

The Cross in Hebrews

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The Covenants

Covenant	Mediator	Scripture
Creation and Duty of Man	Adam	Genesis 1:26-30 Genesis 2:16-17 (Genesis 3:15)
The Promise	Abraham	Genesis 12, 15, ...
Old Covenant The Law	Moses	Exodus 19-24, Deuteronomy 11
The King	David	1 Samuel 7
New Covenant	Jesus	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Luke 22:20

Fall and Redemption of Man

Genesis 3:15

- God's plan for the redemption of man was planned from the beginning (1 Corinthians 2:7-10, 1 Peter 1:18-20, Revelation 13:8).
- There would be enmity between Satan (and his seed) and the Woman (and her seed).
 - Woman vs Dragon redux (Revelation 12).
 - Son of Man is bruised (at the cross), and Satan's head is crushed (Romans 16:20).
 - Serpent defeated at the cross (John 12:31, Colossians 2:15).
 - Final judgment and ultimate demise of The Dragon (Revelation 20:10).

The Old Covenant

Exodus 19-24

Deuteronomy 11

- Conditional covenant between God and Israel
 - 3 months after Exodus from Egypt
 - Accompanied by lightning, thunder, fire, smoke at Mt Sinai
 - Ten Commandments Exodus 20
 - Reiterated 40 years later Deuteronomy 5
- Covenant confirmed with burnt offerings and peace offerings (Exodus 24:5-8)
 - Ceremonial sacrificial system foreshadowed Christ

The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

- Different than the first covenant in that the Law will be written on their hearts.
 - *God will put His Spirit within them and give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:22-26*
- Inaugurated at Christ's First Coming
 - *Sin paid for in full by His blood! (Luke 22:20)*
- Consummated at Christ's Second Coming.
- Hebrews details its superiority.

Superiority of Christ

Hebrews 1

- Son superior to Prophets
- Son is the heir of all things (Psalm 110)
- Creator (1:2; 11:3)
- Exact imprint of God's nature
- Perfect Man (2:5-18) who made us his brothers by suffering on the cross (2:12, Psalm 22:22)
- Son > Moses (3:1-6)
- New Covenant > Old Covenant



Moon 238,000 miles
Andromeda 2.5 million light years

Christ Our High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

- The Son of Man is able to sympathize with our weakness and was tempted in every way that we are **yet without sin**.
- Greater than Aaron whose sacrifices could not take away sin.
 - Melchizedek (5:6; Chap 7)
- He is the one sacrifice (7:26-28) offered exactly once.
- *We are a kingdom of priests* (1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6).
 - We can sympathize with our fellow man and show them Jesus!
 - Israel was to be a kingdom of priests under the old covenant (Exodus 19:6)

Redemption Through Christ's Blood

Hebrew 9:11-19

*But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but **by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption**. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons **with the ashes of a heifer***, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*

*Numbers 19: cedar, scarlet yarn, hyssop burned outside camp

Hebrews 9:15-22

*Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.***

Christ Died Once for All

Hebrews 9:23-28

Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Law was a Shadow

Hebrews 10:1-4

*For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. **For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.***

A Willing Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:5-7

*Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.*

*Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”*

Psalm 40:6-8 LXX

Hebrews 10:8-10

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:11-14

*And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.***

Hebrews 10:15-18

*And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”
then he adds,
“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any
offering for sin.*