

"God's Relationship with Israel"

Romans 9-11

Part 7

Introduction: In our study of Romans 9 we are currently looking at the 8 privileges given to the Nation of Israel and in that list, we are looking at the covenants.

Notice Romans 9:4

So far, we have looked at three of the five covenants made with the nation. We shall look at one more tonight then we will move on in Romans 9.

I. The Abrahamic Covenant

This covenant which God made with Abraham had two major points of interest:

1. The Land

Genesis 15:7, 18

⁷ *And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.*

¹⁸ *In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:*

2. The Seed

Genesis 22:17-18

¹⁷ *That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;*

¹⁸ *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

II. The Land Covenant

The Land Covenant reaffirmed the promise of the land to the Nation of Israel. It is found in Deuteronomy 30:1-10

III. The Davidic Covenant

The Davidic Covenant affirmed and enlarged the SEED promises made to Abraham in the Abrahamic Covenant. This covenant is recorded in **2 Samuel 7:12-13, Psalm 89:3-4, and in Jeremiah 32:22, 25-26**

There are 5 provisions in the Davidic Covenant:

1. David would have a son who would succeed him and establish his kingdom.
2. His son would build the temple instead of David.
3. The throne of his kingdom would be established **forever**.
4. The throne would not be taken away from his son (Solomon) even though his sins would justify doing so.
5. David's house, throne, and kingdom shall be established **forever**.

This now brings us to where we are in our study tonight.

IV. The New Covenant

This covenant is recorded in Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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:

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:

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.

³⁴ And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

We will look at some of the other verses as we move on.

A. The Provisions of the Covenant

I am going to borrow from Ryrie's words to help us to see some of the provisions of this covenant.

1. The New Covenant is UNCONDITIONAL. It is a GRACE covenant resting completely upon the faithfulness of God. This is seen in the phrase "I WILL".
2. The New Covenant is an EVERLASTING covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31, 33-34

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Ezekiel 16:60, 62

⁶⁰ Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

⁶² And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

3. The New Covenant promises a new mind, a new heart and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, this is regeneration.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

²⁸ And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

4. The New Covenant promises the COMPLETE forgiveness of sins.

Jeremiah 31:34

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5. The New Covenant promises peace and safety to Israel.

Hosea 2:18

¹⁸ And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

Now, Ryrie reminds us that peace and safety are characteristics of the Millennial Kingdom.

Isaiah 2:4

⁴ And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

This helps us to understand that the New Covenant will be fulfilled in the 1000-year reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Israel will be blessed with material blessings in their land.

Ezekiel 34:25-27

²⁵ And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

²⁶ And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

²⁷ And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

B. The Recipients of the New Covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31

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:

Here we see that the New Covenant is promised to the Nation of Israel. This then raises a question, "Does the Church share in the New Covenant and if so, how can it be when the New Covenant is made with Israel?"

The church does share in the New Covenant. We enjoy the spiritual blessings of this covenant.

1. We have the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2. We have a new heart and mind.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

3. Our sins are completely forgiven.

Ephesians 1:7

⁷ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

How can the body of Christ share in this covenant since it was made with Israel? I believe the answer to this is twofold:

1. The New Covenant was ratified by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 26:26-28

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament [Covenant], which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

We who are saved are washed in the blood of the New Covenant.

2. We are IN CHRIST.

Ephesians 2:13

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

We are made nigh by the blood of Jesus Christ and we are in Christ. Being under the blood of the New Covenant and being IN CHRIST who is a Jew, we are then brought in to share in the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant. Not only do we share in the New Covenant, but we are also ministers of the New Covenant.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6a

⁵ Not that we are *sufficient* of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

⁶ Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament;

This means we are to proclaim the blessings of the New Covenant. Now while we share in the spiritual blessings of the New Covenant the church DOES NOT fulfill this covenant. The covenant will be fulfilled with the Nation of Israel in the Millennial Kingdom.

Conclusion:

In closing I want to share with you the thoughts of Pentecost. He points out seven great features from a study of these four covenants:

1. Israel will be a nation forever.
2. Israel will have a land forever.
3. Israel will have a King forever.
4. His throne will last forever.
5. His Kingdom will last forever.
6. Israel will enjoy the New Covenant forever.
7. Israel will enjoy blessings forever.

This is what Paul wants us to understand as we go into Romans 9-11. Israel's part in prophecy is a major part and for that reason God cannot cast them away. God is obligated to fulfill these covenants with His covenant people.