

The First and Second Covenants

This is one of the most wonderful revelations we've ever had. It justifies God. God needs to be justified for he is called a murderer, casting into the Lake of Fire those who did the best they could. You can see there is more hope for deists than for many Christians. But there are a lot of Christians who will be in the nations.

By the nature of His very last message on the face of the earth he shows his compassion to men, even to bringing Christians or any men out of destruction (Rev 14:7-11).

Our Father wants to make the message crystal clear. Rev 14:9-11 should be a deterrent to people taking the mark. It will go out right before the mark is imposed on everyone.

The eternal gospel of Rev 14:7 is eternal. It goes back to the beginning of the age. Eternal means lasting for an age. If you have eternal life, it means you are sealed for the age that has no end.

The first death for Adam and Eve consisted of spiritual death in much the same way as when we deliberately sin, there is a spiritual separation. If we die in that state, we die and go to death. If they and their seed after them (man) abided in the covenant, they would be judged at the second judgment and not go to the second death. All inherit the first death. Only those who put their trust in Messiah will escape the first death, but only after they have died with Him at baptism.

Woman was to abide by what was spoken about her before she fell. This covenant was terminated by her disobedience. It is found in Gen 1:28-29 and Gen 2:15-17.

They were to fill the whole world, subdue it and rule over it and then by some means go to another planet.

Someday the other planets will be habitable. There will not be eternal human beings on planets that will wear out or blow up.

He had a predetermined plan that He would have a people who would supremely love Him. The termination of the first covenant made it necessary to make another covenant. It was Satan who was cursed in Gen 3:14-15.

(Snakes now have a despicable nature. Man has a natural aversion to them.) Gen 3:15 is a mystery. Who is so bold to say, "I have solved this." Of course we know one aspect of this was fulfilled with our Master. [In Genesis 1, God spoke of man as male and female. But in Genesis 2, he made man first and then he said, "I will make a helper suitable for him." He told man the command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was only through man that woman had that knowledge. It was that relationship that the evil one attacked when he said, "Has God said, *You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?*" The evil one undercut Adam's authority and this is how his work continues in the world and in the Edah today.]

Gen 3:16-19. Regarding verse 17: Can we ever heed the voice of our wife? We have to learn from the examples of Abraham and Sarah. Gen 3:17-19 is the covenant with man. Eventually the first covenant will be accomplished by men who have been obedient to the second covenant. Certainly fallen man can't do it until the Eighth Day. There has to be a people who are obedient to the first covenant now.

[Every created being has to be subdued, including the evil one.]

The New Covenant is in abeyance until the Seventh Day. We are in the New Covenant now to bring the Seventh in. The New Covenant is not just for Israel, but for all the nations. It is the fulfillment and continuation of the Abrahamic covenant. The Mosaic covenant was given because of transgressions of the Abrahamic covenant. The whole key is in Dan 2:44. Everything is in abeyance until there is a kingdom that will not be left for another people.

We continue the Abrahamic covenant by faith, by calling out, we are saved, Rom 4:11. We can't do anything without faith, the assurance of things hoped for, the substance of things not seen. Our Father did not annul his first covenant. Did he annul the Mosaic covenant? No, He fulfilled it. Through the other covenants down through history, man would fulfill the first covenant. He didn't forget about Gen 1:26-28 and 2:15, but it is in abeyance — put off until the Eighth Day.

Gen 2:18-25 is still valid in the nations today. They must happen in order for completion to come about, that a

man would be completed by his wife. Verse 24 speaks of the wife; Gen 3:16 speaks of the husband. It is only husband and wife, not a concubine or anything of that nature. Gen 2:18-25 is still valid in the nations and has been adapted, upheld right into the Edah.

Gen 3:15 speaks of the Edah, the special people who would be over the nations to help them. They are those who believed in the One who crushed Satan's head. The Abrahamic covenant speaks of Israel, those who rule with Elohim. What will they rule over? In the next age, the nations (Rev 2:26), and in the age after, the universe.

