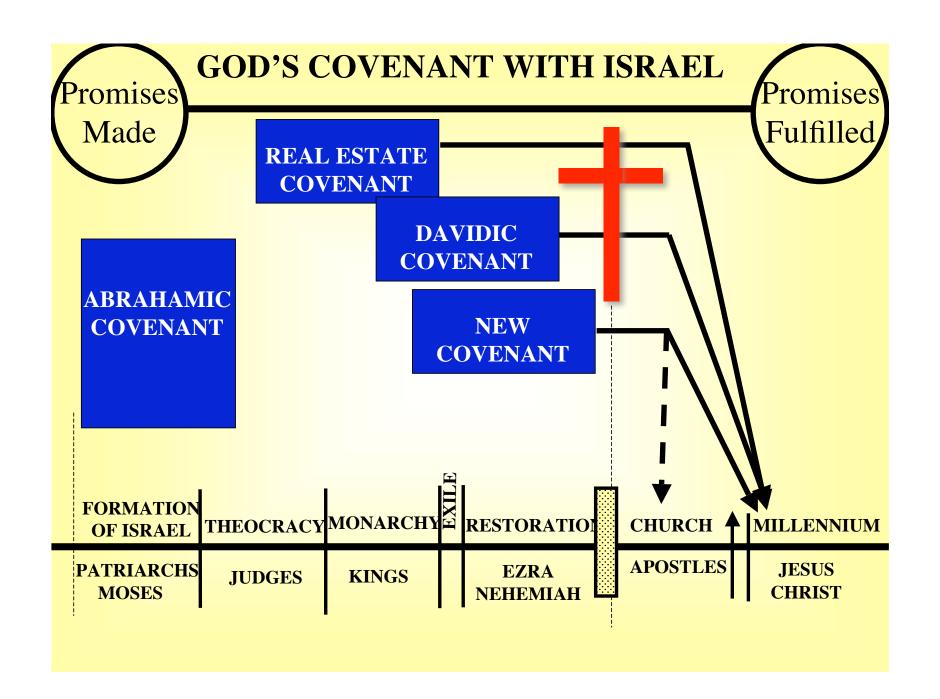
"Guilt can be extinguished only by a penal offering to justice. But it would contradict the idea of justice, if for the sin of a rational being like man, the death of an irrational animal should be accepted as a sufficient atonement. Hence, a man must be offered as the sacrifice for man; so that a rational victim may be slain for a rational criminal. But how could a man, himself stained with sin, be an offering for sin? Hence a sinless man must be offered. But what man descending in the ordinary course would be free from sin? Hence, the Son of God must be born of a virgin, and become man for us.



Ezek. 36:25, "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

Ezek. 36:26, "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

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Is "new spirit" a reference to the human spirit or Holy Spirit?

The lower case "spirit" shows an interpretation by the translator, but the Hebrew could easily refer to either.

Ezek. 36:27, "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezek. 36:28, "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God."

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HEART: And I will remove the heart of stone from

your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

SPIRIT: I will put My Spirit within you and cause

you to walk in My statutes, and you will be

careful to observe My ordinances.

V. 25 provides RITUAL CLEANSING

V. 26–27 provides INNER SPIRITUAL CLEANSING

Cleansing: אָהֵי (tāhēr), ritual cleansing, not the same as inner, spiritual cleansing.

Contrasted with

សក្ខបុ (tāmē)), and/or akarthasia "unclean" or miano "defiled" relate to ritual impurity.

Lev. 10:9, "Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you will not die—it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations—

Lev. 10:10, "and so as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,

Lev. 10:11, and so as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."

Ezek. 22:26, "Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them."

HOLY vs. CLEAN

HOLY
"set apart"
Priests, temple
furniture

versus

PROFANE
"common"
The people,
Everyday utensils

CLEAN

"ritual, can enter

Temple"

versus

UNCLEAN, DEFILED

"ritually unclean"

Not = sin

Physical or ritual

Ezek. 44:23, "Moreover, they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean."