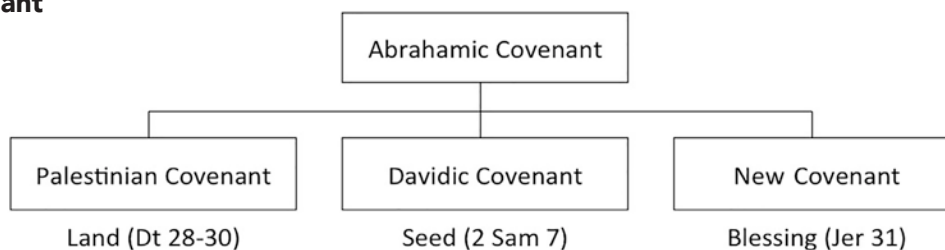
The Mosaic Covenant Was Broken

- Israel has already been overrun and assimilated into the Assyrian Empire (722 BC)
- Judah has just been overthrown and deported to Babylon for her persistent complacency and covenant disobedience (605-586 BC)
- Covenant judgment has fallen ... and fallen hard
- But God wants His people to have hope; they've been knocked down, but not out

He Announces the New Covenant

- Through Jeremiah and Ezekiel
- Jeremiah 31-33
- Ezekiel 36
- A "better" covenant (Jer 31:31-34)
- With better blessings
- With a new empowerment for obedience
- Allowing a more intimate relationship with Him

The New Covenant



A Better Covenant

Made with Israel and Judah (Jer 31:31)

Better because it's...

Unconditional (note recurrence of "I will ...")

Eternal (Jer 31:35-36; Ezek 37:26)

Brought in by the *Messiah* (Zech 9:10-11)

It will bring conversion and cleansing to God's people

Such conversion and cleansing can only be accomplished by shed *blood* (cf. Heb 9:22)

With Better Blessings

Better material blessings ...

They'll be replanted in the Promised Land

The Temple will be rebuilt

A Davidic descendant will rule over them

They will again be supreme among the nations

Every promise God has ever made to them will be fulfilled completely

Better spiritual blessings ...

The forgiveness and putting away of sin (Jer 31:34; 33:8; Ezek 36:25; Micah 7:18-20)

A new mind (Jer 31:34)

A new heart (Isa 59:21; Jer 31:33; 32:39, 41; Ezek 36:26)

A new empowerment to obey God: the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29; Ezek 36:26-29)

New Covenant Promises

Israel will continue and will eventually be restored to the land (Jer 32:37; 33:11; Ezek 11:17; 36:28-35; 37:21-22, 25)

Jerusalem and the Temple will be rebuilt (Jer 31:38-40; Ezek 37:27-28)

Israel will again be the people of God (Isa 61:8-9; Hos 2:18-20; Jer 30:22; 31:33; 32:38-41; Ezek 11:20; 34:25-27; 37:27)

When Will This Happen?

It wasn't fulfilled after the Babylonian exile, nor has it been fulfilled to date ...

The timing is based on Israel's conversion and repentance (Deut 30; Rom 11:26-27; Zech 9:11)

Putting away of sin, new mind and heart, Spirit

Davidic ruler (the Messiah)

It will be fulfilled in the 1,000-year-long Millennial Kingdom following the Tribulation

The New Covenant

Is Israel's basis for prophetic hope ...

Re-unification and restoration in the Promised Land, as well as rebuilding the city and the Temple

Is Israel's basis for spiritual renewal ...

Regeneration, renewal and empowerment for a new pleasing walk with the Lord

It's also the basis for the New Testament message

Basis for the NT Message

God's plan continues to march forward

The inauguration of the New Covenant is announced by the Messiah Himself (Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25; Zech 9:11)

"This is the New Covenant in My blood ..."