The Edah or Israel is to rule. They are the promise of a special, holy people. *Holy* means set apart for a purpose. God is set apart for a purpose; we have to be set apart for a purpose. Abraham is the first of the chosen and sought-out people.

Gen 2:18-20 — Man today still has a need for a woman. A woman is absolutely essential in God's plan for man (Gen 2:18-25). God still thinks this way. Woman will still be blessed for life in the nations. Our Master will say Mt 25:34 to those in the nations. People in the nations can have grace if they are humble enough to receive it. Before hospitals, women just went through the pain of childbirth. Now they go to a hospital and get a shot to take all the pain away.

Yonah: A woman who would have a baby at home wouldn't be very likely to cut her hair. And in a woman who cuts off her hair you would probably see the consequences of rebellion in every aspect of her life.

That is one of those consistent things you would expect to see in a woman who is going to the nations. Woman is to live by the highest knowledge she has concerning being a helper for man, even in these days where education is devoted to enabling man to work by the least sweat of his brow as possible.

Adam: In Kenya nowadays, the cities are overcrowded with people who have been educated and now don't want to do manual labor. So they live in slums in the cities. The government is having to bulldoze shacks down to get people out of the city.

We're going to have to write articles using illustrations like that to help people see. A lot of men are motivated by the desire to not work by the sweat of their brow. The unspoken reason for going to college is to not have to work hard. Better to get an easy office job, a place where you control the hard work of other men. You will see consistency in the man whose striving for prosperity is motivated by his desire to escape the curse: his wife and children won't prosper; instead, they suffer from neglect.

There is a way of thought embedded in education that says that man advances by rebellion. They hate the instinctive knowledge in man because it is a check on their natural rebellion. A liberal education is one that liberates you from the values you instinctively know and the ones your parents held.

A woman is to be a submissive helper (Gen 3:16) living by the highest knowledge she has. Man rules over her because he loves her. She will help him in all her ways. If we live by the Spirit, we can do it. An unredeemed woman can hardly do it, but she does it the best she can under the conditions. It is almost impossible today.

Women in the world today who are worthy to inherit the nations will probably be queens because of the damage modern education has done.

The second covenant was really our God working to make man fit for the nations. Breaking the stipulations of it has grave consequences, but the world today makes them light matters. Each one is up for examination as if it were an opinion or an option. This is what the woman's movement is doing.

There is something truly significant and wonderful in what makes up the second covenant. When woman comes out of that place where her desire is for her husband and he rules over her, the inevitable consequence is the breakdown of society that is evident today.

Christianity follows the world even here, as it must (Rom 8:7: because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so). Divorce is now an accepted part of Evangelical Christianity. It can no longer speak to the breakdown of order between a man and wife because this disorder is so prevalent in its midst. Christians now get divorced, have affairs, and even turn homosexual just like everybody else.

If we think we can do this without grace, we are sadly mistaken. Woman must ask for the grace to do what she was created for. This is something to seek our Father about.

Any deviation in man concerning Gen 1:27 (*And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them*) any getting out of that order of distinctly male and female, any mixing of the roles, will be punishable by the second death. God knows man is fallen and can't live up to the first covenant. So God will judge him by his attitude, whether he did the best he could. Our Father is looking for some way to save men for the nations. A worthless person, one who doesn't help his neighbor, cannot be saved. They are not worth anything to their neighbors.

We have got to be able to expand this in absolute, utter clarity — to tell a story that clothes truth with parable, so that people can see the devastating consequences of not keeping the roles of men and women distinct (and of sexuality remaining in the marriage relationship). We've got to have some teeth in what we tell people of why there is death. We've said that the Law is the teeth of the gospel. This is the teeth, the instinctive law that all men know. Whether they know the Bible or not, all men have this instinctive law. We need grace to communicate this. If a man does not stand condemned and worthy of death for his law-breaking, neither can he be saved.]

The slave in Mt 25:30 (*And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*) was worthless because he buried his grace. Talent is not ability. Talent means grace. Talents are given according to the ability a man is given (Mt 25:15).

Talents — grace, and abilities are for using to build up His kingdom. We don't get ability coming into the Edah, but now we need grace to use them for His purpose. If we bury the grace we receive, it makes us worthless for His kingdom.

Our Father judges people by their willingness to do what He has placed on their heart to do. Then, even beyond that, He gives them grace, even in the nations, to do the best they can according to the knowledge they have (Rom 1:18-32). If man's modern education can erase this basic value system, innate in every human being, then the evil one can bring as many people to the second death as he has brought to the first death. Satan is not satisfied with the first death; he wants to bring people to the second death.

Satan is a premeditated murderer and deceiver (Jn 8:44). You can imagine what he is going to do in the times to come when he knows his time is short (Rev 12:12). In the millennium he will be bound (Rev 20:2) but men will still do evil (but they won't be continually tempted). Satan wants to bring men to the eternal torment of Rev 14:9-11.

What our Master said in Jn 8:44 was full of hue and saturation. Satan continually lies, breaking down the standards by which men have lived. His goal is to reduce God's highest creation to a worthless thing. When the evil one knows that his time is short, he will exert all his power to lie and deceive. He will express his nature to the fullest possible extent. He will lie about us and attempt to take as many people as possible with him to his fate.

According to Gen 2:25, *And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed*, sexual pleasure between man and woman is not evil. It is intimated in the Scriptures that they had sexual pleasure before the fall. It is not evil with a husband and wife. Our Father honors the authority in the nations. If they love their partner, they will marry her. We honor His authority by not letting couples who are not man and wife sleep together in our homes. Not even in our teepees; they would have to stay in their tents. We have lost very few people because of this, and not one sincere person.

Shoresh: We've not lost one sincere person because they know instinctively that what we are saying is right.

Gen 2:24 and 3:16: The marriage union of a husband and wife is honored by the nations. They used to put people in jail for homosexuality not so long ago. They had laws against these things (homosexuality, fornication, etc.) because they violated the laws of the nations. When you are obedient to the covenant, marital union prevents everything under the sun. If you love in marriage to the best of your ability, it prevents all types of evil.

Kharash: Marital union prevents all manner of evil and societal breakdown. It is fundamental to a moral society. From it all social order is established. Where loving marriage is upheld, families are possible, where children are *raised* (not merely *had*). When marital restraint is lifted, sexual sin always results. Homosexuality, immorality, adultery, rape, bestiality, and child molesting all come from that. It

results in neglected or unloved children or abortion.

Those who survive this in turn grow up to produce more of themselves, leaving as they go a trail of social chaos. This is only constrained in our society by the ever-growing, increasingly powerful child protection and welfare agencies.

AIDS is merely the last in a long line of venereal diseases. Marriage prevents children growing up in broken homes. *Bastard* used to carry a connotation of, "This guy is going to make trouble in society because he doesn't know who he is." All through history there has been prostitution. Once you start lifting these commands, you get all those worthless religions spoken of and condemned in the Bible, like in Lev 18 and 20. Families who ignore these commands have all manner of trouble; those who honor it have a seed which endures.

People who will not enter the nations run wild. The human race is devastated because this covenant is not abided by. This covenant prevents fornication, adultery, disorder, etc., which allows a person under the first death sentence to have life in the nations, provided they have never had contact with the gospel.

It is appointed to man to die once and then be judged (Heb 9:27). If God's purpose was not to bring people out of death, then there would be no need of a judgment. He could just take hell and cast it directly into the Lake of Fire without going to the trouble. It is not a perfunctory judgment as Christianity says it is. The books will be opened to determine what was on a man's conscience.

