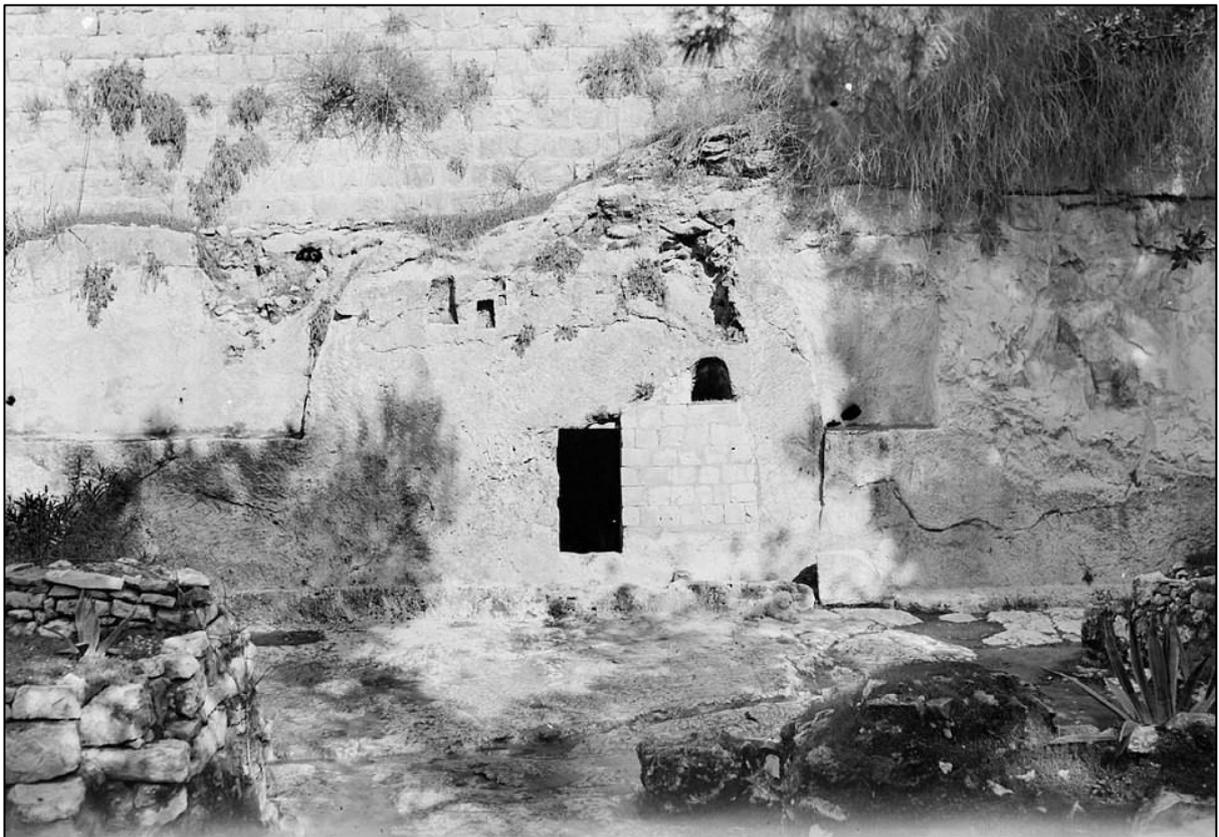


הברית החדשה

THE NEW COVENANT

PURPOSE · RATIFICATION · IMPLEMENTATION · ENTRY



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ITS PURPOSE

There would be no need for a New Covenant if it was merely about forgiving sin. If the latter were the case, Israel could carry on sacrificing rams; their blood atoned for sinful acts for millennia.¹ So why the change? Because ram's blood cannot change the heart. The purpose of the New Covenant is to heal the human heart.

THE BROKEN HEART

In Scripture, the heart is neither our blood pump nor does it refer to a pile of brain tissue; it is rather a spiritual component. While at times used synonymously, the heart consists of spirit and soul, the latter comprising the mental faculties and emotions. Before the fall, attached to G-d's Spirit, the human spirit led the soul, and the soul led the body,² but after the fall this changed.