The soon "cutting" of the New Covenant using His blood is the basis for the NT message

Summarized in the book of Hebrews

Christ Is a Superior Person

Christ is better than the prophets (1:1-3)

Superior message

Christ is better than the angels (1:4-2:18)

Superior messenger

Christ is better than Moses (3:1-4:16)

Superior leader
Christ is better than Aaron (5:1–6:20)
Superior priest

Christ Has a Superior Priesthood

He is part of a better order (7)
Order of Melchizedek
He has a better covenant (8)
The New Covenant
Forgiveness and cleansing of sin
A new mind
A new heart
A new empowerment: the indwelling Holy Spirit
He ministers in a better sanctuary (9)
In heaven, not on the earth
He has offered better blood (10)
His Own, voluntarily offered

What Hebrews Teaches Us

Jesus is a superior Person to any OT figure
Superior order, sanctuary, covenant and blood
Better blood inaugurated a better covenant
A better covenant with better blessings
The putting away of sins
A new mind to know Him; a new heart to love Him
A new empowerment to obey and serve Him: the indwelling Holy Spirit
A better ministry
Every believer is a priest (1 Pet 2:5)
Every believer is His peace-making ambassador (Matt 28:19-20; 2 Cor 5:18-21)

The Church and Christians

Because of the finished work of Jesus (2 Cor 3)
We live under the New Covenant economy
Spiritual life not death
Inside-out transformation vs. outward obedience
Righteousness not condemnation
“Do” vs. “done”
Permanent not temporary glory

But Yet One Day ...

Israel will be converted (Zech 12:7-14; 13:1)
She will be restored to the land (Jer 32:37; 33:11; Ezek 11:17; 36:28-35; 37:21-22, 25)
Jerusalem and the Temple will be rebuilt (Jer 31:38-40; Ezek 37:27-28)
Israel will again be the people of God (Isa 61:8-9; Hos 2:18-20; Jer 30:22; 31:33; 32:38-41; Ezek 11:20; 34:25-27; 37:27)
She will receive her “stuff!”

Knowing What We’ve Been Given

Through the New Covenant you and I have ...
Life, righteousness and freedom
From the penalty of sin ... forever
From the power of sin by walking in the Spirit
No longer enslaved to the flesh or to the Law which only bring frustration, misery and death
Empowerment
Through the indwelling Holy Spirit of God to obey Him (lesson of Mt. Sinai)

Relationship

A new mind to know Him

A new heart to love Him

“Abba, Father!”

Jesus has *already* given you and me Kingdom life, “Life 2.0,” now but not yet fully

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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“Our Lord Jesus Christ” by James Tissot

Jesus appears with his hands folded over His heart, His gaze direct, His expression composed. As Moses commanded in the Old Testament books of Numbers and Deuteronomy, Jesus wears a prayer shawl as a sign of His adherence to the rituals of Judaism.

Tissot derived this image from a larger watercolor in the series in which Jesus gives His last discourse to His disciples after the departure of Judas. He urges them to love one another as He has loved them.

THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS	Reference	The Old Covenant under Moses	The New Covenant in Christ	Application
Like pointing out the similarities and differences between the photograph of a person and the actual person, the writer of Hebrews shows the connection between the old Mosaic covenant and the new Messianic covenant. He proves that the old covenant was a shadow of the real Christ.	8:3-4	Gifts and sacrifices by those guilty of sin	Self-sacrifice by the guiltless Christ	Christ died for you
	8:5-6, 10-12	Focused on a physical building where one goes to worship	Focuses on the reign of Christ in believers' hearts	God is directly involved in your life
	8:5-6, 10-12	A shadow	A reality	Not temporal, but eternal
	8:6	Limited promises	Limitless promises	We can trust God's promises to us
	8:8-9	Failed agreement by people	Faithful agreement by Christ	Christ has kept the agreement where people couldn't
	9:1	External standards and rules	Internal standards—a new heart	God sees both actions and motives—we are accountable to God, not rules
	9:7	Limited access to God	Unlimited access to God	God is personally available
	9:9-10	Legal cleansing	Personal cleansing	God's cleansing is complete
	9:11-14; 24-28	Continual sacrifice	Conclusive sacrifice	Christ's sacrifice was perfect and final
	9:22	Forgiveness earned	Forgiveness freely given	We have true and complete forgiveness
9:24-28	Repeated yearly	Completed by Christ's death	Christ's death can be applied to our sin	
9:26	Available to some	Available to all	Available to you	

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“The Last Supper” by James Tissot



“The Communion of the Apostles” by James Tissot



COVENANTS

1.

