

Outline for Session 5: The New Covenant and the Future of Israel

I. Introduction - Reminder of assumptions and limitations

Recall the Big Questions to Ponder:

- Is the OT for the Church?
- Does the full interpretation of the OT rest in itself, or is it found in the NT?
- More than one plan of salvation? (i.e. Is Jesus the only way to the Father?)
- Does the “Church” only contain Gentiles?
- Are all the promises of God a “yes” in Jesus?
- Did Christ’s blood apply to ALL persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation?
- Is Jesus heir of ALL things?
- Was Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross the final sacrifice for ALL people?
- Does the New Covenant made through Jesus make the previous covenants obsolete?
- When you’re talking about “Israel,” which Israel are you talking about?
- Is Christ the new Israel?
- Are there yet-unfulfilled promises to the Nation of Israel?

Answering questions?

II. Where We Have Been Thus Far.

III. The New Covenant.

- a. In Jeremiah/Quoted in Hebrews.
- b. The Dispensational interpretation of OT Scripture.
- c. What does NT Scripture say about Jewish interpretation?

IV. What About the Future Restoration of Israel?

- a. Restoration language.
- b. What/who is the remnant?
- c. Looking at “remnant” language in prophecy.
- d. How many prophecies about a return are given after Babylon?

V. So, What About the Return?

- a. Did the Jesus or the Apostles say anything about a return?
- b. Things are prophesied and then things are fulfilled.
- c. What about double fulfillment?

VI. Return of the Exiles Not the Ultimate Physical Fulfillment?

- a. Isaiah and the second return. What is the first? What is the second?
- b. Both returns are seen as types for salvation.
- c. What is the real captivity? What is the real salvation?
- d. What/who is the remnant coming to?

- VII. Return of the Exiles Not the Ultimate Spiritual Fulfillment?
 - a. Spiritual fulfillment and dry bones.
 - b. Did God already pour out His promised Spirit? When?

- VIII. Summation: Did God Promise a Special Future for the Nation of Israel?
 - a. The remnant of Israel has been restored.
 - b. Is there a special future for the Nation of Israel?
 - c. Unrealized or unfulfilled promises?
 - d. Secret things, and things we know about.

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Scriptures used/mentioned in this lecture (in order):

Jer 31	Isaiah 7:14
Heb 8:6-13	Isaiah 11:11-12
2 Cor 3	Isaiah 11:1, 10
Luke 24:45	Rom 15:9-12
Deut 30:1-3	Isaiah 11:16
Jer 16:14-15	Matt 17
Rom 9:6	John 8:31- <i>ff</i>
Is 10:22	Isaiah 10:22
Jer 23:3	Isaiah 10:21
Jer 31:7	Isaiah 9:6
Joel 2:32	Heb 11:12- <i>ff</i>
Micah 2:12	Heb 12:22-23
Micah 5:3	Ezekiel 36:22-28
Micah 7:18	Isaiah 32:15
Zeph 3:12-13	Zech 12:10
Rev 14	Joel 2:28- <i>ff</i>
Zech 14:2	Acts 2
Psalm 50:5; 16-17	Deut 29:22- <i>ff</i>
Rom 11:26	Matt 24:45
Deut 28	