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## PREFACE

*“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” Rev. 14:6.*

The first angel’s “everlasting gospel” is comprehended in proportion to an understanding of the subject of the Laws and the Covenants. Only as one understands the original relationship between God and the unfallen, sinless beings in His universe, the fall and restoration of man through a covenant-Savior to original purity and happiness, to companionship with a sinless God and sinless angels, can he truly comprehend the magnificent subject of the first angel’s message of the everlasting gospel.

The grand object of the plan of salvation and the theme of the covenants is the restoration of the image of God in the human soul. The everlasting gospel is an assurance of the everlasting love of God in His patient wooing of fallen man back to Himself.

## THE AUTHOR'S FOREWORD

There are many intelligent, well educated theologians who are apparently at a loss as to how to meet the challenges and threats of new forms of heresy continually arising within the church. Doctrines, which formerly appeared to be unshakable, have recently met a barrage of subtle and intricate arguments against the immutable laws of God, the seventh-day Sabbath, and even the very nature of God and Jesus Christ! One example follows:

“...it is impossible to meet the full demands of the law...[the] new covenant has set you free from the law of sin and death (the old covenant)...a Christian is released from old covenant law....the old covenant...was fragmentary and incomplete.... Christ is the end of the law.”

*The Sabbath in Crisis* Dale Ratzlaff p. 201-203. 1990.

Much confusion and error arises from an incomplete and incorrect view of the covenants. It arises from a lack of knowledge in regard to the relationships between covenants and laws, and the nature and purpose of each. It is useless to quote good references, unless basic definitions and explicit information is presented to untangle a maze of misconceptions and mindless assumptions. The following book is a gift to any reader who wants to get to the bottom of such issues; wants to work his way up the ladder of knowledge and truth, and to be able to answer the challenges of newly forming heresies which would destroy the foundations of the “remnant” people of God.

# CHAPTER 1

## THE ORIGINAL, CREATION, OLD COVENANT

### GOD IS LOVE

This story begins long ago and far away out there in the universe, beyond the twinkling stars. Before the earth was created, God brought forth intelligent beings. One of the first questions such beings would ask, would be, "Where did I come from? How did I get here?" Most children ask their parents this very same question! Surely God introduced Himself to them, even as He introduced Himself to His people, on Mt. Sinai, in a statement similar to His introduction in the Ten Commandments, in which He said:

**"I AM THE LORD THY GOD"**

Exodus 20:2.

It was necessary that God should explain to them: *"I am your Creator. I brought you forth with my own life-giving power, so that I am your Father, and you are my child. You were brought forth because my heart is filled with love. (God is love. I John 4:8) I love children, of whom there shall be an innumerable family."*

All God's intelligent beings were created to receive His love, and in turn, were made with the capacity to respond in love. As they received His blessings, out of their hearts was to spring a love for God and all others of His creation.

God gave them every blessing for their happiness, and they were to respond with praise, and to worship Him as their Creator. This was to be a “*love-cycle*” which would flow in constant interchange between them. Upon this *love-principle* of unselfish, outgoing interaction, the very government and laws of God’s whole universe were founded. It was a revelation of His very character and being.

**“GOD IS LOVE;  
AND HE THAT DWELLETH  
IN LOVE,  
DWELLETH IN GOD,  
AND GOD IN HIM.”  
*I John 4:16***

**“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matt. 22:37-40.**

## GOD, THE CREATOR-DESIGNER

God is the Creator-Designer of all creation. When Adam was created, he did not have the mind of a new born babe, but that of an adult. Within his mind, God imprinted correct and perfect thought patterns which were in harmony with the loving character of God and all of His creation. He was given the gift of speech, and on his very first day, he not only named the animals but *classified* them according to their various characteristics.

**“And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field;”**

**Gen. 2:20.**

Computers operate with electricity and are, in many ways, similar to the brain which also functions with electrical energy traveling along pathways called neurons. This is called the “nervous system.” These neurons are connected by synapse action which is an electro-chemical marvel. Man was created with perfect thought patterns. But, like a computer, which may have a destructive “virus” implanted, “sin” or disobedience to God and to His laws, which control all of His creation, would be self-destructive.

When man determines to do right and comes into harmony with His Creator, the original electrical pathways of the mind begin to be restored. A feeling of peace and healing comes over the soul, so that one feels as if he is “Home at last.” With sins forgiven, he experiences a great sense of freedom, and love begins to flow out toward others. There is also a great sense of appreciation for all the handiwork of God.

# THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW OF LOVE

Love is a *principle*. Although love also affects the emotions and feelings, basically it is a principle of action. The Ten Commandments or “Moral Law” is a revelation of God’s character, a revelation of His great heart of love for every one and everything that He has created. When this law is obeyed, nothing will hurt nor destroy in all of God’s creation. The first four commandments have to do with a loving relationship and worship of God, while the last six promote a loving relationship among intelligent beings. This Law of Love promotes energy, efficiency, joy, happiness, harmony, and peace.

**“On These Two Commandments  
Hang All The Law” Matt. 22:40.**

**“Thou shalt love the  
Lord thy God with  
all thy heart, and  
with all thy soul, and  
with all thy mind.”  
Matt. 22:37.**

**I  
II  
III  
IV**

**“Thou shalt love thy  
neighbor as thyself.”  
Matt. 22:39.**

**V  
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Intelligent beings were created and structured so that they could live in harmony with this principle of unselfish, outgoing love. As long as they did so, they were to live forever. But if they should disobey, they would so violate the very laws of their being that they would eventually destroy themselves. The violation of the principles and laws of love would be known as “sin,” and the results of sin would be demonstrated to be a destructive process by which the sinner would destroy himself and result in “death.”

***“The Wages of Sin is Death;” Rom. 6:23.***

Existence on this basis was stated simply as the Terms of **The Creation Covenant**.

## THE TERMS OF THE CREATION COVENANT

### *OBEY AND LIVE, or DISOBEY AND DIE*

These were the terms of the first relationship between the Creator and His intelligent creatures. These terms were not the statement of a tyrant ruler, but rather an acknowledgment of the conditions by which life could exist. A statement of terms between two parties is known as an “agreement,” or a “contract,” or a covenant. These terms were the oldest and the first relationship in the universe. (The Mt. Sinai Covenant, spoken on Mt. Sinai to the Hebrew nation, thousands of years later, was sometimes referred to by Paul in the New Testament, as the “Old Covenant” or the “First Covenant.” However, the Mt. Sinai Covenant was in part, a reiteration of these same terms first spoken in the Creation Covenant. Age by age passed. Angel by angel, world by world were brought forth. “God...by His Son...made the worlds.” Heb. 1:1,2. To each of these created beings or “sons of God,” the terms of the Creation Covenant were stated. Again and again, these intelligent beings responded with joy to this invitation to eternal life, and by its terms unfallen beings still exist today and will live forever.

God’s family increased. Innumerable creatures were brought forth to praise their Maker. These sons of God, in perfect obedience reflected the glory of His Majesty. Happiness, harmony and peace pulsated through the whole universe. In the heart and mind of every intelligent being was *imprinted* the way of obedience and every one was filled with unselfish, outgoing love, cycling between the Father and all of His children.



## THE ORIGIN OF SIN

Then one sad day, in the heart of an angel, named Lucifer, a strange mysterious feeling began to grow. In admiration of his own beauty, his praise was turned aside from his Maker to himself. Of him it was written:

“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee...Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty...”

Ezekiel 28:15,17.

Lucifer broke the cycle of outgoing love. He turned his love inward in self-admiration, self-worship, and self-love. (See Isa. 14:12-14). This was the beginning of sin. Sin is the principle of self-worship, from which, like a seed, there grows a plant with terrible fruit. It may be likened to a virus in a computer which is utterly destructive.

The mystery of evil grew in Lucifer's heart. Strange thoughts came into his mind, and questions began to arise. Could we not be happier if we would live, each for his own pleasure? Does God expect obedience because He is an arbitrary dictator? Does God desire our praise and worship because He is self-centered and selfish? Are we all deluded slaves? Is there no way of escape from the terms of this Creation Covenant?

Lucifer came to hate God's commands, laws, and government. He particularly hated the terms of the Creation Covenant, which clearly stated, "...Disobey and Die." He questioned, "Does God punish the disobedient with death because He is filled with revenge and hatred of those who question His authority?"

How can we escape from the terms of the Creation Covenant, the authority, and laws of God? Is it possible to disobey and live forever anyway?

Lucifer, by insinuation, planted doubts in the minds of other angels. He urged, "We could improve on the entire universe if we could simply dispose of this arbitrary authority and have complete freedom for all to live exactly as they please for self. He declared that they served God as poor, deluded slaves. One third of the angels of heaven joined Lucifer in a rebellion against their Creator.

**"And there was war in heaven: Michael [Christ] and his angels fought against the dragon [Lucifer-Satan]; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven, [and his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: (verse 4)] And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."**

**Rev. 12:4,7-9.**

Satan and his angels determined to be rid of all law and to destroy the Creation Covenant which threatened them with death. He pronounced it all faulty and challenged it before the universe

Lucifer's name, meaning "Lightbearer," was changed to Satan, meaning "prince of darkness." His entire nature became changed. In his heart, he determined to break the Creation Covenant, with its death penalty, even if it meant that he must destroy God. Jesus said, "...the devil...was a murderer from the beginning..." John 8:44.

As Satan's rebellion broke into open war, he and his angels were cast out of their heavenly home.

**“And there was war in heaven... [Satan] was cast out, ...and his angels were cast out with him.”**

**Rev. 12:7,9.**

They found themselves in the cold, dark “bottomless pit” of deep space with nothing to do. They greatly desired a home in the universe. Satan also wanted a place where he could prove that disobedience need not bring death, but greater happiness!

Inhabitants of other worlds were informed and warned of Satan's rebellion. They were not inclined to share their world with this trouble-maker, neither were they ready to take sides. They were not ready to jeopardize their relationship with their Creator-God. There were questions which needed to be answered. The many accusations made against God's character and purposes were not yet fully answered. With intense interest they desired to see full proof.

God's character, His purposes, His Laws, His covenant terms with all intelligent beings, were in question. God was, as it were, accused and on trial before the whole universe. If God had destroyed Satan, at that point, their fears would have been confirmed. From then on, they would have served God from fear rather than from love. It was therefore necessary that the deceiver should be unmasked. Sin and rebellion must be given time to develop and bear fruit. It must be fully demonstrated to the universe that it is sin (the principle of selfishness, self serving, and self-worship) which is the destroyer. It must be demonstrated that life cannot exist without the Creator's power and blessing, and that no creature can live apart from his Life-giver through eternity.

## THE GREAT DEMONSTRATION

All the universe must be brought to a decision based on an observation of cause and effect. Sin must work its course. Only by revealing the full malignity of sin, could God's name, character, laws, covenants, and government be shown to be based on unselfish love. Love itself had to be demonstrated.

Satan was also seeking a proving ground. At some time during this conflict, the planet or world on which we live, was created. In six literal days, God prepared a home for humanity.

**“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?...and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”**

**Job 38:4,7.**

The intelligent beings or “sons of God” on other worlds sang for joy as they beheld the beauty of this new world upon which God placed man. Again to Adam and Eve, God spoke the terms of the Creation Covenant, as he had done to all other intelligent beings, setting forth the conditions of life eternal. **Obey and Live, or Disobey and Die.** God placed a tree in the midst of the garden of Eden. It was called “The tree of the knowledge of good and evil” and they were forbidden to eat of it.

**“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die [dying thou shalt die].” Gen. 2:16, 17.**

Under the terms of the "Creation Covenant" man was guaranteed everything for his happiness for eternity. He was given a home in the garden of Eden. (Gen. 2:8), given food (Gen. 1:29,30), given an occupation "to have dominion over all the earth (Gen. 1:26), and to "dress...the garden and to keep it." (Gen. 2:15). He was given Eve as a companion, eternal social security, and happiness. There was nothing lacking. But the terms were plainly stated that if disobedient, "thou shalt surely die." (Gen. 2:17) Under that same covenant he was to be "fruitful and multiply and replenish (populate) the earth." (Gen. 1:28)

When Adam sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, he placed himself, as the representative of the whole human race, in rebellion against the Creator. He became an ally of Satan. Just as Lucifer had previously lost his heavenly home and his honored position in heaven, Adam lost his Edenic home.

**"Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." Gen. 3:23.**

The dominion of this world had been given to Adam by his Creator, to "multiply" that his posterity might become one great "nation," living under the terms of the Creation Covenant for eternity. But when Adam sinned, placing himself under obedience to Satan, he surrendered the dominion of this world into the hands of a new master. Satan immediately claimed this world as his proving ground. He planned to prove to the entire universe that disobedience to the laws of God would bring freedom and improve on everything. Satan became the "prince of this world" and claimed legal ownership. "Legal ownership or *dominion*" had been given to Adam, but Satan usurped it and claimed to be the "legal" owner. Adam lost everything!

## THE COST OF DISOBEDIENCE

What is the cost of disobedience? What did Adam and the human race lose by one act of disobedience?

1. Adam lost eternal life. “Unto dust thou shalt return.”
2. Adam lost his Eden home.
3. Adam lost dominion, the power to control.
4. Adam lost freedom. He became a slave under Satan.
5. Adam lost his pure and holy nature.

Sin is like a “virus” in a computer. The holy thought patterns implanted by the Creator in his brain, became subject to many kinds of perversity. Not only was he now **deprived** of the perfect nature with which he had been endowed, and his perfect communion with God and the indwelling Holy Spirit of God, but as a result, he was becoming **depraved** and taking on the attributes of his master, Satan. He was powerless to resist the commands of Satan and “programmed” into a self-destructive mode.

How did God feel about that? “God is love.” I John 4:8. God had compassion, a heart desiring reconciliation, a spirit of mercy and forgiveness. Eve sinned by being deceived. Adam sinned, loving Eve so much that he was not willing to be parted from her, and willing to share her fate. They disobeyed through a lack of experience, because of deceit and evil, a forgetfulness and lack of faith in God, rather than through a determined rebellion against their Maker. Therefore, God provided a way of escape, a **second chance**, or a **new or second covenant which would provide a way of escape to rescue them from utter ruin and loss.**

***GOD IS LOVE. I Jn. 4:8.***

## CHAPTER 2

### *THE NEW OR SECOND COVENANT*

It was not possible that the terms of the Creation Covenant could be brushed aside. Upon these terms depended the security of the whole universe. For the human race, to disobey and live forever would have turned humanity over to slavery under Satanic rule as long as they would exist. The terms of the Creation Covenant demanded that sinners must die. In God's great wisdom and goodness, He provided death as an escape from Satan, sin, and its results. But for those who desired to return to God, a way of escape was provided. Man needed to be rescued.

#### MAN NEEDED A SAVIOR

Man needed complete restoration and **re-creation!** Man needed, not to be *patched up*, but a complete re-creation, so that he would have, not only a new body, but a new mind brought into harmony with the terms of the Creation covenant. Man needed the dominion of this world restored, as well as his sense of dignity. He needed to fulfill his intended destiny; to be filled with the Spirit of God and to reflect His glory.

Therefore, God provided a *New or Second Covenant* to rescue man. Satan argued that he had gained this world by access to man's dominion by Adam's consent, and therefore he had a *legal right* to possess this planet and its entire human race. He presented his "case" to the universe. He argued that God could not take away from him what he had

obtained by “due process.” God would have to buy it all back if He were to ever possess it again. Who was rich enough to buy a whole planet? And who could buy a human life? Angels could not do so as they were given their own life from God, and they had none extra to spare!

Who in the universe possessed life in such quality and quantity that his death would be the equivalent of death for every human being who should ever live? Who possessed life in such quantity that he could afford to give life a second time to every one who should populate the new earth?

No one but the Creator Himself possessed such life-giving and creative power. But which one of the Godhead would make this sacrifice to do so for humanity who were made of the lowly dust of the earth? (Gen. 2:7) Who would make such a sacrifice?

**“For God [the Father] so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Jn 3:16.**

The Godhead, made up of three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, before the foundation of this world, determined that man should be provided with a Savior who would redeem, or “buy” them back *legally* from Satan. The Father, The First Person of the Godhead, in His administrative office, “gave” His Son, Jesus the Christ [Messiah] or Second Person of the Godhead, to die the death required by the terms of the Creation Covenant for every man and thus to be the Redeemer of the human race. The Third Person of the Godhead, spoken of as The Holy Spirit, was to actively accomplish in the hearts of men that which would be needed to make them amenable to this plan of salvation.



