

GREATER ^{than} The Old Covenant

Hebrews 7-8

The book of Hebrews is a bridge between the Old and New Testaments. The constant theme is that Jesus is *Greater Than* --- everything! Take a long look at Jesus and be astounded!

A. Superior Priesthood

7:26-28

1. His Person.

-*Holy*: speaks of the innate purity of Christ's character.

-*Separate from sinners*: though He ate and drank with sinners, Christ never sinned.

-*Exalted*: Enthroned in the highest place of honor and power.

2. His Provision.

Priests from the line of Aaron *continually* had to offer sacrifices for themselves. Christ's provision is for all who believe.

3. His Perpetual Priesthood.

Jesus Christ is a Priest *forever*.

B. Superior Covenant

8:6-10

Covenant carries more weight than a promise; a binding and solemn agreement.

1. The Mosaic Covenant was conditional, based on the faithfulness of the people to obey and worship.

Exodus 19:5, 8

2. A New Covenant was promised.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Mosaic Covenant was an external code, engraved in stone. In contrast, the New Covenant will be on their hearts through the Holy Spirit's ministry (2 Corinthians 3:3).

3. The New Covenant is in Jesus' blood. Matthew 26:26-28

Mosaic Covenant

Conditional

Earthly

Temporary

Applied to those under
in the Law

New Covenant

Unconditional

Spiritual

Eternal

Applied to all who believe
Christ for salvation

The promised provisions of national, spiritual and material blessing made to Israel will only be fulfilled to a redeemed Israel in the future—during the Millennium.

All who believe may share in the salvation offered through Christ's blood.