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¹ Now the main point in what is being said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer. ⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

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⁵ who serve a pattern and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN." ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

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⁸ For in finding fault with the them, He says,
 "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
 WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT
 WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND THE HOUSE OF JUDAH,
⁹ NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS
 ON THE DAY I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND
 TO BRING THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;
 FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,
 AND I DID NOT CARE ABOUT THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

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¹⁰ FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT WHICH I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, DECLARES THE LORD:
 I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,
 AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS.
 AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
 AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.
¹¹ AND THEY WILL NOT TEACH, EACH ONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,
 AND EACH ONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,'
 FOR THEY WILL ALL KNOW ME,
 FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

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¹² FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TOWARD THEIR WRONGDOINGS,
 AND THEIR SINS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."
¹³ When He said, "A new *covenant*," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear.
 (Hebrews 8:1-13)

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Q: What is a “covenant”?

A chosen relationship between two parties ordered according to specific promises undertaken with an oath (e.g. marriage)

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Q: What is the “Old Covenant”?

God’s covenant through Moses which formed the nation of Israel as His people; centered in the Tent and founded upon the Levitical priesthood

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A Better Covenant

1. The Need for the New Covenant

- the first covenant could not bring perfection – the forgiveness of sins and access to God
- the first covenant had no inherent capacity to impart the faith and obedience it demanded

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⁴Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear. (Deut. 29:4)

⁶“Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. (Deut. 30:6)

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A Better Covenant

2. The Nature of the New Covenant

- (1) an internalized “law” – desire and capacity to love God and do His will
- (2) an intimate, all-inclusive, personal relationship between God and His people
- (3) a complete forgiveness and removal of sin

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A Better Covenant

- Jesus, our High Priest, is the only and perfect mediator of these New Covenant blessings