## NEW COVENANT PROVISIONS

What would the New or Second Covenant Savior do for man? Everything that was lost by Adam's fall needed to be restored. Everything needed to be re-created! But this could be done only by the consent of the sinner. Man had been given free moral choice at creation, to sin or not to sin. Now in regard to the plan of salvation, man must not be denied that free moral choice. Some would accept and some would not. For what all did the New Covenant provide?

### JESUS

Immediately after the fall of man, God introduced the New or Second Covenant recorded in Gen. 3:15. The promise of a Savior, to restore all that was lost, was given to Adam and to all of his descendants in Genesis 3:15 in which God said,

**“And I [God] will put enmity between thee [Satan] and the woman, [symbol of God’s people or His church], and between thy seed [the wicked], and her seed; [God’s people]: it [the promised Savior] shall bruise thy head, [destroy Satan] thou [Satan] shalt bruise his heel. [hang Him upon the cross]” Gen. 3:15.**

This promise of a Savior, given in the garden of Eden, was God's offer to man to buy him back, to redeem him from Satan's dominion and from all the effects of sin. This New, Second Covenant provided:

1. That the Savior would die the death required by the Creation Covenant, in mans' place.
2. That God would raise man from the grave and give him eternal life if he would accept the whole plan of salvation.
3. That the Savior, Jesus, the Christ or promised Messiah, would re-create the earth ruined by sin, and restore the Edenic home.
4. That Jesus would break Satan's yoke, and give man the power to escape from Satanic control.
5. That God would re-create man as a "new creature," restoring him to original perfection; spiritually, mentally, and physically.
6. Jesus Christ, would re-write or impress upon the heart and mind, (the whole intellect) all of God's laws, and once more implant a desire for righteousness, thereby bringing man back into harmony with God's character and government.
7. God would restore man back to harmony with the terms of the Creation Covenant requirements so that he could "Obey and live forever."
8. God would restore man to the companionship of unfallen beings in heaven and throughout the whole universe.

Unfallen angels could not re-create man because they, themselves, were but created beings, owing their lives to God. None but God, Himself, could come down to be a Savior-Redeemer-Re-Creator of man. God alone has the power and creative energy to restore the human race. It was God, in the second Person, of the Godhead, who promised Himself to fallen man, to restore the lost dominion. It was this second Person of the Godhead, who came to earth, took upon Himself human flesh, and was born in Bethlehem. He was known in history as Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.

As soon as Adam sinned, God introduced the New or Second Covenant, but the promised Messiah was not to appear on earth for yet another 4,000 years, and was therefore represented in Gen. 3:15, as a “seed” which, when planted, remains unseen for some time.

Satan was instrumental in bringing about the crucifixion, but he was actually defeating his own cause because it was Christ’s death which met the terms of the Creation Covenant, and paid man’s penalty in the terms, “disobey and die.” The Savior was a substitute for man, dying in man’s place. Also, as Satan worked to place Christ on the cross, the entire universe saw his true spirit and knew that if permitted, he would not only destroy the Son of God, but if given opportunity, would destroy God, the Father, Himself. Sin, if allowed to continue, would wipe out the very Source of life and the entire universe!

Love was the principle and basis for the terms of the Creation Covenant, or First Covenant. That same kind of love, and unselfish sacrifice, was demonstrated in the New or Second Covenant in a fuller way, when Jesus died for man. Therefore, the same principle of love was the motivation for both covenants. Under the Creation Covenant obedience was intended to spring forth from happiness, joy, and loving appreciation for blessings received; never from fear or force. In the New or Second Covenant, there was a marvelous demonstration of God’s unselfish, sacrificing love, calling forth gratitude and love from the sinner, forgiven and restored.

## *CONFUSION CLEARED AWAY*

Realizing that there is some kind of connection between the first and second covenants, there are some who say that there is really only one covenant. This is confusion. Although the same principle of loving service was the motivation for both covenants, there were **two distinct and separate covenants**. Each had its own reason for being. It is confusion and ignorance to assume that there was “only one covenant.” More accurately, it should be said that all covenants and laws were based on **one principle—love**.

## CHAPTER 3

### *THE MOUNT SINAI COVENANT (THE "FIRST" OR "OLD" COVENANT)*

God led the descendants of Abraham, who were Hebrew people, called "Israel," out of Egypt to Canaan to be a separate nation about 1437 B. C. (The date is not certain.) The nation was established as a theocracy by special contract known as "*The Mount Sinai Covenant*." It was spoken of later by Paul in the New Testament as the "First" or the "Old" Covenant, (which has often been a point of confusion). Paul wrote as follows:

**"Then verily the first covenant [The Mt. Sinai Covenant] had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first [apartment], wherein was the candlestick, and the table, ..." Heb. 9:1,22.**

The Mt. Sinai Covenant was a complete review of the Creation Covenant, as it had been stated to Adam. The basis of the Creation covenant was that of love; and again, at Mt. Sinai, The Ten Commandment law was given to Israel, with its two tables of stone which expressed how man may love and worship His Creator and have a loving spirit for his fellow man. The terms of that Creation Covenant were: "Obey and Live, or Disobey and Die."

Adam had joyfully accepted these terms as an invitation to eternal life; so also Israel responded. "All that the Lord hath spoken will we do." (See Ex. 19:5-8; 24:7,8.)

## THE MT. SINAI COVENANT PRINCIPLES, BASIS, AND TERMS

**The Fundamental Principles, Basis, and Terms  
of the Creation Covenant and the  
Mt. Sinai Covenant were the same.**

Obedience to God and to His moral law of love was the source of peace and joy to Adam. Again, at Mt. Sinai, God's moral law expressed in the Ten Commandments, was the basis of the nation's relationship with God, and this Ten Commandment Law is still the *moral* code for society today. The first four commandments specify how all men, including all New Testament Christians shall love and worship their Creator. The last six define man's duty to his fellowman, and how to express correctly his love for them. It is the keeping of this moral law which gives man in all ages a "right to the tree of life" and entrance into the Holy City, New Jerusalem.

**"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.**

Just as Adam and Eve shortly disobeyed, so also the people of Israel, in less than forty days had broken their promise and were dancing around the golden calf. The prophet, Hosea, spoke of Israel's disregard and departure from the Mt. Sinai Covenant as a repetition of Adam's fall.

**"But they [Israel] like Adam [margin] have transgressed the covenant." Hosea 6:7.**

**A TABLE OF COMPARISONS of  
“The Creation Covenant” with the “Mt. Sinai Covenant”**

<u>Adam</u>	<u>Israel</u>
<b>Given a home in Eden</b>	<b>Given a home in Canaan</b>
<b>Obedience required</b>	<b>Obedience required</b>
<b>Adam sinned—ate fruit</b>	<b>Israel’s sin—golden calf</b>
<b>Adam—“return to dust”</b>	<b>Israel—and all nations “return to dust”</b>
<b>Christ interceded</b>	<b>Moses interceded</b>
<b>Savior promised</b>	<b>Savior promised</b>
<b>Sacrificial system began</b>	<b>Sacrificial system expanded—sanctuary</b>
<b>Death of animals (pointed to)</b>	<b>Death of Christ</b>
<b>Adam expected a Savior</b>	<b>Israel expected Messiah</b>

**COMPARATIVE PURPOSE**

God commanded Adam, “Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish (populate) the earth.” [with a race of holy, perfect people]. Again, to Abraham, who was called “the father of nations,” and to Isaac, and to Jacob, the same command was repeated. (See Gen. 1:28. 12:1-3,7. 13:15. 15:18. 17:2-5. 26:3,4. 28:13-14. 35:11-12. 46:4-17. 50:24.)

That original purpose was interrupted by sin and by the flood in Noah’s day, but reiterated to Noah and Abraham and all of his descendants. The purpose in making the Mt. Sinai Covenant was that Israel, as a nation, should be “fruitful and multiply,” to become a nation of holy people to inherit the earth.

Genesis introduced the Creation Covenant and the New Covenant promises. The next book, Exodus, introduces the repetitive “Mt. Sinai Covenant.” The greatest error and impediment to understanding the Mt. Sinai Covenant is the *presumption that its terms originated at Mt. Sinai*. The Mt. Sinai Covenant, as stated to the Israelites, was unique to that nation, and it was the specific application to that nation which distinguished Israel as “God’s peculiar people.” But the “Obey and Live or Disobey and Die,” terms in the Mt. Sinai Covenant were exactly the same as those of the Creation Covenant. The Mt. Sinai instructions regarding the sacrificial system which pointed to the New Covenant Savior were again the same as the New Covenant when it was introduced in Eden. The Promised “Seed” was given to Adam, which actually was the same promise to the nation of Israel of a coming Messiah. The animal sacrifices introduced in Eden were the same as those used in the sanctuary built by Moses.

The peculiar application of these covenants to the nation of Israel in the Mt. Sinai Covenant ordained them as a theocracy, (a nation under God’s direct rule); organized a new line of priesthood, and expanded the sacrificial service in a complex sanctuary ritual. Its basic fundamentals, were merely a reiteration or repetition of the Creation Covenant and New Covenant promises combined.

**Note:** The fact that Paul, in the New Testament, referred to the Mt. Sinai Covenant as the “Old Covenant,” and that there is general ignorance of the “Old” Creation covenant, has been the basis of much confusion and error.



## THE LEGALITY OF A COVENANT

The Mt. Sinai Covenant was a legal contract. It could be written up as an attorney would construct a contract on any item of business today. It was a contract between God and the nation of Israel.

Today, it is necessary to have a seal on a document to make it valid in court. It is often necessary to get a Notary Seal on a paper to give it legal status. In ancient times, legality was registered by both parties pricking their fingers and placing their own blood upon the document. This practice was followed in making the covenant with Israel. The covenant was sealed, made legal or “ratified” with blood.

The Ten Commandments had been written in stone. But the Mt. Sinai Covenant with Israel was written in a book. Sacrificial animal blood was sprinkled on the people who entered into The Mt. Sinai covenant to make it legal.

**“And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you...” Ex. 24:7,8.**

When the New Covenant promise was made to Adam, blood was shed by the first animal sacrifice. (See Gen. 3:21) It pointed forward to A.D. 31, when Jesus Christ shed His blood on Calvary to ratify or make legal the New or Second Covenant in the court of heaven.

# A SAMPLE LEGAL CONTRACT

## *The Mt. Sinai Covenant (Contract)*

### TERMS

*I, God, Party of the First Part, do promise that ye shall be unto me: (See Ex. 19:4,5.)*

*An holy nation (A theocracy)  
A kindom of priests (A missionary nation to educate the world of the plan of salvation)  
A peculiar treasure (Above all people)  
You shall live in the land of Canaan.*

*We, Israel, Party of the Second Part, do promise to:*

*Obey the Ten Commandments moral law Ex. 24:7  
Obey the statutes, judgment, and all laws pertaining to worship of God Deut. 11:1  
Build a sanctuary to educate in the plan of salvation. Ex. 25:2-8  
Practice the sacrificial system. Lev. 1-27  
Proclaim the gospel by sanctuary typology to all the world. Deut. 15:6 & Ex. 25:8  
Obey the civil laws of the nation. Ex. 24:21-23  
Obey the laws of health and welfare. Ex. 24:12  
Lev. 11*

*Be it known to all present, that this solemn covenant-contract was established at Mt. Sinai on the date of \_\_\_\_\_ (Pentacost) the third month in the fourteenth day of the month in the year of (not precisely known). Approximately 1437 B.C.*

## THE MT. SINAI COVENANT

### A Contract on Evangelism

Israel was called to be the depositories of God's Truth, His Laws and His covenants. They were to be the keepers of truth which was revealed in the sacrificial system as it pointed to the coming Savior. They were to explain the plan of salvation to all who would listen. They were contracted or covenanted to be a nation of *missionaries* to the world. By precept and example, they were to be a revelation of the character and love of God in saving man from eternal ruin. God did not select them out of arbitrary favoritism, but to do a special work for Him to build His kingdom.

Two factors must be considered in this Mt. Sinai Covenant: First, God's stated obligation, and secondly, Israel's stated obligation to the Lord. There are always at least two parties involved in a contract or covenant..

God stated his part as follows:

**“Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice [The Laws of God] indeed, and keep my covenant [contract], then “ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:...And ye shall be unto me a kingdom [a whole nation] of priests, and a holy nation [as representatives or missionaries].” Ex. 19:5,6.**

Israel responded on their part, by saying:

**“...All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.”  
Ex. 19:8.**

## THE MT. SINAI COVENANT ENDED IN A.D. 34

The prophet, Daniel, saw in prophetic vision, that the nation of Israel would fill their missionary purpose only until the end of the “seventy weeks,” or until A.D. 34. He wrote:

**“Seventy weeks are determined [cut off] upon thy people” Dan. 9:24.**

The “seventy weeks” was a symbolic timeline. Symbolic time is interpreted and changed into literal time by the use of the Year-day Principle stated in Scripture as follows:

**“...I have appointed thee each day for a year.”  
“each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities.”  
Eze. 4:6 and Nu. 14:34.**

The symbolic “seventy weeks” timeline represented 490 literal years. (Seventy weeks of seven days each = 490 days) According to the Year-day Principle the 490 symbolic days represented 490 literal years.

The instructing angel informed Daniel that he should begin counting out those 490 years at the specific date when a decree would be issued to permit the Jews to return home to rebuild Jerusalem after their Babylonian captivity. That decree was issued by Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. This is what the angel said to Daniel:

**“Know therefore and understand, that [you start counting out the 490 years] from the going forth of the commandment [decree] to restore and to build Jerusalem...the streets shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” Dan. 9:25.**

In the year, A.D. 34, the nation of Israel spoke through their official legal body, the Sanhedrin council (which was the voice of the nation) taking legal action to stone Stephen.

“And Stephen, full of faith and power, [a great witness and *missionary*] did great wonders and miracles among the people...And they stoned Stephen,...” Acts 6:8 and 7:59.

Instead of Israel being missionaries and witnesses of their promised Messiah, as they had promised to do according to the Mt. Sinai Covenant-contract, they determined to take legal action to put them to death. Therefore, they cut themselves off from that Mt. Sinai covenant relationship. It was they who finally *ended* the Mt. Sinai Covenant. The Mt. Sinai Covenant came to its end in A.D. 34 at the death of Stephen.

The Israelites had broken their part of the Mt. Sinai Covenant in less than forty days! Within that time, they apostatized and danced round the golden calf. The people broke their part of the covenant almost at once. But God kept His part of the Mt. Sinai Covenant until 34 A.D. The Jews crucified their Messiah in A.D. 31, but God did not reject them, even then. He sent the apostles to them for an additional three and an half years until, by their own legal action, they ended their Mt. Sinai covenant relationship. A Jew can still accept the Savior, and be saved, but they are no longer, *as a nation*, of any special significance. No prophecy revolves around Israel at this time in history. The “glorious holy mountain” (in Dan. 11:45) or the city of old Jerusalem is mentioned in regard to endtime events, because it will become the political headquarters of the New One World Government predicted in Rev. 13, but Israel, as a nation, is no longer the central focus of prophecy.

## COVENANTS ARE NOT LAWS

### Current Confusion

There is much confusion in the religious world today. Many theologians and the vast majority of Christians do not know the difference between a law and a covenant. The term, "Creation Covenant" is not found in the Bible. Most Christians are completely unaware of the fact that when man was created and given life with stated restrictions, that situation constituted a covenant relationship. Many have never heard of the "terms of a Creation Covenant," and therefore confuse it with the Mt. Sinai Covenant. There are many denominations which teach that the Ten Commandment Law is the same thing as the Mt. Sinai Covenant! There are those who believe that New Testament "grace" and forgiveness has somehow destroyed all law and covenant relationships!

The term "Ceremonial Law" is not found in the Bible, but it is commonly used to describe the laws which governed the sacrificial system and temple rites performed by the priesthood in the nation of Israel and described in the Old Testament. Some do not understand that the "Ceremonial Laws," the sacrificial system that pointed to the death of Christ, ended in 31 A.D. They cannot distinguish between the Sacrificial laws and the Ten Commandments and believe that all law was "nailed to the cross." Some are confused, not distinguishing between the sacrificial system and the statutes and judgment laws, sometimes mistakenly lumping all together as one under the term, "Ceremonial Law."

