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The Everlasting Covenant – Part 3
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Today – we will look at... the first of two places... in scripture
Where there is a... head to head comparison... of the Old and New Covenants

Before we start this... let's discuss briefly... a challenging passage
Who difficulties in part... stem from a misunderstanding... of the covenants

We all should realize... that in scripture there are:

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There are a few passages... especially among Paul's epistles
That can present... some difficulties... in understanding the role... of the law of God
As it relates especially to... the Old and New Covenants

Concerning such passages... Peter said:



Thus much of what they read... in the New Testament has... little if any conceptual foundation... in the OT
So they rely upon... the supplied definitions... of their ministers... who got their understanding... from their ministers...

You get the point

What is the... over arching purpose... of any of Paul's epistles?

- True concepts of... the Plan of salvation vs... False - teachings / ideas / and practice
 - Subcategories of... Exhortation / Edification / and Example
- Proving that Jesus... is the long awaited Messiah

Indeed the purpose of the whole of scripture is to tell the Everlasting Gospel... about the Everlasting Covenant

In verse 15 we read: "also our beloved brother **Paul**, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,"

Paul was a deep thinker... not only that... he was a well educated Jew... Not only that... he was inspired... in his understanding... of the Old Covenant... and thus its relationship to Jesus

The problem is that... many modern Christians... know little of the scriptures... in general
Not to mention... their poor understanding of... the Old Testament... especially the Law and Covenants

The good news... about salvation in Jesus Christ

Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The topic of the Covenants... especially the relationship of the Law and grace... to salvation

Are equally challenging... and Paul's deep thinking on the topic... Combined with both... the ideas and practices... of those opposed to this Gospel

Can make Paul... challenging to decipher

Lets start with our scripture text:

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Hebrews 10:1
 For the law, having a shadow <4639> of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.
 Heb 8:5, 9:9

Notice – it says the law... “having” as in possessing
 It does not say... the law “being” a shadow

Rather... a part or portion of the law... was a shadow

What was that shadow? A: Here it also... links the sanctuary... in the terms of Sacrifices

The implication is the... faultiness of the sacrificial service... to forgive sins
 Of course... in contrast with... the sacrifice of Christ

What did... Colossians say? A: “which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”

What exactly is the... “which” being spoken of?

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Who is the covenant made with?

Old Covenant	New Covenant
<p><i>Hebrews 8:8,9</i> Because finding fault with them... 9 ...with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt...</p>	<p><i>Hebrews 8:1, 8</i> ...We have such a High Priest... 8 ...I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— Rom 9:6, Gal 3:28,29; 4:27,28</p>

Hebrews is a book... of Types contrasted with... their Anti-type

Old Covenant is... the Sinai Covenant... Made with Israel of old

The New Covenant is... made with the New Israel

As Paul states in Galatians:

Ga 3:29 And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Next we ask:

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Why the need for another covenant?

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Hebrews 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them...	Hebrews 8:7,8 <i>Implied</i> - as not faulty Jer 31:32, Ezek 44:7

Note: “finding fault with them” what was the fault?

They broke the covenant...

Jer 31:32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

Eze 44:7 "When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it--My house--and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations.

But this is not the only fault... with the Old Covenant... as we will soon see

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The priesthood contrasted -

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Hebrews 7:28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness... 5:2 He can have compassion... since he himself is also subject to weakness.	Hebrews 8:1 ...We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, Heb 5:9; 4:15, 6:20; 7:21

Another fault... of the Old Ceremonial system was:

The priesthood consisted of... men who were had weaknesses... and men who died

5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

5:3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

Jesus however is was faultless... and abides as High Priest forever

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The sacrifices contrasted -

Old Covenant	New Covenant
<i>Hebrews 8:3</i> For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices...	<i>Hebrews 8:3</i> Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.
9:12 ...the blood of goats and calves...	9:12 ...with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place
Lev 17:11, Heb 9:22, 10:1, 4	Heb 9:13-15; 8:6, Rev 1:5

Heb 4:15 For we **have not an** high priest which **cannot be touched with the feeling of** our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Rom 6:9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

The next weakness is this:

Here is yet another Fault... of the old system:

Le 17:11 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

Heb 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood** there **is no remission**.

Heb 10:1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never** with these same sacrifices, which they **offer continually** year by year, **make those who approach perfect**.

Heb 10:4 For **it is not possible** that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

Heb 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for

all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 ¶ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins **in His own blood**

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a **better covenant**, which was **established on better promises**.

The people were at fault... because they broke the covenant

The priesthood was faulty... Because they were... like us sinners... subject to death

The sacrifices were faulty... in that the blood of animals... could never atone for the sins of men... it was symbolic until Christ died (Heb 9:9)

So what of the tabernacle?

9:11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the **greater and more perfect tabernacle** not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the **Most Holy Place once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption.

This is why Paul says:

Hebrews 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

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The Tabernacle Contrasted

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Hebrews 8:5 who serve the copy and shadow of... the tabernacle... according to the pattern shown...	Hebrews 8:5 ...the heavenly things...
9:11 <i>Implied</i> ...made with hands ...of this creation.	9:11 ...the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands... 12 ...He entered the Most Holy Place once for all...

Thus the old covenant could not forgive sins... they were just acts of faith... Looking forward... to the true sacrifice... Jesus the lamb slain... form the foundation of the world.

