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*God says there is a time coming when He will make a new covenant with the house of Judah and with the house of Israel but when will this new covenant be made with God's spiritual nation of Israel? Why is it necessary for this New Covenant to be made, when will it be made, who will make it and with whom will it be made?*



## *Preamble*

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

### **The Holy Spirits of the God Family**

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

### **God the Father**

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Phi 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

**Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

**Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.**

**1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

### God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

**Joh 7:39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

**Joh 14:17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

**Eph 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

**Joh 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

### The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

**Joh 17:11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

**Isa 6:3** And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

**Joh 4:24** **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

**Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Joh 1:2** The same was in the beginning with God.

**Joh 1:3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

**Col 1:15 [Christ]** Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

**Col 1:16** For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Col 1:17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

### **God is a Family**

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

**Mat 11:27** All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

**Mat 12:50** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

**Joh 20:17** Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

**Rom 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [God’s Son] might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**Col 1:18** And he [the glorified Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

### **Bible Writing Convention**

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

### **Making Things Clearer**

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)





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**T**he Bible speaks of God having made a covenant with the ancient, never converted, physical nation of Israel. This covenant is referred to as the Ancient Covenant. God also says that He will make a New Covenant with the house of Judah and with the house of Israel.

What was the Old Covenant? Why was there a need for another Covenant? When will the New covenant be made? What is the effect of entering into the New Covenant? Is God's spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church under God's New Covenant? Let's see what answers the Bible gives us to these questions.

### **Ancient Israel**

When God freed Israel from its slavery under the Egyptians, he brought them to Mount Sinai and through Moses, He gave them the 10 Commandments and made a covenant with them.

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.

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 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.

In addition to the 10 Commandments, God gave ancient Israel laws regarding specific social situations such as laws about slaves (Ex 21:1); laws about restitution (Ex21:33); laws about social justice (Ex 22:16) and; laws about the Sabbaths and the festivals (EX23:10). Throughout Leviticus and Deuteronomy, more laws are given.

Ancient Israel committed themselves to obeying God. Their obedience was to be in the letter of the law as they were unable to follow the spirit of the law. So God gave them laws which were the practical application of the 10 Commandments to various national, social, personal and religious requirements that Israel had to observe as part of the covenant God made with them.

Even if these laws were plain and easy to understand, there would occur situations in every day life where their applications was not clear and it would then be necessary for judgments to be made as to what was their correct application. Moses used to make all these judgments for the people but the task was overwhelming and he followed the advice of Jethro, his father-in-law, to appoint men to help him.

Exo 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

Exo 18:22 **And let them judge the people at all seasons:** and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

Exo 18:25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rul-

ers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Exo 18:26 And they judged the people at all seasons: **the hard causes they brought unto Moses**, but every small matter they judged themselves.

These judgments became part of the law as they were further clarifications of their practical application in the life of the Israelites.

The Old Covenant required the nation of Israel's obedience to the laws given them by God. However, Israel did not obey God and after the death of Solomon, Israel broke into two separate houses, the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Israel was punished by going into captivity under the Assyrians (the house of Israel) and some 100 years later, the house of Judah (the combined tribes of Levi, Benjamin and Judah) went off into captivity under the Persians.

Moses foretold the disobedience of Israel in his last message to them before his death.

Deu 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Deu 31:27 **For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck:** behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Deu 31:28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

Deu 31:29 **For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you;** and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. **[making idols]**

In the book of Malachi, we are given an overview of the spiritual state of Israel before Christ's First Coming to Israel. The people had forgotten the law given them, the judges were partial in the administration of the law, the people offered in sacrifice their sick and lame animals when they were to offer their best animals and the priests were bored and tired of having to go through the ceremonial offerings and ceremonies commanded by God saying it was all for nothing as they weren't being

blessed anyway. Just take a bit of time to go through the Book of Malachi which is not very long and you will easily see how Israel had strayed from the truth given it.

### The Old Covenant

The Old Covenant was made with an unconverted nation who never knew the true God and who remained fully carnal minded and unable to obey Him.

The holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman had not then yet became a man born of woman for the purpose of being the holy spirit God the Father's perfect sacrifice for sin .