This theological tangle could be compared to a spool on which there are many threads wound over and under each other so that none will unwind smoothly. In such cases it is necessary to pick it all apart, find the ends of the threads, and sort them out, laying them side by side. By identifying the beginnings and endings of each, and considering the basic purposes for each, it is then possible to identify each law and covenant. Confusion can be ended among those who are willing to look and listen, by the following actions:

### **Unraveling the Ball of Confusion**

1. Name and define each law mentioned in Scripture,
2. Name and define each covenant mentioned,
3. Establish the purpose for which each was initiated,
4. Establish the time when each item was initiated,
5. Establish the time or date when each item is completed,
6. Establish which items are eternal and explain why,
7. Establish which items were transitory and explain why.

When each law and covenant is laid out side by side, with their beginnings and endings dates established, then that which appears as a “ball of tangled strings” becomes easily distinguishable.

# BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS OF LAWS AND COVENANTS

< The Ten Commandment Moral Law of Love >  
(A transcript of God's character of Love)  
From eternity To Eternity

< The Creation "Old" or "First" Covenant >  
"Obey and Live, Disobey and Die"  
From the first Created Being To Eternity

The New or Second Covenant >  
Before the Foundation of the World Activated in Eden To Send a Savior Eternally Effective

The Sacrificial Laws  
Pointed to the Cross  
Eden A.D. 31

The Mt. Sinai Covenant  
A theocracy  
1437 B.C. A.D. 34

Israel's National Laws-Judgments  
Law and Order  
1437 B.C. To A.D. 70

The Statutes >  
"Given to guard the Ten Commandments"  
(How to apply the Moral Law to every situation)

**Note:** The Statutes are not well understood, even by Sabbath keepers today. Please study the following quotation:



“In consequence of continual transgression, the moral law was repeated in awful grandeur from Sinai, Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern the everyday life. These statutes were explicitly given to guard the ten commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ. They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last. These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and they clearly and definitely explained that law.”

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God’s people need to examine the nature and requirements of the statutes very carefully, and live by them in detail! In these statutes, are instructions as to health practices, sanitation, business dealings, tithing, appointed times for worship and study, abstinence from alcohol and narcotic drugs, appropriate conduct in public and under conflict. Many other helpful and important principles are stated to make worship more meaningful and life more pleasant, avoiding many pitfalls.

The Statutes were not part and parcel of the sacrificial laws which were “nailed to the cross.” The Ten Commandments were stated as basic principles, but the Statutes were given for practical application of the Ten Commandment principles, as well as Judgments for court justice. Within the Mt. Sinai Covenant there was also the educational system of sanctuary worship which pointed to the Second, New or Everlasting Covenant Savior.

Much that was included in the Mt. Sinai Covenant ended at the crucifixion of Christ. Some of it, pertaining to the nation of Israel, ended in A.D. 34. Many practices were retained by Israel until A.D. 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed. Many of the statute's practical applications are repeated in the New Testament, to be understood and practiced by Christians today. It is an individual responsibility to study to show ourselves approved of God, obedient to the best of our ability to live by God's good counsel.

Israel's National Laws, as given by God, extended in use until the time when the nation was overcome by the Romans in A.D. 70. This national law was an extension of the *Ten Commandments* applied to civics, welfare, and justice in the courts. The Mt. Sinai Covenant was also based on obedience to the *Ten Commandments*. The sacrificial laws were given because the *Ten Commandments* had been broken. The New Covenant Savior was given to bring man back into harmony with the *Ten Commandments*. The health laws were given to be in harmony with the *Ten Commandments* which say, "Thou shalt not kill (thyself)." Ex. 20:13.

The *Ten Commandments* were written on two tables of stone. They were written by the very finger of God. They are the immutable law of love which is at the foundation of the very throne of God. The *Ten Commandments* are the unchanging, eternal standard of all relationships. Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth to demonstrate that this law is just and good, and He *fulfilled* or filled full every aspect of that law by perfect obedience and righteousness.

## THE ETERNAL TERMS OF THE CREATION COVENANT

Israel, like all other created intelligent beings, lived under the terms of the Creation Covenant. "Obey and live, disobey and die." It declared, "for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." (Gen. 3:19). With the exception of Moses, and Elijah, every Israelite now lies in the dust! It was to meet the terms of the Creation Covenant that the Savior came to pay the death penalty by giving His life. If it had been possible to destroy either the moral law Ten Commandments, or the Creation Covenant, Christ might have escaped and need not have died.

Today, every funeral train and every death and obituary column declare that the terms: "Obey and Live, or Disobey and Die" cannot be voided. Israel was no exception. The Mt. Sinai Covenant, not only contained the terms of the Creation Covenant, but also that of the New or Second Covenant promise of a Savior. All of their sacrificial system and many aspects of their sanctuary service pointed to that promised Messiah-Redeemer. If they did not understand these facts, their sacrifices were in vain.

In summary, the Mt. Sinai Covenant contained within it, all that Israel needed to know to have salvation. The sacrificial system pointed them to the New Covenant Savior. It also contained The Ten Commandments which were the basis of obedience required by the Creation Covenant, to which the Savior would restore them. The statutes made application of the moral law to every aspect of life situations, to keep them physically, mentally, and spiritually well.

## THE PLAN OF SALVATION FOR ISRAEL

The Mt. Sinai Covenant made no different arrangement for the salvation of the Israelites, than for Adam, or for us. It was merely a reiteration of the terms of the Creation Covenant, an amplification of the sacrificial system given in Eden, as a reminder of the need for a Savior through justification in His name, and sanctification by faith in Him.

The amplified sacrificial system, through the sanctuary service, added many rituals which are called the “ceremonial law” but that term is not found in Scripture. When the Israelite priesthood no longer functioned, these ceremonial laws came to an end. Many of them were typical, pointing to Christ’s work in the heavenly sanctuary and have therefore met their antitype. However, “The Hebrew Economy is full of instruction for us,” and the study of these laws contain many spiritual lessons helpful to our sanctification.

Satan seeks to confuse the simplicity of the gospel. All mankind, including the Jews, is saved under one plan of salvation. Satan would have men believe that the Ten Commandment Law was “nailed to the cross” with the sacrificial laws. He desires men to believe that the terms of the Original Covenant of “Obey and Live—Disobey and Die” are not true, that death is not real, that men live on after death. But the effects of sin and eventual death are all too real and obvious around us.

In conclusion: The Mt. Sinai Covenant in no way altered the plan of salvation, nor made any difference between Israel (Jews) and all others of the human family. All men are saved by the “New Covenant” Savior. This is the “Everlasting Covenant” and the “everlasting gospel” spoken of by the angel of Rev. 14:6,7.

**ONE PLAN OF SALVATION  
FOR JEWS AND CHRISTIANS  
“THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL”**

Israel heard God proclaim His Ten Commandments Law. Have we not heard them also in the written Word of God? Israel declared, “All that the Lord hath said, we will do.” Did we not, at our baptism, make the same vow? Israel was contracted as a chosen nation, Are we not also a “chosen nation, a royal priesthood?”

**“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” I Pet. 2:9.**

Israel sinned with the golden calf within forty days! Have we not sinned since our baptism? Israel was given a sacrificial system, service and ritual to explain the New Covenant promise of a Savior, the crucified and risen Lord. Do we not look to Him also for salvation? When Israel sinned, their nation was in danger of extinction. Are we not also warned that “the wages of sin is death” Rom. 6:23? Israel looked forward to a coming Messiah-Deliverer. Do we not also look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus? Israel was contracted to be a missionary nation. Is this not our commission today? The saved Hebrew people will be residents of the Holy City New Jerusalem. Is this not the city where we will have mansions according to the promise of Jesus?

**“Jerusalem, which is above...is mother of us all” [both Jews and Christians.] Gal. 4:26.**

## TABLE OF COMPARISONS OF “Creation Covenant” Terms as given:

<u>To Adam</u>	<u>To Israel</u>	<u>To Us Today</u>
<u>“Obey and Live”</u> Gen. 2:29	<u>“Obey and Live”</u> Mt. Sinai Covenant Deut. 30:1-3	<u>“Obey and Live”.</u> “Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life.” Rev. 22:14.
<u>An holy nation</u> “Be fruitful...multiply” “replenish the earth.” (multiplying) Gen. 1:28	<u>An holy nation</u> “Be fruitful, multiply” “ye shall be a holy nation” “I will multiply your seed” Ex. 32:13	<u>An holy nation</u> “Be fruitful, multiply” “Go, ye...baptizing” (multiplying) Matt. 28:19
<u>The Fall, in Eden</u>	<u>The Golden Calf—Mt Sinai</u>	<u>The sin which doth so easily beset us.”</u> Heb. 12:1
<u>“Thou shalt not”</u> “eat of the tree” Gen. 3:3	<u>The Ten Commandments</u> Given at Mt. Sinai Ex. 20:1-17	<u>“If you love me,</u> “keep my commandments” Jn. 14:15
<u>“Disobey and die”</u> Adam died	<u>“Disobey and die”</u> Israelites died	<u>“Disobey and die”</u> We die

NOTE: All intelligent beings always have, and always will live under the terms of the “Creation Covenant.” The only way of escape from the grave is through the “New Covenant” promises and power to bring man back to the terms of the Creation Covenant to “Obey and live forever.”

**“THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL”**  
**IN**  
**NEW COVENANT PROMISES**  
**TABLE OF COMPARISON OF**

<u>Adam</u>	<u>To Israel</u>	<u>To Us Today</u>
<u>Promise of a Savior</u> Promised “Seed” ... Gen. 3:15	<u>Promise of a Savior</u> Promised “Messiah” Isa. 53:1-12	<u>Promise of a Savior</u> “I will come again.” John 14:1-3
<u>Typology</u> Lamb Sacrifice Gen. 4:4	<u>Typology</u> Sanctuary Sacrifices Lev. 1-27	<u>Typology</u> Sanctuary Studies John 1:29 Heb. 9
<u>Faith Required</u> Heb. 11:4 Adam, Abel,	<u>Faith Required</u> Heb. 11:2, 8-33 Abraham, all Israel	<u>Faith Required</u> Heb. 11:6 “Without faith it is impossible to please him.”
<u>Justification</u> Rom. 5:18 “the... gift [of justification] came upon all men.”	<u>Justification</u> Isa. 45:25 “In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified.”	<u>Justification</u> Rom. 3:26 [God] the justifier of Him which believeth in Jesus.”
<u>Sanctification</u> Heb. 10:14 “For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”	<u>Sanctification</u> Lev. 21:8 “I the Lord, which do sanctify you.”	<u>Sanctification</u> Heb. 10:10 “We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”
<u>Glorification</u> “...the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” I Thess. 4:16-17	<u>Glorification</u>	<u>Glorification</u>

## THE PERFECTION OF THE MT. SINAI COVENANT

The Mt. Sinai Covenant was devised, like the Ten Commandments, by a Perfect God. Its terms were faultless, perfectly designed to accomplish the purpose for which it was made. It originated as a faultless product of a faultless Mind. The fact that this Mt. Sinai Covenant or contract was *broken, misunderstood, and misused by man* does not alter the fact that it came forth perfect from a perfect God.

Why then, does the apostle Paul suggest that the “old” Mt. Sinai Covenant was “faulty” (Heb. 8:8)? Although its terms were perfect, it was a *contract* between two “parties” and a contract which is *broken* by either party is a “faulty contract.” Paul makes it clear that it was not the terms of the Mt. Sinai Covenant-contract, which were faulty, but specifies that it was “finding fault with them, [the people]...he saith, Behold, the days come...when I will make a new covenant.” Heb. 8:8.

The sacrifices and rituals contained in the Mt. Sinai Covenant were simply teaching tools to point to the advent and death of the promised Messiah. The Mt. Sinai Covenant “had also” a sanctuary; with its services and sacrificial system. Heb. 9:1. It not only reiterated the terms of the Creation Covenant, but also contained New Covenant promises of a Savior in the *types* of the ceremonial-sacrificial system. It was *the “everlasting gospel.”*



## THE SACRIFICIAL LAW WAS THE LINK BETWEEN COVENANTS

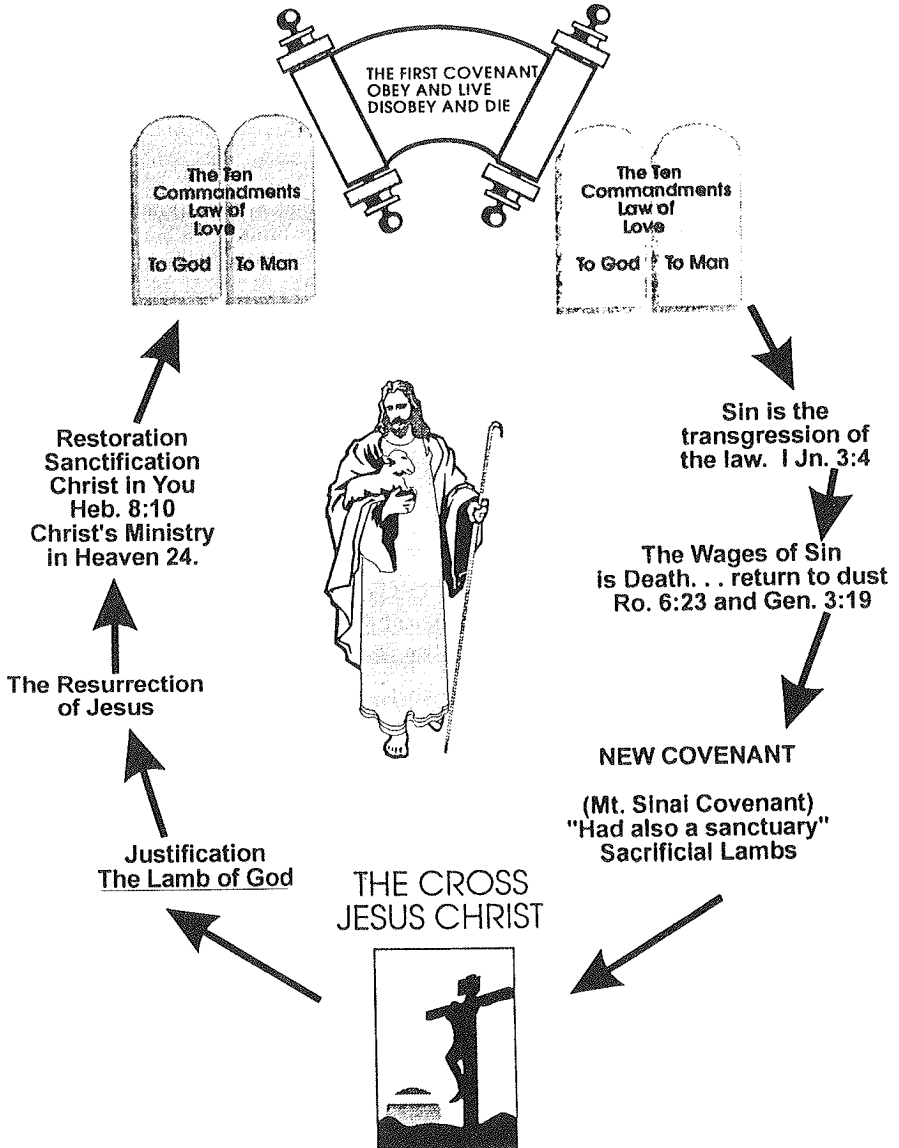
The Ceremonial Law (Sacrificial System and Priesthood) was begun in Eden and amplified in the sanctuary services of the nation of Israel. That sacrificial and ceremonial system was the link which joined the Creation Covenant to the New Covenant.

The death of animals in the sacrificial system, was a reminder of the death penalty specified in the Creation Covenant, but at the same time pointed forward to the death of the New Covenant Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the long looked for Christ-Messiah, was the anti-type of the entire ceremonial system. He is the Living Link between the Creation Covenant death penalty and His substitutionary death on Calvary according to the New Covenant promise. By His life and power, Christ is also the Living Link between the Creation Covenant which demands that all *Obey in order to live. He is the Enabler to complete and perfect obedience promised in the New Covenant.*

**“For this is the [new] covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:” Heb. 8:10.**

The relationship between the laws and the covenants is shown in the following chart which reveals that the overall purpose is *the restoration of the image of God in the human soul.*

# THE COVENANTS - LAWS CYCLE



## TWO COVENANTS? OR THREE? OR MORE?

There were three covenants, vital to understanding:

1. The First, Old, or Creation Covenant made with all created beings.
2. The Second, New, or Everlasting Covenant made with all fallen mankind, and,
3. The Mt. Sinai Covenant made with the Hebrew nation.

The first two listed above established fundamental relationships between God and His created beings. The Mt. Sinai Covenant was simply a reiteration and amplification of the first two. The following diagram illustrates the eternal nature of the first two covenants, but the transitory nature of the Mt. Sinai Covenant. The covenants made with Noah and Abraham and others, generation after generation, were simply reiterations of the Creation Covenant and the New Covenant.

<b>THE CREATION COVENANT</b>	
<b><u>Obey and Live: Disobey and Die</u></b>	
(Relationship to the Laws of God)	
From the first	For Eternity
Created Being	
<b>THE NEW OR EVERLASTING COVENANT</b>	
<b><u>The Plan of Salvation</u></b>	
(Reconciliation to the Laws of God)	
The Lamb Slain	Eternal Benefit
<b>THE MT. SINAI COVENANT</b>	
1437 B.C.	only to A.D. 34



## CHAPTER IV

### THE EVERLASTING COVENANT

To unfallen beings, the Creation Covenant is an **everlasting** covenant. To fallen beings, both the Creation Covenant and the New Covenant are **everlasting**. Fallen beings cannot re-enter the Creation Covenant obedience except through the provisions of the New Covenant Savior. The Creation Covenant and the New Covenant both exist for but one purpose: that God and all His created beings shall live in perfect harmony all over the universe.

God's eternal purpose, to inhabit the universe, including the earth, with holy, happy beings is the reason for the covenant terms and relationships. This "eternal purpose" is an **everlasting** purpose and can be understood in all ages only by the indwelling, enabling Holy Spirit. The real objective is a **sinless society**. God has given a promise of reaching this "high calling" as follows:

**"To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created ...This is the object of education, the great object of life." *Education* p. 15, 16.**

**"And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant..." Gen. 9:16[spoken to Noah and us].**

**“And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant...”[to Abraham] “and I will establish my covenant with him [Isaac] for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.”**

**Gen. 17:7 and 19.**

The great work of the people of God who give the three angels’ messages at the end of time is to make known to the world the basis and terms of the everlasting covenants:

**“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people...”**

**Rev. 14:6.**

Jesus died to meet the death penalty specified in the Creation covenant term, “disobey and die,” but He <u>lives</u> to empower His people to “Obey and live!”
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Satan claimed that God’s laws were restrictive and unreasonable, impossible to keep or obey. This charge will be fully disproved. First, Jesus came to this earth incarnated in human flesh, to prove that the law can be kept and that the terms of the Creation covenant were not unreasonable. Through His perfect obedience, he earned the right of eternal life for Himself and His people. The perfect obedience of the saved will be a perpetual proof through all eternity of the legality and perfection of the terms of the Creation Covenant and the saving power of the New Covenant everlasting Redeemer! The purpose of all covenant terms and relationships is to ensure the eradication of sin and complete restoration to eternal, sinless perfection.

## NO PROVISION FOR SIN IN THE COVENANTS

Man, in his sinful state, has continually sought to escape the terms of the Creation covenant. Cain refused to acknowledge the death sentence, bringing fruit instead of the required lamb pointing to a Savior. Furthermore, hypocritical religionists resist the idea of moral perfection, ever adjusting philosophies and doctrines to accommodate some aspect of sin and imperfection.

Converted man loves the concept of a sinless society and he is continually seeking to make himself ready to live there. He does not assume that he has "holy flesh" in this mortal body, but seeks to perfect his character.

**"Flesh and blood [bearing the degenerative marks of sin] cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." Cor. 15:50.**

Jesus explained to Nicodemus: **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.**

Paul preached, **"In Adam all die," I Cor. 15:22.**

Not only must the physical body "return to dust," but the "old man of sin," which has to do with the thought patterns and the principle of self worship must be "crucified" daily in the process of sanctification to prepare to live in that **sinless society**. The perception of the goal, and the desire to meet it, is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The grace of Christ promotes this rebirth, brings forth a "new creature" and restoration. It is a gift and a miracle beyond all human comprehension how God will accomplish this marvelous work in the human soul!

## ELOHIYM, GOD OF THE COVENANTS

Only the Creator God, “Elohiym” has the power to create and re-create man. God alone is able to fulfill the everlasting covenant restoration work in the human soul. He alone has power to eradicate sin from the human mind, the heart, and from the entire universe. He has made Himself responsible to accomplish this mighty work.

“For the word, ‘Elohiym’ is formed from the Hebrew word ‘Alah’—‘to swear’ and describes One who stands in a covenant-relationship, which is ratified by an oath. Parkhurst, in his well-known *Lexicon*, thus explains the name, ‘Elohiym;’ ‘A name usually given in Hebrew Scripture to the ever-blessed Trinity, by which they represent themselves as under the obligation of an oath. This oath, referred to in Psalm 110:4, The Lord swore and will not repent,” was prior to creation. Accordingly ‘Jehovah’ is at the beginning of creation called ‘Elohiym’ in Gen. 1:1, which implies that the Divine persons had sworn when they created: and it is evident from Gen. 3:4,5 that both the serpent and the woman knew ‘Jehovah’ by the name ‘Elohiym’ before the fall... For this covenant relationship, which the name ‘Elohiym’ expresses, is the first relationship with God.” p. 18.

**“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;” Heb. 12:2**

We have nothing to fear for our future and our salvation, except as we forget the way the Lord has led us in the past, and His teachings, for He is the Covenant-keeping God who will finish that good work in us which He has begun!



## THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH and the COVENANTS

The Seventh-day Sabbath is the memorial of creation, the sign of re-creation or sanctification and the seal of the everlasting covenant promise of salvation.

The redeemed will worship the Creator of the “new heavens and the new earth” by observance of the seventh-day Sabbath.

**“For, behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind...And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.” Isa. 65:17 and 66:23.**

The seventh-day Sabbath will be the sign or memorial of the restorations made possible by the everlasting covenants. With great joy and delight the saved will celebrate the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial of the new creation: they will delight in their own new youthful and perfect bodies, renewed vigor and assurance of life eternal, and in the beauties of heaven and earth, all made possible by the Covenant-keeping God.

# INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY PRESERVED

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## COVENANT PROMISES

God could have destroyed the entire human race and started over. It probably would have been a lot easier! But God values the personal identity and personality of each human person. God alone possesses the “mold” of each human in regard to the thought patterns and all that makes him unique. God alone knows the maximum potential of each soul and will make it possible for each person to reach those goals.

Man fears the changing ravages of aging and death, which is obviously inevitable. There is no decision which can be made by human beings that is more desirable than to enter willingly into God’s Everlasting Covenant by which he may retain his personal identity through all the ages of eternity. What has the sinner to lose?

Unfortunately, the sinner is often reluctant to give up his selfish nature! Satan causes him to reason thus:--“If I am changed to have a new body, to receive a new mind and heart, then I will no longer be me.” He does not understand God. There must be an element of trust if one is to enter into a contract or covenant relationship. He would do well to consider: “If I am so fond of myself as I now am, a product of the Creator’s hand (but deteriorating every day), can I trust Him to recreate me with my full potential of personality and identity in the work of restoration? It is already obvious that the converted alcoholic is improved with conversion and that the converted person is happier and a far more attractive individual. Can we not trust God to take us all the way into eternal life and bliss?

## THE COVENANT BLESSING

At the end of earth's history, in the last act of deliverance of the people of God from their enemies, the Voice of God will be heard from the heavens, pronouncing the terms of the Everlasting Covenant which is called "The Blessing." This is the climactic *coup d' theatre* or stroke of action in the drama of the ages. (The prophet saw the vision and described it in the past tense, yet it relates to the future and is therefore placed in future tense as follows):

**"It [will be] at midnight that God choose[s] to deliver His people... there [will be] one clear place of settled glory, whence [will come] the voice of God...The graves [will be] opened, and those who had died in faith...[will come] forth... to hear the covenant of peace...as God [will speak], [He] [will deliver] the everlasting covenant to His people ...And when the never ending blessing [will be] pronounced on those who had honored God...there [will be] a mighty shout of victory."**

*Early Writings 285, 286.*

The covenant "Blessing" is like the reading of a will. It reiterates all that man has been promised and will receive. What will that be? Eternal life, immortality, a new body, eternal youth, vitality, travel throughout the universe, a mansion in the great city New Jerusalem and a country home in the new earth. Perfection of mind, body and spirit. A sinless society free from crime and fear. Social security. A great family reunion clear back to Adam, and the great privilege of knowing and talking with our Savior, our God and Creator. God's people will be a witness to the love of God and His great power to deliver from sin.



# CHAPTER 5

## ARIANISM in the light of THE COVENANTS and THE GREAT CONTROVERSY BETWEEN CHRIST AND SATAN

Again, this is a subject which begins long ago and far away, out there beyond the twinkling stars and before the creation of the universe. "Arianism" is a belief that attempts to define and explain the nature of "God" before the universe was created. It is becoming a divisive element among God's people, and needs to be examined in the light of the covenants and laws of God. Arianism also needs to be considered in the light of the great controversy between *Christ* and Satan, because it involves the very nature, and position of *Jesus Christ*.

Any subject under discussion, must necessarily define terms. Therefore, the first task is to define the word, "Arianism." It is understood somewhat differently by various groups and peoples but its basic positions are as follows:

## ARIANISM DEFINED

1. Arianism is the belief that God, the Father, is the “only *true* God,” who possessed life and creative power inherently and originally within Himself. Arians declare that He, alone was and is the only Source of *all* other life in the universe.
2. Arianism proposes that Jesus Christ was not a “*true God*,” from all eternity because there was a time when He did not exist, and that He was brought forth from the “bosom” of the Father, and was given life before the creation of anything else in the universe.
3. Arianism proposes that The Holy Spirit is not a person, but an influence which flows out from the Father and Jesus Christ.
4. Arianism declares that the concept of three Persons in the Godhead is of pagan origin perpetuated by the Roman Catholic Church and must therefore be an error.
5. Arianism ultimately teaches that when man receives immortality, he will receive the same “kind” of “original, unborrowed, and underived” life which was given to Jesus Christ, and that,
6. The term, “Son” of God, refers to the conception, emergence, and origin of Jesus Christ, and the terms, “first born,” and “only begotten” are limited only to His origin and relationship as a human son is to his father.

**“Arian. Relating to Arius, or his doctrines, esp. that the Son is not of the same substance as the Father but was created as an agent for creating the world—Arianism.”**

*Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*

## THE CHALLENGE OF ARIANISM

Arianism is a fundamental doctrinal belief of Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism. It is also challenging Adventism, especially among independent thinkers and home churches, in different parts of the world. It was an issue in heaven, before this world was created, an issue in the early Christian church, and has surfaced down through all the ages. Some of the men who were involved in "The Great Advent Movement" of the eighteen hundreds emerged from Protestant churches holding Arian views. The prophet of the Seventh-day Adventist church, by many articles in periodicals, books, and by personal testimony, brought the entire church into unity which has been enjoyed over the years for almost a century. But today, Arianism needs to be addressed again for the benefit of a new generation.

## THE COMPLEXITY OF ARIANISM

Arianism is a subject, more easily ignored than by examination of all the many issues involved. Simply quoting the Scripture and inspired writings will not settle the issue because the proponents on either side of the questions, read into each quotation, *their own mind-set of definitions and explanation of terms.*

For example, the word "Son" to the Arian cannot mean anything but to be conceived, brought forth and given life. To the non-Arian, the word, "Son," refers to the positions or offices and work which were voluntarily taken by the second Person of the Godhead so that He could become "God's thought made audible" to communicate with created beings down on their level as "A Son among the sons of God."

Again, in His incarnation, He was referred to as a “Son” among the sons of men, that He might communicate face to face with men to reveal God the Father to them, to become a compassionate high priest for them, to die for them to meet the penalty for sin and to live again to provide eternal life and salvation for them, according to the everlasting covenant.

Likewise, the terms “first born” and “only begotten” to the Arian can mean only one thing: that Michael (Jesus Christ) was the first being brought into existence in the universe! To the non-Arian these terms refer to status as a “unique One” and the “first begotten of the dead.” Rev. 1:5. The non-Arian views Jesus Christ, as eternal with the Father “from everlasting to everlasting,” so that the only time when He was not alive was when he was in the grave at His crucifixion. On Easter Sunday at His resurrection He was “begotten” or given life. As the promised Messiah He was the “first begotten” or “first born” in that His death and life were of first importance to all who should be resurrected.

To the non-Arian, the term “only begotten son” is qualified by Scripture which says:

**“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.” Heb. 11:17**

Isaac was *not* literally “the only begotten son” of Abraham, because he had a brother Ishmael who was first “begotten” by father Abraham! Therefore, the term is qualified to refer to the unique one of the promise. But to the Arian, the words “only begotten” can refer only to one who is given life and brought into existence.



## THE FUTILITY OF ARGUMENT

Under these circumstances, it is useless to argue with those who have filled their minds with *a new vocabulary of definitions and explanations which counter the inspired statements of Scripture and the prophets*. For example, the word, “eternity” to the Arian believer, does not mean eternal as defined in the dictionary to be without beginning or ending, but rather goes back only to the time when Christ was “brought forth” and the work of creation began! Therefore, the following statement means quite different things to the Arian and to the non-Arian:

**“From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father:”** *Desire of Ages* p. 19.

This chapter is written mainly for those whose minds are still open that they may make intelligent decisions when confronted with Arian ideas. They need to know the mindset of the proponents of Arianism. This is also written particularly to give a knowledge of where and how the Arian controversy began.

## IS THIS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE?

What difference does it make whether God is but One Person or that a Godhead is made up of three Persons? What difference does it make if Jesus Christ was equal with the Father from all eternity, or whether He was given life and brought into existence like the angels, or you and me! What difference is there whether the Holy Spirit is a Person or an influence? Does it really make any difference to God or to Satan as to what we believe in regard to these matters? Apparently, God knows it makes a difference or He would not permit this issue to be continually revived again and again over the centuries. What does it have to do with a revelation of the character of God? What has this to do with the great controversy between Christ and Satan? What initiated that controversy between Christ and Satan in the very beginning? Was the controversy over the Law of God and the Creation Covenant terms which demanded obedience to God's Law only or was it also regarding the position and authority of the One who communicated the covenant terms to all created beings?

**“Satan in heaven had hated Christ for His *position* in the courts of God.” *Desire of Ages*, p. 49.**

If Satan hated Christ for His position, did he raise questions as to whether He had the right to His position and authority? Did Satan question his authority to rule? Was the second Person of the Godhead just a created angel like himself? Why then should He rule others or be worshipped? This was an issue from the very beginning of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. It initiated the great question:

**Who is God?**

## WHO IS “GOD”?

When the Creation Covenant terms were spoken in the very beginning of time, God introduced Himself as Creator and Life-giver. Those whom He creates are called “*creatures*.” There is a vast difference between the Creator and His creatures. Creatures who have received life from God can never become Gods but will always depend upon God for their existence. Created beings worship their Creator, but God receives worship.

In the garden of Eden there was placed a “tree of life.” It was there as a continuing reminder that created beings are dependent upon God for life. Only as they continued to eat of that tree, would they have eternal life. In the new earth, in the New Jerusalem, that tree will be there again for that same purpose. (See Rev. 22:2) Through all eternity, that tree will remind the saved that they will never possess life “original, unborrowed, and underived.” All life and blessing will come through all eternity, from God. To assume that created beings will ever have life, “unborrowed” and “underived” is not true.

The great question at issue is whether Jesus Christ is One of the Godhead, or is He a “creature,” a created being like the rest of us? Shall we worship Him as a true God? Or is He a *creature*? God the Father said of Him:

**“And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.” Heb. 1:6.**

## THE HOLY THREE

**“...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” Matt. 28:19.**

Are there three Persons in the Godhead or One? How shall that question be answered? Consider the following: If there were no intelligent beings to *minister* to, there would be no need for an *administrator*. If there were no sin, there would be no need for a Savior. If the creation of God did not extend out to the entire universe, there would be no need of a Spirit to extend itself to be an active agent in the work of creation, sustaining, and guiding all that is out there.

If there were no creation, God could exist as One in one place. But the fact that intelligent beings were brought into existence and placed all over the universe, and given free choice with a possibility of the entrance of sin, there was need for more than One Person to minister to their needs.

## GOD, THE FATHER FIRST PERSON OF THE GODHEAD

God, the Father, spoken of as the first Person of the Godhead; in unselfish love for His creatures, accepted the lonely role as Administrator and Source of all blessings. In this office, He is the active “Generator” of all life, matter, and energy. Just as an electrical power source is surrounded by a high fence labeled “danger—keep out,” so the Father is *enshrouded in light, separated* from His beloved creatures.

**“I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus’ countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father’s person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, “If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist.”**

*Early Writings 54.*

Just as we cannot take hold of a high voltage live wire, without being electrocuted, created beings cannot approach God, the Father, enshrouded in light and power. He is spoken of as the “First Person” of the Godhead, because He has taken that role and responsibility over all the universe as the “Source of all.”

**“In the light of Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven;...that in the meek and lowly One [Jesus] is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto.” *D.A. 20.***

When Moses desired to see the glory of God, he was told, “for there shall no man see me, and live.” Ex. 33:20. Yet, God the Father yearns for His created beings, and therefore, Jesus taught that our prayers are to be directed to “Our Father, which art in heaven.” Matt. 6:9

Pantheism is a deadly error because it directs praise and honor, not to the Father-Administrator and Source of all blessings, but to nature and to the Holy Spirit which is active in nature. It eventually denies the First Person, who is a God with form and substance, sitting upon His heavenly throne. Pantheism is therefore an unbalanced heresy diverting the focus from the true position of God, the Father. It is unwise to teach children to pray to “dear Jesus” because it is an incorrect frame of reference. Every prayer should be directed to “Our Father which art in heaven” and ended “in Jesus’ name.” The Creation Covenant love cycle begins with the First Person of the Godhead.

“So in heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father’s life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all.” *The Desire of Ages 21.*

## THE SECOND PERSON OF THE GODHEAD

### THE SEVEN STEPS DOWNWARD

There is a great difference between the nature of Christ and the nature of Satan.

“Lucifer had said, “I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;...I will be like the Most High.” Isa. 14:13,14. But Christ, “being in the form of God, counted it not a thing to be grasped to be on an equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. Phil. 2:6,7 R.V., margin.” DA 22.

Whereas Satan sought to exalt self, Jesus Christ took seven steps downward in His ministry for created beings and their salvation.

“This was a *voluntary sacrifice*. Jesus might have remained at the Father’s side. He might have retained the glory of heaven, and the homage of angels. But He chose to give back the scepter into the Father’s hands, and to step down from the throne of the universe, that He might bring light to the benighted, and life to the perishing.”

*The Desire of Ages* p. 22, 23.

The Second Person of the Godhead stepped down seven times as revealed in the Scriptures, as follows:

## Step 1. Equality with the Father

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” Phil. 2:5,6. KJV.

“Equal” means “to be identical in value or worth”

*Webster’s Dictionary*

If the Father were a “true God” (a Creator and Life-giver), but the Second Person were only a *creature*, created or “brought forth,” they were not “*identical*” and there could never have been equality between them. The Scriptures, in both Old and New Testaments, and in the Pen of Inspiration, refer to the Second Person of the Godhead as “God” “in the highest sense,” and *equal* to the Father.

“...he [Jesus] put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the same attributes.” *The Signs of the Times, Nov. 27, 1893.*

If both the Father and the Son possessed the same “attributes,” then they were truly equal, and could never have had a Creator/creature status. While it is true that a human father and son have the same attributes, the human father is not a God, but a creature, having received life, himself.



## THE SELF-EXISTENT ONE

“With solemn dignity Jesus [said], “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.” Silence fell upon the vast assembly. The name of God, given to Moses to express the idea of the eternal presence, had been claimed as His own...He had announced Himself the self-existent One, He who had been promised to Israel, “whose goings forth have been from old, from the days of eternity.” *The Desire of Ages* 469, 470.

(See also *Evangelism* p. 615 and 7 SDA B.C. 955.)

Note: In the title, “Self-existent **One**,” the word, “**One**” does not carry numerical meaning, nor limit “Self existence” to just one of the Godhead. The word, “one,” is defined, not only as a numeral, but also as: “3. “a being the same kind or quality,” (1) constituting a unified entity of two or more components (the combined elements form one substance) (2): being in agreement or union...b. being a certain individual specified by name.” *Webster’s Dictionary*.

Arianism confines the term, “Self-existent **One**” to the numerical meaning, thus limiting the title, “Self-existent **One**” to the First Person. However, the following inspired statements speaks of both the First and the Second Persons of the Godhead, as “The Self-existent **One**”!

### The First Person

“...the glory of the Self-existent One [the Father] encircled both.”  
*Patriarchs & Prophets* 36.

### The Second Person

“He had announced Himself as the Self-existent **One**.”  
*Desire of Ages* 469-470.

**“In speaking of His pre-existence, Christ carries the mind back through dateless ages. He assures us that there never was a time when He was not in close fellowship with the eternal God. He to whose voice the Jews were then listening had been with God as one brought up with Him.”**

*The Signs of the Times* Aug. 29, 1900.

Jesus, the Christ-Messiah, was the promised seed of Genesis 3:15, who lived in heaven before He was born in Bethlehem. He existed before the “foundation of the world,” before matter was brought into existence in the universe. The plan of salvation for all created beings, [not just for man] was ready for any creature to be brought into existence. This plan of New Covenant promise was ensured in what was called “the counsel of peace.”

**“Even he shall...bear the glory...and *the counsel of peace* shall be between them both [The Father and the Son].” Zech. 6:13.**

This New Covenant provision was initiated before anything existed. The Second Person of the Godhead existed before Creation began. Of Him it is said,

**“For by him [Jesus Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist....that in all things he might have pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should *all fullness* dwell;” Col. 1:16-19.**

Both Arians and non-Arians understand that Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Godhead, was the “Word” by which all of creation was spoken into existence. But they do not agree on His *nature and substance* before creation began. Jesus declared Himself to the Jews to be the eternal I AM.

**“The Jews had never before heard such words from human lips...he put forth the claim that he and the Father were of one substance, possessing the same attributes.”** *Signs of the Times* Nov. 27, 1893.

And what distinguishing attributes did they both have?

“In Christ is life, original, unborrowed, and underived.”  
*Desire of Ages*. P. 530.

*NOTE: Arianism redefines the words, “Original,” “unborrowed,” and “underived” to mean, “not original” but received from the Father, The word, “underived,” to mean derived from the Father, and the word “unborrowed” to mean borrowed from or received from the Father!*

When word meanings are changed to mean their exact opposite, it is nearly impossible to communicate or carry on an intelligent discussion on the subject.

The words, “original,” “unborrowed,” and “underived,” are defined by Arianism as a “*kind*” of life which was given to Christ. Some Arians also assert that in the resurrection, the saved will also possess this same “*kind*” of life which they say Jesus received! Will immortality lift us to the status of “Gods?” Never!

## GOD, “IN THE HIGHEST SENSE”

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word WAS GOD! John 1:1.

“Christ, the Word,...was one with the eternal Father,--one in nature, in character, in purpose, ‘His name shall be called Wonderful, *The Mighty God, the everlasting Father...His ‘goings’ forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*’ (Isa. 9:6; Micah 5:2)...Christ was God essentially and in the highest sense.” *That I May Know Him.* p. 11.

“Christ was God essentially, and in the highest sense.” He was with God from all eternity, God over all, blessed forevermore.”

*The Review and Herald,* April 5, 1906. p. 8.

“From ALL ETERNITY Christ was united with the Father,...” *Signs of the Times* Aug. 2, 1905, p. 10.

*Note:* Arians redefine the word “eternity.” Whereas the Dictionary definition indicates that eternity is without beginning or ending, Arians give it their own meaning and date it back only to the time when they suppose that Christ was brought forth or created.

How then, is it that all through the New Testament, Jesus declared Himself to be in subjection to the Heavenly Father? Had this always been His position? Or was it a voluntary role which He took to minister to all created beings, and to demonstrate the meekness of the character of God? It is necessary to understand the seven levels which Christ descended to accomplish these objectives.

The wages of sin is *eternal* death. No one but the *eternal God* could meet this threat and guarantee *eternal life*. The “second death” of Rev. 20:6 is none other than eternal annihilation!. Who could die such a death for another? No one but a *Self-existent One, a God in the highest sense with life original, unborrowed and underived* could die such a death and come forth to live again, victorious and claim to be the “resurrection and the life forevermore.” No “creature,” given life from some other source, could meet such a challenge. The Arian view denies such a Savior!

Furthermore, the character of the Father is in question when the Arian view declares that the Father created another being to become the great sacrifice. Was the Father’s character such that He was unwilling to leave His glorious throne or humble Himself to come down to the level of created beings or carry the burden of sin and suffer shame and death, so He created another being to step down, deal with sin and die?

The self-sacrificing character of the Godhead is revealed only when it is understood that a *Self-existent, Eternal One, God in the highest sense, One equal to the Father*, stepped forward, and voluntarily took up the position of dealing with sin, giving Himself up to die for fallen created beings. When Jesus said, “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;” John 14:9, He was revealing the Father to be One exactly like Himself. He was manifesting the very same character and *humility* as that of the Father. Only by understanding the true position and nature of Christ can the Father and the Godhead be vindicated and His character be rightly represented. Ariansim does not vindicate the character of the Father, nor give honor which belongs to God in the Second and Third Persons of the Godhead.

## OF NO REPUTATION”

**Step 2. Divested Himself of the Father’s Glory**  
“But made himself of no reputation,” Phil. 2:7.

Voluntarily, stepping down, He “divested” himself, or removed His glory, as one would take off a garment. He stepped out of the administrative office with all the glory which attends it, voluntarily placing Himself under the Father’s authority, as The Example for all created beings.

He left the Father’s side, laying “the scepter” of power, seat, and authority aside and the glory which attends the position of chief administrator of the universe to take a different role and ministry for the good of all created beings.

The Second Person of the Godhead took a new form and a new name, “Michael.”

**“But turning from all lesser representations, we behold God in Jesus... ‘I seek not Mine own glory, but the glory of Him that sent Me, and I live by the Father.’ ...In these words is set forth the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings; through the beloved Son, the Father’s life flows out all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.”**

*Desire of Ages* p. 21.

## “THE FORM OF A SERVANT” MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

### Step 3. Took the Form of an Angel (Ministering Spirit)

“And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.” Heb. 1:7

“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.”  
Heb. 1:14.

“...and took upon him the form of a servant,”  
Phil. 2:9.

Before Jesus was born as a babe in Bethlehem, He lived in heaven. At that time He was not known by the name, “Jesus,” but was called “Michael, the archangel.” Jude 9, The prophet, Daniel, who lived six hundred years before Jesus was born, knew him as “Michael.” Dan. 10:13 and 21.

The second Person of the Godhead voluntarily stepped down to the level and form of an angel to fellowship and communicate with them. Angels are created beings, having no parents other than God, and are called “sons of God.” The second Person of the Godhead took the form of an angel to become a “Son among the sons of God.” In that form, He was their “Commander” or arch (reigning over) angel.

The Second Person of the Godhead was known as “the WORD” because He was the one who was “God’s Thoughts Made Audible.” (See D.A. p. 19). He held the title or office as the “Word” because He was the communicator between the Father, the angels, and all other created beings.

It was also the Second Person of the Godhead or the “Word” who, not only spoke the worlds into existence, but it was He who communicated to the angels the terms of the Creation Covenant: Obey and Live forever or Disobey and Die.

Lucifer hated the terms of the Creation Covenant and the Laws of God. He hated the One who had spoken these terms and was in authority over him. What could Lucifer do to rebel against heaven’s order of things and bring about change? If he could undermine authority, he could carry out his plans to exalt himself above God. He began his insidious movement by questioning the position and authority of Michael and thus initiated “the great controversy between Christ and Satan.” Christ’s place among the angels, but superior to them, is described below:

“No one of the angels could become a substitute and surety for the human race, for their life is God’s; they could not surrender it. On Christ alone the human family depended for their existence. He is the *eternal, self-existent Son*, on whom no yoke had come. When God asked, “whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Christ alone of the angelic host could reply, “Here am I; send me.” He alone had covenanted before the foundation of the world to become a surety for man. He could say that which not the highest angel could say—“I have power over My own life. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.”

(See John 10:18) 12 MR p. 395.



## LUCIFER CHALLENGED MICHAEL

Lucifer, saw Michael with *an angelic form similar to his own!* Yet Michael (meaning “One like God”), held a position far above that of Lucifer. The Second Person of the Godhead could enter into secret counsels with His Father, to bring back information, communicating it to the angels, but Lucifer was excluded from these sessions. Lucifer questioned what right another “angel” had, to hold a position exalted above his own!

**“Yet the Son of God was the acknowledged Sovereign of heaven, one in power and authority with the Father. In all the councils of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes. “Why,” questioned this mighty angel, “should Christ [Michael] have the supremacy? Why is He thus honored above Lucifer?” Leaving his place in the immediate presence of God, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels...”**

*The Great Controversy* p. 495.

The great controversy between good and evil began in heaven, not only over the laws of God, but also over a dispute regarding the *position, authority, and nature of the second Person of the Godhead.* Satan was determined to undermine His position. Satan has never relinquished that argument and it is reflected in the teachings of Arianism which brings Christ down and down to the level of a created being.

As Lucifer pursued his rebellion, God the Father did not leave them in ignorance.

**“The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the *true position* of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God [Michael] shared the Father’s throne, and the glory of the eternal self-existent One encircled both....Before the assembled inhabitants of heaven the King declared that none but Christ [Michael], the Only Begotten of God, could fully enter into His purposes, and to Him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of His will.”**

*Patriarchs and Prophets 36.*

Lucifer challenged Michael regarding His position, and the inherent right to reign over them. Lucifer detested the terms of the Creation Covenant which Michael had spoken to them. Lucifer challenged the identity of Michael, disputing that He was not part of the Godhead, was not true God, and was not equal to the Father! He saw in Him nothing but a form and status equal to His own, a mere angel and created being!

If Lucifer could have removed the terms of the Creation Covenant “disobey and die” he could have disobeyed and lived forever, he thought. It was regarding these terms that he pursued his case with Eve in the garden of Eden, as he told her, “thou shalt not surely die!” (Gen. 3:4). It is upon this contention and falsehood that the entire thesis of spiritism is founded. Spiritism, in its rebellion against the terms of the Creation Covenant is one of the three forces which will finally sweep the entire world into the final apostasy and rebellion against God. (Rev. 16:13,14.)

These accusations have not ceased. They are repeated in the Arian doctrines, which declared the Second Person of the Godhead to be inferior to the Father, and reflect the great controversy between Christ and Satan, as it originated in heaven.

**Step 4. "...and was made in the likeness of men:"**

**Phil. 2:7.**

Christ, taking upon himself human flesh, was "God, in the highest sense" made in the likeness of "sinful flesh" [degenerated by 4000 years of the results of sin.]. "Emmanuel—God with us."

**Step 5. "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself," Phil. 2:8.**

Jesus became "servant of servants" devoting His life to others in a preaching, teaching, and healing ministry.

**Step 6. "...became obedient unto death." Phil. 2:8.**

Jesus could have come into the temple and willingly placed himself upon the altar, as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If the Jews had recognized Him as the promised seed of the New Covenant, and their Messiah, without cross or knife, He could have entered the temple, and willingly given up His life in a beautiful service. But He also came to reveal the malignity of sin and Satan's spirit of rebellion. Therefore He stepped down and submitted to Step No. 7, even

**Step 7. "the death of the cross." Phil. 2:8**

## THE THREE GREAT POWERS OF HEAVEN

The word, “Trinity” is offensive to many because of the fact that so many false religions worship a counterfeit Trinity God. However, it should be made clear that all false Trinity concepts are merely counterfeits of the true. Satan is not the Creator nor creative in regard to worship. He is not able to create concepts of worship, but only to warp, twist and counterfeit that which was instituted by God. Although the word, “Trinity” is not used in Scripture, nor by Ellen G. White, there are many references to *The Three Great Powers of Heaven.*

**“...They pledge themselves to devote their lives to God’s service; and the three great powers of heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, pledge themselves to cooperate with them, to work in and through them. As they accept Christ as their Savior, they receive power to become the sons of God.”** *Manuscript Releases* Volume 21, p. 150.

Note: “The Three Great Powers of Heaven” are mentioned in *The Signs of the Times*, Vol. 7, June 19, 1901; Vol. 7, February 12, 1902; Vol. 7, March 11, 1903; Vol. 7, August 16, 1903; and in at least fifteen other places, such as the book *Evangelism*, p. 307, *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* Vol. 8, June 22, 1905. Sources and quotations are easily located on the computer..

## THE HOLY SPIRIT A PERSON

The Arian believer is faced with a dilemma. If God, the Father, is the only *true* God, and Jesus Christ is not a *true* God, having been given life like the rest of us, then what shall be done with the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead? Arians take the liberty to eliminate Him as a Person and declare Him to be only an “influence”!

