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THE OLD COVENANT VERSES THE NEW COVENANT
An Overview Of The Covenants

This morning we are having communion. I want to read for you this statement:

I Corinthians 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.

Talk to you about the difference between the Old Covenant and the New:

This morning we are going to celebrate the symbol of the new Covenant:
This is the breaking of bread and the sharing of a cup with the juice of the vine.

The celebration of the Lord's supper.
This is the outward ceremony or sign of the New Testament, or New Covenant.

I. Introduction: Consider first of all what is a Covenant?

1. A covenant is a treaty or contract:

O.T. A covenant was made, in fact the word means literally to cut.

A Sacrifice was made, and the two parties would pass between the two pieces of flesh.

In a minute we are going to re-affirm our covenant with the Lord. The sign of that covenant is in celebrating the Lord's table.

I Corinthians 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

I Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

I Corinthians 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.

2. In the New Testament the word covenant is also translated "Testament".

It is a contract especially used of a will, disposition of assets at death of the testator.

II. CONSIDER THE GLORIOUS HISTORY OF ESTABLISHING THE OLD COVENANT.

1. God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Miracles and judgments of Pharaoh:

- A. The plague of blood.
- B. Plague of frogs.
- C. Plague of lice.
- D. Plague of flies.
- E. Plague of Murrain. (ie. a plague)
- F. Boils.
- G. Plague of Hail.
- H. Plague of locusts.
- I. Plague of darkness.
- J. Death of first born.

2. When the Children of Israel were brought to Mt. Sinai they actually saw and heard God.

Exodus 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.

Exodus 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.

3. Moses went up to the mount and God wrote the ten commandments in stone: These were the terms of the Old Covenant.

This was the terms of the Old Covenant.

This covenant was written in stone.

This covenant was glorious.

Exodus 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Deuteronomy 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.

All the Sabbaths and feasts were part of that covenant. This included the Holy Days, the Sabbath year, the year of Jubilee, etc.

EXO 31:12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

EXO 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

EXO 31:14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

EXO 31:15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

EXO 31:16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

EXO 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

4. When Moses came down from the mount 40 days later the children of Israel had already gone apostate; Had a heathen rock concert.

It did not take them long to break the terms of the covenant. They needed external restraint. When Moses their restrainer was gone, so too, they were gone away from the covenant!

Exodus 32:5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.

Exodus 32:6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

Exodus 32:25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)

5. Moses had a little purging of the nation after this.

Exodus 32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

Exodus 32:27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

Exodus 32:28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

6. After this Moses goes back up to the mount and spends another 40 days and nights alone with God.

Wonder the ministry could continue without Moses, the first time he was gone 40 days everything fell apart..

Our spirituality needs to be internal not just based on the presence of God's man! We see this happening in the church. When the cats away the mice will play.

7. *When Moses came back with the two new tablets his face shone. I believe that before the fall Adam and Eves bodies did shine. Probably when they sinned that effulgence left them and that was part of why they realized they were naked.*

Here we see the glory of the Old Covenant as seen in the effulgence of Moses' face.

Exodus 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

Exodus 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

Exodus 34:31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

Exodus 34:32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

Exodus 34:33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

Exodus 34:34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.

Exodus 34:35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

III. *Consider the Law given to Moses was the terms of the Old Covenant and the conditions of the giving of that law was glorious!*

Deuteronomy 4:12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

Deuteronomy 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.

Deuteronomy 4:14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

The Old covenant is declared to be glorious.

There were all the plagues, the lightnings, thunderings, etc.

There was Moses face that did shine.

There was the earthquakes.

There was the divine manifestation of the pre incarnate Christ.

There was the Smoke on mount Sinai.

There was the cloud.

There were the voices.

There was a warning not to touch the mountain lest a person be killed!

This Old Covenant was glorious and those who despised it were destroyed.

Hebrews 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

Note: The fellow picking up sticks on the sabbath day was executed.

Numbers 15:32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

Numbers 15:33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

Numbers 15:34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

Numbers 15:35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him without the camp.

Numbers 15:36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The man that cursed and used the Lord's name in vain was executed.

Leviticus 24:10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;

Leviticus 24:11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

Leviticus 24:12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them.

Leviticus 24:13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Leviticus 24:14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

Leviticus 24:15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

Leviticus 24:16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.

Violation of the terms of the old covenant brought great judgment.

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the

covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

1. CONSIDER THE OLD COVENANT WAS DEPENDENT ON OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Deuteronomy 4:10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Deuteronomy 4:11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

Deuteronomy 4:12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

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After they broke the covenant by making the golden calf, Moses went back up to the mount and came back down with a new set of tablets.

