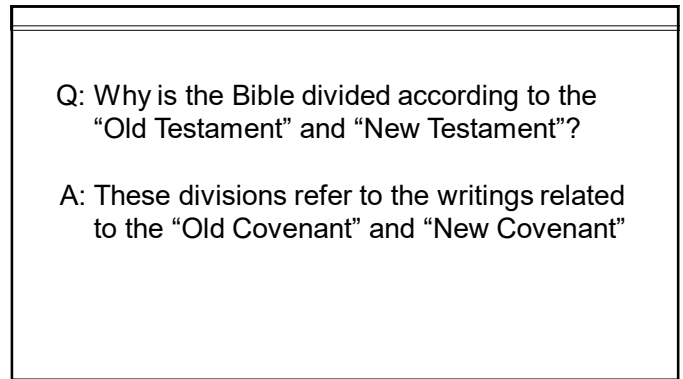




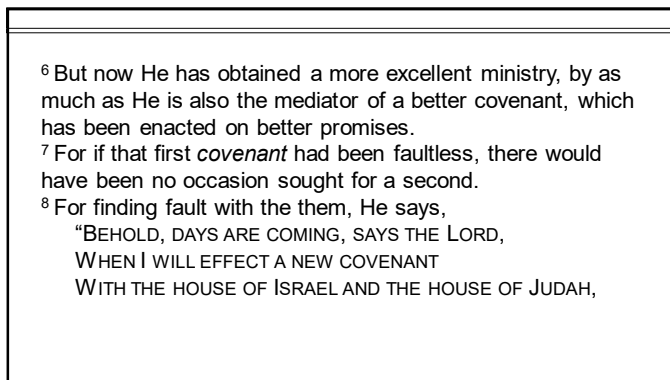
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Q: Why is the Bible divided according to the “Old Testament” and “New Testament”?

A: These divisions refer to the writings related to the “Old Covenant” and “New Covenant”

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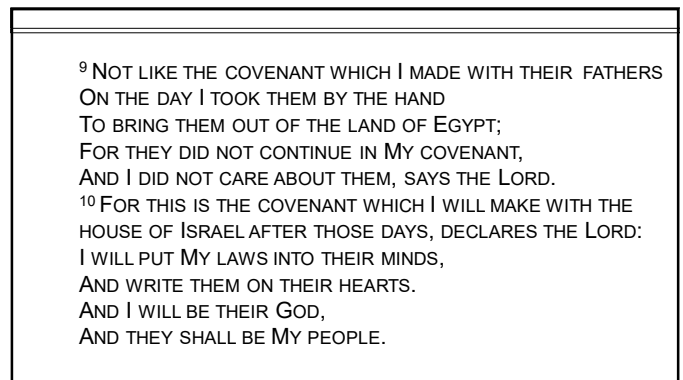


⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

⁸ For 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,

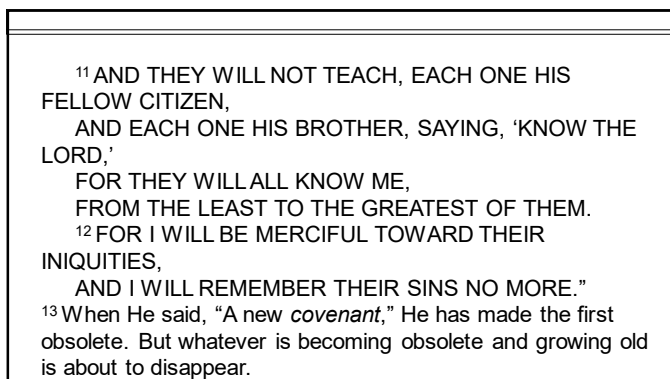
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⁹ NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS
 ON THE DAY I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND
 TO BRING THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;
 FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,
 AND I DID NOT CARE ABOUT THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

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.

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¹¹ AND THEY WILL NOT TEACH, EACH ONE HIS
 FELLOW CITIZEN,
 AND EACH ONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE
 LORD,’

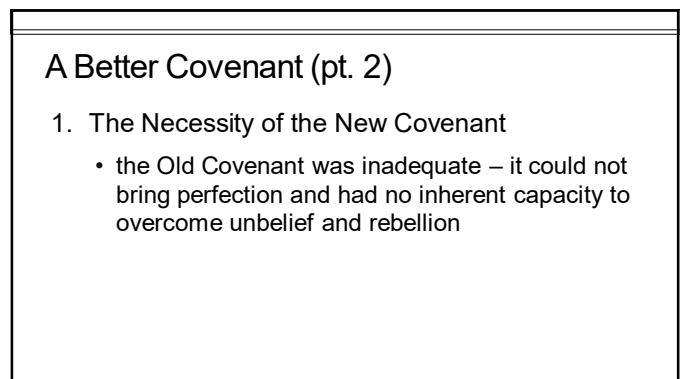
FOR THEY WILL ALL KNOW ME,
 FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

¹² FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TOWARD THEIR
 INIQUITIES,

AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS 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.

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A Better Covenant (pt. 2)

1. The Necessity of the New Covenant

- the Old Covenant was inadequate – it could not bring perfection and had no inherent capacity to overcome unbelief and rebellion

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2. The Nature of the New Covenant

- Quotes Jeremiah 31:31-34

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2. The Nature of the New Covenant

- a) an internalized "law" – desire and capacity to love God and do His will
- b) an exclusive, personal relationship between God and His people

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2. The Nature of the New Covenant

- c) an all-inclusive knowledge of God – every member is a believer ("knows the Lord")
- d) a complete forgiveness and removal of sin as the basis of relationship with the Lord

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A Better Covenant

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

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