One old covenant replaced by one new covenant.

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Assertions/Conclusions of this Article

This writing is simply to refute the argument that some portion of Hebrews is still under the old covenant. Some seemingly assert that God did not include Judah in the ending of the old covenant.

Supporting Evidence

As far as the Mosaic covenant (what we are discussing here) is concerned there is ONE physical nation of Hebrews...ONE...not two, not three...ONE.

God made a covenant to that nation thru the man Moses and later ended that covenant with that one nation by the ratification of the new covenant with Jesus dying on the cross.

Yes, I understand about the separation of the Nation, but that is not relevant to the covenant made by God thru Moses to the Hebrews...to ALL Hebrew people in the desert.

Jeremiah specifically mentions both kingdoms, showing that BOTH were playing the harlot.

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. (Jer 3:8)

And in Zechariah 11:10- we see that the covenant made to ALL of the peoples is 'broken' by God Himself finally (a prophecy about what was to occur at the cross).

And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. (Zec 11:10-11)

And Zechariah there in 11:14 also deals with Judah AND "Israel"....

Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. (Zec 11:14)

The WHOLE of the Nation is being accounted for...not just one kingdom. Surely no one is naive enough to sit here and proclaim that God ended the covenant with an adulterous 'Israel' and then kept Judah.

The covenant made to 'all the people' was 'broken' (ended, cut asunder) by God (altho the allusion is to Christ Himself) as foretold there in Zechariah 11 at the cross when the Mosaic economy was made obsolete ("waxeth old" Heb 8:13) when He has said "a new covenant"

The ENTIRE scope of that covenant was ended with the physical nation (regardless of what you want to call them) of God's 'people' when the New covenant was ratified with Jesus' death on the cross.

There was a remnant (a part of that nation), as there always has been, who is faithful to God.

These are those who accepted their messiah and were included in this new covenant from the start....the rest(of the Nation) were blinded.

The New testament makes no special distinction for Israel and Judah as some are seemingly trying to make regarding the ending of the Mosaic Covenant.

IF this were of any sort of issue, the surely Paul would have mentioned it in the NT....he didnt.

Oddly, I can't even remember any stink being made of it in the one NT writing where it absolutely should have been presented *IF* it was of any consequence, and that is the letter to the Hebrews themselves.

Oddly, these views that seem to say that ANY part of the old covenant (Mosaic) is still in effect are in essence saying that Jesus had to have lied when He said HE is the ONLY way to the Father.

IF ANY man can still come to the Father by the Old Covenant and its requirements, then Christ was a liar.

These doctrines are absolutely heretical in nature if they claim anything short of the fact that the Old covenant was made ENTIRELY obsolete at the Cross of Christ as they demean His death and call Him a liar when HE has said 'a NEW covenant'!

The old covenant is passed, made obsolete by the New as proven in Hebrews (Heb 8:13). It is entirely obsolete..NO MAN, no Jew, no Hebrew, no one of Israel, no one of Judah...will come to the Father by ANY other means since the cross other than by the ONE door, Jesus Christ.