Exodus 34:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

Exodus 34:2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.

Exodus 34:3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

Exodus 34:4 And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

Exodus 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses **wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.**

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IV. The Bible declares that the New Covenant is even greater and more glorious.

1. THE NEW COVENANT IS MORE GLORIOUS AND CONDITIONED ON RECEPTION OF GOD'S SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS.

II Corinthians 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

II Corinthians 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

II Corinthians 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

II Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

II Corinthians 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.

II Corinthians 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:

II Corinthians 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

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

II Corinthians 3:10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

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

II Corinthians 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

II Corinthians 3:13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

II Corinthians 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

II Corinthians 3:15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

V. *We will receive a greater condemnation if we trod under foot the Son of God and the blessed privilege of being under the New Covenant.*

Hebrews 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;

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

Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Hebrews 10:21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;

VI. *CONSIDER THAT COMMUNION IS THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS SIGN OF THE NEW COVENANT IN JESUS BLOOD.*

COMMUNION SERVICE: AS WE PARTAKE OF THE LORD'S TABLE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE PARTAKERS OF THE NEW COVENANT BASED ON THE SPIRIT NOT THE FLESH. NOT THE LETTER OF THE LAW BUT THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW.

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I Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

I Corinthians 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.

I Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

I Corinthians 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

I Corinthians 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

I Corinthians 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

I Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

I Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

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Communion Service: We need to be serious, and respectful of this ordinance.

Consider, what we have in Christ is greater than what the nation Israel had in the wilderness and even in the temple. These were but shadows of greater things to come.

PART II

GOD'S COVENANTS LEADING UP TO THE NEW COVENANT.

One of the great topics we see in the Bible, is the concept of God's covenants with mankind. These are God's contracts with the human race. Today we partook of communion. Communion is a sign of the New Covenant based on the blood of Christ. We do this often in His remembrance. It is important to understand God's covenants with mankind.

I. CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF GOD'S COVENANTS WITH MAN.

Why is the concept of the covenant important? It was important because God was establishing a pattern for His kingdom to be restored on earth from the very beginning of history. From the beginning of time, the Lord's will was for man to have dominion on this planet. This was the intent for the kingdom. This dominion was God's first covenant with mankind.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air,

and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God could give man total dominion of everything on this planet, as long as He had dominion over man Himself. That is why the test of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Man's obedience to God demonstrated that God had dominion over man. Man's dominion over all things was safe as long as God's dominion over man was safe. When man fell the process of dominion over the planet fell.

The day mankind went into sin, was the day that this world became a hostile world. Sin brings death and there is no pleasant way to die. Since man was given dominion over the whole planet, when man fell into sin, this affected the whole planet.

This beautiful world of balance and order suddenly becomes a world of disorder and hostility.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Psalms 115:15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Today God's will is not being done on earth as it is in heaven because of sin. When Adam and Eve obeyed Satan rather than God, Satan encroached on man's dominion on this planet, and a spiritual war commenced between God's dominion and Satan's dominion. This has been the theme throughout Scripture.

Satan, through deception and sin, takes authority over mankind and this planet. God, through love and grace, seeks to restore mankind back to Himself. Ultimately everything that God commands man to do in worship of Himself is a picture of Christ and His kingdom that would someday come and restore this planet back to right relationship to God.

This is illustrated even in the way the Lord told His disciples to pray. Notice when He was asked to teach them how to pray the Lord says,

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Notice the Lord says that the very first thing that should concern us in our prayers, is that God's Kingdom comes to earth as it is in Heaven. God's will is being done in heaven because He has perfect dominion of Heaven. There is no rebellion or sin. Here on earth this is a different matter. God has separated Himself from sin, and does not tolerate sin in His presence. God's will is being done in Heaven but not so much on earth.

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All of history is a history of the conflict between Satan's kingdom and God's kingdom. The struggle is for the heart of men. Salvation is the process of restoring God's dominion back to man, as God's dominion is restored in man's heart, then man's dominion is restored on this planet. So the spiritual warfare is taking place in the heart of men to restore men to Himself.

Did you ever notice, that where the gospel is prominent, it even changes the geography and landscape of an area. Where you see many gospel churches in an area you actually see it affect the very landscape of the surrounding area. Where there are few gospel churches, you see bar after bar, adult bookstore, etc, and oppression and darkness even in the very environment of that place.

Where Satan has power and dominion over people a spiritual cloud of darkness takes hold over the very landscape.

Romans 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 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.