EDENIC RULE
 GENESIS 2:15

PSALM 8:6
 "YOU MADE THEM RULERS OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS; YOU PUT EVERYTHING UNDER THEIR FEET."

SIN
 DEATH

2nd Adam

2.

ADAMIC REDEMPTION
 GENESIS 3:15

HEMITY
 YOU SHALL BRUISE HIS HEEL
 HE SHALL CRUSH YOUR HEAD

NO

DEATH
 EVERY THOUGHT WAS EVIL

SIN
 CONTINUED...

3.

NOAHIC RESTRAINT
 GENESIS 6:7

EVIL
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NOAH

GENESIS 8:21

4.

ABRAHAMIC RESTORE
 GENESIS 12:1-3

ABRAHAM

1 LAND = (ISRAEL)
2 PEOPLE = (SEMS)
3 BLESSING (KNOW GOD)

NATIONS
 BIRTH

5.

MOSAIC REVEAL
 MR. SINUS

REVEALS
 SPECIAL HANDS
 SIN

LEVITICUS 26

1 HAVE NO OTHER GODS
2 KEEP THE SABBATH
3 KEEP HIS LAWS & COMMANDS

NEW

6.

PALESTINIAN RETURN

DEUTERONOMY 29

DEUTERONOMY 30

1 LAND = ISRAEL
2 SEED = PEOPLE
3 BLESSING = KNOW GOD

NEW

7.

DAVIDIC REIGN
 AFTER CHAOTIC JUDGES

2 SAMUEL 7:12-16

1 THRONE
2 HOUSE
3 KINGDOM FOREVER

SOLOMON DAVID

SOLOMON
 DIED
 410 YRS LATER

GREATER SON
 (ANOTHER RETURN)

8.

NEW REGENERATE
 BABYLON
 BAD KINGS

JEREMIAH 31:27-34

NEW COVENANT

1 LAW
2 LOVE
3 PEACE
4 GRACE
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CHURCH WAS GRANTED IN

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OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT



EXILE
586 B.C.

