



Unit 12: The Gospels and Revelation.

The New Covenant

“However, in the future I will allure her [Israel]; I will lead her back into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. From there I will give back her vineyards to her, and turn the ‘Valley of Trouble’ into an ‘Opportunity for Hope.’ There she will sing as she did when she was young, when she came up from the land of Egypt.’ ‘At that time,’ declares Yahweh, ‘you will call me, ‘My husband;’ you will never again call me, ‘My master.’ For I will remove the names of the Ba’al idols from your lips, so that you will never again utter their names!’” (Hosea 2:14-17)

The New Covenant

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The New Covenant

“Indeed, a time is coming,’ says Yahweh, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I delivered them from Egypt. For they violated that covenant, even though I was like a faithful husband to them,’ says Yahweh. ‘But I will make a new covenant with the whole nation of Israel after I plant them back in the land,’ says Yahweh. ‘I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts and minds. I will be their God and they will be my people. People will no longer need to teach their neighbors and relatives to know me. For all of them, from the least important to the most important, will know me,’ says Yahweh. ‘For I will forgive their sin and will no longer call to mind the wrong they have done.’” (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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- **New Covenant will replace Mosaic Covenant**
- **Law written on their hearts**
- **Forgiven of sins**

The New Covenant

“After all of this I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your elderly will have revelatory dreams; your young men will see prophetic visions. Even on male and female servants I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will produce portents both in the sky and on the earth – blood, fire, and columns of smoke. The sunlight will be turned to darkness and the moon to the color of blood, before the day of Yahweh comes – that great and terrible day! It will so happen that everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be delivered. For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who survive, just as Yahweh has promised; the remnant will be those whom Yahweh will call.” (Joel 2:28-32)

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The New Covenant

“Therefore say: ‘This is what the sovereign Yahweh says: When I regather you from the peoples and assemble you from the lands where you have been dispersed, I will give you back the country of Israel.’ When they return to it, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. I will give them one heart and I will put a new spirit within them; I will remove the hearts of stone from their bodies and I will give them tender hearts, so that they may follow my statutes and observe my regulations and carry them out. Then they will be my people, and I will be their God. But those whose hearts are devoted to detestable things and abominations, I hereby repay them for what they have done, says the sovereign Yahweh.” (Ezekiel 11:17-21)

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The New Covenant

- Reestablishing of the kingdom (Amos 9:11-12; Hosea 3:4-5)
- Everlasting Kingdom (Mic. 5:1-6; Isa. 40:1-11; Ez. 34:11-31; Dan. 2:35-36, 44-45)
- Absolute ruler (1 Chr. 17:7-15; Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-6; 33:17-24; Zec. 9:9-10)
- Righteous & peaceful ruler (Isa. 32:1-20; Jer. 23:1-8; 33:14-26)
- Ruler concerned with the needy and poor (Isaiah 61:1-2)
- Unique to all others kings (Daniel 9:24-27; Ezekiel 45:7-16; 46:2-18)
- Removal of sin (Zechariah 3:8-10)
- The Lord will mount the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4-7)
- Will lead them in pure worship (Ezekiel 45:7-16; 46:2-18)
- Virgin birth of one named Immanuel (Isa. 7:14)

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- **The Messiah**

The Sign

- Grain = life
- Wine = abundance and Joy of life
- Olive Oil = spiritual life (Holy Spirit)

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; the nations will obey him. Binding his foal to the vine, and his colt to the choicest vine, he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be dark from wine, and his teeth white from milk.” (Genesis 49:10-11)

The Sign

“Yahweh responded to his people, ‘Look! I am about to restore your grain as well as fresh wine and olive oil. You will be fully satisfied. I will never again make you an object of mockery among the nations.’” (Joel 2:19)

“The threshing floors are full of grain; the vats overflow with fresh wine and olive oil.” (Joel 2:24)

The Sign

“They will come and shout for joy on Mount Zion. They will be radiant with joy over the good things Yahweh provides, the grain, the fresh wine, the olive oil, the young sheep and calves he has given to them. They will be like a well-watered garden and will not grow faint or weary any more.” (Jeremiah 31:12)

The Initiation of Jesus

The Baptism— Matthew 3:13-17

- Yahweh and the old covenant prophet, John, anoint Jesus as king (Messiah).

The Temptation— Matthew 4:1-11

- The question is “what kind of Messiah is Jesus?”
- Jesus is the better Adam, Israel, and king-prophet.

First Miracle— John 2:1-11

- Abundance of wine is the sign of the Messiah and New Covenant.
- Wine (king) is now connected to cleansing water (priest).

The Validation of Jesus

Son of Man Healing — Luke 5:17-26

- The God-man has authority to forgive sins.

