

Handout #1: Romans Chapter 11
THE TWO COVENANTS COMPARED: THE SINAI COVENANT AND THE
NEW COVENANT IN CHRIST

Look, the days are coming, Yahweh declares, when I shall make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt, a covenant which they broke, even though I was their Master, Yahweh declares. No, this is the covenant I shall make with the House of Israel when those days have come, Yahweh declares.

Within them I shall plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I shall be their God and they will be my people. There will be no further need for everyone to teach neighbor or brother, saying 'Learn to know Yahweh!' No, they will all know me, from the least to the greatest. Yahweh declares, since I shall forgive them their guilt and never more call their sin to mind. Jeremiah 31:31-34

THE OLD (SINAI) COVENANT (Hebrews 9:1-10)	THE NEW COVENANT (Hebrews 9:11-28)
Obsolete now that Christ has come Romans 10:4; Hebrews 8:13 CCC# 1963-64	A perfect covenant brought about by Christ Hebrews 7:19; 8:6-7; CCC# 1965; 1967
Originated at Mt. Sinai Galatians 4:24-25	Originated from the heavenly Jerusalem Galatians 4:26-27
Blessings and punishments were temporal: brought judgment, death, condemnation 2 Corinthians 3:7-9	Blessings and punishments are eternal: brings eternal life Ephesians 2:1-13; Revelation 20:11-21:4
Impossible to obey perfectly because of human weakness and slavery to sin Romans 8:3; Galatians 3:23-24	Fulfilled perfectly by Christ Romans 10:4; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Galatians 3:25-27; CCC# 580-81
Established in the blood of sacrifice: In animal sacrifice the blood of the animal was separated from the body and both are offered in sacrifice. Required continual daily atonement for unintentional sins. There was no remedy for intentional sin because no animal was perfect enough to forgive mortal sin. With the exception of the whole burnt offerings other sacrifices are eaten: Exodus 2:7; 24:5-11; 29:10-18; Leviticus 1:1-13; 6:17-22; 19:17; 7:6-7; Numbers 15:27-31; Hebrews 9:7; 10:1-4;	Established in the blood of sacrifice: In the celebration of the first Eucharist Jesus separated His Body from His Blood [Lk.22:19-20]—the sacrifice must be eaten [John 6:53-56]. Christ atoned for all sin once for all time and all humanity and cleanses the conscience. The application of His sacrifice is on-going as He stands before the Father as both our High Priest and the perfect Lamb of Sacrifice Hebrews 9:12; 10:2, 22; Revelation 5:5-6; CCC# 580; 1364-68
Restricted access to God Exodus 30:10; Hebrews 9:7-8	Christ opened access to God for all humanity. Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 9:15-16; CCC# 536; 1026

Handout #2: Romans chapter 11
HISTORICAL EVENTS FROM 1000BC TO 67AD

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 60: The people descended from Abraham would be the trustees of the promise made to the patriarchs, the chosen people, called to prepare for that day when God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church. They would be the root onto which the Gentiles would be grafted, once they came to believe.

TIMELINE BC

United Kingdom of Israel-----		ASSYRIAN EMPIRE-----		BABYLONIAN EMPIRE---		PERSIAN---		GREEK EMPIRE-----		ROMAN EMPIRE	
and Judah		Divided Kingdoms of Israel		Southern Kingdom--		EMPIRE [splits into 4 kingdoms]				EMPIRE	
		Judah									
1000	930	722	587/6	538	336	168	63				
David Conquers Jerusalem	Civil War -10 Tribes form Northern Kingdom of Israel and Benjamin form Southern Kingdom of Judah	Assyrians conquer Israel. 10 tribes into exile. 5 groups of foreign people brought into Israel = Samaritans	Babylonians conquer Judah 2 tribes taken into exile	Edict of Cyrus allows return of Judah from exile	Invasion of Alexander the Great. 332BC conquers entire Near and Middle East -323BC death of Alexander	Revolt of the Maccabees of Judah	Roman conquest of Judah a vassal state of Roman Empire				

TIMELINE AD

-----ROMAN EMPIRE-----

3BC	30AD	36?	45	49/50	53	58	60	64	67
Birth of Jesus	death, Resurrection/ Ascension of Jesus Christ	conversion of Paul	Paul's 1 st Missionary Journey 45-49AD	Council of Jerusalem -50AD Paul's 2 nd Missionary Journey 50-53AD	Paul's 3 rd Missionary Journey 53-58AD	Paul spends winter in Corinth -letter to Romans Jerusalem -arrested and in prison in Caesarea 2 years	Voyage to Rome imprisoned 2 years	Beginning of Christian persecution -Missionary Journey to Spain ? 62AD	Paul & Peter martyred
-10AD? Paul born Saul of Tarsus (a city in Asia Minor/ Turkey)									

If, however, from there you start searching once more for Yahweh your God, and if you search for him honestly and sincerely, you will find him. You will suffer; everything I have said will befall you, but in the Final Days you will return to Yahweh your God and listen to his voice. For Yahweh your God is a merciful God and will not desert or destroy you or forget the covenant which he made on oath with your ancestors.

Deuteronomy 4:29-31