

STUDY 10 – WHO IS ISRAEL? WHO ARE ISRAEL'S CHILDREN? OLD & NEW COVENANTS – WHO AND WHAT ARE THEY FOR?

QUESTION: WHO IS NAMED ISRAEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (GENESIS TO MALACHI) SCRIPTURES, AND WHO GAVE THE NAME?

[A.] Gen\_32:28 And he said, **Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel:** for **as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.**

[B.] Gen\_35:10 And **God said** unto him, **Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name:** and **he called his name Israel.**

QUESTION: WHAT DOES THE NAME JACOB [H3290, “עקב”, “yaáqov”] MEAN?

[A.] Gen\_25:26 And after that came **his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel;** and **his name was called Jacob:** and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

[B.] Gen 25:29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

Gen 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

Gen 25:31 And **Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.**

Gen 25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

Gen 25:33 And **Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.**

Gen 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

[C.] Gen\_27:36 And he said, **Is not he rightly named Jacob?** for **he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing.** And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

[D.] Gen\_31:7 And your [Rachel's] father [Laban] hath **deceived me** [Jacob], and **changed my wages ten times;** but God suffered him not to hurt me.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES THE NAME ISRAEL [H3478, “ישראל”, “yis'ra'el”] MEAN?

Gen\_32:28 And he said, **Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel:** for **as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.**

QUESTION: HOW MANY CHILDREN DID JACOB (RE-NAMED ISRAEL) HAVE?

12 Sons:

Gen 35:22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. **Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:**

Gen 35:23 The sons of Leah; **Reuben**, Jacob's firstborn, and **Simeon**, and **Levi**, and **Judah**, and **Issachar**, and **Zebulun**:

Gen 35:24 The sons of Rachel; **Joseph**, and **Benjamin**:

Gen 35:25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; **Dan**, and **Naphtali**:

Gen 35:26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; **Gad**, and **Asher**: **these are the sons of Jacob**, which were born to him in Padanaram.

At least 1 known Daughter, possibly many more not named, also possibly grand-“daughters” (see Genesis 34:16, 37:35, 46:7,15):

Gen\_34:1 And **Dinah the daughter of Leah**, which **she bare unto Jacob**, went out to see the daughters of the land.

QUESTION: WHO IS THE REAL ISRAEL ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE?

[A.] Mat 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take **the young child** and his mother, and flee **into Egypt**, and **be thou there until I bring thee word:** for Herod will seek **the young child** to destroy him.

Mat 2:14 When he arose, he took **the young child** and his mother by night, and **departed into Egypt:**

Mat 2:15 And **was there until the death of Herod:** that **it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet**, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

Mat 2:19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph **in Egypt**,

Mat 2:20 Saying, Arise, and take **the young child** and his mother, and **go into the land of Israel:** for they are dead which sought **the young child's** life.

Mat 2:21 And he arose, and took **the young child** and his mother, and **came into the land of Israel.**

[B.] Hos 11:1 When **Israel** was **a child**, then I loved **him**, and **called my son out of Egypt.** (God's Son was called out of Egypt by God)

[C.] Joh\_5:39 **Search the scriptures:** for in them ye think ye have **eternal life:** and they are **they which testify of me.**

QUESTION: SINCE JESUS IS THE REAL ISRAEL, DOES HE HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

[A.] Heb 2:9 But **we see Jesus**, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Heb 2:13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again [meaning, citing from OT scriptures], **Behold I and the children which God hath given me.**

[B.] Isa 8:8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, **O Immanuel.** (see also “Immanuel”, Isaiah 7:14; “Emmanuel”, Matthew 1:23)

Isa 8:9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

Isa 8:10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: **for God is with us.** (see also Matthew 1:23; Psalms 46:7,11)

Isa 8:11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

Isa 8:12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

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Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Both Paul and Peter cite, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Isaiah 8:14 in reference to Jesus Christ as the “stone”, Romans 9:23,32; 1 Peter 2:8)

Isa 8:15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. (see Luke 2:34, “the fall”; Romans 9:32, “stumbled”)

Isa 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. (see Isaiah 8:18; Hebrews 2:13)

Isa 8:17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

Isa 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. (Isaiah 8:18 is being directly cited by Paul in Hebrews 2:13, as applying to Jesus, and the “children”, whom His Father had given Him; John 6:39, 17:12, 18:9, while the context of Isaiah 8:18, in Isaiah 8:16, refers to Jesus’ “disciples”.)

