



Promises *of* Advent



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PROMISED FORGIVENESS

“The story of the Bible isn’t primarily
about the desire of people to be with God;
it’s the desire of God to be with people.”

JOHN ORTBERG

An Old Story

PART 1

A New Covenant

PART 2



An Old Story

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

GENESIS 1:27-28 NIV

Design

CO-RULERS

CO-CREATORS

CLOSENESS WITH GOD

Distortion

SIN

DEATH

SATAN



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PROMISED
SAVIOR

First Gospel Story

GENESIS 3:15

God promises a future
“snake-crusher.”

Christ has defeated sin,
death, and Satan.



PROMISED
BLESSING

Abrahamic Covenant

GENESIS 12:1-3

God chooses a family to
bless the world.

Through Christ, all the
world is blessed.



PROMISED
KING

Davidic Covenant

2 SAMUEL 7

God promises a king, a
kingdom, and a throne.

God’s kingdom is advancing
through Christ’s rule and reign.



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New Covenant

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

An Old Story

“‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

EXODUS 19:4-6 NIV

“Israel broke God’s law—not because there was something wrong with the law—but because there was something wrong with their hearts.”

TONY EVANS

An Old Story

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

EPHESIANS 2:3 NIV

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“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a **new covenant**
with the people of Israel

and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand

to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

JEREMIAH 31:31-32 NIV

A New Covenant

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

**"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.**

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

JEREMIAH 31:33-34 NIV

A New Covenant

INWARD TRANSFORMATION

INTIMACY WITH GOD

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

A New Covenant

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.**"

LUKE 22:19-20 NIV



What is God trying to teach me?

How should I respond?

A New Covenant

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

HEBREWS 9:11-14 NIV