Not only is the Scripture, from Genesis 1:2 to Rev. 22:17 filled with references to the Holy Spirit, the active agent of all that is done in the universe, but the prophets referred to Him as a “Person” who can be grieved, offended, and denied.

A practical question needs to be asked. If God, the Father, has a “form” and sits upon His throne in the heavens, and if Jesus Christ has taken a body and resides in the heavens, acting as a priest, then who does all the work in the hearts of men and is active in the work of all the universe, looking after things?

The Scriptures reveal the fact that in the work of creation, God, the Holy Spirit was the active agent which “moved upon the face of the waters.” Gen. 1:2. God, the Father planned it, and was the Source of all, Christ, the “Word” “spoke” as He was “God’s thought made audible,” but it was the Holy Spirit, which “moved” the whole thing into action. It was a cooperative effort of three Persons, In like manner, the work of salvation is a cooperative effort, with the Father and Christ in the heavens, and the Holy Spirit working on the hearts of men. Man was made to be a “vessel” in which God, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, should dwell. This is the “Mystery of Godliness.”

## THE “THREE LIVING PERSONS OF THE HEAVENLY TRIO”

“The Comforter that Christ promised to send after He ascended to heaven, is the Spirit in all the fullness of the Godhead, making manifest the power of divine grace to all who receive and believe in Christ as a personal Savior. There are three living PERSONS of the heavenly trio. In the name of these three powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized, and these powers will cooperate with the obedient subjects of heaven in their efforts to live the new life in Christ...”

*Special Testimonies, Series B, Vol. 7 p. 63.*

The above paragraph defines the Holy Spirit as being in “all the fullness of the Godhead.” It also describes the Holy Spirit as one of the “three living Persons” of the Godhead, of the “heavenly trio.”

“All the fullness of the Godhead” has great meaning, in that the Holy Spirit is also an eternal self-existent One, without beginning or ending and is also a Person in His own right. Although the Holy Spirit is not limited by a body or a form which can be seen, and can therefore work all over the universe and even within the minds and hearts of men, does not displace Him from the Godhead, or deny His identity as a “Person.”

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IN  
ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD**

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the great controversy between Christ and Satan is “spelled out” in the beliefs of Arianism. Satan’s original antagonism against Christ and his own resistance to the Holy Spirit are reiterated in the arguments of Arian beliefs, which deny the eternal existence of Jesus Christ and the very existence of the Holy Spirit as a member of the Godhead, a Divine Person in His own right. The two members of the Godhead are denigrated, Christ is demoted to the level of a created being, and the “Person” of the Holy Spirit denied. This is the essence of the spirit of antichrist!

It was the Second Person of the Godhead who communicated to all created beings the terms of the creation covenant: “Obey and live, or disobey and die.” Satan hated, not only the laws and covenants of God, but the *One who communicated the terms of the Creation Covenant to him.* Against these terms, Satan pursued his arguments with Eve in the garden of Eden when he said, “Thou shalt not surely die.” Gen. 3:4. This is the basis of spiritism. Again, it was Michael who came to fallen man with the terms of the New Covenant to deliver man from Satan’s dominion. Satan also hated the *ONE who fulfilled the terms of the New Covenant at Calvary.* It was the incarnation of Jesus Christ and His victorious life which has fulfilled the terms of the covenants and it is He who gives power to man to restore him to the covenant relationships and to the image of God.

Satan hates every aspect of covenant promises and the perpetuity of God’s eternal laws of life and love. His hatred of Michael [Christ] is revealed in the teachings and doctrines of Arianism, which exists by redefining words, using specious arguments, denying the true position or Deity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Arianism appears on the surface to be so simple and logical, that of course, everyone knows that a “son” is given life by his father! However, a careful study of the prophetic counsels of God reveals its true source. Arianism is the same Satanic argument of the “great controversy” initiated before the creation of this world and now amplified in modern theology.

The real issue was revealed in the confrontation between Christ and Satan in the third temptation in the wilderness.

**“Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” Matt. 4:8-10.**

Jesus Christ, as the co-creator of Lucifer, was his “Lord” and his “God.” Satan was determined to reverse the order of worship. Not only has Satan refused to worship the Second Person of the Godhead, but perpetuates Arian forms of worship, that deny the nature and attributes of the Eternal, Self-existent Second Person. This vital issue places the worshipper either on the side of God or on Satan’s charmed ground. Arianism not only denies the Person of the Holy Spirit, but denies the loving character of the Father, declaring that He created another being to suffer agony and torture, and give His life, while making no sacrifice Himself. Arianism is at war with all three of the Holy Trio.



## EXHAUSTIVE REFERENCES

For those who desire further study, which is a compilation of inspired references and valid sources, there is an immense amount of material available, which could not be included in this chapter of this book on the covenants. Some of these references are listed below

*God, the Holy Spirit*      *Part I.*

*God, the Holy Spirit*      *Part II*

*The Godhead:*              *Part III*

*Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

By Carol Hardin \$25.00 per volume

Order from: The Prophetic Song of Songs, Rt. 5, Box 273,  
Albia, Iowa 52531.

Arians assert that 1 Jn. 5:6,7 is not a valid Scripture text because they have been told that these verses, which mention the three Persons of the Godhead, are not in the original Bible manuscripts. Verse 7 says:

**“For there are three that bear record in heaven. The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” I Jn. 5:7.**

While it is true that there is one manuscript which does not include this text, there are six others that do include it. For a complete discussion of the issue the following book is available.

*The History of the Debate over I Jn. 5:6-8*

**By Michael Maynard**

(Tracing I Jn. 5:6-8 of the text and the longevity of The Comma Johanneum [Ms] with evaluation of arguments against authenticity.) order from: Comma Publications,  
P. O. Box 1625, Tempe, Ariz. 85281-1625.

## SATAN'S TOOLBOX

1. Undermine authority.
  - A. Present God, the Father, as unwilling to sacrifice, who created another being to make the sacrifice.
  - B. Limit God, the Son, to the status of a created being.
  - C. Deny the Person of the Holy Spirit.
2. Redefine the words of the English language, such as "original, unborrowed, underived, and eternity" to deny the inspired writings of the prophets.
3. Use examples of human relationships to illustrate the nature of God.
4. Use past errors of the pioneers as criteria for truth.
5. Use Catholic pagan terminology of "Trinity" to deny the "Holy Trio," or "Three Great Powers" or "Persons" of heaven.
6. Ignore Christ's "Seven Steps" downward from equality with the Father to the death of the cross.
7. Overlook the "great controversy between Christ and Satan" as it began over the position of Christ in heaven.
8. Perpetuate the lie that men may become Gods when given immortality or "the *kind* of life" which is life "original, unborrowed, underived."

# CHAPTER VI

## “COMPLETE FULFILLMENT”

### FINAL DELIVERANCE IN THE COVENANTS

#### The Purpose and Objective of the Covenants

The objective of the Creation Covenant was to prevent the entrance of sin into the universe. The objective of the New Covenant was and is to eradicate sin from the universe, and specifically from the hearts and minds of the Redeemed. The grand objective of the New Covenant is to “blot out” sin in the minds and hearts of God’s people and in its place to re-create a mind and heart which will “reflect the image of Jesus fully.”

**“This is the covenant that I will make...saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: for I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins, and their iniquities will I remember no more, In That he saith, A new covenant.” Heb. 8:10-13.**

A “complete fulfillment” of the covenants will be accomplished only when the laws of God have been permanently and thoroughly impressed upon the minds of the people of God. The great question is: When will this take place?

## **“COMPLETE FULFILLMENT” NOT YET**

Justification and sanctification are important and necessary processes in the plan of redemption and restoration; but “complete fulfillment” of the covenant promise of Hebrews 10 is not in these processes. Paul clearly stated this toward the close of his ministry:

**“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect...I count not myself to have apprehended:...” Phil. 3:12,13.**

**“But I keep under my body, [in the sanctification process] and bring it into subjection:” I Cor. 9:27.**

Paul described the daily struggle of sanctification as a “crucifixion” of self. He wrote:

**“I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am!...So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” Rom. 7:22-25.**

Sanctification was a daily struggle with the “law of sin” as a part of his fallen nature. Therefore Paul did not claim that he had attained perfection, even toward the close of his ministry. Yet he wrote, “this one thing I do...I press toward the mark” (of perfection). Phil. 3:13,14.

Paul knew that a “complete fulfillment” of the covenant promise would be attained at the time of the resurrection. He wrote:

**“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect [But] That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,...If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”**

**Phil. 3:12, 10, 11.**

Much has been written to prove that complete perfection has not been possible in the past, nor at the present through the process of sanctification, for it is “the work of a *lifetime*.” This point was made clear by Paul nearly two millenniums ago in New Testament Scriptures! Furthermore, the daily experience of every Christian in an honest appraisal of his own experience testifies to this fact. It is self-evident that an honest desire to serve God does not release the Christian from that “law of sin in [his] members.” If not concentrating, his appetites and self-will emerge at the most unexpected times.

For millenniums, it has been sufficient for the faithful to declare with David:

**“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness:  
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.” Psalm 17:15.**

But for the last generation, which considers, not resurrection, but translation, there is a dilemma and many questions. How will they qualify for the final “*seal of the living God*”? How will the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit prepare them to live through the seven last plagues without a Mediator?

1. Will the people of God be sealed sinless, “without fault before the throne of God” (Rev. 14:5), or will they be sealed with “a law of sin in their members” and an inherent bent to evil with all its clamoring appetites and perverse lusts still at war against the law of God?
2. When will the “complete fulfillment” of the covenant occur so that the laws of God will be permanently, completely written in the minds and hearts of God’s people so that sin will be completely “blotted out?” Will it be at the time of the translation of the body, or will it be at the seal of God in the mind?
3. How will the last generation be prepared to stand through the seven last plagues without a Mediator? (See Rev. 15:8).

Answers to these questions were not significant nor pertinent to past generations. But as the gospel and the Investigative Judgment draws to its close, and as the forces of evil emerge to oppose the laws and the people of God, these questions will attain to immediate urgency and the Lord will give His people understanding so that by their faith and cooperation with Him, His work for them will be complete. Answers to the above questions are found in prophetic Scriptures and in inspired writings available to us now.

**COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF THE  
COVENANTS WILL OCCUR  
IN THE LAST GENERATION**

**“COMPLETE FULFILLMENT” OF THE  
COVENANTS  
WILL OCCUR WITHIN THE PROCESS OF  
THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT.**

The prophet, Daniel was instructed by an angel sent from heaven to explain, not only the numerical computation of the 2300 day prophecy of Dan. 8:14, but also the objectives of the entire vision were made very clear. Gabriel, the heavenly instructor, revealed the sublime objectives of the Investigative Judgment which began at the end of the 2300 day timeline. That process of Investigative Judgment would ultimately accomplish the following for God’s people: (Review Dan. 9:24.)

1. **“...to finish transgression,” (in God’s people)**
2. **“...to make an end of sins,” (in God’s people)**
3. **“...to make reconciliation for iniquity,”**
4. **“...and bring in everlasting righteousness,”**
5. **“...to seal up the vision and prophecy,”**
6. **“...to anoint the most Holy.”**

The objectives of the investigative judgment were to:

1. “finish transgression” or remove rebellion against God from the hearts and minds of God’s people.
2. “make an end of sins” to stop them from “missing the mark.”
3. “make reconciliation for iniquity” in a *“final atonement” through the priestly intercession of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary.*
4. **“bring in everlasting righteousness”** into the minds and hearts of God’s people before the close of probation.

5. “to seal up the vision and the prophecy” [which predicted *covenant promises to restore the image of God in man through the Seal of God.*]
6. “to anoint the most Holy” or to cleanse the Most Holy place of the heavenly sanctuary of the records of the sins and to cleanse God’s people, themselves.

Note: The “complete fulfillment” of all covenant promises, will not occur until there is a new heaven and a new earth, with “Eden restored.”

However, Daniel 8 and 9 bring to view a unique “complete fulfillment” of the everlasting covenant *which deals with sin in the lives of God’s people.* Daniel 8:14 introduces the 2300 day-year prophetic timeline which ended in 1844. At that time the Investigative Judgment process began. The objectives of the Investigative Judgment are stated in the Dan. 9:24 explanation of the Dan. 8:14 2300 day-year prophecy. Those stated objectives are “to make an end of “sins...transgressions...iniquity,” in God’s people, and to “bring in everlasting righteousness” to the people of God. It is these objectives which will receive “complete fulfillment” within the Investigative Judgment process.

This “complete fulfillment” is of great significance to the last generation living on the earth, who will be alive at the time when the Investigative Judgment ends and probation closes. This chapter deals only with “complete fulfillment” as it will occur in the Investigative Judgment process and does not have to do with translation or any other fulfillment which follows the close of probation.



## “COMPLETE FULFILLMENT” IN A “FINAL AT-ONE-MENT”

The Investigative Judgment going on in the “Courtroom” of heaven is a legal process. A covenant is a legal contract, It will be during the legal proceedings of the judgment, that the legal contract or covenant will be fully brought into effect for those who are alive at that time.

**“God will not break His covenant, nor alter the thing that is gone out of His lips....At the judgment this covenant will be brought forth,”**

*Prophets & Kings 187.*

It is in the Investigative Judgment that there is a “cleansing of the sanctuary,” not only of the confessed sins of God’s people in the records in the heavenly sanctuary, but there will also be a corresponding work in the minds and hearts of God’s people. It is in the judgment, that an “at-one-ment” will be made to bring fallen man back to His Creator without sin coming between them. A permanent sinless relationship, or “oneness,” will be initiated for “everlasting” eternity. This final work for the people of God is known as the “final atonement.” The “final atonement” will bring about “moral perfection” in the people of God because in the sealing work which occurs in the closing up of the judgment, the 144,000 will receive the Seal of God in which they will have the “father’s name written in their forehead [minds].” Rev. 14:1.

**“...a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads.”**

Rev. 14:1.

This marvelous work is also symbolized as a “marriage” which is also a legal covenant.

## THE “GIFT” OF MORAL PERFECTION

### Imperfection to Perfection! When, Where, and How?

Man sinks into death and the grave imperfect. Although his motives and character have been perfected by the grace of Christ, that “law of sin” was always there “in his members” affecting his fleshly brain and nervous system. His brain, (mind) was weakened and degenerated until he returned to dust. Yet, because of his submission and belief in the Savior’s Covenant Promise, he will be resurrected in total physical, mental, and spiritual perfection. God’s record of the individual at death was that of an identity with many imperfections, yet at resurrection time, the record pattern of that individual will have gone through a change to absolute and total perfection. When and where was the recorded pattern of the individual identity changed? Of course the change comes about through the mind of God, but it is also revealed in the Investigative Judgment before the universe to be a satisfactory, safe, and permanent change.

The changing of the pattern is made under the due process of heaven’s courtroom, in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, in a process known as the “Day of At-one-ment.” It is a time of reconciliation or adjustment. It is done before witnesses because it is essential that the identity of the individual be preserved and that no change be made but that which he desired and requested. It is also imperative that the change be made to bring the individual into complete and eternal harmony with sinless beings in a sinless environment. He is, upon resurrection, to enter into a SINLESS SOCIETY. This process was observed by Daniel, the prophet, who exclaimed:

“the judgment was set, and the books were opened.”

Dan. 7:10.

Heaven’s books are more than a mere list of deeds. These records would be more accurately described in modern times, as “computers with memory banks, video tapes, and more— which encompass the total identity and life of the individual, including all his thought processes and thought patterns, motives, and desires.

Before “thousand thousands, and ten thousands times ten thousand” (Dan. 7:10) witnesses of heaven and the inhabitants of the universe, these records are processed in the court of heaven in the Investigative Judgment.

As each individual’s name is considered, Christ, the High Priest pleads His own blood and death on the cross to meet the requirements of the Creation Covenant—“Disobey and die.” Legally, then, the sinner is forgiven and he may live. Past sins are forgiven, but that is not all:

The terms of the New Covenant are also met in the Investigative Judgment. God must guarantee to the universe that sin shall not rise again a second time. Christ must pledge a complete fulfillment of the New Covenant in which He makes a promise regarding each individual as follows:

**“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. and their sins, and their iniquities, will I remember no more.” Heb. 10:16,17.**

When Christ does this in complete fulfillment of the New Covenant, He makes an “At-one-ment” or complete reconciliation, in which He produces a perfect identity pattern for the individual with perfect thought patterns and presents it to the court for approval. This is an individualized, personalized work for each soul who will enter the kingdom of God. This work is not “justification,” (forgiveness), nor sanctification, which is the work of a lifetime. but the “final atonement is a gift accomplished by Jesus Christ. It was given to the dead as they waited in their graves, and to the last generation as they go through the Investigative Judgment process of the living. It is a gift granted by the Godhead.