**Joh 7:38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

**Joh 7:39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: **for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)

It is only after Christ's ascension to His Father on the first New Testament(NT) Day of Pentecost that the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman started to be made available to men called by the holy spirit God the Father. No one could be called until Christ's death and glorification. An exception was made for those who wrote the books of the Old Testament.

We know that the holy spirit God the Father is the one who calls men.

**Joh 6:44** No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day.

And, that it is the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who teaches them once they accept their calling.

**Joh 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

How do we know the glorified Christ is the Comforter?

**Joh 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth **with** you, and shall be **in** you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you **comfortless**: I will come to you.

The glorified Christ is the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman who will come to those drawn or called by the holy spirit God the Father and who will comfort them as the spirit of truth who teaches them all things.

So, at the time of the making of the Old Covenant, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman could not come and dwell in the minds of the Israelites making it possible for them to understand the spiritual truth of God. God level spiritual truth is knowable **only** by revelation from God to those who are called and chosen.

The rituals of the Old Covenant never made possible the forgiveness of sin. IF there is no means to forgive sin, salvation is impossible.

Heb 7:11 If therefore perfection [**the forgiveness of sin**] were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

It was not ever possible for the repetitive, physical rituals and symbolic ceremonies of the Levitical priesthood to effect the forgiveness of sin. There was therefore a need for another and different covenant to be made.

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better covenant**, which was established upon **better promises**.

This better covenant is made possible by the death of Christ as the perfect sacrifice for sin. The better promises are that upon repentance and belief sin can be forgiven and life eternal made possible.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 9:15 And for this cause he [Christ] is the mediator of the new testament,[covenant] that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament,[covenant] they which are called [by the holy spirit God the Father and who follow their calling and remain faithful] might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.[eternal life in God's Kingdom]

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

The mediator between God and man is not an organization of men nor is it apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers or elders. It is ONLY, Jesus-Christ.

### Why Israel Chosen?

Ancient Israel had been chosen by God to become His holy nation and kingdom of priests.

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.

Israel remained a fully carnal nation that could not be subject to God's law. They could not then become God's holy nation and kingdom of priests as their sins could not be forgiven until Christ became God the Father's perfect sacrifice for sin.

Conversion is only possible by the holy spirit God the Father calling men. God the Father could not start calling men until there was a way for sin to be forgiven. An exception was made and, had to be made, for the Old Testament prophets who were used to give messages to Israel and to write the books of the Old Testament.

So, when and how will the New Covenant be made with the physical nation of Israel?

The original Israelites have now been dead for many centuries but the physical nation of Israel continues to exist through its children and its existence will continue onto the time of the end of the Millennium.

Who will come to make the New Covenant with the descendants of ancient Israel? And, who will make the New Covenant with the Israelites who have died a long time ago?

In order to answer that question we have to examine what is the New Covenant.

### **The New Covenant**

In the books of Jeremiah and Hebrews we are given what is the new covenant that God will make with Israel.

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.

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:

The law of the Old Covenant was written on stone tablets that were placed in the Ark of the Covenant in the Holies of Holies. It was not something that was part of the people; it was not in their minds or in their hearts as the Bible states it. When the New Covenant is made, God's law will be written in the minds of the people; it will become part of them. Being written in their minds, there is no need for them to go anywhere to have it as it will be fully a part of them. In a sense, it will become who they are as they do their best to follow it as perfectly as they can.

This is what is being said in Romans10 the relevant parts of which I am quoting and which I will explain. In Romans 10 Paul is talking about Israel and his desire that they might be saved. They had rejected Christ and the truth given the apostles and especially, they refused to hear

Paul whose first commission was to go to Judah. Paul's conclusion about Judah is given us in Rom 10:1-2.

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

They were zealous to hold on to the traditions of the elders which were the ritualistic law of sacrifices and offering that could never forgive sin. Their worship of God was in vain. With the coming of Christ, there began a new administration of the law under a different High Priest who is according to the order of Melchisedec (Heb 7:12). The true worship of God is to be in spirit and truth (John 4:24) and not through the physical rituals of the Old Covenant. The glorified Christ is the high priest of God's spiritual nation, the sacrifice offered are the individual members of God's spiritual nation dying daily to their previous lives of sin. They are the living stones of the temple in which dwell the holy spirit God the Father and the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman. There are no material temple or house of God which is God's house in NT times.

Rom 10:3 For they [ancient Israel] being ignorant of [how to attain] God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

They would not believe the truth given them by the apostles and remained ignorant of the means by which they could get God's righteousness which would save them. Being ignorant of God's truth, they created their own way of having God's righteousness, the continued practice of OT ceremonial sacrifices and offerings.

Paul tells them that the reason why God had instituted the law of offerings and sacrifices was for them to realize that a sacrifice was needed for sin to be forgiven but it could not be just any sacrifice. The sacrifices commanded under the Old Covenant could not forgive sin (Heb10:4).

The only sacrifice that can really forgive sin is the death of Christ on the stake and this is what Paul is telling them in Rom 10:4 when he tells them that Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth which is to say, Christ is the means by which sin (righteousness) can be attained conditional upon believing that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God whose death made the forgiveness of sin possible.

Rom 10:5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. [In other words, if you choose to live by the OT ritualistic sacrificial laws then you have to keep on doing them.]

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith [which is not based on the works of the law of physical sacrifices and offering] speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Rom 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

Ancient Israel's approach to obtaining God's righteousness was physical and material. In their way of thinking, for them to have God's righteousness it would be necessary for someone to somehow be able to go up to heaven and bring Christ down to Israel or to raise Him up from the dead so He could come to them.

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

The way to salvation is simply by them accepting and living by the word of faith or truth which Paul and the other apostles taught. It is not by the performance of repetitive, physical and symbolic rituals. It is something that occurs in the mind, believing the truth given them by God through Paul.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

The Jews did not believe Christ had risen from the dead and are still waiting for His First Coming to occur.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart [the mind] man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

What you really believe; what's in your mind comes out of your mouth.

Luk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the

evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

The way to salvation is to believe God's truth and in this way have the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The only ones who can call on the name of the Lord are those who are being called by the holy spirit God the Father. They will be saved if they follow their calling and remain faithful unto the end of their lives

Salvation doesn't happen because we belong to a certain organization of men, are following certain men, go to a certain geographical location (Jerusalem) or to a certain physical building called a temple or church. It is something that happens and lives in the minds of those called and chosen who remain faithful.

Now continuing with our examination of the New Covenant.

### **When Will this New Covenant be Made?**

Eze 11:16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

End time Israel is to be conquered and scattered across the nations of the world.

Eze 11:17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

God, in this instance, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman, will

gather Israel out of the countries where they have been scattered and resettle them in the Promised Land.

This occurs at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming to Israel. He will then spend 3 1/2 years confirming the covenant with them (Dan 9:27).

Eze 11:18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

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:

All of Israel returned from its second captivity among the Gentiles will be called by the holy spirit God the Father and given its first and only chance at salvation as is the case for everyone God the Father calls.

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.

Those who respond to God the Father's calling and commit themselves to obeying Him to the best of their abilities until the end of their natural lives become [part of](#) God's spiritual nation of Israel or God's Church [which started on the Day of Pentecost](#). All those who follow their calling and who commit themselves to obey God are the ones who can be saved.

Not all of them will.

**Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**

When God calls someone, he gives that person sufficient spiritual knowledge for him to understand that he has to make the choice of either following his calling or remaining in the world. Those refusing to follow their calling are those that are not chosen.

God sets life and death before everyone that He calls and all are given the same command: [choose](#).

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore [choose](#) life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

But God will not force anyone to choose something contrary to their will. If death is chosen (rejecting God's calling), God will not intervene to force

that person to choose life even if it means the second death for him.

**Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

When called by God the Father, the called out one must knowingly and willingly choose to be led. God will **not force** anyone to obey Him.

God also makes it clear that of the few chosen, few remain faithful.

**Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

Of the few that are chosen, it is the many that seek to enter into God's Kingdom by taking the broad way. This is the way of compromise where the newly converted Christians tries to keep a foot in the world and a foot in the church.

They lose their salvation because as Christ tells us all:

**Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

The reason why many of the new converts choose the broad way is because they find the requirements established by God for entering into His Kingdom too demanding and too restrictive. It prevents them from continuing to maintain their previous lifestyle.

**Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

God says that it is few of the chosen who stay on the strait and narrow way that leads to salvation. The strait and narrow way are the requirements of God's law that converts have to try to observe to the best of their abilities until the end of their natural lives.

So, though all of Israel will be called, it is only the few who will follow their calling and remain faithful. This means that the greatest part of Israel, even after having been called, will remain unconverted. Even after the making of the New Covenant, there will continue to exist a physical unconverted nation of Israel that will remain until the end of the Millennium.

### **Who Will Come to Make the New Covenant with Physical Israel?**

In the Old Testament, we find a prophecy of what would happen to the physical nation of Israel after the death of Moses. They would completely corrupt themselves (Deu 31:29) by worshiping idols (Deu 4:16) which they would make for themselves.

Deu 4:16 Lest ye **corrupt** yourselves, and **make you a graven image**, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

Deu 31:29 For I know that after my death ye will **utterly** corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

The twin sins of physical Israel for which they were punished by God where idol worshiping and Sabbath breaking.

Eze 20:8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

Eze 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

Eze 20:13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and **they despised** my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and **my sabbaths** they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

Israel would continue in its wicked ways but God says there would come a time when He would raise up to them a prophet.

Deu 18:18 I will raise them up **a Prophet from among their brethren**, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

A prophet would be raised up from among their brethren. It would be an Israelite.

Which one?

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

Christ was of the tribe of Judah and is an Israelite. He is the great high priest of God's Church or spiritual nation of Israel.

Heb 7:11 If therefore **perfection** were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Perfection or the forgiveness of sin was never possible under the Levitical priesthood of Aaron, so there was a need for another priesthood which would not be a priesthood similar to the one that existed under Aaron which could never forgive sin.

A new priesthood with a new high priest administering a law that could bring perfection or the forgiveness of sin was therefore needed.

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we [**members of God's spiritual nation**] have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, [**only Jesus has passed into the heavens or ascended to heaven**] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

The resurrected and glorified Christ is the great high priest according to the order of Melchisedec who abides forever (is immortal) and who is the perfect sacrifice that only needed to be offered once and which forgave the sins of mankind upon repentance and belief.

Moses had prophesied that a prophet would come to Israel and that those who would refuse to obey him will be held responsible. This prophet is the means God will use to begin the calling of Israel.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken [**obey, follow**] unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. [**He will be held responsible and suffer the consequences of his disobedience; he will lose his salvation.**]

Deu 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a

word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

False prophets knowingly speaking lies to gain a following for themselves from which they can make a living will die the 2nd death. God says they would come among God's faithful and spread lies to get people to follow them and make money off of them. But God also says that their damnation is not sleeping or slumbering. In other words, their destruction in the Lake of Fire is certain; they will not escape God's judgment on them.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and **their damnation slumbereth not.**

Now back to Deuteronomy 18.

Deu 18:21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? **[How will we know whether someone is a false prophet or not?]**

Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, **[it is not from the LORD]** but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid **[obey or follow]** of him.

Israel would worship idols (Deu 4:16; Deu 31:29) and break God's Sabbath (Ez 20:12-13) but God says He would send them a true prophet.

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the **presence** of the Lord;

God the Father will send God the Word and Spokesman, to the physical descendants of the ancient nation of Israel. The time of refreshing or restoration of all thing “.... *shall come from the presence of the Lord.* The LORD will be present among the Israelites when the times of refreshing or restoration occurs; it would occur as a result of LORD being there; it would not simply be a man.

Act 3:20 And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, [the Lord] which before was preached unto you:

Act 3:21 [Jesus Christ] Whom the heaven must receive [who is to remain in heaven] until the times of restitution [restoration] of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you [Israel] of your brethren, [Jesus was an Israelite of the tribe of Judah] like unto me [Moses; He was God's true spokesman to ancient Israel]; him [Jesus-Christ] shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

This verse is talking about a time when Christ is to come again to Israel. At the time this was written Christ had ascended to His Father and no longer was on the earth. But He is to come back to them at a time far into their future and which is still ahead of us today; the time of Christ's 2nd Coming to Israel NOT the world.

Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, [Every Israelite in this case] which will not hear [refuse to believe and obey] that prophet, shall be destroyed [not become part of] from among the people.[God's New Testament spiritual nation of Israel; they will lose the salvation offered them.]

Christ had told His disciples that Elijah was to come and restore all things

Mat 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

Mat 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

When Elijah came to Israel, he showed them who was the true God in the confrontation that occurred on mount Carmel between himself as the representative of the one, true God and the prophets of Baal. You can read the story of that confrontation in 1 Kings 18:11-40.

When Elias or Elijah comes again to Israel, he will also show them who is the one true God they should worship and teach them how to worship Him. This Elijah-to-come is the resurrected and glorified Christ (Act 3:21) who will come a second time to Israel to complete the 2nd part of His 7 year ministry. When He first came to Israel, His ministry lasted for 3 1/2

years; it was to last 7 years.

Dan 9:27 And he [the Messiah or the Christ] shall confirm the covenant with many [for 3 1/2 years with ancient Israel at Christ's First Coming and for 3 1/2 years with end-time Israel at His 2nd Coming] for one week [7 prophetic days which in accomplishment are 7 years]: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, [Christ died crucified after 3 1/2 years of His ministry to ancient Israel] and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. [Israel was destroyed by the Romans after they rebelled against them after Christ's death. They ceased to exist as a nation.]

There today remains a requirement for Christ to complete the second part of His ministry to Israel. This He will do at the time of His Second Coming to the end-time nation of Israel that He will gather from the nations where they will have been scattered in captivity and resettle them in the original Promised Land. Then He will spend 3 1/2 years confirming the Covenant with them and those who enter into the New Covenant become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel which started with the converts of the first New Testament day of Pentecost when, of the men called by the holy spirit God the Father on that day, about 3,000 were converted (Act 2:41).

### **The Calling of Physical Israel**

As we have been seeing, God says the day is coming when He will make a new covenant with Israel so they too may have an opportunity for salvation. We learn of Israel's future calling in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans.

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

Paul is explaining here that he is an Israelite and that God is using him, so He hasn't abandoned or cast away his people, Israel. So they shouldn't despair.

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he fore-knew. 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.

Elias or Elijah was complaining to God about the wickedness of Israel and that he felt he was all alone in Israel in obeying God.

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.

God reassures Elijah he is not alone. There are 7,000 men who are not worshiping idols in Israel like all the others are.

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

And then Paul says that the same situation prevails in the Israel of his days where there are also some of Israel who are obeying God and are under grace. In other words, God has called some of them and they have followed their calling; not all of Israel is lost.

Then in the next verse, Paul explains what is meant by the word "grace." It is not as a result of works as grace is a free unmerited gift from God. If the forgiveness of sin comes as a result of the works of the law i.e., the ceremonial and symbolic offerings of the Old Testament, then the forgiveness of sin is no longer by grace but by work. Therefore, Israel must abandon the ritualistic, physical and repetitive ceremonies, offerings, washings and ordinances given them by Moses as they DO NOT result in the forgiveness of sin or grace.

Ancient Israel was then unconverted and the only way their obedience to God could be demonstrated was by their doing the ritualistic and symbolic ceremonies they had been given to do.

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.

Then Paul starts to discuss the state of Israel's spiritual situation.

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

Israel was to be God's people but they were for the most part unsuccessful in doing so except the election. These are those of Israel who followed the

holy spirit God the Father's calling; they elected or chose to obey God and forsake their former Jewish beliefs. In doing so they became part of God's nation. But, all the others were blinded as Paul states in the following 3 verses. The time of their calling will be during the Millennium and the Last Great Day.

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 alway.

Their spiritual blindness was not removed and they kept having as their goal in life the satisfaction of their fleshly appetites and they kept on worshiping the different idols they had made for themselves.

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.

Israel saw itself as being God's chosen people and, in a physical sense, they were. But God's chosen people in New Testament times is spiritual Israel who are all those called by the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling and remain faithful. God said He would provoke the ancient physical nation of Israel to jealousy by turning to the Gentiles and extending salvation to them. This is mentioned in Rom 10:19

Rom 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

In Rom 10:19 Paul is referring to Deu 32:21

Deu 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I [God] will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish [those not called and for whom God's wisdom is foolishness] nation.