Notice how men blame everything on climate change, and carbon emissions. The only corruption of the planet is sin emissions. It is sin that caused hostile weather all the way

back to the flood. It is sin that produces the groanings that we see this planet going through from hostile storms, to hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes. All this will increase as men become more hostile to God. Sickness, plagues, pandemics, they are all a result of man's rebellion and sin against God.

No one seems to see the correlation between the legalization of homosexual marriages, and the crazy pandemics and turmoil we are seeing on this planet. The perversions and godlessness leads to more corruption of the very elements of creation itself. The wages of sin is death, and the more sin that is promoted, the more death is promulgated.

Let me suggest that the first covenant was the covenant that God made with man at his creation. He was to have the Kingdom, dominion on earth and everything on earth. God gave man complete dominion as long as he worshipped Him and obeyed Him and trusted Him. It was Satan that instilled mistrust in God through his suggestion and temptation in Genesis 3. The tree represented man's obedience and trust in God. Death comes through disobedience and sin. "The day you eat you will die." God was willing to give man total dominion of this world as long as He had total dominion over man.

Notice how Satan offered this to Jesus:

Luke 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

Luke 4:7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Luke 4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Notice that Satan said, all the glory of this world has been delivered unto him, and he can give it to whosoever he wants. Now either that was true or is not true.

Remember Jesus said,

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Right now what concerns God is to restore His dominion into the hearts of people. He wants to restore His place of authority over our hearts. If He has our hearts He has the most important dominion of all.

Ultimately all the covenants in the Bible involve the restoration of the original covenant that God made with mankind in the garden when He created man. God wants to

restore man to the rightful place of dominion over the planet through Jesus Christ His son.

Psalms 8 condenses this concept in one Psalm He tells the whole story. Everything in history is bringing glory to His name and working out for God's glory. Even the craziness we are going through this past year.

Psalms 8:1 {To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.} O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Psalms 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

Psalms 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psalms 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Psalms 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Psalms 8:7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

Psalms 8:8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

Psalms 8:9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

II. CONSIDER EVERY COVENANT GOD MADE WITH MAN WAS TO BRING GLORY TO HIS NAME IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE THIS PLANET TO HIMSELF.

Let us consider the different covenants God made in the Bible. Each covenant was based on the terms that God set. Sometimes there was a sign of the covenant, sometimes not, sometimes there were conditions sometimes not.

1. The first covenant was with Adam.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The covenant was conditional based on his obedience to one prohibition.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

2. *The second covenant was with Noah.*

Genesis 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Genesis 9:8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

Genesis 9:9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

Genesis 9:10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

Genesis 9:11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

Genesis 9:12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations;

Genesis 9:13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

Genesis 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Genesis 9:16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

Genesis 9:17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

There were no conditions given for this covenant, it was based on God's promise. Foolish environmentalists actually think the world is going to be destroyed because of man's doing. Mankind could not destroy the world if they tried. God said it in the Noahic covenant.

What was the sign of the Noahic covenant? The sign was the rainbow.

Is it any coincidence that the homosexual movement takes the rainbow as their symbol? I believe spiritually it is an in your face gesture to God Himself saying you can't touch me because you promised. Of course the gay pride movement probably did not have that in mind at all.

Here is the official history of the gay flag:

The first versions of the rainbow flag were flown on June 25, 1978, for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. Baker and a team of volunteers had made

them by hand, and now he wanted to mass-produce the flag for consumption by all. However, because of production issues, the pink and turquoise stripes were removed and indigo was replaced by basic blue, which resulted in the contemporary six-striped flag (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet). Today this is the most common variant of the rainbow flag, with the red stripe on top, as in a natural rainbow. The various colors came to reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ community.

It was not until 1994 that the rainbow flag was truly established as the symbol for LGBTQ pride. That year Baker made a mile-long version for the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Now the rainbow flag is an international symbol for LGBTQ pride and can be seen flying proudly, during both the promising times and the difficult ones, all around the world.

Is it just a coincidence they took the rainbow as their flag symbol? I don't think so, why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? We think these things a coincidence, while there are spiritual overtones that escape our understanding. It is devilish that they choose the rainbow as their symbol. It strikes me as being blasphemy, against God and hiding behind the rainbow for protection. I believe this may in fact lead up to the tribulation when God judges the world for their sin.

3. The Third Covenant we read about in the Bible is the Abrahamic Covenant.

Genesis 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

God made a covenant with Abraham, and promised that through his seed the whole world would be blessed, and also he would give them dominion of the the land of Palestine. So the covenant was given to Abraham and his seed.

When Abraham was willing to offer up Isaac we read:

Genesis 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

This covenant was unconditional.