It is important to distinguish between death and the Lake of Fire. Even in death, there will be comfort for those who suffered to live by their conscience. For such people knew a good conscience was better than ease or even life. They honored God and God will honor them, not cast them into the Lake of Fire.

We are going to be sitting on the throne in judgment (1 Cor 6:2). So we are going to have to know the standards by which men will be judged. We must know the mind of Messiah. Those who don't know His mind would let all sorts of murderers, etc., in past the judgment.

We will incur the second death for believers if we violate these covenants. Noah had one wife; his sons had one wife. This is the standard. The sons of Cain had multiple wives. Gen 3:15-21 is the second covenant. We see very specifically how a man and a woman would not incur the second death — which is forever and ever and ever. If the first death was eternal, there would not be a resurrection (Rev 20:12-15). The second death is eternal. God so loved man that He put into their hearts the knowledge of good and evil — awakening their conscience. Rom 1:18-32 shows how good God is. There is an instinctive knowledge of God that leaves no man with an excuse (Ps 19:1-4).

The good news is that a person doesn't have to die if they abide by the covenant. If this eternal good news is not passed on from parent to child, it is passed on instinctively. In Rom 2, especially verses 14-16, Paul says that man will be judged right according to the good news that I am talking about. Gen 2:16-17 speaks of Rev 20:12. A person facing imminent death has no doubt about the reality of judgment. He knows at that instant where his life is taking him; the voice of his conscience is at last unhindered. He may even cry out, "Oh God, give me a second chance so I can live a better life and not go to death." That may be all he is left with in a society that praises what their conscience should condemn and punishes what their conscience should reward them for (Rom 2:14-15).

Gen 3:15-21 is the covenant with all mankind. Verse 15 speaks of those spared from the nations, separated to rule over the nations. We live by a higher standard than the nations. We have to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48). We can be perfect greeting people of the nations, speaking to them, being kind to them. Gen 3:15-21 is the covenant with all mankind; it sets forth the conditions which will hold until the curse of death is lifted (at the beginning of the Eighth Day; 1 Cor 15:26; Rom 8:18-23).

Our God made the second covenant with man because He knew evil had to be restrained. Without this restraint, man pushes into further and further ungodliness, making him worthy of the second death. Behind every seeming prohibition is a directive to life, *do this and you will live*. Our God's heart is to save man.

Rev 20:12 — The first death is over when the second resurrection occurs. It is when the breath leaves your body and your spirit goes to Hades. When the breath of life leaves you, you are dead. Your soul is related to your blood.

A woman in childbirth who gets a shot for the pain breaks the covenant. A man who heeds the voice of his wife consistently — you will be able to see his weakness in other areas as well — and both will be condemned to the second death (Gen 3:17). Verse 16 is the only way to remedy the second death for both of them.

Man ruling over woman and woman submitting is how man should be. The nations will not be filled up with fornicators and homosexuals and woman who are unsubmitive. Man ruling over woman is the provision to not experience the second death.

Some movements, like the woman's liberation movement or the civil rights movement, can be described as trying to get around the curse. But if we say they are trying to get around the covenants, we can see the true spirit they have. This applies to all the situations and commandments we have been talking about. Who wouldn't want to get out of a curse? Describing it that way to people wouldn't make sense.

As a result of man breaking the first covenant, all men have acquired a certain nature. They are in a state of going to death, they know they are going to die. The second covenant is the provision to live in that state without taking on further consequences. Those who try to get around those provisions are worthy of the second death which has no end. The first death is temporary and remedial for all those who tried their best to live by the faint or great light in their conscience. They kept the covenants, not tried to get around them.

Gen 1:26-28 is in abeyance. Satan will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and will no more be a hindrance. Once again, Gen 1:26-28 will be the mandate and they will eat of the leaves of the tree of life (Rev 22:2). After all is said and done, all men should fear God and keep His commandments, for there will be a judgment (Ecc 12:13-14).