With the expulsion from Eden, when the spiritual communion of man and G-d was severed, the soul was severed from the spirit: man's heart was broken; sin raised a divide between soul and spirit aka the *foreskin of the heart*.

Since then, contrary to original design and viewed as normal today, man is led by his soul, a heart condition that Scripture labels as 'stony,' 'blind,' or 'broken-hearted.' Like the knowledge of good and evil, this sequel of breach of covenant is passed on through procreation³ and, unless reversed, leads to eternal separation from G-d once the body has stopped working.

The subsequent breaking of the Noahic and Mosaic covenants was a heart disease symptom. To restore man, G-d would introduce a new covenant – through Israel.

¹ Referencing the old and the new covenant, Ephrem writes: "The first had the killing of animals for expiation, ... the second was established through the blood of a man." *Comm. Diat.* VI. 11b. Without a Temple, animal sacrifices cannot be continued; they will be reinstated during the millennium. 'Hamartias' (ἁμαρτίας) is rendered 'sins' in Heb 10:4, yet it denotes our sinful nature. W. Perschbacher, *The New Analytical Greek Lexicon* (Peabody, 2001), 17.

² Cf. 1 Thes 5:23.

³ See Rom 5:12 which references the breach of the Edenic covenant and its pay-off.

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MAKING A NEW COVENANT

The two parties of the New Covenant are the same as those of the Mosaic Covenant: Israel and G-d. The outwardly written Torah is the content of the Mosaic Covenant (sealed with animal blood and an outward manifestation of G-d).

The inwardly written Torah is the essence of the New Covenant (sealed with human blood and an inward manifestation of G-d):⁴

See, a time is coming – declares *Hashem* – when I will make a new covenant with the House of *Yisrael* and the House of *Yebuda*. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, a covenant which they broke, though I espoused them – declares *Hashem*. But such is the covenant I will make with the House of *Yisrael* after these days – declares *Hashem*: I will put My Teaching [*torah*] into their inmost being and inscribe it upon their hearts. (Jer 31:30–32, TIB)

The end-time context of the restoration of national Israel illustrates that the New Covenant hasn't been implemented yet; this will only occur at the Parousia.⁵

Moreover, Gentiles aren't included; the covenant is only between Jewry and G-d.

For this reason, and in order to also grant salvation to the Gentiles, G-d's providence secured two things:

- 1) The ratification of the New Covenant 2,000 years/2 days⁶ before implementation.
- 2) The rejection of the New Covenant by Jewry.

The only reason Gentiles can enter the New Covenant is because Jewry was ordained by G-d to reject it.⁷

⁴ The pierced ('cut') Messiah, being both the messenger of the covenant and the representative of Israel, sealed the New Covenant with his blood, and G-d (who doesn't have any blood) sealed it with his spirit; cf. 1 Jn 5:8 – both spirit & blood represent life. The Messiah is the *Last Adam* because he was born without a fallen nature and never sinned; his sacrifice enables the restoration of men to their pre-fall state. At the same time, he is the *Word* which was in the beginning; the Son who was born/begotten/generated when G-d said: 'Let there be light!' The Messiah is the beginning of creation and the Light of the World. ***It is the light of the Messiah of which it is said "And God saw the light that it was good"*** (Pesikta Rabbati 36).

⁵ In 28 CE, G-d only put his spirit into a remnant of Israel, but not his law. Until 34 CE, tens of thousands of Jews entered the New Covenant followed by the conversion of Gentiles (Dan 9:27a). One misbelief furthered by Rome and her proxies is that the Old Covenant is over; yet it will only vanish at the *Parousia*. Heb 8:13 – ***By saying a new covenant, he has declared that the first is obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old is about to pass away*** (Christian Standard Bible). The Old Covenant was about to pass away because the Messiah's return was deemed imminent.

⁶ Psa 90:4 – ***For in Your sight a thousand years are like yesterday that has passed...*** (cf. 2 Pet 3:8).

⁷ As foreshadowed by Israel's rejection of Yosef and excluding the remnant of Rom 11:5. All Jews will enter the New Covenant at the *Parousia* (Ezek 11:19–20; 36:25–27; 37:14; 39:29; Zech 12:10; Rom 11:26; Bar 4:29); all the Jewish dead will be raised to eternal life (Test. Judah 25:4).

