

# Introduction To The New Covenant Scripture For Seekers

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This version of The New Covenant is different than others.

Here are the basic differences:

- The personal name of God is used
- Hebrew names utilized
- New book order
- A different format based on concepts
- Notes to clarify portions of the text

God has only one personal name. It is **YAHWEH**. He has many titles, but only one personal and eternal name. This text will not use "replacements" such as "The LORD", Ha Shem, Jehovah, G-d, etc. In The New Covenant the Greek word **theos** is used where **elohim** would typically appear in a Hebrew text. This is traditionally "translated" as "God". Where the text supports its use this text will use **YAHWEH**. This will add a whole new perspective on The New Covenant text.

These Scriptures are those of the Hebrew people. They were not Greeks. They didn't think like Greeks and their culture was not Greek. Indeed, it was actually Roman when The Messiah walked this earth. Hebrew names have very particular and significant meanings. Without using the Hebrew names all of this meaning is lost.

This is especially important in regard to The Messiah Himself. **His name is not "Jesus"!** The God of all creation, **YAHWEH**, would **NEVER** give a Greek name to His Son who is The Hebrew Messiah. It's an absurdity to think this would be so.

The name of The Messiah of **YAHWEH** is **YAHUSHUA**.

It means **YAHU** (or **YAHWEH**) is deliverance (salvation, rescue).

The other names will be given with their meanings. This will present a challenge for you because of what you're used to using. However, this is important. It will challenge you to **THINK** about the text instead of just casually scanning it.

New Book Order:

The Gospel of John matches the Book of Genesis in some regards that make it extremely appropriate to be positioned as the first book of The New Covenant. Both books begin with "In the beginning..." Further, John is unique in its perception and teaching concerning The Messiah and His origins. Only John sets the stage properly for The New Covenant.

After the Gospels you'll find Acts, Galatians, Romans and Hebrews - in that order. These are grouped because of their intensely related material.

This is especially important when considering the writings of Sha'ul (Paul). Without Galatians you cannot properly understand his perspective on things. This is crucial. He has a different perspective. He was the **only "apostle" taught directly by the risen and ascended Messiah!** If you miss that reality you'll have great difficulty understanding his teaching. It also explains why there are differences between what he wrote and what the other books present.

The format is changed to provide a different look and feel to what you're reading. Some thoughts need to be set apart in order to call attention to their significance. Generally the text has been organized into separate concepts. This is not typically done. It's also designed **to be read out loud**. There's a great benefit to using this approach to Bible study. The mind is more effectively taught.

There are many explanatory notes right with the text itself in the PDF versions of this work. They permit instant access to information that is often very important to a better understanding of the text. This avoids the need to go hunt for the appropriate note. Many very important concepts are presented in these notes. Without them you will not grasp the vital meaning of portions of the text.

Work is in process to create a version of this text that will work in Accordance Bible Software.

([www.accordancebible.com](http://www.accordancebible.com)) In that instance the notes will be available as a scrollable pane right next to the text.

Every word of the text has been individually reviewed to ensure an accurate rendering of the text. This has been done using Accordance Bible Software. The result is an "edited" text, not a direct "translation". Changes are only made where it appears crucial for a proper understanding of the text.

This text has been prepared by a seminary trained former pastor with over 65 years of Bible study and teaching experience.

May **YAHWEH** bless your study of His Word!

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