Isa 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

[C.] Joh 13:33 Little children, yet a little while I [Jesus] am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

[D.] Mar 10:24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

[E.] Joh 21:5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

QUESTION: HOW MANY CHILDREN DOES JESUS/ISRAEL HAVE?

Mat 10:1 And when he [Jesus] had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mat 10:2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

Mat 10:3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

Mat 10:4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

QUESTION: IS JESUS A PRINCE WITH GOD, AND AN OVERCOMER, AS THE NAME ISRAEL MEANS?

[A.] Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

[B.] Dan 8:11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

[C.] Dan 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

[D.] Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

[E.] Dan 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

[F.] Dan 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

[G.] Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

[H.] Act 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

[I.] Act 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

[J.] Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

[K.] Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I [Jesus] have overcome the world.

[L.] Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

[M.] Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I [Jesus] also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

QUESTION: WILL JESUS'/ISRAEL'S CHILDREN/DISCIPLES ALSO OVERCOME EVEN AS HE OVERCAME?

[A.] 1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

[B.] Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

[C.] Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

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[D.] Rev\_2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

[E.] Rev\_2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

[F.] Rev\_3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

[G.] Rev\_3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

[H.] Rev\_3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

[I.] Rev\_21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

QUESTION: IS THERE A NATURAL ISRAEL AND A SPIRITUAL ISRAEL AS PER 1 CORINTHIANS 15:56?

1Co 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

ISRAEL (CHILDREN OF) AFTER THE FLESH:

[A.] 1Co\_10:18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

[B.] Php\_3:5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

ISRAEL (CHILDREN OF) AFTER THE SPIRIT, THE ISRAEL (CHILDREN OF) OF GOD:

[A.] Gal\_6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

[B.] Rev\_7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

[C.] Rev\_21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

[D.] Jas\_1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

QUESTION: DID GOD CAST AWAY ALL THE "ISRAEL AFTER THE FLESH", OR WOULD A "REMNANT" BE SAVED?

Rom 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Rom 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Rom 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Rom 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (circumcise the heart; Deut. 10:16, 30:6; Jer. 4:4)

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Rom\_9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Rom\_9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: (Isa. 10:22; Hos. 1:10)

Rom\_9:31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Rom\_10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Act\_2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom\_10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I [Paul] also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

Rom 11:4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

Rom 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Rom 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Rom 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

Rom 11:8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day.)

Rom 11:9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

Rom 11:10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always.

Rom 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Rom 11:12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

Rom 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Rom 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

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- Rom 11:15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?
- Rom 11:16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. (see 1 Cor. 15:20,23, "firstfruits"; Isa. 11:10; Rom. 15:12, "root")
- Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;
- Rom 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
- Rom 11:19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.
- Rom 11:20 Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:**
- Rom 11:21 For **if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.**
- Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.**
- Rom 11:23 And they also, **if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.**
- Rom 11:24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?
- Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
- Rom 11:26 And **so all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, **There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**
- Rom 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
- Rom 11:28 **As concerning the gospel, they are enemies** for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
- Rom 11:29 For **the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.**
- Rom 11:30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
- Rom 11:31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
- Rom 11:32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

**SUMMARY: THE REAL & TRUE ISRAEL, AND HIS CHILDREN:**

Jesus and His Disciples:

Jesus is the Real and True "Israel" (Romans 9:6-8), the "Israel of God" (Galatians 6:16), for we read (KJB) in Matthew 2:13-15,19-21; Hosea 11:1 that Jesus is identified by the Father, through the Holy Spirit who inspired Matthew to cite Hosea 11:1 as being truly fulfilled by Jesus, who is named "Israel" (and no marvel for Jesus is also named, "Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45-47), "David" (Jeremiah 30:9; Ezekiel 34:23-24, 37:24-25; Hosea 3:5), "Solomon" ("Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6), "son of David" (Matthew 1:1; Luke 3:31, &c.)), "Levi" (Malachi 2:4-7), and many others, for all the scriptures testify of Jesus (John 5:39; Luke 24:27; Psalms 40:7; Hebrews 10:7; Acts 3:18)). Jesus is the Real and True "overcomer" (John 16:33; Revelation 3:21) and "Prince" (Isaiah 9:6; Daniel 8:11,25, 9:25, 10:13,21, 11:22, 12:1; Acts 3:15, 5:31; Revelation 1:5) with God His Father, which is what the name "Israel" means (Genesis 32:28, 35:10). Jesus is the very "elect" (Isaiah 42:1; Matthew 12:18; 1 Peter 2:6) of the Father, in whom all the promises of God the Father find their realization and true fulfillment (2 Corinthians 1:20; Psalms 2:8, 116:14,18). Jesus is the "Lord" over His own house, whose house are Christians/Disciples (Psalms 98:3; Hebrews 3:6; Jeremiah 31:33).

Since Jesus is the Real and True Israel, who then are His children?

The disciples of Jesus are His Real and True children, given Him by the Father (John 13:33; Hebrews 2:13, citing Isaiah 8:16,18 in context of Isaiah 8:20, "Immanuel", "God with us", "sanctuary", "stone", "rock", "LORD of Hosts"). Just as the Jacob/Israel after the flesh had the 12 patriarchs (Genesis 35:22), so too Jesus has the 12 Apostles (Matthew 10:2; Luke 6:13, 22:14; Revelation 21:14), and all whom they taught, the number of whom is as the "sand of the sea" (Isaiah 10:22). Though there was a "natural" "Israel", "after the flesh", Jesus is the Real and True "spiritual" (1 Corinthians 15:45-47) "Israel", "of God", "after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4). For the Law of God (Ten Commandments, including the Sabbath of the LORD, Exodus 20:1-17) is "spiritual" (Romans 7:14), and can only be kept by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:8-13, 10:16; Ezekiel 11:19-20, 36:22-38, 37:26-28; 2 Corinthians 3:3,6). There, "remaineth therefore a rest (sabbatismos, Sabbath keeping in spirit and in truth; John 4:23-24; Isaiah 66:22-23; Revelation 14:6-12) to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9; Hebrews 4:1-12; Matthew 11:28; Exodus 33:14), and because they love Him who first loved them, they keep His commandments (John 14:15; Exodus 20:6; Revelation 12:17, 14:7,12; Exodus 20:11), which are not grievous (1 John 5:3), especially the Sabbath which was "made for" (Mark 2:27) Him/them (Colossians 1:16; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Corinthians 15:45-47), never being 'against' Him/them; being "light" (Proverbs 6:23; Isaiah 8:20, 51:4), never a shadow; fulfilled in grace/mercy (Exodus 20:2,6), thus to be kept holy by all in Christ Jesus in the everlasting covenant (Isaiah 56:1,8; John 10:16; Isaiah 56:2-7).

"Israel", "after the flesh" (1 Corinthians 10:18), as a 'nation' (individuals can still be saved if they call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ), is left "desolate" (Matthew 23:38; Luke 13:35), failed to keep the sabbath of the LORD (Exodus 16:28, 20:12-13, 20-24; Numbers 15:32-41; Psalms 95:11; Hebrews 3:11, 4:3,5), being not mixed with faith (Hebrews 4:2; Romans 14:23), and are to bear no more "fruit" ever again (Matthew 21:19), being cursed, and withered away (Mark 11:21), dried up from the root (Mark 11:20), being "twice dead" (Jude 1:12), for the axe was already laid at their root (Matthew 3:10; Luke 3:9), and so was cut down, and thrown into the fire (Isaiah 9:14; John 15:6; Matthew 22:7; Luke 21:20), and will be so again in the lake of fire to come (Revelation 20:15, 21:8; 1 John 2:4).

**QUESTION: WHAT IS A COVENANT?**

A covenant is simply an agreement entered into by two or more persons (parties / groups), usually sealed by blood, sacrifice, or marked by something physical as stone pillar as a sign.

Gen 31:44 Now therefore come thou, **let us make a covenant, I and thou;** and **let it be for a witness between me and thee.**

**QUESTION: WHAT IS THE OLD COVENANT, AND WHO WAS IT MADE WITH?**

[A.] Exo 19:3 And **Moses** went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, **Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:**

Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, **if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then** ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

Exo 19:6 **And** ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. **These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.**

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Exo 19:7 And **Moses came and called for the elders of the people**, and **laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him**.

Exo 19:8 And **all the people answered together**, and said, **All that the LORD hath spoken we will do**. And **Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD**.

Exo 19:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And **Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD**.

Exo 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them **to day and to morrow**, and let them wash their clothes,

Exo 19:11 And **be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai**.

[B.] Exo 24:2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

Exo 24:3 And **Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments**: and **all the people answered with one voice**, and said, **All the words which the LORD hath said will we do**.

Exo 24:4 And **Moses wrote all the words of the LORD**, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and **twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel**.

Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of **the children of Israel**, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

Exo 24:6 And **Moses took half of the blood**, and put it in basons; and half of **the blood he sprinkled** on the altar.

Exo 24:7 And **he took the book of the covenant**, and **read in the audience of the people**: and **they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient**.

Exo 24:8 And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people**, and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words**.

Exo 24:9 **Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel**:

Exo 24:10 And **they saw the God of Israel**: and there was under **his feet** as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Exo 24:11 And **upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand**: also **they saw God**, and **did eat and drink**. (“the Old” Covenant meal on the mountain, just like at the Last Supper with Jesus on the mountain where Jerusalem sat, in the New Covenant; Mat. 26:28; Mar. 14:24; Luk. 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25)

[C.] Exo 34:10 And he said, **Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee**.

Exo 34:11 **Observe thou that which I command thee this day**: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

Exo 34:12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

Exo 34:13 But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves:

Exo 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

Exo 34:15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

Exo 34:16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

Exo 34:17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

Exo 34:18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

Exo 34:19 All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

Exo 34:20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

Exo 34:21 Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Exo 34:23 Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

Exo 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

Exo 34:25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

Exo 34:26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not see the kid in his mother's milk.

Exo 34:27 And **the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel**.

[D.] Deu 5:1 And **Moses called all Israel**, and said unto them, **Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them**.

Deu 5:2 **The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb**.

Deu 5:3 **The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day**.

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[E.] Deu 5:27 Go thou [Moses] near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say; and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

Deu 5:28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken.

[F.] Deu 5:31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I [the LORD] will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

Deu 5:32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

Deu 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

[G.] Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

[H.] Heb 9:18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

Heb 9:19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people.

Heb 9:20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Nowhere in any of those texts, neither in all of scripture (Genesis to Revelation), are “the Ten Commandments” (Exodus 34:28, Deuteronomy 4:13, 10:4) ever called, or identified, as “the old covenant”. **The Ten Commandments are not the old covenant.** The “old” covenant is the agreement that God made with the children of Israel at Mt. Sinai – Horeb, when God said, “if ... then ... and ...” (Exodus 19:5-6), and the peoples, without ever hearing what they were to do, said, “**All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.**” (Exodus 19:8), and again, later, “**All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.**” (Exodus 24:3), and “**All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient**” (Exodus 24:7), and again, “**we will hear it, and do it**” (Deuteronomy 5:27). Moses was the mediator between God and the elders of the people (Exodus 19:3,6,-7,11), for all the statutes, judgments, etc, and the ‘old’ covenant is seen in Exodus 34:10-27. However, when God spoke the Ten Commandments out loud, Moses did not stand between God and the people, for God spoke directly to the people those Ten, but everything else that was written in a book and sprinkled with blood of an animal, Moses mediated for. The Ten Commandments are never at “fault”, for they are “perfect” (Psalms 19:7), but what God found “fault” with, was with “them” (Hebrews 8:8), the peoples who had said they would “do” all that God spoke through Moses in covenant agreement. In other words, their “promises”, which they broke (golden calf incident; Exodus 32:1-35). God’s Ten Commandments (all perfect promises in the New, Eternal and Everlasting Covenant, that could not ever be ‘bettered’ or ‘improved upon’; Ephesians 6:2) weren’t even heard spoke aloud by God until three days after the ‘old covenant’ was made in Exodus 19:8.

**EXAMPLE:** If I, as an adult, come to a child, and ask, “If you (child) do all that I (adult) say, and accomplish it before noon, then I (adult) shall take you (child) to the park to play.” The child, without even asking what it is they are to do, or if they will be able to accomplish it without help, simply says, “I (child) will do all that you (adult) say.” They may even shake (hands) on it. That is a covenant struck. If the child fails in any of the commands given before noon, the child will not have met the terms of the covenant (agreement to ‘do all the adult says to do before noon’), and the adult will have no obligation to take the child to the park.

The children of Israel knew that they messed up, and their children’s children complained about their ancestors making such an agreement (covenant) with God:

[A.] Jer 31:29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.

Jer 31:30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

[B.] Eze 18:1 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

Eze 18:2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?