CUTTING THE NEW COVENANT

To *sign* the New Covenant, one must do what the Messiah did – one must die. This happens through water immersion during which the *foreskin of the heart* is CUT and the old nature removed.⁸

The *new heart* in Ezekiel 36:26 is the *undivided heart* of Ezekiel 11:19, both being parallel passages to the above quote from Jeremiah:

I will give them an undivided heart. (Ezek 11:19, NIV)

The phrase does not refer to unity among Jews (though it will be a by-product). It relates to Israel's rebirth at the Parousia when G-d will circumcise each Jewish person's heart through the one who is "alive and powerful, sharper than a double-edged sword, piercing the divide between soul and spirit"⁹ – to wit, through the Messiah:

Then *Adonai* your God will circumcise your hearts [...] with a circumcision performed without human hands by stripping off the corrupt nature by the circumcision performed by the Messiah.
(Deut 30:6, CJB; Col 2:11, ISV)

Once the partition wall, i.e. the foreskin between the human spirit and soul is pierced, G-d supplies his signature by shedding his spirit and 'raising the dead.' In that moment, the divine spirit merges with the human spirit and the person becomes a new creature.¹⁰ He is born of water and spirit, and has entered the New Covenant.¹¹

⁸ See Rom 6:3–8; Col 2:11–12; Heb 4:12. The immersion occurs in Yeshua's name, see also: [\(PDF\) THE ANTI-SEMITIC FORGERY OF MATTHEW 28:19 \(researchgate.net\)](#). A person who has been 'executed' through water immersion, is dead in G-d's eyes and cannot be indicted by the law; their sins are no longer imputed to them; they are free from **the law of sin and death** (Rom 8:2), **that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled** by them (Rom 8:4). G-d's wife Israel, who committed adultery, was put to death by the Shoah. The six million Jews, among them 1.5 million children, were the scapegoat for all Israel. The new, resurrected Israel can't be punished anymore – she is under her husband's protection and grace. See also: [\(PDF\) THE SHOAH IN SCRIPTURE – THE REAL REASON FOR THE HOLOCAUST \(researchgate.net\)](#).

⁹ Heb 4:12, VOICE. The plea to **circumcise your heart** in Deut 10:16 and Jer 4:4 is equivalent to 'stop being stubborn or hard-hearted.' But since man cannot change his sinful heart *condition*, G-d provided a supernatural heart operation through the New Covenant.

¹⁰ See Jn 14:20; 1 Cor 6:17; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15. The infilling of G-d's Spirit is evidenced by *glossolalia* (Acts 2:4; 8:18, 10:46 and 19:6). For a study on the phenomenon of 'speaking in tongues,' see: [\(PDF\) THE CASE FOR TONGUES \(researchgate.net\)](#).

¹¹ See Jn 1:13; 3:5; cf. Acts 2:38. The moment a non-Jew is reborn, he becomes part of Israel and is henceforth subject to her law, i.e. the Torah: **There shall be one law for you and for the resident stranger** (Num 15:15). To retain their salvation, newly saved Gentiles had to immediately forbear any sacrificial-sexual idolatry; through attending the weekly synagogue readings, they would gradually become familiar with the Torah (see Acts 15:20–21). For further study, see the paper: [\(PDF\) WHY MESSIAH'S EARLY FOLLOWERS WERE TORAH OBSERVANT \(PART I\) \(researchgate.net\)](#).

To restore our relationship with G-d, our dormant spirit needs to be revived and resume the leading position it held before the fall. Salvation depends on the rectification of our *inner man*, i.e. the reunion of spirit and soul.¹²

For more information on spiritual circumcision (which does not replace physical circumcision for Jews), please see: [\(PDF\) HOW TO BE SAVED – \(researchgate.net\) איך להציל](#)



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¹² While rebirth is a condition of salvation, a regenerate person can lose his salvation through incessant lawlessness and idolatry, e.g. Trinity worship (Mt 7:22–23; 13:41; 2 Pet 2:22; Heb 6:4–8). See also: [\(PDF\) MASTERPIECE OF DIABOLICAL REPLACEMENT – THE HOLY TRINITY \(researchgate.net\)](#).