4. THE NEXT COVENANT WE READ ABOUT IN THE BIBLE IS THE COVENANT THE LORD MADE WITH THE NATION ISRAEL.

This is often referred to as the Old Testament, or the Old Covenant.

This was conditioned upon obedience.

This covenant was promised to the children of Israel.

This was an extension of the Abrahamic covenant which was unconditional. Yet the covenant he made with the nation was conditional.

This is why in the Old Testament the genealogies are so important.

The priesthood was given to Aaron and his sons.

To the tribe of Levi the ministry of the service of the house of God was given.

The genealogies were very important in the Old Covenant, especially for the priests.

Then the throne was given to David and his sons. Again the lineage was very important.

So the Old Covenant depended greatly on the elements that were of the flesh, genealogies, obedience to the law, physical ordinances and sacrifices.

The Jews were very careful to be able to trace their ancestry to Abraham, Jacob and then to one of the 12 patriarchs and tribes.

In Nehemiah we read about how important this was especially in regards to the priesthood.

Nehemiah 7:63 And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

Nehemiah 7:64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

Nehemiah 7:65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

A. THE BLESSINGS OF THE OLD COVENANT DEPENDED ON OBEDIENCE.

Exodus 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:

Deuteronomy 11:27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

Deuteronomy 11:28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

B. ISRAEL CONSTANTLY BROKE THE TERMS OF THE OLD COVENANT.

The terms were simple, obey and be blessed disobey and be cursed.

Leviticus 26:14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

Leviticus 26:15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

Leviticus 26:16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

Leviticus 26:17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

Leviticus 26:18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

5. THE FINAL COVENANT WE READ ABOUT IN THE BIBLE IS THE NEW COVENANT.

The New Covenant was given to Israel, but because they rejected Jesus this covenant was extended to the everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. We are now enjoying the benefits of the New Covenant.

The New Covenant was primarily given to Israel.

Jeremiah 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:

Jeremiah 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:

Jeremiah 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.

Jeremiah 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.

This covenant is based on the reception of the Messiah Jesus who is the mediator and author of the covenant. Since the Jews rejected their Christ, they in turn have rejected the new covenant. So God has given an invitation to everyone to come under the

umbrella of the new covenant. The Church was a mystery in the Old Testament. The blessings of this covenant have extended today to everyone who receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This has produced what we call the church age. We are now enjoying the benefits of the New Covenant in the dispensation we call the Church age.

III. CONSIDER WHERE WE CAME FROM AS A CHURCH.

1. The church was started in Acts Chapter 2 and it all started when the Holy Spirit descended like a dove on the disciples. The Bible says:

According to the Bible it is that Spirit that created one mystical body that we call the church. This is a group of people made up of Jews and Gentiles alike. It is a spiritual covenant. Very few earthly ordinances, and conditions. It is based solely on receiving Christ's spirit, and being filled with His spirit. It all started on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Acts 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

Acts 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Notice the miracle of the reception of the Holy Spirit. They all spake in tongues to authenticate the reception of the gift. It was supernatural. It was a sign to the Jews.

I Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

I Corinthians 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

The promise of the New Covenant was that the Spirit would be poured out on all flesh.

Peter actually quoted Joel 2:28 saying this was what was predicted.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joel 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Note what Peter preached on the day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Acts 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Acts 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Notice, that Peter preached this. But in the context of the promise of the Holy Spirit being given it goes right into tribulation predictions. That part did not happen. We are waiting for that to happen. That will happen soon and the radical environmentalist wackos are going to be the strong delusion to make people believe that all this is because of carbon emissions. They will bankrupt the world, which in turn lead to the mark of the beast and so many other things that we read about in the Bible.

2. *Now the partakers of the New Covenant are the ones who receive Christ's Spirit.*

I Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, (*or Church*) as it hath pleased him.

I Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

I Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Jesus' death on the cross is what paved the way for the giving of the Holy Spirit. This is the bases of the New Covenant.. This New Covenant is where God puts into our hearts his commandments.

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

Hebrews 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:

Hebrews 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.

Hebrews 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:

What makes us the New Testament church is that the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost is that same spirit that binds us together today as a local church. It is the Spirit of Christ that makes the church the church.

What the genealogies were to the nation Israel, so we need to trace our genealogy back to Pentecost. It was very important that the tribes, especially the Levites had to prove their lineage. So too, we have to prove our lineage back to Pentecost by being born again of the Spirit of God!

