

The New Covenant

Introduction: Introduce Schreiner's book and give a short overview of the Biblical Covenants timelines.

1. Promised by God in the Law and Prophets
2. Inaugurated by Jesus' Death and Resurrection
3. Consummated by Jesus' Second Coming

1. Promised by God in the Law and Prophets

1.1 Jer 31:31-34 (quoted in Heb 8:8-12 & 10:16-18).

The new-covenant promise is found in Jeremiah 31:31–34, as we have seen, but that promise must be linked with the whole of what is sometimes called Jeremiah's "book of comfort." In Jeremiah the new covenant is inextricably tied to return from exile¹

1.2 Ezek 37:25-27 (land, David, multiply, dwelling place, I will be their God)

1.3 Ezek 36:26-27 (new heart / new spirit)

1.4 Not only do prophets foretell the new covenant (in contrast to the Mosaic), but all of the previous covenants point to fulfillment in the New Covenant in promises, prophecies, and types.

Eph 2:12 ("In 'the covenants of promise' (Eph. 2:12), which include the covenants with Abraham, Israel, and David, it wasn't clear what the status of Gentiles would be when the promises were fulfilled"²)

¹ Schreiner, T. R. (2017). [*Covenant and God's Purpose for the World*](#) (D. C. Ortlund & M. V. Van Pelt, Eds.; p. 98). Crossway.

² Schreiner, T. R. (2017). [*Covenant and God's Purpose for the World*](#) (D. C. Ortlund & M. V. Van Pelt, Eds.; p. 110). Crossway.

2. Inaugurated by Jesus' Death and Resurrection

2.1 Lk 22:19-20 (Lord's Supper)

2.2 2 Cor 3:3, 6 (ministers of a new covenant)

2.3 Present Age / Age to Come / Inaugurated / Fulfilled

2.3 Already =

- Complete forgiveness with better sacrifice & priesthood
- Spirit as down payment
- Genealogical principle
- Church is the Israel of God
- Church is the Temple

2 Cor 6:16 "And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, as God said: I will dwell and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.

- Col 2:16-17 (foods, festivals, new moons, & sabbaths)
- Heb 2:5-8 (Jesus exalted to God's right hand, but)
- Rev 12:5-9 "She gave birth to a Son, a male who is going to rule all nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, to be nourished there for 1,260 days. Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the

one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.”

Progressively realized =

- Unclean foods
- Acts 8:14-17 (Fellow heirs with Samaritans)
- Acts 10:44-47 (Fellow heirs with Gentiles)
- Acts 11:1-3 “The apostles and the brothers and sisters who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ‘You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.’ ”
- Nazarite Vow (Acts 18:18)

3. Consummated by Jesus’ Second Coming

3.1 Rev 11:15 (They will reign forever)

3.2. The Ancient Serpent cast into hell along with his seed

Rev 20:10 “The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

Rev 20:15. “And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.”

3.3 Rev 21:1-4 (New Heaven & Earth / New Jerusalem)

Rom. 8:19-21 “For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God’s sons to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility—not

willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God’s children.”

The new creation is filled with sons and daughters of God.

Conclusion:

Adam was God’s priest-king in the garden, and now Jesus is God’s priest-king in the new creation, the new universe, the new temple. Adam was God’s son, but Jesus is God’s obedient son. Hence, Jesus, as the God-man, is crowned as Lord over all creation. All those who are united to Jesus Christ by faith rule over the new creation with him, for he is the true Son of Man in whom the saints enjoy the rule first promised to Adam (Dan. 7:13–27). The command to be fruitful and multiply is fulfilled in the many sons and daughters that belong to Jesus (Heb. 2:10–18). We see here how profoundly the covenants are interrelated, for the promise of land, offspring, and blessing given to Abraham are also elements of the covenant at creation. The land for Adam was the garden-temple, but the garden points to and is fulfilled in the new creation. The offspring promised to Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:15) is Jesus Christ; he is the offspring of the woman who triumphs over the Devil by his death and resurrection, and those who are united to Jesus Christ by faith and obedience also enjoy the promise that God will be their God and they will be his people. The blessing is not restricted to the garden, nor is it restricted to Israel’s return from exile in Canaan, but now it embraces the entire creation. The entire world is a garden-temple over which God reigns.³

³ Schreiner, T. R. (2017). [*Covenant and God’s Purpose for the World*](#) (D. C. Ortlund & M. V. Van Pelt, Eds.; p. 114). Crossway.