

THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT (CONCERNING THE PROMISED LAND)

- *Scripture Reading:*
- **Deuteronomy 29:1-15; 30:1-8**

INTRODUCTION

The covenant that promised a specific area of land to Abraham and his offspring through Isaac and Jacob was an unconditional covenant.

Israel's lack of faith toward this unconditional promise of land and their presumptive ability to be able to obey God brought about the conditional covenant of Law. They had to attempt to change their hearts in order to keep the Law covenant. The Law covenant proved their inability to change (circumcise) their hearts.

INTRODUCTION

God made another covenant with Israel before they entered the promised lands, in order to display Israel's continued failure to keep the Law (because they could not circumcise their own hearts)

This covenant is the “Palestinian Covenant” - a covenant that would emphasize God's requirements to enter and possess the promised land for this presumptuous, unbelieving nation

PRELUDE TO THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT

Blessings – for
OBEDIENCE to the
Mosaic Law

- Deut 28:1-14

Curses – for
DISOBEDIENCE to
the Mosaic Law

- Deut 28:15-68 (vs
63-68 = worldwide
captivity)

THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT DESCRIBED

Stated in Scripture to be a covenant -
Deut 29:1, 9-15

Different than the Mosaic Covenant -
Deut 29:1

Made between Jehovah and the sons of
Israel – Deut 29:1

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Content of the Covenant: if they kept the Mosaic Covenant, then God would:

- Establish them for a people unto Himself
- God would be a God unto the – Deut 29:13
- That they would dwell in the Promised Land – Deut 30:20

This choice between BLESSINGS and CURSINGS was theirs - Deut 30:19

GOD'S PROVISIONAL FOR ISRAEL'S CONDITIONAL FULFILLMENT

- Captivity - Deut 28:63-68
 - The 3rd and final captivity: the 7 yr Tribulation – cf Jer 30:4-7
 - The time of “Jacob’s Trouble” - Jer 30:7
 - The time of tremendous travail and fear
 - Cf Jer 30:6 - speaking of Israel
 - Cf I Thess 5:3 – speaking of the whole unsaved world
 - Cf Isa 13:6-8 - the world of “confusion”
 - Cf Matt 24:4-8 – the world around Israel

GOD'S PROVISIONAL FOR ISRAEL'S CONDITIONAL FULFILLMENT

- Israel's despair and return to the Lord - Deut 30:1-2, cf Lev 26:40-41
- The Lord's deliverance, by means of His return to Earth – Deut 30:3-5, Jer 23:5-8
- The Lord's provision of a circumcised heart for those Jewish believers who
 - Survived the Tribulation
 - Are not entering the Millennial Kingdom – Deut 30:6

CONCLUSION

- After about 3400 plus years, Israel will finally “circle back” to realize that they were never able to believe and fully obey God WITHOUT God changing their hearts (by “heart circumcision”)
- For NT grace believers we could NOLY become believers and live as God born-ones, by God’s grace through the faith that HE provides!