Eating of the Grain on the Sabbath — Luke 6:1-5

- Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, creation, and Mosaic Law.

Walking on the Water — John 6:16-21

- Jesus is Yahweh, the subduer of evil and chaos.

Feeding of the Five Thousand — Luke 9:10-17

- Abundance of grain is the sign of the Messiah and New Covenant.
- Jesus is Yahweh providing bread in the wilderness.

The Revealing of Jesus

Transfiguration — Luke 9:28-36

- Jesus is the Shekinah glory of Yahweh.

Triumphal Entry — Luke 19:35-40

- Jesus is the glory of Yahweh returned to Israel. He is the temple (Father's house).

The Passover — Luke 22:14-20

- Jesus is the new covenant who atones for sins.

Death and Resurrection — Luke 23-24

- Jesus is rebuilt temple providing atonement and the water of life.

The Revealing of Jesus

Great Commission — Matthew 28:16-20

- The Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit are all God and we are to bear His image by expanding the garden.

Pentecost — Acts 2:1-5

- The Spirit is the glory of Yahweh and anoints all people (olive oil) and making them the new Israel and temple.

The New Covenant

Requirements

- Obey all the commands of Jesus.
- Make disciples of all nations (expand the garden).

Blessings

- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Law).
- The new Israel (all nations and no evil).
- Forgiven of sins.
- Chosen people, royal priesthood, and a holy nation.

- The sign is the grain, wine, and olive oil.
- The covenant is unconditional.



Revelation

- The main idea is that Jesus Christ is coming back to make all things right and to join heaven and earth together under His rule.
- Apocalyptic literature uses symbolic visions that reveal a heavenly perspective on history in light of its final outcome.
- The tribulation is upon the churches and will force them to choose between compromise and faithfulness.
- Each church is offered a reward if they are faithful that ties directly to the marriage of heaven and earth (Rev. 21-22).

The Lamb and the Scroll

- The scroll represents the message of the prophets of how Yahweh's kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven (Isa. 6:18; Ezek. 2-3; Dan. 12).
- John hears about the lion but sees the sacrificed lamb.
- The lamb is worthy to open the scroll because of His sacrifice that brought redemption to the nations.
- The first Testament promise of Yahweh's future, victorious kingdom was inaugurated through the crucified Messiah.
- The 3 sets of 7 represent Yahweh's judgment coming on earth.

Different Views

- **Preterist:** The events symbolically portray historical events that literally happened in the first century.
- **Historicist:** The events symbolically portray events that are literally happening between the first and second comings of Christ.
- **Futurist:** The events will literally happen in a future seven-year tribulation.
- **Idealist:** These are symbolic of general events in history between the first and second comings of Christ given from three different perspectives.

The Seven Seals

- 1-4) The four horseman are Yahweh's judgments on earth (Rom. 1-2).
- 5) Yahweh promises to vindicate the martyrs.
- 6) Yahweh comes to judge the world.
- Yahweh states that only those from all the nations who have the Holy Spirit escape His judgment.
- 7) Yahweh's judgment comes to an end and the 7 trumpets are revealed.

The Seven Trumpets

- 1-6) the plagues of Egypt are unleashed on the earth, but the nations do not repent.
- The world may be able to kill the believers, but they cannot take away their salvation.
- The two witnesses are the believers who are killed but Yahweh resurrects them.
- Yahweh's kingdom will be revealed when the nations see the Church imitating the loving sacrifice of the Lamb their king.
- Yahweh's mercy brings repentance.
- 7) Yahweh judgment comes to an end and the 7 bowls are revealed.

The Signs

- The dragon tries to destroy the believers but they conquer him by resisting his influence.
- The two beasts represent the military and economic powers of the world.
- 666 is the mark of man and symbolizes an incomplete redemption.
- The Lamb is the king over the new Jerusalem.
- Will the Church be harvested into life or trampled in fury like grapes?

The Seven Bowls

- 1-6) The Exodus plagues again.
- The dragon and the beast (Gog) wage war against Yahweh's people.
- 7) Yahweh defeats evil once and for all on the Day of Yahweh.

The Final Battle

- The woman that rides the dragon is Babylon (Gog).
- Babylon, the archetype of human rebellion, falls on the Day of Yahweh.
- Christ comes in His own blood with the Word of Yahweh proclaiming a bloodless victory.
- The people of Gog are thrown into a hell of their own making.
- Christ and the martyrs reign on earth for 1,000 years.
- Christ the king completely destroys evil and vindicates His followers.

The Marriage of Heaven and Earth

- Yahweh comes to live with His bride, the new creation.
- All of Creation is the new garden/temple of Yahweh and the Lamb.
- Humanity is fully restored back to the image of God and is commanded to rule and subdue.

