



COVENANTS

PART 2: THE OLD TESTAMENT UNDER THE NEW COVENANT

THE **OLD** COVENANT **VS.** THE **NEW** COVENANT

OLD = PHYSICAL

NEW = SPIRITUAL

HEBREWS 8:1-13

- 1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,
- 2 a minister in the holy places, in *the true tent* that the *Lord* set up, not *man*.

HEBREWS 8:1-13

- 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.
- 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

HEBREWS 8:1-13

5 They serve a **copy** and **shadow** of the *heavenly things*. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

HEBREWS 8:1-13

6 But now [Christ] has obtained a much **more excellent ministry** [*than the old* (ESV)], inasmuch as he is also the mediator of a **better covenant**, since it is enacted on **better promises**.

HEBREWS 8:1-13

- 7 For if that ***first covenant*** had been ***faultless***, there would have been no occasion to look for a ***second***.
- 8 For he ***finds fault*** with them when he says, [Jer. 31:31-34]...

HEBREWS 8:1-13

13 *In speaking of a "new covenant," **he makes the first one obsolete**. And that which is becoming ***obsolete*** and growing ***old*** is ready to ***vanish away***.*

NOW HOLD ON A MINUTE...

If we are not under the *old* law, but the *new*—per the New Testament—why do we so often reference, study, and draw applications from the *Old* Testament?

What, exactly, is it that we—as the New Testament church *collectively*, and as New Testament Christians *individually*—**are to take from the Old and bring into our lives under the New?**

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LAW OF MOSES

vs.

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NEHEMIAH 8:1,18

"...And they told Ezra the scribe to bring **the Book of the Law of Moses** that Jehovah had commanded Israel" (1b).

"They read from **the book, from the Law of God**, clearly..." (8a).

"And...from the first day to the last day, he read from **the Book of the Law of God**" (8).

LUKE 2:22-24

"And when the time came for their purification **according to the Law of Moses**, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in **the Law of the Lord**...) and to offer a sacrifice **according to what is said in the Law of the Lord**..."

ROMANS 7:4-7

“Likewise, my brothers, **you also have died to the law through the body of Christ**, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead... What then shall we say? That *the law* is sin? By no means! Yet *if it had not been for the law*, I would not have known *sin*. For I would not have known what it is to covet **if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'** ...”

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THEN

WHAT?

ROMANS 15:4

*"For whatever was written in former days was **written for our** **INSTRUCTION**, **that** through endurance and *through the encouragement of the Scriptures* **we might have hope."***

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-11

“Now **these things took place as EXAMPLES for us**, that we might *not desire evil as they did*” (6).

“Now all these things **happened to THEM** as an **EXAMPLE**, but they were **written down for our INSTRUCTION**, on whom the end of the ages has come” (11).