Every good or bad deed done in secret will be brought to judgment. If you broadcast your good deeds, they will be recorded as bad deeds.

After all is said and done, He will find two categories of man who are worthy of eternal life. All others are worthless. Rev 22:15 calls them dogs — worthless people who love and practice falsehood. They are not worthy of the nations but of the second death. They didn't live according to the highest knowledge they had — just like Satan didn't.

Gen 12:2 speaks of Abraham's seed. We are Abraham's seed according to Gal 3:29. Whoever treats them well will be blessed; whoever treats them badly will be cursed (Mt 25:34-36). *Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.* You can see in that whole list who is cast into the Lake of Fire and who is not.

You can see this as well with the 144,000. They won't survive unless someone helps them. If the Male Child is taken to the throne, whatever that means, you can see why, because they are going to have to endure (Rev 6:9-11). They had to wait until the rest of their brothers were killed.

Gen 9:5-6 is an addition to the covenant made with man. It is the law of the nations. If you did not believe in capital punishment, you can be thankful you are saved. Anyone for the abolition of capital punishment is richly deserving of the Lake of Fire. Such thinking brings in a host of all other evils (Lk 17:26-27). They were even marrying before the flood.

Dan 4:25 speaks of who is responsible for human government. 2 Ths 2:4 speaks of the man of lawlessness.

When we talk about the covenant made with Noah, we have to make clear the seriousness of Gen 9:6. It is found in Num 35, especially verse 33. There is no atonement for the sin of such a nation. Ultimately the Stone will fall upon them, crushing them.

The terror of capital punishment is not merely physical death — it is the fear of eternal judgment it carries. People who want to abolish capital punishment are actually saying there is no final judgment to which all men who violate the covenants are accountable. They remove, like Christianity does with its gospel of *accept Jesus or go to the Lake of Fire* all moral basis for living.

Allowing a murderer to live diminishes the dignity of every human being. A man who has so hardened his conscience as to take another man's life will likely do it again. The nation that does not swiftly punish murder will be consistent with that in other ways. If a society tolerates murder, assaulting the very image of God on earth, it will tolerate *anything* in increasing degeneration. If you would come against Genesis 9:6, the foundation of government in the nations, then you will come against every other good thing our Father

has established as well.

Our Father didn't ask Adam to take his own son's life after Cain murdered his brother. Evidently Cain was to be an object lesson: "See, this is the fruit of a murderer's life."

Daniel: One of the most quoted verses in the Bible is Jn 3:16, *For God so loved the world...* He loved the world so much, He sent His son so that He could have a light to the nations.

Savav: I see that when we don't receive one another, we don't get the grace we need to use our abilities.

Kharash: Our life doing deliberate good deeds anchors our heart in heaven. Lk 12:33-34 — Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

To the last minute of history, before the mark is given, our God is crying out, showing man the way to go.

Yonah: Once the Church was required by the state to take care of the poor. Now it [Christianity] is trying to shift all the responsibility onto the state. One thing people do not want to do is take care of their neighbors.

Through this teaching, I saw that our God is not a murderer. I see why He called Israel because He so loved the world. Here we are, doing everything we can to fulfill the New Covenant so that the world can be saved.

You can see the first and second covenant with man and the first and second (the New) covenant with Israel.

Shuah: The covenants seem like a curse, but it is mercy and kindness to us. Really they are blessings. They are not a matter of what you can't do. Our Father is saying, "Here is the way out. I'm for you. I don't want you to perish. Do this and you are going to live."

Hadassah: The curse actually gives you a way out of death. Even physically, not giving yourself to what our Father has ordained causes you to die an earlier death.

Cursed is the ground for man's sake is what Gen 3:17 says. It was done for man's sake, to show him life and death.

Qatan: God cursed the serpent and the ground. He didn't say to the man and the woman, "Cursed are you." Instead He made a covenant with them.

