

## Hebrews 8 The New Covenant (Testament)

The point of what we are saying is this.. We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man. Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle.. "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people and said.. "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, `Know the Lord,` because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.



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Who are the “We”?      Messianic Believers - Christians

What does “such” mean? - One who is able to do the job!

a high priest - who is head of a priesthood that supercedes the one under Aaron



**JESUS**

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who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,





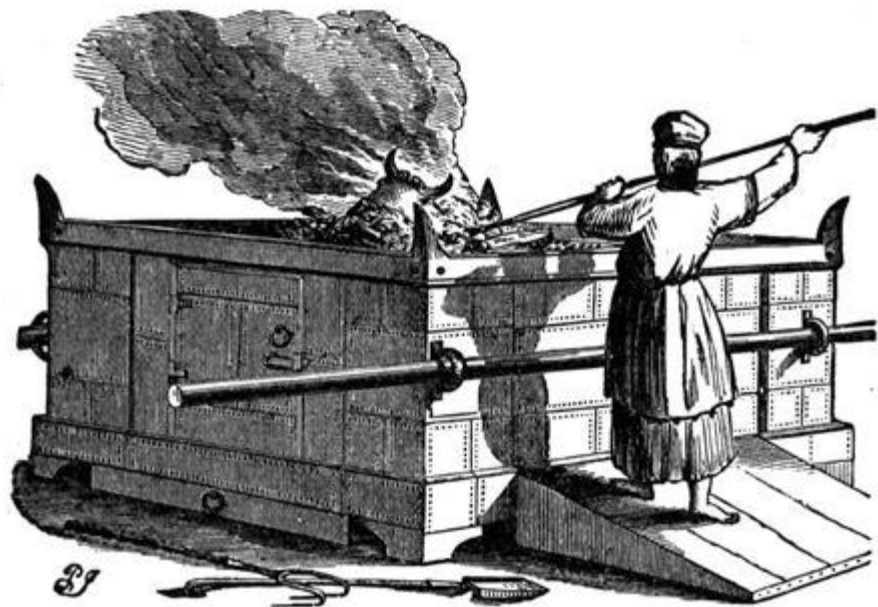
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who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,  
and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle  
**set up by the Lord, not by man. v2**

What is “the true tabernacle”?



This topic will be considered later

Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. v3



If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. v4



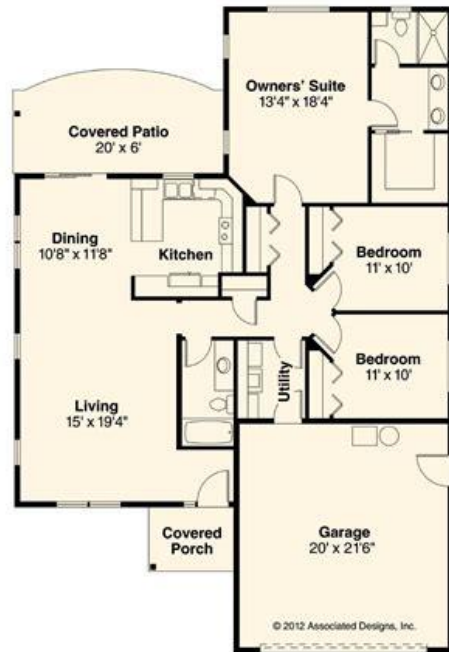
Jesus descended from Judah – not from Levi



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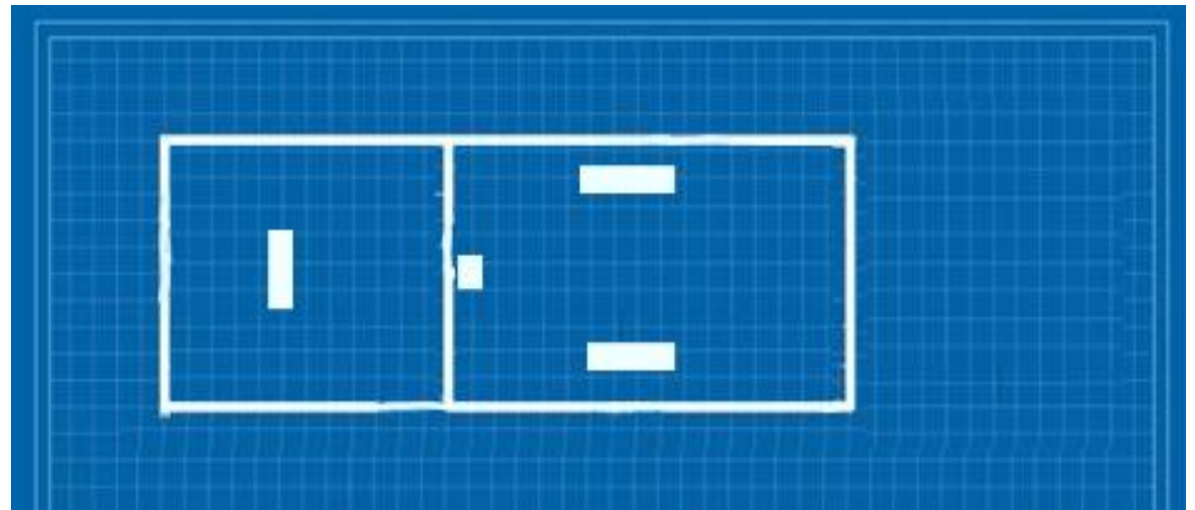


Where is the real/original sanctuary?

