

## **The Second Covenant 2**

God created the first man in His own likeness, his very own image, as male and female — expressly designed for one another to procreate a race of people who would obey their Creator and do His will and purpose. In the very beginning of their newly created life they were given orders of how to live and what was expected of them, just as a potter gives directions on how a pot should be used and how it should not be used. It isn't unusual, for in their instruction a pot would do what it was made for and not be independent from its Creator. The pot would be so thankful to its Maker that it would want to do exactly what it was made for. That is reasonable, isn't it? So, God made a covenant with them — an agreement. He told them what they were to do and what they were not to do. They were told to rule over every created thing that God had made. This is recorded in Genesis 1 & 2; 1:26-28; 2:15-17.

But, as we all know very well, Eve, the male's helper, acted independently of him and was deceived by the Adversary; that is, the Evil One, through transforming himself into a very beautiful creature, a serpent (as a serpent was before it was cursed to crawl on its belly).

So, man (that is, male and female) fell into spiritual death just like God told them in Genesis 2:17; that they would experience death — separation from God, spirit and soul — and eventually would die even a physical death and go into death assigned to the place where disembodied spirits and souls are held until the resurrection Revelation 20:11. All mankind after them would also be born into this spiritual death, not able to perceive God's wonderful presence by His spiritual communication to the heart of man as He wishes and desires with all His heart and soul.

Because of the first death into which man fell, there was no way, no matter how much they would repent and live a good life and do good deeds that they could be redeemed out from this death until the resurrection of the body, soul and spirit of man some 7,000 years later and be judged (Revelation 20:11-15).

Therefore, God made a second, or new, covenant with Adam and Eve, recorded in Genesis 3:14-21. These requirements are clearly spelled out and if man obeys these tenets to the best he can, within reason and circumstances, God (being a loving and understanding God who knows the heart of every man), knows his plight. God knew that if fallen man, now dead to Him as far as their fellowship with Him was concerned, could now live by the knowledge He would put into their hearts of good and evil, the conscience then they would not have to go to the Second Death at the resurrection and judgments spoken of in Romans 2:14-16. Romans 1:18; 2:6, etc. And at the end of this death period of 7,000 years (or less) at the great white throne judgment in Revelation 20:12, if they lived a life consistent to the Second Covenant made with them in Genesis 3, that Second Covenant, they would not have to be punished with a second death, but would inherit the kingdom prepared for them and begin again the first covenant of Genesis 1:27 all over again. That man was to do, but that mandate has been in abeyance for 7,000 years, recorded in Genesis 1:27,28. Revelation 21:24,25; 22:2. The nations are made up of all those who lived consistent lives according to the Second Covenant in Genesis 3:16-19 and Genesis 9:6 under the governments of the world and respected authority, etc.