Paul summed up the work of the judgment, final atonement and the “complete fulfillment” of the covenant as follows:

**“And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the [investigative and then the executive] judgment.” Heb. 9:27.**

**“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation... after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;...For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified...This is the covenant that I will make with them...I will put my laws...in their minds.”**

**Heb. 9:28; 10:12,14,16.**

The judgment is not merely a process of the “blotting out of [past records of] sins,” but of much greater consequence, it is a guarantee of the full and final “at-one-ment” in which there will be a complete eradication of sin in the human soul and the establishment of everlasting righteousness and complete future perfection in the individual for all eternity!

The “*final atonement*” for the people of God is not merely the application of a blood sacrifice to meet the terms of the Creation Covenant, but it is the “complete fulfillment” of the New Covenant promise to bring in everlasting righteousness. The fact that such righteousness shall be permanent, is the essence of a covenant that is “everlasting.”

**“What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end [of sin]: affliction shall not rise up the second time.” Nahum 1:9.**

While the dead rest quietly in their graves, their Savior performs the “*final at-one-ment*” for them. The patriarchs and apostles understood this clearly. They wrote:

**“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.” Psalm 17:15.**

**“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” I John 3:2.**

**“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” I John 3:3.**

According to the 2300 day-year prophecy of Daniel 8:14, the Investigative Judgment or antitypical “Day of Atonement” began in 1844, more than 150 years ago. The “final atonement will affect the mentality, but will not produce “holy flesh.” This will be the great crisis for the last generation as to whether they will be sealed in the righteousness of Jesus; or in their sins, receiving the “mark” of the beast.

## “COMPLETE FULFILLMENT’ IN THE SEAL OF GOD

**“As the books of record are opened in the judgment the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living.” *The Great Controversy* p. 483.**

The closing up of the judgment for the last generation is called “The Judgment of the Living.” This judgment process involves the following steps:

1. Their cases come up before God.
2. Their eternal destiny is decided.
3. They receive the “Seal of the Living God.” Rev. 14:1-4.
4. “The Father’s name” [Law or character] is written in their foreheads [minds and hearts]. Rev. 14:1-4.
5. They are the “*firstfruits*” to receive moral perfection.
6. They will “reflect the image of Jesus fully.”
7. They are prepared to live through the seven last plagues.
8. When the judgment closes, the Mediator leaves the heavenly sanctuary.
9. They are a spectacle to the universe of “complete fulfillment” of the covenant promises.
10. They are the 144,000.

## “COMPLETE FULFILLMENT” OF THE COVENANTS FOR THE 144,000.

In the judgment of the living (Day of At-one-ment) Christ will not only plead His blood to justify His people to meet the terms of the Creation Covenant, but He will do for the living that which He has been doing for the dead—He will put His law “in their hearts and will write it in their minds,” perfecting them, bestowing upon them, the gift of everlasting righteousness. (See Dan. 9:24.) The entire 144,000 will be sealed, “reflecting the image of Jesus fully.” The prophet wrote of this experience as follows:

**“Christ will clothe His faithful ones with His own righteousness...Thus will be realized the complete fulfillment of the new covenant promise.”**

*The Great Controversy* p. 484, 485.

When this work of the “Day of At-one-ment” has been completed, the people of God will be restored in heart and mind to meet the terms of the Creation Covenant.

**The deepest interest manifested among men in the decisions of earthly tribunals but faintly represents the interest evinced in the heavenly courts when the names entered in the book of life come up in review before the Judge of all the earth. The divine Intercessor presents the plea that all who have overcome through faith in His blood be forgiven their transgressions, that they be restored to their Eden home, and crowned as joint-heirs with Himself to the *first dominion.*”**

*The Great Controversy* p. 483.

**“Satan in his efforts to deceive and tempt our race had thought to frustrate the divine plan in man’s creation: but Christ now asks that this plan be carried into effect as if man had never fallen.”**

*The Great Controversy* p. 484.

The prophet, quoting many Scriptures wrote:

**“In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found.” “In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living.”**

*The Great Controversy* 485.

**Quoting Jer. 31:34; 50:20; Heb. 9:28; Isa. 4:2,3; Acts 3:19,20; Lev. 16:22.**

There is a difference between “complete fulfillment” of the covenant promise to deal with sin, and “complete restoration.” “Complete Restoration” will not be accomplished until after the millennium when the new earth is recreated, and Adam reinstated in the garden of Eden. It is true that the resurrection and even translation are beginning actions of the restoration. However, the major objective of the covenant promises has to do with a final *deliverance and eradication of sin*, and that will be “complete fulfillment” of the promise of the Dan. 8:14, “cleansing of the sanctuary.”



**“Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Dan. 8:14 (and) “...finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins [in the minds of God’s people],...and to bring in everlasting righteousness,” Dan. 9:24.**

It should be understood that the 2300 day-year prophecy of Dan. 8:14 and 9:24 is a *Covenant-oriented promise*. The entire prophecy focuses on the covenants, as follows:

1. The Mt. Sinai Covenant was to come to its end at the end of the seventy weeks, in A.D. 34.
2. The New Covenant was to be “confirmed” at the death of the promised Savior in A.D. 31.
3. The “complete fulfillment” of the Everlasting Covenant was to be accomplished within the Investigative Judgment process which began in 1844 but will end with the sealing of the last generation.

## THE SEVEN FACETS OF THE “COMPLETE FULFILLMENT”

The “complete fulfillment” of the covenants in dealing with sin is described by seven terms that reveal different facets of the process of the Investigative Judgment, as follows:

### 1. “The Cleansing of the Sanctuary”

There was an earthly sanctuary in Israel, there is a sanctuary in heaven, but also, “Know ye not that ye are the temple [sanctuary] of God?” I Cor. 3:16. Not only in heaven but also a corresponding work must be accomplished *in the heart and mind of the individual* according to Heb. 10:16,17.

### 2. The Blotting out of Sins

In type, the records of sin were blotted out by the blood of the Lord’s goat on the Day-of-Atonement in Israel. In antitype, the records of sin are blotted out by the blood of Christ shed on Calvary in A.D. 31 and now since 1844 applied in the Investigative Judgment in the heavenly sanctuary. A corresponding “botting out of the records of sin” will be done in the “forehead” or mind of each individual in the time of the judgment of the living.

### 3. “The Investigative Judgment”

“The judgment was set and the books were opened.” Dan. 7:10. The books of heaven’s records are opened so that the lives of all of those who have claimed to be the people of God, may be “investigated” to see if they have meant what they said, and whether their lives testified to the sincerity of their claim.

#### 4. "The Day of Atonement"

The word "Atonement" is actually "At-One-Ment." As long as sin remains in the hearts and minds of God's people and in the record books of heaven, there is not a completed "at-one-ment" because it is sin which separates the sinner from God. But when all sin and the records of sin have been blotted out from the book and from the individual, then a true "At-one-ment" can occur.

#### 5. The "Marriage"

The Scriptures abound in illustrations of the relationship between God and His people as in a marriage. These illustrations are in both the Old and New Testaments wherein Christ likened Himself to a bridegroom and the corporate church is likened to a bride. When there is perfect "At-one-ment" it is like a marriage in that God and the redeemed shall be one. "The twain shall be one" as in the marriage vow.

The connection between the Investigative Judgment and the symbol of a "marriage" is explained in the following paragraph:

**"The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, ...is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage The proclamation, 'Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,' in the summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time The Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, to the marriage... The followers of Christ are to 'wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding.'" *The Great Controversy* 426, 427.**

## THE LEGAL ASPECT OF A MARRIAGE

The Investigative Judgment is a *legal* procedure. A marriage is also a *legal* procedure, and recorded by the government. The Covenants are also *legal* documents.

In what sense did the Bridegroom Jesus enter into the *legal aspect of a* “marriage” in A.D. 1844? This is best illustrated by an Oriental marriage. In those countries, women had no legal rights. They did not sign legal documents. Therefore, the legal aspects of a marriage were accomplished by the men of the two families at the court house. When all the documents were signed, *the marriage was legally completed* and only the celebration procession and festivities followed.

Friends of the bridegroom wait for him outside the courthouse until he is finished with the legal procedures, then they place him in a sedan chair and take him in a grand procession to the house of the bride. She has been preparing herself for his coming with perfumes, cosmetics and beautiful clothing. They place her on the sedan chair beside him and together they go with music, dancing and singing in a noisy procession down the street until they come to his father’s house where they will dwell together.

This illustrates the Investigative Judgment in that it is the “men,” the Ancient of days--the Father, and Jesus the Son, in the court of heaven, who take care of all legal matters. When the names of God’s people are all sealed and retained in the Lamb’s Book of Life, that legal aspect of the marriage is complete. Then He comes with a great procession down from the heavens to receive His bride and together they ascend in the cloudy chariot to the Father’s house where they will dwell together.

## THE MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

A marriage celebration is a joyous occasion. If all is well, it is a time of happiness for everyone. This mood is expressed in the wedding song, *The Song of Solomon*, which says:

**“Behold king Solomon [Prince of Peace]...in the day of his [espousals] wedding, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.” *Song of Solomon 3:11.***

Not only is the Bridegroom glad, but there is a “*refreshing*” for the bride in the Investigative Judgment-Marriage. At a wedding, “*refreshments*” are provided. So there is a refreshing which comes to the bride as sins are “blotted out.”

**“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;” Acts 3:19.**

It is in the Investigative Judgment or in the Marriage that the living remnant bride church receives her “change of raiment” gift-- her “glorious apparel” or “wedding gown.”

**“The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled....Their names are retained in the Lamb’s book of life, enrolled among the faithful of all ages.” *5 Testimonies 475.***

Later, in heaven, they sit down to the Marriage Supper..

**“Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” Rev. 19:9.**

## 6. "The Change of Raiment"

The sinner is pictured as wearing "filthy rags." Isa. 64:6. The priests of Israel represented the people of God who had sinned. Therefore, in the book of Zechariah, Joshua the high priest, is shown to stand before God in filthy garments, representing Israel. But the "angel"—(Michael, the promised Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth) gives the command to remove the filthy garments and give him a "change of raiment." He interprets this act by saying, "I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee." Zech 3:4.

It is in this "final atonement" in the Investigative Judgment and the work which will be done for the living or last generation at that time that is described as this "change of raiment." At that time there will be the "complete fulfillment" of the covenant promises of Dan. 8 and 9.

**"Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the angel applies with peculiar force in the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan...points to their filthy garments, their defective characters. He presents their weakness and folly, their sins of ingratitude, their unlikeness to Christ....But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins... Their earthliness must be removed that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected... they are regaining the strength and nobility of character lost in consequence of sin.**

**The spotless robe of Christ's righteousness is placed**

upon the tried, tempted, yet faithful children of God. The despised remnant are clothed in glorious apparel, nevermore to be defiled by the corruptions of the world. Now they are eternally secure from the tempter's devices...holy angels,...were passing to and fro, placing upon them the seal of the living God...the 144,000...Now is reached the complete fulfillment [of the Covenant promises]...Christ is revealed as the Redeemer and Deliverer of His people." 5 Testimonies 472-476.

The above quotation reveals the concept that the "complete fulfillment" of the covenant promises, in regard to sin, will occur at the time that "holy angels will be passing to and fro placing upon God's people the "Seal of the Living God." What does the sealing do for God's people?

#### 7. The Seal of the Living God.

It is at the time when the last generation pass through the judgment of the living, having their sins blotted out, that they receive the "Seal of the Living God." But what is the "Seal of the Living God?"

**"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God:...Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, [with the seven last plagues], till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. [minds]...there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand."**

**Rev. 7:2-4.**

The sealing work is that "complete fulfillment" of the covenants in which God has promised "I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them," Heb. 10:16,17.

The 144,000 will have the “Father’s name written in their foreheads.” Rev. 14:1. The Father’s name is His character transcribed into the moral law of God. Again, it is the 144,000 who will pass through the Investigative Judgment of the Living, and in that process will receive the seal of the living God and complete fulfillment of the covenant promises. Because they are the first generation to be alive at the time they pass through the judgment, they are called the “firstfruits.” Rev. 14:4.

If there is one truth which Satan seeks to keep away from the people of God, it is that of the final atonement which will forever deliver them from Satanic power. These truths are vital to the last generation who need to know what God is planning to do for them; to be able to cooperate with Him, and understand what is taking place. The gift of “final atonement” and the Seal of the Living God will be accomplished by faith in God’s promises in His Word; to accomplish for them that which they can not do for themselves. Just as justification and sanctification come by faith, so also the final atonement will come by faith that God will finish that work which He has begun in them to prepare them to live through the seven last plagues.

When the Investigative Judgment is finished, Jesus, the high priest and Mediator will take off his priestly robes and put on the garments of vengeance to take control of the pouring out of the seven last plagues. When they are sealed in His image, it is then that they will reflect the image of Jesus fully. Beyond the reach of Satan, they will no longer need a Mediator for they will have no sins to confess.

**“Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.” *The Great Controversy* 620.**



## NO MEDIATOR

“As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garment; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no Mediator between guilty man and an offended God...after the close of Jesus’ mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. Every case [brought up in the Investigative Judgment] was decided, every jewel numbered. {See Rev. 8:5 and 15:8.)

*Early Writings* 280.

When the Investigative Judgment is finished and probation has closed, God’s people will be sealed in the image of Jesus. Only then can they live through the seven last plagues without a Mediator.

The sealing work is not to be confused with translation. Whereas the sealing is a work on the minds and hearts of God’s people, translation is a work on the fleshly body. We cannot say, “I am sinless” until translation because the body will still bear the marks of degeneration of the human race until translation. Just as Jesus was without sin, and yet living in a body which bore the marks of degeneration, called “sinful flesh,” so also the 144,000 will live in degenerated bodies but will, when sealed, “reflect the image of Jesus fully,” as He was when living upon this earth.

It is imperative that God’s people understand the “complete fulfillment” of the everlasting covenants so that they can cooperate with God in making the necessary preparation; and by faith to meet the final crisis, and final test at which time they will be sealed for all eternity.

## THE NEW NAME

In Christian countries, as soon as the marriage is performed, the bride receives her husband's name. She become Mrs. John Doe. As soon as the people of God have passed through the judgment of the living, they also receive their husband's name. What is his name?

**“Behold, the days come...saith the Lord, that I will raise...a righteous BRANCH...and shall execute judgment...and this is the name by which he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”**

**Jer. 23:5,6.**

When the bride-remnant church enters into the judgment of the living “marriage” ceremony, she will receive that new name of her Husband.

**“In those days...this is the name wherewith SHE shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.” Jer. 33:16.**

**“...I will write upon him the name of my God...and I will write upon him my new name.” Rev. 3:12.**

**“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God...Saying, Hurt not the earth...till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads.” Rev. 7:2,3.**

**“...a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.” Rev. 14:1.**

Traditionally, in Christian weddings, the white bridal gown is the symbol for purity and fidelity. The bride also wears a veil and a tiara or crown, the symbol of nobility.

**“As the people of God afflict their souls before Him, pleading for purity of heart, the command is given; ‘Take away the filthy garments’ from them...’ I will clothe thee with change of raiment. The spotless robe of Christ’s righteousness is placed upon the...faithful...a fair mitre [crown] is set upon their heads. They are to be kings and priests with God...having the Father’s name written in their foreheads. 5 Testimonies 475, 476.**

It is not necessary that God’s remnant people should speculate as to how God will write His character, law, and holy name in their foreheads [minds]. The human brain is too complicated to map it, and there is none but the Creator who knows exactly how He will do this marvelous work. It is enough to know that He has promised it, and that it will be a gift which His people may receive just as they have received the gift of justification, the power of sanctification, and at last the gift of the blotting out of sins.

The God who could implant the language patterns into the minds of people at the tower of Babel, is well able to do that which He has promised. God’s people need the faith to believe it and cooperate with Him who will finish the work which He has begun in us.

## **A Prayer for Final Atonement**

**My Father, Eternal God, on high,  
Prepare me to live, or die,  
But to be sealed in mind by Thy Sweet Dove  
Imprinting there Your Holy Law of Love,  
Which is the reflection of your character.  
Just claim me as Yours forever.**

**Stand up for me, O Jesus Christ  
Be my attorney in the court.  
When my name comes up in judgment  
To guarantee the fulfillment  
That sin shall not arise in me a second time,  
Blot out my sins, and not my name.**

**Send your Holy Spirit, O my God.  
Let Him come in with Your two-edged Sword  
Penetrate my mind and find in me  
That answering chord of pure belief  
That I may sing loud praises to Thy name.  
Help me to thrust away all sinful leaven  
And take away the earthiness  
That I may breathe the very atmosphere of heaven.**

Marian Berry

**CORRECT TIMING FOR  
“COMPLETE FULFILLMENT”  
AND THE  
SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD**

***Truth, out of its setting is error.***  
**Truth out of its correct timing, is error.**

*Present Truth*” is dependent upon correct timing, particularly in the proclamation of prophetic fulfillment. It is imperative that the truths concerning the “complete fulfillment” of the covenants during the process of the Investigative Judgment be given correct timing. These concepts, which deal specifically with the time for the perfecting of the remnant last generation and final events, must not be prematurely applied, nor put off until it is too late.

1. The Investigative Judgment began in 1844. Upon this Dan. 8:14 timeline of the 2300 day-years, Adventism was founded. The Investigative Judgment in 1844 began with the “ancient men,” from the first generations on the earth. It began with the dead, but will soon take up the cases of the living. We need to understand what has taken place in the past, and to know what is future.
2. Correct timing of the Judgment of the Living is critical to those who shall enter into that action in the future.

*The Imperative of Correct Timing  
for the  
Judgment of the Living, and  
The Seal of God*

How shall we know when the Judgment of the Living will begin? This knowledge comes from the inspired Word of God and there are signals of which we need to be aware.

**SIGNALS FOR THE JUDGMENT OF THE LIVING**

1. *Prophecy Fulfilled*. Rev. 13:11 prophecy fulfilled.  
    *A Decree*. A National Sunday law in the USA.
2. *Prophecy Fulfilled*. Rev. 13:5 prophecy fulfilled.  
    *A Decree*. A world-wide Universal Sunday Law.

This legislation, will initiate a confrontation between the laws of God and the laws of man. The union of church and state to enforce the false sabbath will bring all men to a *final test* and final decision. Their decisions will be the last entry on heaven's books and when the cases of all who have professed to be the people of God have been tried, all will have passed through the *judgment of the living*. Then Probation will close.

First, the nations make their decrees in setting up the false sabbath, and then the *decree* from heaven will be uttered:

**THE DECREE**

**“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still;  
and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still;  
and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still;  
and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” Rev. 22:11**

3. *The Mark of the Beast*. The unjust and filthy will receive the “Mark of the Beast.” Rev. 13:16-18.
4. *The Seal of God* . The righteous and holy will receive the “Seal of the Living God.” in the judgment of the living. Rev. 7:1-4 and 14:1-4.

What will be the results of the Seal of God? This happy experience will bring many wonderful blessings as follows: They will be known as the 144,000 of Rev. 7:1-8 and 14:1-5. They will be sealed in the righteousness of Christ and will reflect the image of Jesus fully. They will have the high privilege to demonstrate to the inhabitants of the universe that God’s true church, when sealed, and kept by the power of Christ, will not sin. Satan’s claim that “sin once tasted, cannot be resisted” will be proven false. It will be evident that all those who have tasted sin, in Christ’s power can keep the moral law of God consistently. The power of the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ will be demonstrated.

*Man will be restored to the terms of the Creation Covenant: “Obey and Live.”*

Those who are sealed will fulfill the prophecy of Rev 18:1,2 in that they will lighten the earth with His glory. They will be completely filled with the Holy Spirit in the outpouring of the “Latter Rain.”

When the sealing work is completed, there will be no further need of a Mediator for sin. Jesus will leave the most holy place of the heavenly courtroom judgment scene to accomplish another work before He comes in the clouds of heaven. The universe see what human beings can be, when filled completely with the Holy Spirit reflecting the image of Jesus fully. They will also see what the wicked are like when the Holy Spirit restraints are withdrawn, when Satan has complete control of the wicked, and they take on the

attributes of Satan, the master they have chosen. This demonstration of evil is known as “The Seven Last Plagues.” These plagues are spoken of as “The Wrath of *God*” because God is in complete control of the demonstration; but Satan will be in complete control of the wicked. His malignity toward the human race and the very planet itself will be fully exposed. This closing act of the drama of the great controversy between Christ and Satan will reveal the terrible results of rejecting the covenants of God.

**“As Jesus moved out of the holy place [after He has completed the judgment of the living],...a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God. While Jesus had been standing between God and guilty man, a restraint was upon the people; but when He stepped out from between man and the Father, the restraint was removed and Satan had entire control of the finally impenitent. It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God [the seven last plagues], and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner,...” *Early Writings* 280.**

For the first time, the inhabitants of the universe will see what man can be when completely filled with the Holy Spirit, and at the same time, see what man is like when there is no restraint by the Holy Spirit and they are filled with and controlled by the Spirit of Satan. They will see what Satan would have done to their planets if he had not been limited to this world.



Those who are sealed will live through the seven last plagues. They will see the deliverance of the saints from their enemies at the battle of Armageddon, and they will hear the "Voice of God" declare the day and hour of the coming of Jesus. They will be alive to see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.

Those who will be sealed will be translated without seeing death. They, together with those who are resurrected from all ages, will all rise together to meet the Lord in the air, and ride in the cloudy chariot to their heavenly Paradise. (I Thess. 4:12-18.)

Note: A "sealing" work is spoken of in Scripture in various circumstances. For example, Abraham was "sealed" by faith and obedience. There is a "seal of approval" at the time of conversion, and a sealing work which occurs in the process of sanctification. These terms are to be distinguished from the "Seal of the Living God" for the 144,000 of Rev. 7 and 15.

## “MORAL PERFECTION” IN ITS CORRECT TIMING

“Complete fulfillment” of all covenant promises will not be accomplished until there is the creation of a new heaven and earth, and every tear is wiped away. Not until man is restored and re-established will every covenant promise be fulfilled.

However, “Complete fulfillment” of the particular promises which deal with sin and its eradication in the minds and hearts of God’s people is a matter of first priority. This problem must be solved before any other covenant promises can be fulfilled.

“Complete fulfillment” of the covenant, as promised in Daniel 8:14 “...then shall the sanctuary be cleansed” with its objectives stated “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation [a final at-onement] for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness...” can be fulfilled within the process of the Investigative Judgment. By the time that the Investigative Judgment in heaven is finished, and there is a close of human probation, the problem of sin in the minds and hearts of God’s people will be solved. “Moral perfection” for the living must be attained before probation closes. But that perfection of mind and heart is not translation of the flesh nor can that occur until the Second Coming of Jesus.

A perfect *relationship* with God has been possible in every age. A perfect *growth rate* or maturation has been possible in every age. In every age, man has been counseled to aim for and strive to reach perfection.

Enoch and Elijah, as well as Moses, sought perfection of character and were taken to heaven. But absolute moral perfection in the heart and mind for the entire body of believers has never happened all through history. For that, there will be a correct timing. It will be granted as a free gift at the specific time of the “final atonement” in the judgment of the living when they receive the Seal of the living God.

All who have claimed moral perfection before that correct timing in the judgment, were in error and faced with frustration as they struggled with the “law of sin in their members”--their “sinful nature.” The daily process of sanctification was a life-long struggle but all through life the realization of the gift of final atonement was not attained.

All who claim that moral perfection is impossible until Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven, are also out of correct timing, and in great danger in not recognizing the work of the “blotting out of sin.” and “final atonement” which is the closing mediatorial work of Jesus Christ for His people.



## CHAPTER VII

### THE LOUD CRY AWAKENING

“It was needful that men should be *awakened* to their danger; that they should be roused to prepare for the solemn events connected with the close of probation.” *The Great Controversy* 310

A true “Awakening” is not merely a surge of religious fervor, nor an evangelistic effort with many following after some man’s teaching, nor some excitement, nor the thrust of some cult or offshoot people. It is, rather, according to the above definition, a focus on *the close of probation*. It is an awareness of the approach of the judgment of the living, of the “needful preparation” for the seal of God, the blotting out of sins, the *final atonement*, and a knowledge of prophecy concerning those final events which pinpoint the correct timing and perspective.

From time to time, there has been an “Awakening” among God’s people connected with the close of probation. It is apparent that, as soon as there was a focus on the first angel’s message of Rev. 14:6 in regard to the Investigative Judgment, the prophet wrote clearly and specifically on the subject of “the blotting out of sins” and the “Seal of the Living God.” to prepare the remnant to live through the seven last plagues without a Mediator. (See *The Great Controversy* 352, 620; *Patriarchs and Prophets* 358; *III Spiritual Gifts* 135, *Testimonies* 5 472-6; *I Spiritual Gifts* 193-201; *Early Writings* 118.)

In 1888, Jones and Waggoner presented topics on “Christian Perfection” and “The Offices and Roles of Jesus Christ” and other warning messages, which the prophet declared to be the beginning of the Loud Cry Message. (It was the focus on the *close of probation* which linked with the “Loud Cry.”)

In the 1940’s there were ministers, such as Meade McGuire, who emphasized the need for spiritual readiness for the close of probation. Again, in the 1960’s there was an “Awakening” emphasizing these same concepts, but which changed its focus and ran aground. The fact that the close of probation is closer now than at any time in the past, gives assurance that there will be another “Awakening” which will swell into the Loud Cry.

In every age there is a sifting process. When light comes, those who reject it are found wanting. Perhaps past emphasis on the subject of the close of probation has been premature and therefore fizzled out. Yet the reactions of the people was a revealing of the hearts of men. Many never realized with what they were confronted. In every great reform movement there are scoffers, and bitter opposition.

**“If Satan could have his way, there would never be another awakening,” *Messages to Young People* p. 133**

But there will be another “Awakening” because the Bible assures us that there will be a sealed, perfected, 144,000 who will emerge victorious. Strive to be one of them.

## FUTURE EMPHASIS ON AN “AWAKENING”

A future emphasis on “Awakening” topics is inevitable because it is a part of the three angel’s messages to be proclaimed in the power of the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit.

**“A great religious *awakening*... Is foretold in the prophecy of the first angel’s message of Revelation 14. An angel is seen... ‘with a loud voice,’ he proclaims...the hour of his judgment is come.”**  
*The Great Controversy* p, 355.

The first angel’s message of Rev. 14:7 “the hour of his judgment is come,” is repeated by the final harvesting angel of Rev. 14:15 who [in the Greek] cries out the exact same message, “.the time [hour] is come for [thee to reap,]” and the harvest will be completed!

As a National Sunday Law brings about the “final test” or “great test,” to those who have prepared themselves by a study of the Word of God, it will become evident that the judgment of the living is going on, and that it will swell into the loud cry to proclaim that “the time [the hour] of his judgment [of the living] is come. Rev. 14:15. This angel will complete the reaping action.

This angel is seen flying “in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel” which is a *covenant oriented revelation of the righteousness of Christ* to be applied in a “complete fulfillment” of the major emphasis of the covenant promise to deliver man from sin and to bring in everlasting righteousness.

**“We need to humble ourselves before the Lord, with fasting and prayer, and to meditate much upon His word, especially upon the scenes of the judgment.”** *The Great Controversy* p. 601.

Questions, long unanswered, as to how God’s people could, not just individually, but collectively as a remnant people, all live without sin and without a Mediator for sin, after the judgment is closed, will be pondered in true awakening theology. As the last generation is brought by time and events to these scenes, the Loud Cry will swell like a tidal wave to fill the whole earth with the glory of God. Rev. 18:1-4. Until then, let us give attention to each step in the process of redemption.

Step 1. Justification day by day.

Step 2. Sanctification day by day, struggling for control.

Step 3. Anticipating the “blotting out of sin” in correct timing.

Step 4. Anticipating the “Seal of the Living God.”

Step 5. Anticipating glorification at the Voice of God.

Step 6. Anticipating translation at the Second Coming.

Step 7. Anticipating Immortality at the Second Coming.



## DEFINING THE PROBLEM

The Jews were confused, in that they understood but one advent of Christ. They perceived His advent in glory, but did not see Him as a Savior from sin. Likewise, modern Israel is confused in that they understand but one of three deliverances. They tend to focus only on deliverance from the grave at the glorious Second Coming of Jesus.

Beginning with Genesis and running as a continuous thread until the last chapter in Revelation, the great theme is that of the covenant promises to deliver man from the sin problem. This same theme runs through the entire sixty-six books of Scripture in one way or another. Genesis begins with the fall of man and immediately in Gen. 3:15 there is the introduction to the New Covenant promise of a Deliverer.

Today, the problem, as it was with the Jews, is a failure to see a need for a Deliverer from sin. Like Israel, in Egyptian bondage, we are comfortable in sin. When an Awakening message comes of deliverance from sin, it is like it was with Moses in that day.

**“But when the time of promise drew nigh...he [Moses] thought his brethren would have understood how that God by His hand would deliver them; but they understood not.” Acts 7:17,25.**

Not until the Egyptians sorely oppressed them, were they eager for deliverance. Not until the last generation find themselves in the final crisis and confrontation, will they seek a final deliverance.

There are three deliverances: first from sin, then from their enemies, and at last from this body of death. Without the first deliverance from sin, there will be no other deliverances for the last generation.

Only those who experience deliverance from sin, through justification, sanctification and then in the **final atonement**, will experience deliverance from their enemies at the Voice of God or translation.

Under the sixth plague, the people of God will be surrounded by their enemies who are seeking to carry out a Universal Death Decree (Rev. 13:15) intended to destroy those who keep God's Sabbath holy. They will be delivered from their enemies at the "Voice of God" (Rev. 16:17) which begins the seventh plague. At the "Voice of God," they will be glorified when that "Voice" peals out the terms of the Covenants—the promise to restore all that was lost in sin but that had been promised in the Creation Covenant. This pronouncement of the Covenant is referred to as *The Blessing*.

This pronouncement of the Covenant promises is like the reading of a will. It tells all that God's people will receive. The list goes on: eternal life, eternal youth, eternal social security, an eternal sinless society, immortality, a mansion in the Holy City, a country home, travel to the all parts of the universe, a totally abundant life without pain, sorrow or tears, and no sense of loss. They will be as though they had never sinned. Throughout the entire universe, they will witness to the fact that Jesus Christ has the power to deliver from sin and to bring in everlasting righteousness for all eternity.

## COVENANT DELIVERANCE

“It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people....there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth. There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel’s message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law....And as God spoke the day and hour of Jesus’ coming and delivered the everlasting covenant to His people, He spoke one sentence, and then paused, while the words were rolling through the earth. The Israel of God stood with their eyes fixed upward, listening to the words as they came from the mouth of Jehovah and rolled through the earth like peals of loudest thunder. It was awfully solemn. At the end of every sentence the saints shouted, “Glory! Hallelujah!”

Their countenances were lighted up with the glory of God, and they shone with glory as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked could not look upon them for the glory. And when the never-ending blessing was pronounced on those who had honored God keeping His Sabbath holy, there was a mighty shout of victory over the beast and his image...Soon appeared the great white cloud, upon which sat the Son of man.”

*Early Writings 285,286.*

## SUMMARY

If this book prepared anyone to withstand the subtle arguments of Arianism, or to meet the liberal attacks which would erode the immutability of the laws of God, and that explain away the binding claims of the seventh-day Sabbath, then it was worthwhile. If it has called attention to the “final atonement” and “blotting out of sins” in the sealing work, which will be the only way to survive the seven last plagues without a Mediator, it has accomplished its goal. If it has clarified the relationship which exists between laws and covenants and distinguished between the first “old” Creation Covenant and the first “old” Mt. Sinai Covenant, it has done that which needed to have been done for a long time. If it revealed the correct timing for the “complete fulfillment” of the everlasting covenant in regard to the ending of sin in the minds of the people of God, it has done its work.

If this book has glorified the heavenly Father, elevated the position of Jesus Christ, and personalized the Holy Spirit’s role in our salvation, it has served its purpose. If it has elicited loving gratitude to God for His character traits of love, constancy, and undeviating justice for the good of all created beings, then it has been a blessing to those who read it.

If this book has blown away the confusion and made the subject of covenants and other connected subjects clear and easy to understand, then it has been worth all the effort to write it.

## THE “AWAKENING” LIBRARY

In the providence of God, there is a “library” of materials which focuses on the *close of probation* “Awakening” emphasis. The author, while researching and publishing, had no perception of the ultimate focus of the end product. Although each book has its very unique identity and subject material, yet the ultimate thrust is consistently on the *close of probation*. A description of each book with its specific focus on the Awakening *close of probation and Seal of God* is given below:

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“Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm.” Song of Solomon 8:6

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