Eze 18:3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**QUESTION: HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, THE LAW, IS NOT THE OLD COVENANT?**

[A.] Rom 3:31 Do we [Christians] then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

[B.] Heb\_8:13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

The Ten Commandments are established by the Christian, even Christ Jesus at Calvary (Isa. 42:21, “magnify the law, and make it honourable”), forever, but the ‘old covenant’, was even in Paul’s day, disappearing, making room for the “new”.

**QUESTION: DID GOD MAKE ANY OTHER COVENANTS BESIDES THE ONE AT HOREB WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL?**

[A.] Deu\_29:1 These are the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

[B.] Rom\_9:4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

**QUESTION: DOESN'T THE OLD TESTAMENT TEXTS OF EXODUS 19:5, 34:28; NUMBERS 10:33; DEUTERONOMY 4:13, 9:9 ALL SAY THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE THE OLD COVENANT?**

No. Read them very prayerfully, slowly and carefully.

[A.] Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

[B.] Exo\_34:28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

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[C.] Num\_10:33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

[D.] Deu\_4:13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

[E.] Deu 9:9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

There is no doubt that the "Ten Commandments" are a "covenant", but nowhere are they ever referred to as the 'old covenant'. The Ten Commandments are referred to as "my [God's] covenant", and "his [God's] covenant", which existed before God and children of Israel made their agreement ('old covenant') in Exodus 19:8; and in fact are as eternal as the sapphire (Eze. 1:22,26 10:1; Exo. 24:10,12, "håeven", "the stone"; Exo. 21:16, 39:21-22,31; Num, 15:38-40, "blue"; Legends of the Jews, Volume 3, page 258; & Volume 6; page 49 [see also page 59]; & The Aramiac Bible, the Targums; by Phillip Alexander, page 89-90 [especially see Note 85]) Throne of God from which the originals were cut by God. There is no question that the Ten Commandments existed as foundational terms for the children of Israel to obey, or "to perform", along with many other regulations. However, the Ten Commandments, and all the other regulations are never the 'old covenant' it self (the agreement, the promises of the people and God to one another), but rather the duty to be carried out by the peoples based upon their words and vow to God. The Two Tables were 'cut', and given to the children of Israel, as a reminder of what they had agreed (covenanted, promised) to "perform" and "do" (and not just those Ten). Not only was it sin (1 John 3:4; Romans 7:7) to break the Ten Commandments, but it also violated their agreement (covenant) with God, yet even if they had never made such an agreement with God, it would still have been sin to transgress them (Genesis 4:7, 18:20, 20:6,9, 26:5, 31:36, 39:9, 42:22, 50:17; Exodus 16:4; 2 Peter 2:4; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8; Exodus 9:27,34, 10:16; Job 1:5,22, 2:10, 5:24, 7:20, 8:4, 10:6,14, 13:23,26, 20:11, 22:5, 24:19, 31:30,33, 33:27, 34:37, 35:3; Romans 2:12, 3:23, 5:12,14; 1 Timothy 2:14; Isaiah 3:9; Lamentations 4:6; Ezekiel 16:49-50, 28:15-16,18; Colossians 2:13; 1 John 2:2; Ecclesiastes 7:20; &c). The words "tables of", "words of", and "covenant" are not the same thing. Related, but not the same.

**EXAMPLE:** If I said give me the "sheets of the bed" (like "tables of the covenant" or "words of the covenant"), did I ask for the sheets (bedding) or the bed (tables, words or covenant)? In Exodus 19, two distinct covenants are seen.

[1] **Everlasting Covenant of God:** "my covenant", Ten Commandments (to be performed); Exodus 19:5.

[2] **The agreement covenant:** (covenant, old) between God "if ... then ... and ..." and the peoples of Israel, "All that the LORD hath spoken we will do."; Exodus 19:8, &c.

In other words, the children of Israel entered into an agreement (covenant (old), faulty promises) with God about "perform[ing]" God's own eternal covenant (Ten Commandments, eternal perfect promises), three days before they had even heard them spoken out loud by God, and all else God would command them to do through Moses.

**EXAMPLE:** Adult comes to child, and says, "If you (child) agree to keep my (adult) rules of the house, I (adult) will give you (child) my (adult) reward." The child says, "Ok", and they shake on it. Are the "rules of the house" the covenant? No. They are simply that which is to be "performed". The covenant is the actual agreement made between adult and child, based upon the terms (keeping the rules of the house).