Therefore the tabernacle... was itself also faulty... in its shadowy likeness... and this is why we read

Mt 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

So... How long were / are the covenants to abide?

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The Enduring Covenant

How long was/is the covenant to abide?

Old Covenant	New Covenant
<p><i>Hebrews 9:9,10</i> It was symbolic for the present time... 10 ...imposed until the time of reformation. <i>(see also vs 8)</i></p>	<p><i>Hebrews 10:9</i> ...He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 ...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.</p>

Why was it temporary?

9:8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience--

- concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

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What then is the covenant?

Old Covenant		New Covenant	
<i>Hebrews 9:1, 9, 10</i>		<i>Hebrews 10:16</i>	
... the first covenant had ordinances of divine service... 9 ...symbolic... 10 ...fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.		This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them, <i>see 8:10-13</i>	

What is the over arching point... Jesus is the better sacrifice... better Priest... ministering in the better Tabernacle

Thus Jesus is the... long awaited one... of whom the prophets... and the shadowy types... foretold

The Everlasting Gospel... is the good news... of Jesus

Both the Promiser.... And Himself the Guarantee... through His own blood

We have a Better Covenant... establish on Better Promise

The testator... has been born... has died... and lives again...

Ministering in our behalf... with all the Power... and Provision of Heaven... at His disposal

Praise the Lord!

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Hebrews 8-10

The Ceremonial System vs. Christ's Mediatorial Work

Old Covenant		New Covenant	
Made with Israel	8:8,9	Us / Israel and Judah	8:1/8:8
Faulty	8:7-9	<i>Implied... as not faulty</i>	8:7
High Priest	8:3	Jesus... as High Priest	8:1,2,6
Sacrifices	8:3	Jesus... as The Sacrifice	8:3
Shadowy Tabernacle	8:5	Jesus... in the Heavenly Tabernacle	8:2,5
Temporary	9:8-10	<i>Implied... as Eternal</i>	10:9,10
Carnal Ordinances	9:1,10	God's Laws... Written on the heart	10:16,17

The contrast... and content... of the Old and New... are clear

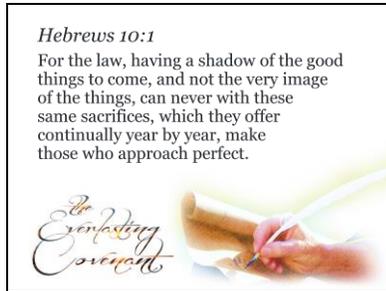
The Old is the... Priesthood... Sacrifices... and the Earthly Tabernacle i.e. the Ceremonial System... imposed until... the time of reformation

The New is... Jesus our High Priest... who offered His own blood... in the Heavenly Tabernacle

Thus... it is Jesus' mediatorial work... that cleanses us... from the dead works of sin.

Those Ordinances... were temporary... the permanence is... God's law written I our heart

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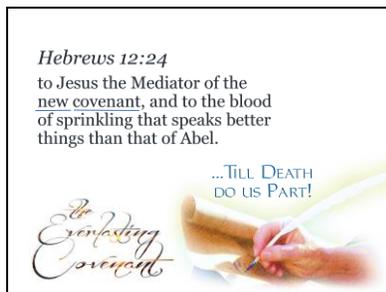
Yes... Israel of Old... Broke their promise... to keep the Sinia Covenant

But it was only temporary... Shadowy... a Tutor (Gal 3:24)... and incapable

Incapable... of forgiving... washing... cleansing... purifying... The sinner

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Now we remember from Part one... that in the very next chapter... chapter 13

Paul calls the New Covenant the... Everlasting Covenant

This is a also the case... in Jeremiah 31 and 32... as well as Ezekiel 36 and 37

So Jesus is the mediator... of the Everlasting Covenant...

When did... the Everlasting Covenant begin?

With the Lamb slain... from the foundation of the world

Is this before or after sin?

A: Before but not until... because it was precautionary

Therefore Adam... sacrificed as a shadow... of the good tings to come
So did Abel... Noah... Job... Abraham....
Moses... David... and the Disciples...
before Calvary

So now the New Covenant... is a Better Covenant... established on Better Promises
"that speaks better things than that of Abel.

So in the upper room... Jesus simply transferred the symbology

Lu 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. (Mr 14:25)

Thus when Jesus died... so did the Shadowy Ceremonial System

Until the time of reformation...

Till death do us part:

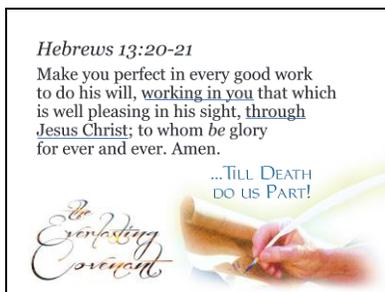
1. The sanctuary symbolism would end at the death of Jesus who it symbolized.

- Jesus was separated (parted) from the Father in death for our sakes. That He might bare our sins to the grave and rise victorious because there was no sin in Him.
- The vail is torn in two symbolizing the sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice in light of the earthly system (Heb 9:8, Lu 13:35)
- Finally at the last the lost will be separated from God forever in the final death (John 5:28, Rev 20:14)

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Perfect: see - Heb 7:19; 10:1,14; 9:9,11

Note: A further study in Colossians 2... in light of Hebrews 7-10... is available with sermon notes

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