Yachin: A covenant is made only as a blessing, not as a curse. He made the covenant to show man the way back again. That covenant was the first in redemption.

Yacob: Heb 12:6, *For those whom the Sovereign loves, He disciplines...* Discipline brings someone closer. His discipline connected Adam and Eve to Him again.

Yadel: He was determined to bind Himself to man. You don't covenant yourself to someone you want to destroy. You only make a covenant with someone you want to stay connected to.

Yachin: The first death was mercy so that man wouldn't have to be separated from Him forever.

Cephas: That's why He didn't want them to eat of the tree of life.

Sharon Rose: Modern education is removing the basic value God put in man. I'm thankful to be saved from the second death because I was in the thick of education and Christianity. My husband asked me "How come you cut your hair short in the world when in so many other ways you kept a good conscience?" I realized I was able to because my Christian friends approved of me wearing make-up and cutting my hair.

A woman stopped me in Burlington when I was on a brisk walk. I wasn't wearing a head covering. She's a woman we know and who's been coming around. Basically, she was having a hard time because she saw us as having to wear head coverings. It was coming from rebellion in her. When she noticed I didn't have a head covering on, she was surprised, "You mean, you don't have to wear it?" she asked.

These things are innate in every woman. People will be convicted by our spiritual life in communion; that's how they will know we are submissive.

Rom 1:26 — *they exchanged the natural for what is not natural.* Rom 1:27-28 — They didn't retain the knowledge of God in their conscience. Rom 1:29-32 — This is the consistency of life of those who deny the knowledge of God. This is what happens. The floodgates open wide.

Rom 2:1 was written to us to caution us when we judge the nations. Rom 2:1-10; verses 9,10 —*to the Jew first and then to the Gentile; there will be no partiality*— this is the nations, not the Edah.

Marriage

Gen 2:18-25 describes the provision of woman for man. It says in Gen 2:22 that God built a woman.

Verse 23 — Adam recognized her as equal, bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh. Verses 23 and 24 are a universal law of marriage. Everyone in the nations acknowledges it; everyone in the Edah as well; it is instinctive in man. Verse 24 describes those worthy of the nations.

The responsibility for marriage falls on the man. He is responsible for keeping the union; this is why he leaves his mother and father.

Cephas: They became one flesh. He knew his wife. They were told to be fruitful.

It was an indissoluble union. They are one flesh. Some of us deserved not only the second death, but a third or fourth death if it were possible. The second death is unending agony. Man is to be judged by how he lived his life. Man's conscience functions by the highest standard it knows. Our Father is concerned about death.

Abeyance

Abeyance means to gape for, to aspire after, to long for, desire. We are in abeyance. Rom 9:29 — the seed is preserved. Those who lawfully lay claim to it will get it. Violent men take the Kingdom by force (Mt 11:12). The church has been in a state of abeyance — suspension — for the last 1900 years. The Ephesian church lost their first love (Rev 2). The Spirit is not imparted to anyone by an Edah in a state of decline. You might add to the numbers but not to the number of those with the Holy Spirit.

Job 14:7-9 — If a tree dies, will it live again? The church has existed in a state of abeyance all this time. Lk 2:25-32 — Simeon was gaping for the consolation of Israel. Israel was in abeyance. John the Baptist excommunicated the whole nation. Zachariah, Hannah, etc., were a righteous remnant justified by the law.

Lk 1:6; 2:36-38 — All these were gaping for the redemption of Jerusalem. Someone who is gaping is not concerned about how they look to others. They were waiting to see Jerusalem ransomed from captivity.

Someone had told Simeon he would not die until he had seen Yahweh's salvation (Lk 2:26). Shimon was a man who'd really heard (Lk 3:4-6; Mt 2:1-6).

Gen 1:27 is in abeyance like the first church. Satan will be crushed under the feet, under the heel of the Edah (Rom 16:20). The throne of David is in abeyance on the earth. Messiah is now ruling over only new Israel.