

# God of the Covenant – Ezekiel 11-16

## The Covenants

Mosaic Covenant – between God and Israel – a conditional agreement where both parties were responsible for fulfilling their obligations.

- Ratifying the covenant – making it official – parties involved would slaughter animals and divide them in 2 pieces. Exodus 24:4-8,

Abrahamic Covenant – between God and Abraham and his descendants – an unconditional agreement to bless Abraham, to make a great nation through him, and to provide a special allotment of land for this nation Gen. 12:1-7, Gen. 15:12-21

Davidic Covenant – God and David – unconditional agreement with David to “set up his seed after him” and establish his kingdom 2 Sam. 7:12-16

## The Broken Covenant

Israel’s rebellion: Idolatry, Adulterous hearts – Eze 6:8-10, False worship in the Temple – Eze 8-11

Heart problems: prophesy out of their own hearts Ezek. 13:17

lies of the false prophets made the hearts of the righteous sad Ezek. 13:22

elders set up idols in their own hearts Ezek. 14:3

they separate themselves from the Lord because of their idolatrous hearts Ezek. 14:7

people’s hearts are weak, sick, and degenerate Eze.16:30

hearts of the people pursue their own gain rather than the true counsel of the Lord Eze.33:31

## The Purpose of the Covenant

That You May Know the Lord - Abrahamic Covenant Genesis 17:7, 8:

Mosaic Covenant Deuteronomy 29:12, 13

A holy God requires a holy people, so the requirements of the covenant could not be changed. But the hearts of the people could.

## **The New Covenant**

it is new Jer.31:32

it is with the house of Israel and Judah

it is not like the Mosaic Covenant Jer. 31:32

the Lord will put His law in the peoples' hearts and minds so that they will be His people and He will be their God Jer. 31:33

forgiveness of sins will be a certainty Jer. 31:34

the Lord will give His people one heart, it will be an everlasting covenant Jer. 32:39, 40

a new heart, taking out the heart of stone that was disobedient to His law

a new spirit - His own Holy Spirit - who will enable the people to keep the laws of the Lord

Ezekiel 36:22-27, Ezekiel 37:14, Ezekiel 39:29

- The New Covenant was initiated and ratified with the sacrifice of Christ.

“This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matt. 26:28

- The spiritual blessings of the New Covenant belong to those in Christ.

Circumcision of the heart Romans 2:29, Colossians 2:11-12

Those in Christ have become partakers Heb.7:18-8:13, Heb. 9:15

Gentiles are recipients of the covenants of promise Ephesians 2:12-13

## **Future Fulfillment of the New Covenant:**

After they are returned to the land, then they receive the Spirit. Ezekiel 11:17-19, Ezekiel 36:24-27, Ezekiel 37:12-14, Ezekiel 39:27-29. Hosea 3:4, 5, Joel 2, Zephaniah 3:8-13, and Zechariah 12:10, Romans 11:25-32

The last chapters of Ezekiel describe what life will be like for the Israelites as they live in the Promised Land, worshipping the Lord and obeying Him with all their heart!!