

Women's Bible Study

A TWO-YEAR JOURNEY THROUGH
THE STORY OF GOD

Week 8 | Jesus Brings a Better Covenant | Hebrews and Galatians

I. Overview of the Bible's big story

- God's creation was _____
- When man was persuaded to doubt God's goodness, man became _____ with sin
- Sinful man was separated from God, but God had a plan to _____ all things
- The Bible's big story tells of a perfect creation, the fall, redemption, and _____

Note: **Covenants** are landmark events in the progress of God's plan for restoration

- A covenant is a binding promise that defines a relationship between two parties
- It includes penalties for violating the covenant and benefits for keeping it.

II. God's Covenant with Abraham established a _____ for God's own possession

- The Abrahamic Covenant promises land, descendants, and _____
- The Abrahamic Covenant promises that _____ will come to all nations
- The Abrahamic Covenant promises are _____ and eternal

A 500-Year Interlude: Genesis 46-Deuteronomy

- Abraham's grandson Jacob (Israel) moved the family to Egypt
- Their descendants were enslaved in Egypt for 400 years
- God raised up Moses to deliver God's people and take them to the land of Israel

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III. The Covenant of Moses (Old Covenant Law) established a rule of life for the _____ of Israel

- The Old Covenant Law organized _____ into a cohesive, God-fearing nation.
- The Old Covenant Law reflected the _____ and _____ of God
- The Old Covenant Law made provision for _____ and _____ of sin
- The Old Covenant Law was conditional—the blessings depended upon _____
- The Old Covenant Law was preliminary; it anticipated the _____ of Jesus
- The Old Covenant Law provided for _____, a priesthood, and a Tabernacle

IV. The New Covenant is available to everyone through Jesus' _____ for us

- The New Covenant grants forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:28) through _____ in Christ
- The New Covenant grants _____ (Hebrews 7:25; 9:15)
- The New Covenant provides the _____ (Romans 8:9; Hebrews 8:10)
- The New Covenant gives a new nature; we're no longer _____ to sin (Romans 6)
- The New Covenant makes the Old Covenant _____ (Hebrews 8:13)

V. The Concern about the Old Covenant Law in the book of Hebrews

- Hebrew Christians are tempted to return to _____ to escape suffering
 - Abandoning Christianity is a _____ of Jesus
 - Jesus is _____ than every element of Judaism
 - Jesus is the only provision for eternal _____
- The challenge of Hebrews: Fix your _____ on Jesus; run the _____ with endurance (Hebrews 12:1-3)

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VI. The Concern about the Old Covenant Law in the book of Galatians

- False teachers are requiring Gentile Christians to _____ the Old Covenant Law
- Paul is adamant: The Law is **not** the _____ for the Christian. (Gal. 3:25)
- Salvation comes through _____ in Christ, not by obeying the Law (Gal. 2:15-16)

VII. How are we to live in a way that pleases God?

- We keep in step (walk in line) with the _____ (Gal. 5:25)
- We make _____ choices to cultivate a harvest of godly fruit (Gal. 6:7-10)

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