

The New Covenant

With Jesus' death, the old covenant ended, and a new covenant began. Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant between God and man.

Hebrews 8:1 The old covenant high priest went into the holy of holies once a year. Jesus, our High Priest, is at the right hand of God's throne in heaven.

Verse 2 "Sanctuary" is from Greek *hagios*, the holy place. Man pitched the Mosaic tabernacle. Yahweh created the heavenly tabernacle.

Verse 5 The old covenant priests and sacrifices were EXAMPLES and SHADOWS of heavenly things. God instructed Moses to follow the pattern exactly since it was such an important example: i.e., Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10).

Verse 6 Old covenant, Moses was the mediator. New, Jesus is the mediator of a BETTER COVENANT, BETTER PROMISES. Remember the old covenant promises (Exodus 23:20-33).

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Limited	Limitless
Temporary	Eternal
Physical and material blessings	salvation, righteousness, eternal life

Verse 12 What is better? Know the Lord (John 17:3). Sins and iniquities gone forever. We are also partakers of David's covenant in the millennium. In addition, we still are heirs together with Abraham, so we inherit the regenerated earth - Paradise (1 John 3:2; 1 Corinthians 13:12; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:37-41).

Hebrews 8:13 The Mosaic covenant became the old covenant. With the advent of the new, the old was obsolete. It was now out of date and ready to be put aside.

New or Messianic Covenant

- Two parties: God and believers (from Israel and Gentiles)
- Jesus is the Mediator
- The teachings of Jesus are the commandments
We are to obey (New Testament)

- God promises spiritual blessings
- Ratified by the blood of Christ

Hebrews 9:1-7 The tabernacle was a type for what Jesus Christ would do.

Verse 8 While the first tabernacle was in effect, entrance into the true tabernacle in heaven was not available. Christ had not yet accomplished the work necessary and ascended into heaven.

Verse 9 Again, the old was a figure, pattern, for what Jesus would do. Hence, it was a schoolteacher pointing to him. Its effectiveness was very limited. The priest going into a tent compared to Christ going into God's throne room in heaven is completely out of proportion.

Verse 10 "Reformation" means a making straight. The time of reformation was Christ ascending.

Verses 11 and 12

<u>OLD COVENANT</u>	<u>NEW COVENANT</u>
<u>Sinful high priest</u>	<u>Christ, the High Priest</u>
<u>Man's tabernacle</u>	<u>Perfect tabernacle</u>
<u>Animal blood</u>	<u>Jesus' blood</u>
<u>Holy of holies</u>	<u>The Holy Place, heaven</u>
<u>Partial and temporary redemption</u>	<u>Eternal redemption</u>

Hebrews 9:14 The dead works were the continued adherence to the Law.

Verse 15 Moses was the mediator of the old covenant; Jesus is of the new. The redemption that Jesus facilitated is the promise of eternal inheritance. The old covenant did not promise an eternal inheritance. They lost their inheritance.

Verse 22 The blood signified two things: 1) ratifying the covenant, 2) remission of sins.

Verse 28 He will appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 10:1-13 He will stay in heaven until the Day of Atonement is over, till his enemies are made his footstool (Psalm 110).

Verses 15-18 Isaiah 59:20 and 21; 61:8-11; Ezekiel 16:60-63

Hebrews 10:19-39 Our responsibility to the new covenant (like Israel's was to the old covenant) is to obey its command. For them, it was the Law. For us, we must obey the words of our Lord and master recorded in the Gospels and Church Epistles (Galatians 1:11).

<u>LAW</u>	<u>TODAY</u>
Christ Had Not Come	Christ Has Come
Sacrifices Were a Type	Perfect Sacrifice Accomplished
Prophecy of His Coming	Example of His Life
Obedience to the Law	Obedience to Christ
No Spirit	Spirit of Christ Within

Hebrews 3:6, 14; 6:11 We are to remain faithful unto the end.

Hebrews 11:1-13 Our forefathers of faith remained faithful to the promises, not perfect. All remained strong in His grace and mercy.

Matthew 26:26-29 Blood of the new covenant

2 Corinthians 11:23-30 As often as ye drink it...in remembrance of me.

For further study, see:

Kingdom Studies, Volume II — *Jesus the Christ*
Chapter 10 High Priest

Kingdom Studies, Volume III — *Living Sacrifice*

Chapter 10 New Birth

Chapter 11 Eternal Life

Chapter 13 Unto the End