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?

The Gentiles are referred to here as being a foolish nation in that God had not been working with them; He had chosen Israel. Here Paul is saying if God's temporary rejection of physical Israel by God results in the Gentiles being called first to salvation how more beneficial it will be to the world when the time comes for God to again start working with Israel to bring them to salvation.

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.

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.

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.

Paul is telling the Gentiles not to think of themselves as superior to Israel and more specifically to the Jews, because they are being first called to salvation instead of them. He tells them that Israel is the root of the tree onto which they are being grafted and that the root [\[Israel, the spiritual nation of Israel\]](#) supports the branches.

He reminds them that Israel, and the Jews specifically, were cut off because of their unbelief (they for the very greatest part rejected God's teachings to them through Paul and the other apostles) and that the Gentiles will also be cut off if they cease to follow the truth given them. The Gentiles and Israel are subject to the same conditions for salvation and being called first before Israel does not mean the Gentiles are any better than the Israelites. So the Gentiles have no reason to think of themselves as being superior to Israel because they are being called first.

Rom 11:23 And they also [those of Israel that are to be called], if they abide not still in unbelief, [if they don't keep on refusing to believe God as they have been doing] shall be grafted in: [be made part of God's spiritual nation of Israel] 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, [Paul calls the Gentiles a wild olive tree, that is, they were not part of the original physical nation of Israel which is God's olive tree] 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?

Israel can also be grafted back in or have access to salvation if they don't continue to reject God's truth. God can call them and those who will follow their calling will then be grafted into the tree from which they had been branches that had been broken off because of their unbelief. And, Paul says, how much easier it will be for God to do so given that ancient physical Israel, are the original cultivated olive tree and not a wild one such as are the Gentiles who have to be grafted into God's true olive tree to receive salvation.

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.

Not all of Israel is to remain blind. The descendants of ancient Israel will be called at the time of the making of the New Covenant following Christ's 2nd Coming but as for those of ancient Israel and their descendants who have long been dead, that time will not be until the Last Great Day.

The conversion of Israel will start with the confirmation of the covenant which occurs after Christ's 2nd Coming and the regathering of Israel to the original Promised Land. The fullness of the Gentiles is when all the Gentiles who were never called will be called along with all those of ancient

Israel who were never called across the centuries during the Last Great Day. Blindness is to remain on the greatest part of Israel until the Last Great Day.

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:

Out of Sion or physical Israel, will come the Deliverer. Christ is an Israelite of the tribe of Judah and a citizen of Sion i.e., Israel. He is the Deliver that will come to Israel after it has been resettled in the original Promised Land for the purpose of confirming the covenant (Dan 9:27) or making the New Covenant with the nation of Israel that will then exist. This is something that will happen after Christ's 2nd Coming.

All of Israel will eventually be called to salvation with some having their calling occur at the time of the confirming of the covenant followed by those who will live during the Millennium and then, by those who will be resurrected in the Last Great Day. In this way all of Israel will be called and given a chance for salvation but not all will be saved. Only those who follow their calling and remain faithful will be saved.,

Rom 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. **[of those who repent, believe and remain faithful]**

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.

The Jews rejected the Gospel and in a sense became God's enemies so He turned to the Gentiles and called them firsts but as for those few of physical Israel who have chosen to believe God, they are beloved of God. Some of ancient Israel did believe though most didn't.

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentence.

God will not change His mind. All will be called, both Israel and the Gentiles, but according to God's plan.

Rom 11:30 For as ye **[Gentiles]** in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their **[Israel's]** unbelief:

God turned to the Gentiles because of Israel's unbelief and Israel's disbe-

lief was to the benefit of the Gentiles whom God called first.

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

Because of the Gentiles who believed God, Israel will be given its opportunity to believe God by being called. The calling of the Gentiles leads to the calling of Israel as previously described.

Rom 11:32 For God hath concluded them **[at first]** all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Paul's conclusion is that God had allowed spiritual blindness to come over all of mankind that he might be merciful to them all.

Rom 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!

Rom 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

Rom 11:35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

Rom 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

All of Israel will be called but not in the way Paul would have wished but God has a plan which He is following in bringing salvation to mankind. The calling of the nation of Israel will only occur during the Millennium and during the Last Great Day while Paul would have liked for their calling as a whole to have started in his days.

This was a long digression from the main topic but I think the information provided here is essential to understanding the remainder of this study.

### **Physical and Spiritual Israel**

As we have just been examining, the calling of the physical nation of Israel, that is, of the original 13-tribe nation of Israel and of their physical descendants will basically begin with the making of the New Covenant with the nation of Israel that will exist at the time of Christ's Second Coming. Their calling and that of the Gentiles will then continue throughout the Millennium and become complete during the Last Great Day when all will be called (Joel 2:28).

However, God also has a spiritual nation of Israel which started on the first New Testament day of Pentecost with those from all nations, who were in Jerusalem, came to conversion.

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

A point of clarification needs to be made here. In the ancient world where travel and communications took a lot of time and where the Jewish nation was centered in Israel, it is extremely unlikely that what Act 2:5 is saying is that there were in Jerusalem Jews who came from every nation of the world to observe the Jewish day of Pentecost. Distance was a very great obstacle and people stayed in their own countries because of the great difficulties and danger posed by having to travel any great distance. The meaning would rather be that indeed there were men out of every nation under the heaven who were not Jews. Remember God because of the Jews unbelief, turned to the Gentiles and began calling them first. The men out of every nation under heaven in Jerusalem were in most likelihood Gentiles.

The members of God's new spiritual nation of Israel for the very greatest part is composed of Gentiles who are from the nations of the world.

They were called by the holy spirit God the Father and those who followed their calling became chosen and their past sins were forgiven. Their future sins would also be forgiven as long as they remained faithful and maintained their attitude of wanting to obey God in all things to the best of their ability.

In that their sins were forgiven both past and future, they have essentially entered into the New Covenant that God will make at the time of Christ's Second Coming with the descendants of the physical nation of Israel that will be in existence at the time of His Second Coming.

The forgiveness of sin making possible salvation is what the New Covenant is all about and is the reason why this New Covenant will have to be made with the physical nation of Israel to provide it with their opportunity for salvation.

The New Covenant is an agreement made between God and those He calls that if they will commit themselves to obeying Him to the best of their abilities, their past and future sins will be forgiven and they will become sons of God in embryo (conceived but not yet born) able to be born into God's Kingdom as glorified holy spirit beings with eternal life by a resurrection from the dead.

This will occur at Christ's 2nd Coming for those called from Adam and Eve to the time of Christ's 2nd Coming . All the others, from the Millennium to the Last Great Day, will be born as glorified holy spirit beings at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Last Great Day.

The New Covenant that will be made with the descendants of the physical nation of Israel at Christ's 2nd Coming is essentially the time of the beginning of the calling of physical Israel as a whole. This process will continue throughout the Millennium and during the Last Great Day for physical Israel and for the Gentiles. T

The Millennium and the Last Great Day is the time of God's great ingathering of His saints that leads to the completion of His plan of salvation for mankind at the end of the Last Great Day with the Great White Throne Judgment. Once the goats are separated from the sheep (Mat 25: 31-34), the wicked (the goats) will die in the Lake of Fire which is the Second Death from which no resurrection is possible. The Lake of Fire will grow to encompass the earth and then the whole universe.

Mal 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. [\[The Second Death in the Lake of Fire.\]](#)

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Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of

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life was cast into the lake of fire.

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2Pe3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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Rev 21:1 And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The current material universe and all physical beings whether animals or human beings will be consumed in the Lake of fire. There will then no longer be any flesh and blood men in existence on the new earth and in the new heaven that God will create after the ending of the present earth and universe following the Great White Throne Judgment.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with **men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

At the time when the New Jerusalem comes down from heaven, there are no longer any flesh-and-blood men alive as all human beings who were not saved, the wicked, died the second death in the Lake of Fire and all human beings who were saved, the lambs, became glorified holy spirit beings and part of God's Kingdom. (Mat 25: 31-34)

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: **for the former things are passed away.**

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, **I make all things new.** And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

### **Closing Summary**

In the days of the Worldwide Church of God headed up by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the New Covenant was not discussed very much nor were any real explanation given of what it was, of when it would happen, with whom it was to be made and of who was to come and make it.