**QUESTION: AREN'T THE TEN COMMANDMENTS "NAILED TO THE CROSS" AND "BLOTTED OUT" AS PER COLOSSIANS 2:14; EPHESIANS 2:15; HEBREWS 9-10?**

No. Read carefully, as the Ten Commandments are never called "ordinances" in scripture:

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (**Law "for", Mark 2:27**)

Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. (**Law is Light; Proverbs 6:23; Law is Eternal; Psalms 89:34**)

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Heb 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. (**Law from heaven; Exodus 20:22**)

Heb 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. (**Law is Spiritual, Rom. 7:14**)

Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (**No sacrifices are given in the Ten Commandments**)

For more information, see:

[1] **Colossians 2:14-16 (summary Image)** - <https://archive.org/details/colossians-2vs-14-16-nutshell-image>

[2] **Colossians 2 (Powerpoint)** - <https://archive.org/details/colossians-2vs-16>

**QUESTION: DOESN'T 2 CORINTHIANS 3 TEACH THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE THE MINISTRATION OF DEATH AND ARE "DONE AWAY"?**

No. Again, read carefully:

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

Regarding 2 Corinthians 3:1-18, nowhere does the passage state that the Ten Commandments are the Old Covenant. Many simply assume, by a priori, that position, but no text is given to substantiate that the Ten Commandments are the Old Covenant. They will rightly link the Ten Commandments as they were written upon stone, as the ministration of death, but fail to see the opposite corollary, in that the Ten Commandments written upon the two fleshy tables of the heart, is the ministration of life and greater glory, thus seen reflected in the Christian's face, as it was in Christ's face. The "ministration" (how it was carried out in the life) needed to change. Not merely external laws written on stone tables, but internal and experienced laws written upon the heart. The Law remained the same. The ministration (how they are carried out, and seen) changes.

The law of God (The Ten Commandments, God's eternal covenant) merely written upon external cold stone tables, as duties to perform, based upon Israel after the flesh's old covenant agreement with God (Exo. 19) could never bring the change necessary to obey God in them fully. However, those same laws, as promises, in the New Covenant, written and sealed in the heart by the Holy Ghost would bring about the required change, even unto perfect obedience (Rev. 12:27, 14:1-12). Consider:

Two Glories in 2 Corinthians 3:7	
[1] The glory of the Law of God, the Ten Commandments	"glory", "that which remaineth"; 2 Corinthians 3:11; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6
[2] The glory of Moses' face, as reflecting the Law of God, the Ten Commandments on Two Tables of Stone (administration, ministration)	The "glory" as seen reflected in Moses' "face", "done away"; 2 Corinthians 3:7 (the koine Greek is clear), "abolished"; 2 Corinthians 3:13

2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

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2Co 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

2Co 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

2Co 3:10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excellet.

2Co 3:11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2Co 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 3-4; The Law of God – The Ten Commandments; 2 Ministrations (Change of one to the other), Same Law (Never Changes)	
Old Testament – Old (temporary) Covenant; Exodus 19:8	New Testament – New (Everlasting, Eternal) Covenant; Mal. 2:5; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-13, 10:16
The Letter (externally written by Holy Ghost (finger of God)) (ministration)	The Spirit (internally written by Holy Ghost (finger of God)) (ministration)
Killeth (death)	Giveth Life (life)
Engraven in stones	Written in our hearts
Two Tables of Stone (external)	Two fleshy Tables of the Heart (two hemi-spheres of brain/mind) (internal)
Moses' face glorious (fallen short of perfect example of obedience)	Jesus' face glorious (perfect example of obedience) (Exo. 33:12-23, 34:1-9, 20:5-7)
"glory" - "done away"	"glory" - "remaineth"
Abolished; 2 Corinthians 3:13	Established; Romans 3:31
Mediator - Moses	Mediator – Jesus (better)
"promises" (people, faulty), "we will"	"promises" (God, perfect), "I will"
Mt. Sinai – Horeb on earth (location)	Mt. Zion in Heaven (location)
Lack of faith (doubt) in God	Faith (trust) in God, of Jesus, & Victory
Shed Blood of bulls and goats, calves, sheep, oxen	Shed Blood of Jesus
Sacrifice of clean animals	Sacrifice of the Son of God, His perfect Life
Golden Ark of the Covenant made by Moses	Golden (faith & love) Ark of the Heart made by God; Psalms 40:8
Levitical (Aaronic) priesthood (lesser, temporary)	Melchizedical (Jesus) priesthood (greater, eternal)
Bondage, slavery	Liberty, freedom
Works of the law (sacrifices, etc)	Faith which works
Works for righteousness	Grace through faith unto good works, accounted and made righteous
THAT WHICH STAYS THE SAME IN BOTH MINISTRATIONS	
God (the Father); JEHOVAH, the Ancient of Days	
Jesus (JEHOVAH), the Son of Man	
The Holy Ghost/Spirit	
Law of God – The Ten Commandments	
Angels being present	
The Sabbath of the LORD – the 7 <sup>th</sup> Day – The Lord's Day (Isaiah 58:13; Revelation 1:10), Sign of God's eternal love; Isaiah 56:1,8; John 10:16; Isaiah 56:2-7. Creation - Redemption	