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God's instructions



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- Ministry - life versus death
- Covenant - old versus new
- Mediator - Moses/Aaron versus Son of God
- Promises - conditional (if you do this..) versus absolute (I will ...)





For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant,  
no place would have been sought for another. v7

What is he referring to by  
“the first covenant”?





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What is the problem with the 'first covenant'?  
Answer: in the next verse...

But God found fault with the people v8



Sinners cannot keep the Law

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A promise for future days (that arrived with Jesus)



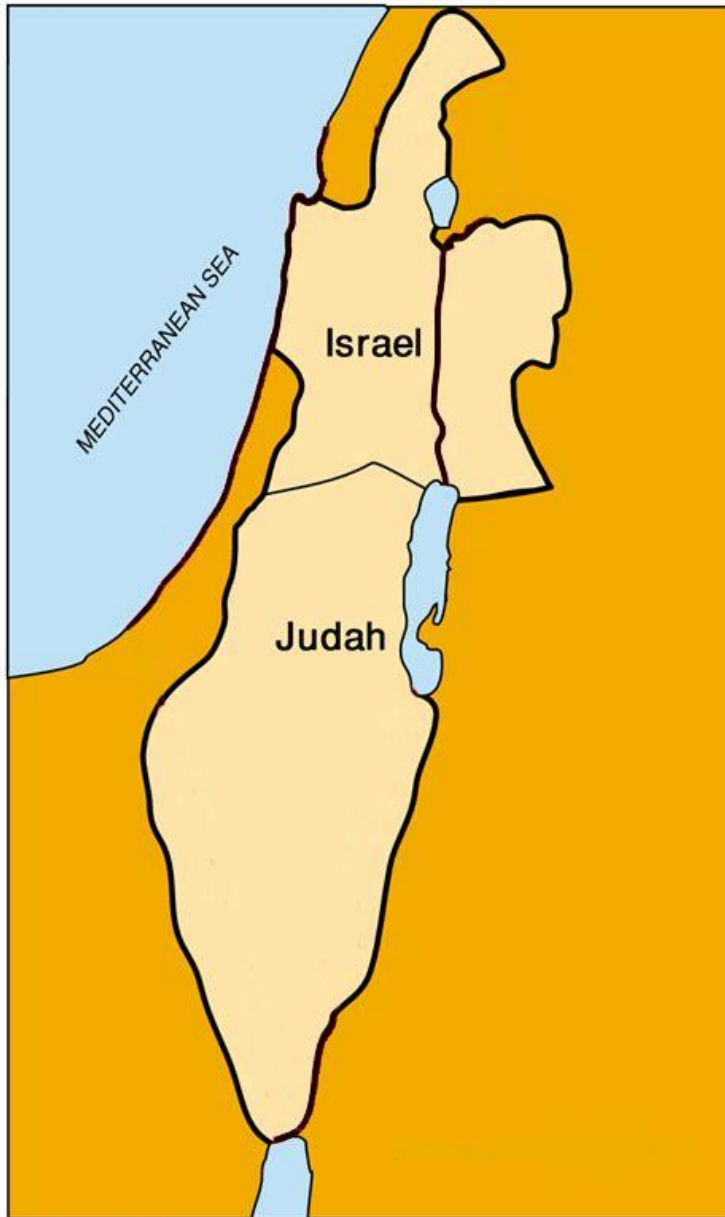
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Not a fix or a replacement but something new and different.

A covenant – a binding agreement between greater and lesser parties

Not of works but of grace through faith





The Divided Kingdom,  
10th - 6th Century BC

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The divided peoples of Israel would be  
re-united under this covenant.

It was given to the Jewish people and the  
gentiles.

John 10:16 And I have other sheep that are  
not of this fold. I must bring them also, and  
they will listen to my voice. So there will be  
one flock, one shepherd.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, v9



they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. v9



and I turned away from them -NIV

And I disregarded them - NKJV

and so I showed no concern for them, -ESV

Hosea 1:9 And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

Romans 11:1-2 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. v10

“after that time” points to the time called “the last days”

Cf. Peter’s quote from Joel

Acts 2:17 ‘And in the last days it shall be,...’





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This is the “Covenant of Grace” that runs from Genesis to Revelation.

Eg. Genesis 17:8, Revelation 21:3

No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying,  
`Know the Lord,' v11



Does this mean that we don't need teachers?  
If not, what is it getting at?

No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because **they will all know me**, v11

they will all know me --- a personal experience of God



they will all know me, **from the least of them to the greatest.**

v11



Is it about our size or something else?



For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

v12



How can God forget our sins?

By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete;  
v13

**THAT IS A  
LOGICAL  
CONCLUSION.**

and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

v13



**Lesson: Don't turn back from following Jesus  
What he gives will last forever.**