

## Messiah Reigns! “God’s Covenants and Promises”

Covenant	Biblical Reference	With whom was it Established	Details
<b>Adamic</b>	Genesis 3:14-24	Adam and Eve (all of humanity)	<b>God punished Adam, Eve and the serpent for their sins</b> by cursing the serpent above all other creatures, increasing the pain of child birth and cursing the ground. In verse 15 there is a hint that God will provide a redeemer.
<b>Noahic</b>	Genesis 8:15-9:19	Noah and his descendants (all of humanity)	<p>After the flood <b>God made an everlasting covenant with Noah</b>. He instructed Noah and his sons to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. He promised never to destroy the earth again via a flood and placed the rainbow in the sky as the sign of the covenant. In addition God allowed the eating of meat that had been drained of blood. He also prohibited murder.</p> <p>The rabbis expanded the requirements of this covenant into 7 for gentiles who were God fearers and renounced idolatry but who were not willing to undergo full conversion to Judaism. The rabbis called them B’nei Noach (Sons of Noah. <b>In Acts 15 at the Council of Jerusalem</b> it was determined that gentiles wishing to become a part of “The Way” didn’t have to convert to Judaism. Some see the requirements of Acts 15:28 a reference to the requirements for B’nei Noach (Sons of Noah), the rabbinic view of the 7 laws of Noach. More likely, it was the basic minimum requirements for the new gentile converts to be able to fellowship with their fellow Jewish brothers.</p>
<b>Abrahamic</b>	Genesis 12:1-3; 15; 17; 26:23-25; 28:10-22	Abram, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants (the Nation of Israel)	<b>God established an everlasting covenant with Abram and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob</b> . The covenant establishes Abram and his descendants as God’s chosen people and provided them with land. <b>God promised to bless all of the nations (all of humanity) through him</b> . Anyone who cursed Abram and his descendants would be cursed and anyone who blessed them would be blessed.
<b>Mosaic</b>	Exodus 19-40 Leviticus 23	Moses and the Nation of Israel	<b>God established the Nation of Israel and commissioned them to be priests for all the nations</b> . He provided them with the Law. God established His appointed times (Feasts of the Lord or mo’adim), the Tabernacle and all its elements, the priesthood, and the sacrificial system.
<b>Davidic</b>	2 Samuel 7:8-16 1 Chronicles 17:11-14 Luke 1:32-33	David, his direct descendant Yeshua (Jesus) and the Nation of Israel	<b>God promised David that He would raise up a King from his offspring</b> and would establish His throne and Kingdom forever. God states, “I will be His father, and He will be My son.” 2 Samuel 7:14.

<p><b>New</b></p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-37; 32:37-44 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Luke 22:14-20 John 14:15-17 Romans 8:1-4 Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:11-28; 10:15-25</p>	<p>The Nation of Israel (and all of humanity through Yeshua)</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Jesus is derived from the Greek transliteration for the Hebrew, Yeshua, which comes from “God saves,” (Matthew 1:21).</p>	<p><b>God instituted a covenant that works from the inside out.</b> (Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 10:14). God replaced the Levitical Priesthood order with the eternal and superior Melchizedek Priesthood with Yeshua as the eternal High Priest (Genesis 14:18, Hebrews 7:11-8:6). He replaced the sacrificial system with a one-time permanent sacrifice of Yeshua’s death. His atonement provided cleansing for all sins. Under the Mosaic Covenant, atonement provided forgiveness/cleansing on a 1:1 basis (one sacrifice: one sin, Levities 4:20). Furthermore, Yeshua’s atonement cleanses our consciences thoroughly of the guilt of sin, generally (Hebrew 9:14; 10:14). The New Covenant promises the presence of the Holy Spirit through whom we are enabled to live a godly life.</p> <p>With the New Covenant we have the Law written in our minds and on our heart. We have an eternal and perfect High Priest who perpetually intercedes for us. We have the total solution to sin. The only outstanding variable for salvation is YOU! Salvation is a gift. <i>You</i> either accept or reject God’s truth. <i>You</i> and I receive salvation the same way Abraham did, by faith (Genesis 15:6; 22:8-14). <b>“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Yeshua is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”</b> Romans 10:9.</p>
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Gentiles and the New Covenant	Biblical References	Details
<p><b>First Gentile</b></p>	<p>Acts 10</p>	<p>From the beginning, gentiles have been an integrated part of God’s plan for salvation (Genesis 12:3; Isa. 42:6). However, Yeshua’s ministry was to the Jews (although He did minister to some individual gentiles). In Matthew 10:5-6 He forbids His talmidim (disciples) from reaching out to anyone other than the house of Israel prior to His ascension. It was several years after His ascension that the first gentile became a member of the Messianic Jewish Community, the Church.</p>
<p><b>Grafted In</b></p>	<p>Romans 11:17-25</p>	<p>Gentiles are referred to as wild olive branches, grafted into the cultivated olive tree (God’s redemptive work with Israel), by their faith in Yeshua. Their faith makes them spiritual descendants of Abraham and co-heirs to the promises of the New Covenant (Galatians 3:28-29).</p>
<p><b>One New Man</b></p>	<p>Ephesians 2</p>	<p>Through Yeshua both Jews and gentiles have been reconciled into One New Man (Ephesians 2:14-21). Yet, we retain our individual identity—Scripture presents <b>unity in diversity</b>.</p>