

THE
CURSE
AND THE
COVENANT

A Study in

Daniel 9 — Jeremiah 29-33 — Hebrews 8-10

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PREFACE

Shortly after my book *Daniel's Prophecy of 70 Weeks and the Covenant* was posted on the Internet (May 2006), I realised that some of that material could be used in an evangelistic adaptation. Hence, this further examination of Daniel's prophecy has been written from a different perspective: i.e., it concentrates on the people of Judah's enduring problem with sin, and God's extensive and evolving plan to resolve it via the *New Covenant* advocated by Jeremiah, which would not only encompass Judah's people, but include other nationalities.

Initially, God's approach to *covering* Judah's sin was via the substitutionary sacrifice of unblemished animals, given that the shedding of blood was the acceptable penalty for sin. These provisional rituals were managed by the Levitical Priests who interceded with God on behalf of the people, and presided over the ceremonial laws via the furnishings and infrastructure of the Tabernacle and Temple Sanctuaries. The efficacy of the sacrifice was conditional on the peoples' obedience to the Laws given by God to Moses, but their persistent failure to keep those Laws meant these practices were only expedient in *covering* Judah's sin until Messiah appeared to permanently deal with it.

It is interesting therefore, when studying the Bible's diverse prophetic material – written by sages, prophets and poets during thousands of years of history – to see how each contributor received distinct and progressive insights from God toward solving the sin problem. In many cases the people who recorded

the fragments of information (during their lifetime), were unaware of God's future broad intentions; they were not privileged to visualise how those small insights would be integrated into God's complex plan; nor could they even imagine how God's broken relationship with His people would be restored. However, those prophetic fragments would eventually form a cohesive depository of knowledge, disclosing how and when God would act and reveal Himself to His people. Today, from our position in history, we are the fortunate recipients of that library of information; so when the scriptures are carefully and prayerfully studied – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – we cannot help but be amazed how verse on verse, and line on line coalesce to reveal God's great prophetic plan for the salvation of mankind.

When you read *The Curse and the Covenant* you will discover the reasons for the *Curse* being pronounced on the people of Judah; you will be able to trace the origins of the promised *New Covenant*; you will find out why and when its details were written down, and how it would be implemented. Finally, you will see how God brought all the powers in heaven and on earth together, to achieve His plan. In the fullness of time, Judah's Messiah came to earth to confirm Jeremiah's *New Covenant* within the time frame outlined in *Daniel's Prophecy of 70 Weeks*.

The Curse and the Covenant uncovers a trail of testimony that shows how God fulfilled His prophetic promises regarding Judah's Messiah, and how He mercifully reached out to mankind to offer us forgiveness and fellowship, through Jesus Christ.

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I take little credit for the inspiration to write this book and the others, because for some time I was quite unaware that it was a series of books I was writing. I can look back on occasions and dates when God spoke to me about certain subjects, but usually it was an insight or questioning thought that led to deeper study and research on the topic being examined in each book. Sometimes, in unusual ways, the information I was seeking was provided through Providence, friends and outside influences.

I am particularly grateful to the servants of God, who have placed biblical and historical research material on the Internet. This has allowed Bible scholars and Christian writers to instantly access information and consider additional interpretations and perspectives – apart from traditional denominational doctrines.

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Psalm 25:14

*The secret of the Lord is with
them that fear him;
and He will show them
His covenant.*