The New Covenant as we have seen is the holy spirit God the Father proceeding to call the physical nation of Israel starting with the descendants of the ancient nation of Israel that will be alive at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming. The New Covenant makes salvation possible for those who choose to obey God to the best of their abilities after having been called by the holy spirit God the Father. The making of the New Covenant is something that will continue throughout the Millennium with the children of the Israelites who will be born during the Millennium and with the Israelites that will be resurrected on the Last Great Day.

The New Covenant was also being made long before Christ's 2nd Coming with those God has been calling since the first day of the New Testament day of Pentecost. Remember that God said He would provoke Israel to jealousy with a nation that is not a people. These would be the Gentiles or non-Israelites who were not God's people nor a single nation but from all the nations of the world. God would first make the New Covenant with them; He would first be calling men from the Gentile nations rather than physical Israelites.

Israelites thought of themselves as being God's chosen people and they were, but only as a physical nation. They were not His chosen people as His spiritual nation. Those of His spiritual nation are those called by God the Father and who become chosen by God and made part of His spiritual nation of Israel by their commitment to obey Him in all things to the best of their abilities. God's chosen spiritual people is spiritual Israel and the New Covenant was first made with them starting on the day of Pentecost.

The New Covenant, simply stated, is God the Father calling men to salvation and those choosing to follow their calling by committing themselves

to obey Him becoming part of God's spiritual nation of Israel.

The prophet of God that is to come to the end time physical nation of Israel is not any man who appointed himself as a prophet or who was appointed as a prophet by an organization of men. It is Christ coming for a second time, not to the world, but to the end-time nation of Israel to complete His 7 year ministry. It will then be the time when God will call all Israelites and all men during the Millennium.

Joe 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:

The critical difference between the Old and the New Covenant is that the New Covenant makes salvation possible upon repentance and belief while the Old Covenant's physical and symbolic sacrifices, offerings and ceremonies of the Levitical priesthood of the order of Aaron could never forgive sin and make salvation possible.

This is why God's spiritual nation or God's Church is a New Covenant Church. It is the foolish nation that is not a people that God says He will use to make physical Israel jealous.

Deu 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are **not a people**; I will provoke them to anger with **a foolish nation**.

Rom 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are **no people**, and by **a foolish nation** I will anger you.

God's spiritual nation of Israel is not a specific nation of this world; its members are from all the nations of the world. They are not a people; they are from many nations. In the eyes of the Israelites, God's spiritual nation of Israel will appear foolish. However, God's spiritual nation is invisible to the world; it is not a visible organization of men in a given geographical location occupying buildings on corporately-owned properties. God's Church is all those called and chosen wherever they may be in the world, alone or in small groups, organized or not.

It is only at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment that Israel will realize that they were wrong in thinking that they had the truth and were God's people. They will then realize that God's people and nation is the

spiritual nation of Israel whose members for the very greatest part are from the Gentile nations of the world.

That is the time when those of the nation of Israel who rejected God's calling or who turned away from it will be moved to jealousy and provoked to anger. They will also then realize the error of their way and some will weep at their foolishness of not having accepted God's calling or turned away from it and, some will be angry placing the blame on God for losing their salvation.

**Mat 24:51** And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Mat 25:30** And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Luk 13:28** There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

The New Covenant that will be made with the descendants of the physical nation of Israel at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming has been and is being made with all those called by God from the first day of the NT day of Pentecost unto our days. The process will continue throughout the Millennium and during the Last Great Day until the time of the Great White Throne Judgment.

All those ever called have had to choose between committing themselves to obeying God until the end of their natural lives or to stay in the world. Choosing to obey God to the best of one's ability after having been given to know the truth is the very New Covenant that will be offered to the physical nation of Israel in existence at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming.

God's spiritual nation of Israel is a New Covenant Church and physical Israelites can only become part of God's spiritual nation by entering that same covenant when it will be offered to them at Christ's 2nd Coming and to their descendants during the Millennium and those resurrected in the Last Great Day when God the Father will call all men.