QUESTION: DIDN'T PAUL SAY IN 2 CORINTHIANS 3 THAT THE LAW OF GOD (TEN COMMANDMENTS) BRINGS DEATH, WHY?

Wrong ministration. An external law, not internalized, can only bring death, since the Law is never kept, and fulfilled in righteousness, but the Law itself was ordained to life.

[A.] Rom\_6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[B.] Jas\_1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

[C.] 1Jn\_3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

[D.] Rom\_7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Through the Holy Ghost, who writes the "my (God's) law (Ten Commandments)" (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-13, 10:16, &c) upon the heart, the Law is able to be fulfilled in the life:

Rom\_8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE NEW COVENANT AND WHO IS IT MADE? (Remember, Jesus is the true Israel, and His house are His children, disciples)

[A.] Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 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.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, 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.

[B.] Eze 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Eze 11:20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

[C.] Eze 36:22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

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Eze 36:23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

Eze 36:27 **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

Eze 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and **ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

Eze 36:29 **I will also save you from all your uncleannesses:** and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

[D.] Eze 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take **the children of Israel** from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

Eze 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and **one king shall be king to them all:** and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Eze 37:23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but **I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.**

Eze 37:24 And **David [another name for Jesus] my servant shall be king over them;** and **they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.**

Eze 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and **my servant David shall be their prince for ever.**

Eze 37:26 **Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.**

Eze 37:27 **My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** (Jesus is the Temple, John 2:19,21)

Eze 37:28 And the heathen shall know that **I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.**

[E.] Mal 2:5 **My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him** for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

[F.] Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, **saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:**

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Heb 8:10 **For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

Heb 8:11 And **they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.**

Heb 8:12 For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

Heb 8:13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.**

[G.] Heb 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

Heb 10:16 **This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

Heb 10:17 **And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**

Whenever the phrase "my law" is used by Jeremiah (thus also Paul in Hebrews 8 & 10), it always refers to the Law of God, the Ten Commandments, without exception (Jer. 6:19, 9:13, 16:11, 26:4, 31:33, 44:10), see also Gen. 26:5; Exo. 16:28; 2 Chr. 6:16; Psa. 78:1, 89:30; Pro. 3:1, 4:2, 7:2; Isa. 51:7; Eze. 22:26 (contemporary of Jeremiah); Hos. 8:1.

QUESTION: WHY IS THE 'OLD COVENANT' CALLED "THE FIRST" (Hebrews 8:7) IF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT EXISTED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD?

Heb 8:7 For if **that first covenant** had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

The 'old covenant' though it came in time, after the Everlasting Covenant between the Father & Son, as witnessed by the Holy Ghost in eternity past, it was ratified by blood first:

[A.] Exo 24:8 And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it** on the people, and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.**

[B.] Heb 9:18 Whereupon **neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.**

Heb 9:19 **For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people.**

Heb 9:20 **Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.**

Heb 9:21 Moreover **he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.**

The New (Everlasting) Covenant was ratified by Jesus' blood much later, though the covenant existed long before the world was even created, and ratified by the Father once Jesus ascended (John 20:17; Hebrews 1:6).

[A.] Heb 12:24 And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling,** that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

[B.] Heb 13:12 Wherefore **Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.**

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[C.] Heb\_13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant**,

[D.] 1Pe\_1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and **sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ**: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

[E.] 1Jn\_1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**.

[F.] Psa\_116:14 **I will pay my vows unto the LORD** now in the presence of all his people.

[G.] Psa\_116:18 **I will pay my vows unto the LORD** now in the presence of all his people,

[H.] Psa\_61:5 For **thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name**.

[I.] Luk\_22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you**.

[J.] 1Co\_11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me**.

[K.] Heb\_9:15 And for this cause **he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death**, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb\_9:16 For **where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator**.

Heb\_9:17 **For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth**.

QUESTION: WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THE 144,000, IN REVELATION 7:5-8?

Revelation 7:5-8, 144,000 children ("disciples") of "Israel" (Jesus)		
Verse	Name	Meaning
Revelation 7:5; Genesis 29:35	Juda, Judah	"Now will I praise the LORD"
Revelation 7:5; Genesis 29:32	Reuben	"Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction"
Revelation 7:5; Genesis 30:11, 49:19	Gad	"a troop cometh", "overcome at the last" (good fortune, victory bringing spoils)
Revelation 7:6; Genesis 30:13	Aser, Asher	"Happy am I"
Revelation 7:6; Genesis 30:8	Nephtalim, Nephtali	"With great wrestlings have I wrestled" ("I have prevailed")
Revelation 7:6; Genesis 41:51	Manasses, Manasseh	"For God, (said he), hath made me forget all my toil"
Revelation 7:7; Genesis 29:33	Simeon	"the LORD hath heard"
Revelation 7:7; Genesis 29:34	Levi	"be joined unto me"
Revelation 7:7; Genesis 30:18	Issachar	"God hath given me my hire" (there is a recompence, he hath purchased me)
Revelation 7:8; Genesis 30:20	Zabulon, Zebulun	"dwell with me"
Revelation 7:8; Genesis 30:24	Joseph	"The LORD shall add to me"
Revelation 7:8; Genesis 35:17-18	Benjamin	"thou shalt have this son also" (son of the right hand)
THE MEANING OF THE SYMBOLIC NAMES AS GIVEN IN THEIR SPECIFIC ORDER IN REVELATION 7:5-8 (THE GOSPEL IN SYMBOL)		
Now I Will Praise The LORD {JEHOVAH} ( <b>Judah</b> ) (for) Surely The LORD Hath Looked Upon My Affliction ( <b>Reuben</b> ) (and) Granted Good Fortune of Victory ( <b>Gad</b> ) (therefore) Happy Am I ( <b>Asher</b> ) (even though) With Great Wrestlings Have I Wrestled ( <b>Naphtali</b> ) (but) God Is Making Me To Forget All My Toil ( <b>Manasseh</b> ) (for) the LORD Hath Heard Me ( <b>Simeon</b> ) (being) Joined Unto Me ( <b>Levi</b> ) (and) He Has Purchased Me ( <b>Issachar</b> ) (wanting) To Dwell With Me ( <b>Zebulun</b> ) (and) The LORD Shall Add To Me ( <b>Joseph</b> ) (also) The Son Of His Right Hand ( <b>Benjamin</b> ).		
Two Names of Tribes Not Included (representation of Satan & Sin)		
Genesis 30:6, 49:17	Dan	"God hath judged me" - Gen_49:17 <b>Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.</b>
Genesis 41:52; Hosea 4:17	Ephraim	"caused me to be fruitful" - Hos_4:17 <b>Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.</b>

A similar example of this Gospel telling may be seen from the Beginning (Adam, see 1 Corinthians 15:45-47 KJB):

Adam – Genesis 2:7; Eve – Genesis 3:20; Abel – Genesis 4:2; Cain – Genesis 4:1; Seth – Genesis 4:25; Enos – Genesis 4:26; Cainan – Genesis 5:9; Mahalaleel – Genesis 5:12; Jared – Genesis 5:15; Enoch – Genesis 5:18; Methuselah – Genesis 5:21; Lamech – Genesis 5:25; Noah – Genesis 5:29; Shem – Genesis 5:32 KJB

(JEHOVAH) God, through His Unique Son, who died (**Adam, Red/blood**), Gives Life (**Eve**), being pierced (**Cain**), and in the place of (**Seth**) mourning/sorrow (**Abel**), for Mortal Man (**Enos**), Obtained (**Cainan**), the Praise of God (**Mahalaleel**), for He Descended/Came Down (**Jared**), Dedicated/Walked With God and was not found, for God took Him (**Enoch**), and Whose Death Would Bring (**Methuselah**), Strength/Vital Force (**Lamech**), and Rest/Comfort (**Noah**), so declaring His Good Name (**Shem**).

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