New Covenant

A Sermon by Ps Geoffrey

Genesis 22:18 (NKJV)
18 In your seed shall all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

How are we ministers of the new covenant? through the prophetic Blessings in Jesus Christ, in advance of the operation and enactment of the new covenant

Provision is made for the new covenant in the blood of Christ:

Luke 22:20 (NKJV)
20 Likewise the also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the **New covenant** in **My blood**, which is shed for you.

The church age is under the blessing component of the Abrahamic covenant "

The blessing component

Two blessings: the lesser & the greater

God's perfect righteousness!
God's standard is the perfect righteousness it is what he requires from mankind. Which can only be fulfilled through faith in Jesus Christ

The Blessings component from the Law, collected God's promises to the children of Israel in Nehemiah as a society, to survival and obedience to Him
1. Through the legal ethical and moral system for Israel to interact as individuals in society.
2. Through the sacrificial system, which provided God's standard for worship, and to restore fellowship after transgression of the law.

The legal ethical and moral system, & the sacrificial system provided by God under the law, Separating the Jews from the Gentiles, giving the Jews alone, direct access to God, but by means of the sacrificial system of the law.

Jesus Christ is that seed promised in the blessing component of the Abrahamic covenant!

In the way that Jesus Christ functioned as a man in obedience to the law, and reliance on the Holy Spirit. He fulfilled the law in its entirety, and satisfied the perfect standard of God.

In so doing he became the perfect Lamb of God without blemish, qualifying him to pay the penalty under the law for all mankind, Jews and Gentiles alike!

When Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross, the curtain of the Temple was torn in two. Christ's blood was the perfect sacrifice which satisfied the demands of the law, and provided the way for the Gentiles to come to God, both Jew and Gentile.

From the time of Abraham until Christ, only Jews could approach God through the way provided.

By fulfilling the law in its entirety Jesus Christ did away with the law, separating the Jews and Gentiles.

Jesus Christ was sent to the Gentiles along with believing Jews through faith in him.

Jewishness is no longer an issue, **until** the laws of the Gentiles are fulfilled, which will again turn his attention to the children of Israel and establish them as an obedient nation, once and for all !

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV) Primary new covenant passage

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I **will** make a **new covenant with** the house of Israel **and** the house of Judah,
32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.
33 For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I **will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**
34 **And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the LORD,"** for **they shall all know me,** from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I **will** forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Unique language only connected to the second return of Christ, with the gathering of Israel from the nations, and in the millennial kingdom.

Complete salvation for all Israel

Isaiah 61:8-9 (NKJV)
8 For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; and direct their reward in truth, and I will make with them an everlasting covenant.
9 **Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people:** All who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the posterity which the LORD has blessed.

Jeremiah 30:20 (NKJV)
20 For he says, the Lord, "This is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, **shall not depart from your mouth,** nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' offspring," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

Jeremiah 32:40-41 (NKJV)
40 "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; **but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.**
41 Yes, I will rejoice concerning them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.

Ezekiel 16:60-63 (NKJV)
60 "Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant.
61 Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your older sisters, and I will give them to you for daughters, but not because of your covenant.
62 So I will establish My covenant with you. Then you shall know that I am the Lord,
63 that you may remember and be ashamed, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame when I provide for you all you have done," says the Lord God.

Ezekiel 39:26-27 (NKJV)
26 "After they have borne their shame and all their treachery by which they have dealt treacherously against Me, when they dwell safely in their land and there is none to make them afraid,
27 **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**

Believers in the Old Testament & believers in the millennial kingdom

Conclusion:
Complete salvation for all Israel in the millennial kingdom:

How does the church relate to the new covenant?

Paul concludes future covenant characteristics:

New Testament reference to all Israel being saved during the millennial reign of Christ:
Paul says we are ministers of the new covenant, which is the ministry of the Holy Spirit, which is a ministry of life, not condemnation, which is a ministry of the Spirit, which is a ministry of righteousness, which is a ministry of the glory of God, which is a ministry of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, which is a ministry of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, which is a ministry of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