

THE COVENANT PEOPLE OF GOD - PART II

I. Breaking of the Mosaic or First Covenant

- A. Broken covenant stated by God through the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 31:32)
- B. Caused Yehovah to divorce Israel as a result of the covenant being broken (Jer. 3:6-8)
- C. Caused the whole House of Israel to go into captivity as part of the curses resulting from breaking the covenant (Deut. 28:45-68) - The Northern kingdom of Israel were made captives by the Assyrians (722 BCE); the Southern kingdom of Judah were made captives by the Babylonians (597-586 BCE).

II. Events leading to the time of the New Covenant

- A. Return of the people of Israel back to the land of Israel after Babylonian captivity
 - 1) Lost sheep being gathered to be put into a fold (Ezekiel 34:11-25)
- B. Rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem
- C. Reestablishing of the worship of Yehovah under Ezra

III. Transition in Leadership prior to the New Covenant's enactment

- A. Authority of the kingdom of God taken from the corrupt religious leadership of Israel (Matt. 21:33-43)
- B. Keys (authority) of the kingdom of God given to the Apostles of Messiah and corporately shared by the people of God under the New Covenant (Matt. 16:19)
- C. Apostles to become the new leadership for the people of God (Israel) that receive the New Covenant

IV. The New Covenant (Second covenant) and the People of God

- A. New Covenant (being the second covenant) made with the house of Israel and Judah (Congregation of Israel) (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:7-13)
- A. Yeshua the Messiah is the mediator of the New Covenant (Heb. 8:6)
- B. Established or ratified by blood of Messiah.
- C. Torah written in the hearts of God's covenant people to be part of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:33)
- D. People of God embraces the Torah to Messiah (law of Christ) within the New Covenant (I Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2b)
- E. Melki-tzedek priesthood included within the New Covenant (Heb. 7:11-24; I Peter 2:5)
- F. Better covenant based upon better promises (Heb. 8:6)

V. Events that marked the New Covenant having been established with the Congregation of Israel

- A. The three entrance ways of the Temple opening by themselves
 - 1. The veil before the Holy of Holies was torn open by itself (Matt. 27:51)