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT
Genesis 12, 15, 17

3 U's
 • unilateral
 • unconditional
 • unending

Land

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

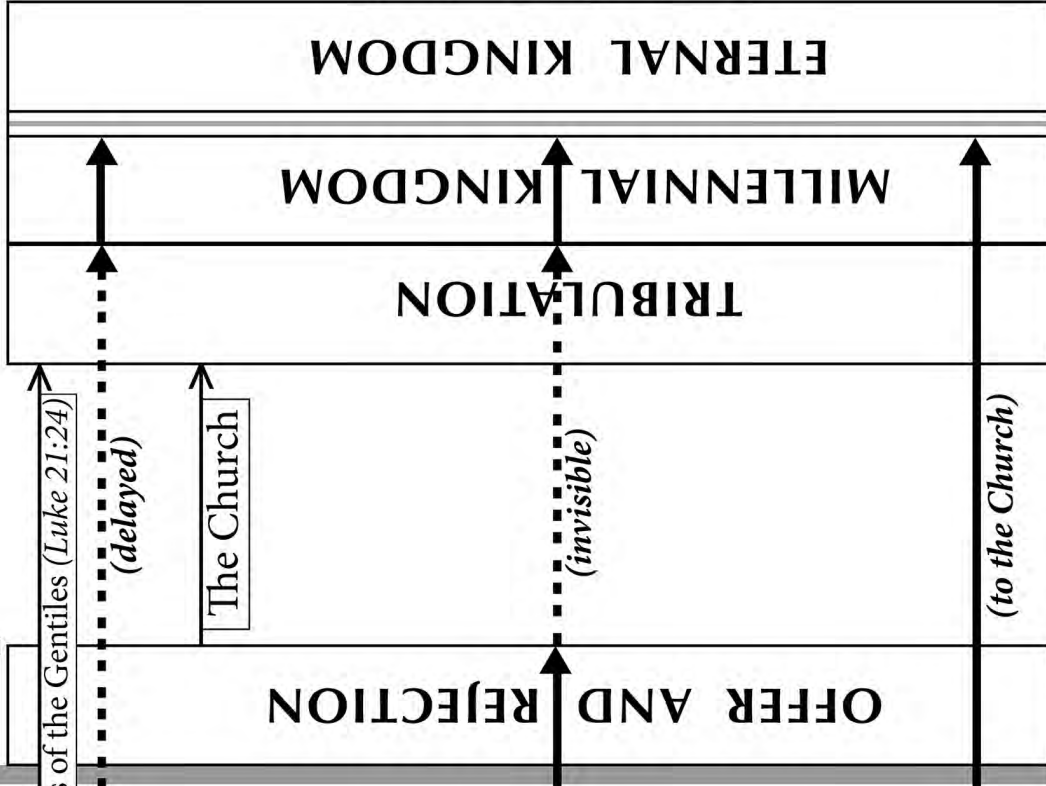
Seed

(PEOPLE, KINGS, MESSIAH)

2 Samuel 7

Blessing

Jeremiah 31



























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JESUS IS BETTER THE SHADOW & THE REALITY IN HEBREWS

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THE OLD COVENANT	promise = shadow	→	fulfilment = reality	THE NEW COVENANT
with 'our fathers' 'in the past'				with 'us' 'in these days'
angels = God's messengers		Jesus the Son is superior to the angels (1:2-14)		Jesus = God's Son = heir, creator, glory of God, imprint of God, sustainer, priest, Lord
the message of angels		Jesus the Son's message is superior to the message of angels (2:1-4)		the message of Jesus = his incarnation & substitutionary atonement = salvation
Moses = servant in God's house		Jesus the Son is superior to Moses (3:1-6)		Jesus = Son over God's house
Aaron (and his sons) = representative of sinners		Jesus the High Priest is superior to Aaron (4:14-5:5)		Jesus = our true High Priest = sinless representative & substitute
Melchizedek = eternal priest		Jesus the High Priest is superior to the priesthood of Melchizedek (5:6-10)		Jesus = our true High Priest = eternal priest who brings eternal salvation
Levitical priests = sinful, impermanent, weak, must offer sacrifices for themselves before offering for others		Jesus the High Priest is superior to the Levitical priesthood (7:9-28)		Jesus = our true High Priest = priest appointed by divine oath, perfect, permanent, powerful to save others, can offer himself for others
Levitical priests = serve in human tent on earth = copy & shadow		Jesus' place of service is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (8:1-6; 9:1-5)		Jesus = our true High Priest = serves at divine throne in heaven = original & reality
Levitical priests = mediate old covenant = ineffective & obsolete		Jesus' covenant is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (8:7-13; 9:6-10)		Jesus = our true High Priest = mediates new covenant = effective & eternal
Levitical priests = blood of animals in earthly tent, repeated sacrifices, no true redemption, outward cleansing only		Jesus' sacrificial blood is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (9:11-28)		Jesus = our true High Priest = own blood in heaven itself, single sacrifice, eternal redemption, inward forgiveness & purification
Levitical priests = bodies of animals, continual & many, reminder of sin, no lasting sanctification or perfection, stand daily to serve		Jesus' sacrificial body is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (10:1-18)		Jesus = our true High Priest = own body, singular & once for all, takes away sin, eternal sanctification & perfection, sits down at right hand of God
God's old covenant people = examples of faith		Jesus is superior to the people of God (11:1 - 12:3)		Jesus = God's Son = the founder & perfecter of our faith, endured the cross, seated with God
Sinai = earthly mountain, terror & fear toward God, laws & penalties = condemnation from God		Jesus' New Covenant is superior to the Old Covenant as symbolised by Sinai & Zion (12:18-24)		Zion = heavenly mountain, grace & kindness in the presence of God, forgiveness & cleansing in the blood of Jesus