Paul the apostle puts it this way:

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

The book of Acts gives the lineage of the true church. It is based on those who trace their spiritual lineage back to the Apostles. In fact in one place in Scripture there were people who professed Christ and were baptized but did not receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 8:21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Acts 8:23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Acts 8:24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

3. *So Today We Have Many People Who Think They are Part of the Church Who Are Not Because They Do Not Have The Holy Spirit.*

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Jesus gave a parable talking about the end time church or bride of Christ. In this parable he predicts that half of the church will not be ready to meet Christ because they lack the Holy Oil or Spirit to qualify.

Matthew 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Matthew 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Matthew 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Matthew 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Matthew 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Matthew 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Matthew 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Matthew 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Matthew 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Matthew 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

It would seem the condition of the New Covenant is that we be of His spirit. Only those who have the spirit of Christ are His true church.

All the Old Testament genealogies concerning the priesthood and the necessity of following their blood line back to Aaron was a picture of the fact that someday we would need to follow our spiritual line back to Christ, and the apostles. That all happens when we all have the same spirit. That spirit is traced back to the teaching and preaching of the Apostles, which we have in Scripture.

We need to be born again.

I Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

We do not have a corruptible Bible, a corruptible seed. We have the pure word of God.

The Bible predicts that there will be a great falling away before Jesus comes back and evil seducers shall wax worse and worse. We see those days approaching.

IV. THE FINAL PHASE OF THE NEW COVENANT WILL BE WHEN GOD RESTORES ISRAEL TO HIMSELF.

This will take place sometime in the tribulation period.

This is the final last week as prophesied in the book of Daniel.

This we read about in the book of Revelation. After the first three chapters where the Lord gives commendations and condemnations to his 7 churches.

The Bible says this about Israel:

Romans 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.

Romans 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:

Romans 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Romans 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

Romans 11:31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

Romans 11:32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

The Bible says, that all Israel shall be saved after the fullness of the Gentiles. We are now in the times of the Gentiles. God is by far working with the Gentile church. The Gospel is being preached primarily to the Gentiles. But let us remember this:

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The Gospel was presented to the Jew first. Jesus took the gospel message to the Jew first. Paul preached to the Jews first. Everywhere he went he first went to the synagogues and shared the gospel message. One of the final places he preaches was at Rome. We read in the book of Acts how this went.

When Paul was in Rome seeking audience with Caesar, we read this account:

Acts 28:17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

Acts 28:18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

Acts 28:19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

Acts 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

Acts 28:21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

Acts 28:22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Acts 28:24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

Acts 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

Acts 28:26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

Acts 28:27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Acts 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Acts 28:29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

This has pretty much been the state of the church unto this day. The Jews by and large reject the gospel, while the gentiles received it.

The vast majority of believers are gentiles, yet there is a remnant of believers who are Jews.

It will take the great tribulation to bring the nation to repentance.

How will this happen:

1. First there will be a supernatural conversion of 144,000 evangelists who will preach the gospel to the nation:

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Revelation 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Revelation 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.

Revelation 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasseh were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Note: Revelation 7:5-8 gives the 144,000

Judah, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zabulon, Joseph, Benjamin.

Which tribe is missing?

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Revelation 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Apparently there will be a great multitude of saints who will be martyred for the cause.

Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Revelation 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

These 144,000 will be special sealed messengers of God who will preach the gospel to the whole world.

2. There will also be two special witnesses prophets who may be announcing all the judgments of God during the week of tribulation:

Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Revelation 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

3. It will be sometime in the midst of the tribulation that Israel will realize they were deceived by the Anti Christ and will call on the Lord to save them.

Revelation 12 gives the information about a woman who is in fact Israel. This woman will be persecuted of the serpent or dragon which is Satan, he will send out a flood against her but she will be supernaturally protected.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Jesus put it this way:

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Matthew 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Matthew 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Matthew 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

4. All this will take place to bring that nation back to the Lord. Jesus said this:

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Jesus predicted that the nation would be deceived by the Anti Christ. All history is working to this end. When they realize they have been duped it is then they will get saved.

Romans 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:

Isaiah 45:17 But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

Jeremiah 32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

Jeremiah 32:38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

Jeremiah 32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

Jeremiah 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Jeremiah 32:41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

It is after the tribulation that the Lord will descend from heaven and establish His rightful place on the throne of David, and will rule and reign on this planet for 1000 years.

This will be the fulfillment of the New Covenant and Jeremiah 31 will come to pass:

Jeremiah 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:

Jeremiah 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:

Jeremiah 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.

Jeremiah 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.

Jeremiah 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Jeremiah 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

So this is how all Israel will be saved after the tribulation and this will all be fulfilled in the 70 week of Daniel.

DNL 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

DNL 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.

DNL 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.

DNL 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.